

# STEP ONE Program Helps Kids Deal With Family Substance Abuse

As the damaging effects of living with a chemically dependent person have become more widely known, STEP ONE initiated a program in 1991 to address the needs of young children. The program, called Kids Corner, has had successes and is continuing to expand its services.

Kids Corner is a confidential program specifically designed to meet the needs of children who live

or have lived in a dysfunctional family system due to alcohol or other drug abuse. The 12-session program focuses on self-esteem and on the expression of feelings.

Kids Corner is designed for any child in grades K-6. It helps children learn to deal appropriately with their feelings about the chemical dependency issues in their home. Through various activities, including art therapy and role playing,

each child learns that he is not alone, that his feelings are real and that there are people in his "corner." Kids Corner is designed as an after-school program that meets twice a week for six weeks for a total of 12 sessions. Children are divided into age-appropriate groups which meet at STEP ONE, 545 N. Trade St.

For information on this or any other STEP ONE program, call Jennifer Drury at 725-8389.

## Local Wins Art Contest

Ann Dubose Little of Winston-Salem is a first-place winner of the Minority Affairs Commission's art contest.

Little received a plaque for her quiz book on African Americans during a Martin Luther King Jr. banquet held in Raleigh last Friday.

The award is the fourth first-place win that Little has received for entries in the annual contest sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Educators Inc. (NCAE).

Little is an assistant principal at

Konnoak Elementary School, a member of the Ambassadors for Christ Choir and chaplain of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority. She is also a member of the National Educator's Association, the NCAE, the Year-Round Schools Association and the Forsyth Association of Classroom Teachers. Little is vice president of the Forsyth Assistant Principals' Association.

Little attended the banquet with Jane Penn, her sister.



Ann Dubose Little

## Event to Benefit Best Choice Center

Mayor Martha Wood will accept the No. 1 framed art poster commemorating the 1994 "A Taste of New Orleans" event to be held Jan. 28-29 benefiting the Best Choice Center.

The art work by computer graphics artist Jack Hemon, entitled "The Best Choice Dream," incorporates state-of-the-art computer graphics with photographs of children from the center.

The limited edition poster will be available at local frame shops,

through the Best Choice Center and at the Jan. 29 downtown New Orleans Street Party and Jazz Concert.

"A Taste of New Orleans" will be two evenings of cajun and creole cuisine, jazz and Mardi-Gras-style fun from the Crescent City to the Twin City.

Celebrity chef John Folse will prepare a gourmet Louisiana dinner at SECCA for a black-tie evening including a jazz performance by the Galvin Cnsp Quintet on Jan. 28.

A Mardi-Gras buffet will be

held Jan. 29 at the Sawtooth Center at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band performance at the Stevens Center at 8 p.m.

Money raised from the two events will support the Best Choice Center.

Ticket information is available through the center's office, 722-0597.

Dorothy Graham-Wheeler, the center's executive director, and Robbin Flow, the event chair, will present the poster for inclusion in the city's permanent art collection.

## Dance Troupe to Perform at SECCA

Back by popular demand, the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange will enchant audiences of all ages at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA).

The company will dance in SECCA's McChesney Scott Dunn Auditorium on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Liz Lerman Dance Exchange is a modern dance company composed of professional dancers from the Washington, D.C. area.

Combining dance with realistic imagery, works are defined by the spoken word, drawing upon literature, personal experience, philosophy and political/social commentary. The results are pieces that bring contemporary subjects to

dance.

New works featured on the program include: "Recipes from My Aunt," a sequel to Kimberli Boyd's moving work, "Anatomy of an Inside Story," which addresses her experience growing up in the South as a black female child. Additionally, "Safe House: Still Looking" is a commissioned work evolving from a project at the University of Delaware exploring the significance of the Underground Railroad, and "This is Who We Are," one of the few works Lerman has choreographed without language.

The music for "Safe House: Still Looking" is a collaboration

between the Dance Exchange and Ysaye Bamwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock.

The company's upcoming trip to Winston-Salem is part of its statewide residency to conduct workshops for teachers and professional caregivers.

Lerman and the intergenerational company have pioneered a strong emphasis on community focus with their workshops by believing that anyone can dance regardless of age, body type and physical capabilities.

Tickets are \$8 for SECCA members, senior adults, students and \$12 for the general public. For information call 725-1904.

## Biggs, Rousseau Named to Board



Larry Biggs

Larry M. Biggs and James A. Rousseau II, both of Winston-Salem, have been named to the advisory board of the Poor and Needy Division of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

Biggs, a native of Williamston, is vice president and manager of community development for Wachovia Bank of North Carolina. He is responsible for Community Reinvestment Act activities and managing charitable contributions for the Winston-Salem banking offices.

A native of Adah, Pa., Rousseau is vice president for planning and development and student services at Forsyth Technical Com-

munity College. He is responsible for determining program and facility needs and procurement of funds. He also has overall responsibility for the Student Services Division, library services, the Employment Assistance Center, the JTPA Participant Service Center, institutional research and student activities.

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust makes grants to charitable organizations for programs that benefit the disadvantaged people of

North Carolina. Through its Health Care Division, the Trust services the health and medical needs of the people of North Carolina who may be in need of medical care or assistance for financial reasons.

The Poor and Needy Division works to improve the welfare of the people of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County with emphasis of those who require assistance with basic necessities for financial reasons.

### Founders' Day Convocation

Clifton R. Wharton Jr.

Former Deputy Secretary of State and the Clinton Administration



"Preventive Diplomacy: An Exhortation"

Thursday, February 3, 11:00 a.m. War Chapel First Public Interest

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Ray of Joy Exhibit Looking for Entries

Associate Artists of Winston-Salem and the Recreation and Parks Department of the City of Winston-Salem announce a call for entries for the Ray of Joy, a juried art exhibition for disabled artists. The exhibit will be on display in the Associate Artists Gallery Feb. 17 through March 17.

Eligible media are sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, fine art glass, pottery, basketry and fiber art. Entries must be delivered to the Sawtooth Building. Delivery dates and times are Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Feb. 5, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.. Participating artists will compete for several cash prizes.

Juror for the show is Anne E. Forcinito, assistant to the Curators of the 20th Century Art and Fine Art

at the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte.

The show has been designed with the needs of the disabled in mind.

The artwork will be displayed at the eye-level of a person in a wheelchair, and an audio tape of the show will be available for persons with impaired vision.

Viewers will be encouraged to touch the art.

For more information call 722-0340.

### ▲ HPG Funding

In the Jan. 3 Federal Register, Farmers Home Administration announced that it would accept

preapplications for HPG funding from Jan. 3 through April 4. This period will be the only time during the current fiscal year in which interested organization or public agencies may apply for this program.

The HPG program will be available to provide repairs for very low and low-income home owners, owners of rental property, and co-ops whose residents are very low and low income.

The District Office in your area is the processing and servicing office for Housing Preservation Grants. If you are interested, contact: Farmers Home Administration, Suite 202, Wrightsville Bldg., 2300 W. Meadowview Road, Greensboro, N.C. 27407, or call, 910-294-7181.

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