

Crisis Control Newcomer Hopes to Make a Difference

▲ As director of services, she hopes to attract more volunteers

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Velma Tyrance joined Crisis Control Ministries in Winston-Salem to make a difference.

For years, she had been involved in social work in New York City, but she now enjoys the slower pace. She recently joined Crisis Control as the director of services.

After graduating from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, Tyrance moved to New York, where she worked as a social worker at the New York City Department of Social Services. She began as a case manager, and after 23 years she had reached a top-level position of the senior supervisor of family and children's services.

In her new position, she is trying to attract more volunteers to the organization. Crisis Control is a non-profit organization that maintains an operation that enables people in need to receive food, clothing, medicine and funds for rent and utilities. Although grants and church and individual donations make all this possible, a paid staff of 13 also needs volunteers to assist.

That's where Tyrance comes in; she is responsible for recruiting and training volunteers.

"I would like to see volunteers do things more uniformly," she said. "We also need more volunteers."

Before she moved to Crisis Control, she was an instructor of



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social welfare for Child Services at North Carolina A&T State University.

Later she became the faculty liaison for the school and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Joint Social Work Field Program.

As the liaison, Tyrance was required to monitor the progress of

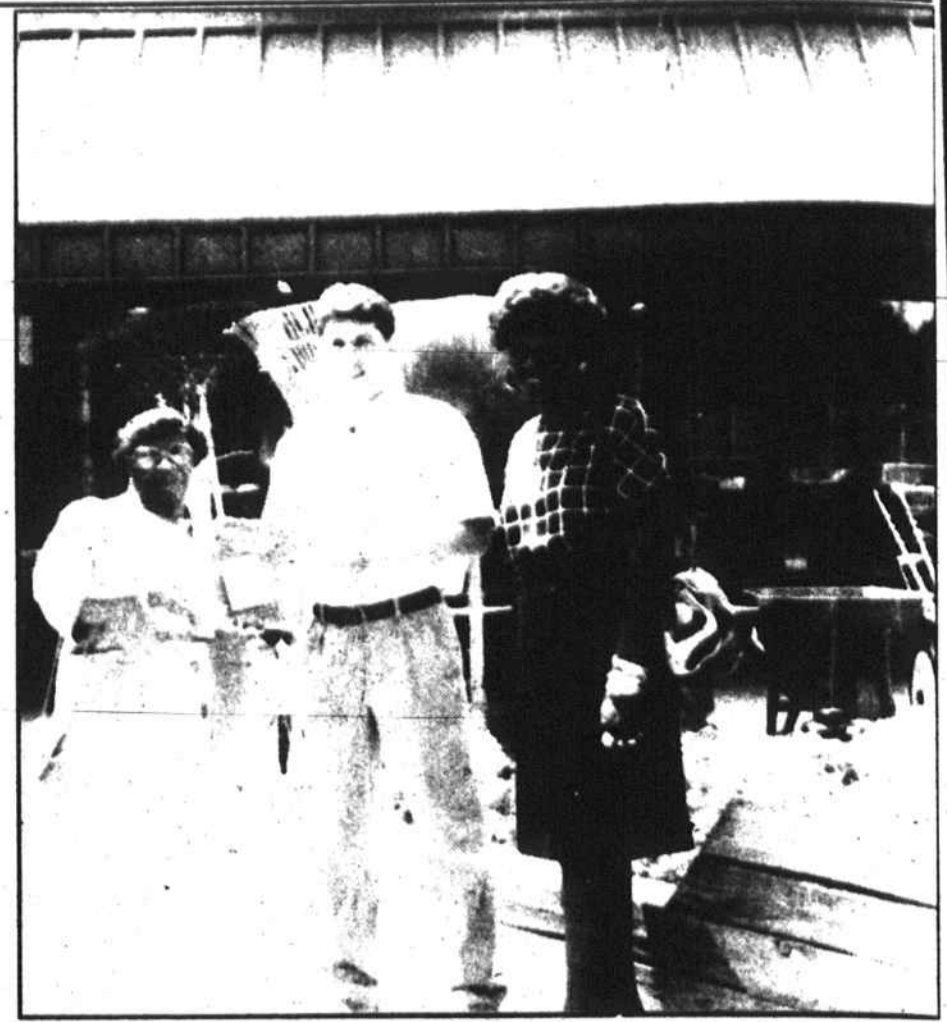
students involved in the program. Coincidentally, she made placements at Crisis Control, and she was notified that a position was vacant for a "good social worker."

Although Tyrance has only been in her position for two months, she has plans for workshops covering cultural diversity, interviewing skills and information about agencies and their available services.

Tyrance earned a bachelor of science in secondary education at Tuskegee Institute and a master's degree in social work at Fordham University in New York.

"I actually did not know about social work until I got to New York. That's when I realized that a large number of people needed help," she said.

Tyrance said she enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with her sons, Marcus, 15, and Nicholas, 12, and her husband.



(L. to r.): Cornelia F. Tanner of Winston-Salem, Allen Crawford, Ace Hardware manager, and Edith Bailey, coordinator for the Special Populations and Programs Unit of the Parks & Recreation Department. Tanner receives a free Careline personal emergency response system. Tanner won the price, valued at \$329 at the Annual Senior Bingo game.

High School Students to Participate in Workshop

Fifty students representing 10 area high schools will participate in LEAD '93 (Leadership Effectiveness and Development) on Aug. 9-12 at Forsyth Country Day School in Lewisville.

Karen Kroncke, director of college counseling at Forsyth Country Day School, has been the coordinator of LEAD since 1991. The purpose of the program is to help identify students with strong leadership potential and teach them the fundamentals of effective leadership. The workshop teaches participants to understand and develop their personal leadership styles and capabilities, while stressing effective communication, conflict management and group motivation.

In addition to classroom workshops, students receive practical tips from community leaders by visiting them in their workplace and engaging in question and answer sessions. The broad group of community

leaders and volunteers offering their time and knowledge to LEAD participants includes: Chief George Sweat, Winston-Salem Police Department; Annette Scipio, director, Leadership Winston-Salem; Jim Wilson, vice president of production Tobaccoville, RJR Tobacco Co. USA; Mike Britt, principal/executive director, Children's Center for the Physically Handicapped; Bob Carr, personnel department, John Tilmie, associate dean of Academic Affairs, and Patricia Adams, associate dean of Student Affairs, Bowman Gray School of Medicine; Lou Ann Wood, president, Junior League of Winston-Salem Inc.; Tom Keith, district attorney, Forsyth county; and Jim Rockaway, director of Personal Products Group, Sara Lee Corporation.

The two, concurrent three-day workshops are offered free of charge.

"Project School Buddies" to Help Kids in Need

For the second consecutive year, the local school system will team up with a local shopping mall, radio station and the United Way to address the back-to-school needs of less fortunate children in the area.

Hanes Mall, 600 WSJS radio and the Forsyth County United Way have joined forces to again sponsor "Project: School Buddies," designed to help nearly 1,000 children, identified by the social workers in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, who are in need of clothing and school supplies for going back to school this fall.

Last year, the response was overwhelming with nearly \$20,000 in donations collected, assisting over 600 children with such basic items as underwear, socks and shoes.

Those wishing to help should visit the two "Project: School Buddies" displays at Hanes Mall between now and Aug. 29 and select a card listing pertinent information about an area child. Listed inside are the child's specific needs.

The customer then collects merchandise that will fulfill those specific needs and returns the donation to the display. School social workers will make sure the donations are distributed to the children.

Only new clothing and school supplies will be accepted as requested by the social worker staff.

"Project: School Buddies" displays are located on the lower level of Hanes Mall near Belk and Dillard's and includes stores with special offers to customers wanting to make purchases to donate.

Students to Display Research Findings

Ten minority students from colleges and universities across the country will show off their research this Friday at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Each of the students has prepared a poster summarizing his or her findings that stem from a summer of research in laboratories at Bowman Gray, according to Dr. Mariana Morris, professor of physiology and pharmacology and program director.

The poster session is set for the medical school board room, adjacent to Carpenter Library, from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute sponsored the train-

ing program in an effort to increase the number of minority scientists. Morris said the focus of the 12-week program was hands-on research training in the cardiovascular sciences.

The student research efforts were focused on the basic mechanisms of vascular control and on such disease processes as hypertension (high blood pressure).

She said the program includes 11 mentors, faculty members from the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and Internal Medicine, and from the Hypertension Center. Eight of the mentors have hypertension as the focus of their own research.



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