

WIC Moves to Larger Building to Serve More Citizens

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Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Forsyth County WIC Program got something it definitely needed — space.

This week, the main functions of the WIC program will move downstairs in the Reynolds Health Care Center on Highland Avenue to a space that will allow the program to operate more efficiently and enable it to increase the number of program participants.

"It's set up better and will allow people to move more freely," said Dr. Robert Jones, director of WIC. "It was a nightmare because of space. The staff and clients like it better and it's a more user friendly environment."

WIC, women infants and chil-

dren, is a supplemental food and nutrition education program which has been operating in North Carolina since 1974. Forsyth County has the oldest WIC program in the state.

Recipients receive nutrition education and supplemental foods to improve their diets and reduce their chances of health problems caused by poor nutrition. They are given vouchers which they redeem at participating grocery stores to obtain WIC foods that include infant formula, cereal, juice, milk, cheese, eggs, dry beans and peanut butter. Jones said more than 54 grocers in Forsyth County accept WIC vouchers.

Because WIC consistently exceeded its case load by more than 4,000 participants, the State WIC Director raised Forsyth County's

authorized caseload and the center received \$43,980 in additional state funds this year. The County Commissioners approved the appropriation of these funds in May. The money will be used to renovate, furnish and equip the space on the first floor of Reynolds, formerly occupied by the Health Department, and to upgrade one part-time position to full-time.

County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff she was glad of the expansion because more eligible people who live out in the county will be able to take advantage of the program.

Currently, there are about 5,000 participants in the program, which is about 54 percent of those who are eligible. With the new program set-up Jones said the program should served at least 70 percent of those

who are eligible.

The WIC program has already used other avenues to expand. It has gone into Head Start to get children signed up. It has gotten new participants through day care agencies. Even eligible students who attend Independence High School have been able to sign up for WIC services.

"We look for ways to make it easier for people to take advantage of the program," Jones said.

One of the advantages of the move will be the decrease in the amount of time that women will have to wait to get vouchers. What once was a six-step process will be cut in half to about three steps.

Before, when coming in on appointment dates to pick up vouchers, WIC recipients spent most of their time waiting. They signed in

and waited, usually for about an hour, to see the nutritionist. Then they had to wait again before their vouchers were ready, which was about another hour. The new area will have a classroom where several recipients can get the nutrition education at the same time, instead of the time-consuming one on one consultations. And when the 30-40 minute class is over, the vouchers will be ready.

What short waiting period recipients may have will be in one room. Before they were shifted from one room to another, which WIC shared with another department. Jones said many times the rooms were so crowded, pregnant women were sitting uncomfortably on the floor waiting to be served.

Many recipients could not come on their scheduled appoint-

ment day to get the vouchers because of the lengthy process. Jones added WIC appointments are scheduled two months in advance, and many of the recipients worked for temporary agencies. If they were on an assignment when their appointment date came they opted to work instead of spend most of their day at Reynolds.

"There is a misconception that WIC recipients don't have anything else to do," Jones said.

The move downstairs will add to all phases of the WIC program, making it easier on everyone, especially the recipients.

"The bottom line is we want to make it more accessible to clients," Jones said. "We are health professionals and need to treat them like clients."

Leadership W-S Gives 10 Awards to Community, Youth Leaders

Leadership Winston-Salem began its 10th year with a recent celebration brunch at the Food Bank where several community volunteers were recognized.

In honor of the anniversary, the organization created two special awards. First, five community leaders received the 10th Anniversary Community Youth Leadership Award. Each recipient received a plaque, a \$500 award donated in their name to a program of their choice and a youth scholarship named in their honor.

Secondly, five young people received the 10th Anniversary Student Leadership Award. Each student received an \$1,800 scholarship.

The 10 recipients of the awards were: (Community Youth Leaders

Awards):

James Blackburn, who has worked with youths for 20 years in both a paid and volunteer capacity. His principal involvements include coaching three sports — flag football, baseball and basketball. He gives encouragement through group counseling sessions for high risk youths a Petree, Wiley and Kennedy Middle Schools. He assists juvenile-court counselors with youths who are on intensive probation. His innovative approaches to helping troubled youths include field trips to prison camps to illustrate the price of law-breaking.

Diana Brummitt, a full-time employee of Sarah Lee Hosier, also works full time at the Downtown Church Center where she is

coordinator of youth programs. Her youth work began in earnest through volunteering with the Children's Loft, an after-school program that was originally located at the Samaritan Soup Kitchen with a satellite program at the Sims Recreation Center in Happy Hills Garden. In 1984, she and Angela Pearson were hired as co-directors of the Children's Loft where they served up to 60 children. They also continued to volunteer at Happy Hills two evenings a week. Brummitt initiated a sports program that included volleyball, basketball and softball at both sites. These programs reached 150-plus kids, first through 12th grade.

Paulette Caudle for 34 years has given unlimited time as a Girl

Scout Troop leader. As the Senior Girl Scout leader, she has led 10 Girl Scouts to receive the First Class Award and 28 Girl Scouts to receive the Gold Award. For the past 12 years, her troop has been working on a Nature Trail for the visually impaired in at a local park.

Angela Pearson since 1983 has been a friend, a confidant a director of activities and a disciplinarian for the children and youth living in the 15th Street and Patterson Avenue Neighborhood. In 1988 when Brummitt returned to Winston-Salem State University to complete her academic training, Pearson became the director and only staff person at the Loft.

David Speas is a court counselor supervisor in the 21st district

Juvenile Services Division, where he has worked for over 17 years. His service to youth has involved his creating a Restitution Farm Program and 21 Club/Sports as a tool in counseling and he has coordinated Juvenile Court tennis as a tool in the Delinquency Prevention Program.

Although his job continuously links him to youth, his concern for improved youth services, and citizen sensitivity for at-risk youth and families goes beyond his job. He serves as a Scout Master at St. Paul United Methodist Church and as an assistant coach for the Tiny Indians Football program.

Patrice Ellerbe is an active member of the St. Peter's World Outreach Center and serves as vice president of the Youth Choir. She also oversees and works with the Youth Pastor in numerous programs that are conducted by the youth ministry, including an annual car wash field trips and an Annual Conference which over 300 teens from several states attend.

Nakida McDaniel, having overcome personal choice obstacles in her early youth, she is involved in the Track and Field Team, German Club, where she holds the office of treasurer, and a Junior representative for the Junior/Senior Prom. She has been accepted at Shaw University and plans to pursue a degree in Mass Communications, and ultimately become a news anchor.

Daniel Rosa has been involved with the Salvation Army Boys Club Outreach Program for two years. During his time he has displayed qualities of leadership in group settings plus excelling on the basketball court. He has participated in AAU basketball, high-school sports and made 2nd Lieutenant in ROTC. He is president of the Youth Auxiliary and a Junior Deacon in his church. He wants to attend WSSU, major in Early Childhood Education and become a school teacher.

Jalpurnia Stephens is an honor student and has been an active member of the Exploring Program at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. In the Exploring Program she has held the offices of president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer. She has planned and organized three Explorer beach trips, two Explorer ski trips and the annual Explorer banquet. She has been accepted to UNC-G where she plans to major in nursing.

Jennifer Smith's innate ability is enhanced by a determined and prodigious work ethic. She is a "workaholic." Her uniqueness is not totally defined by one singular fact of list of facts, but rather, as she is compared with the traditional, her efforts are unequalled and remarkable. She works and often has maintained two jobs. She desires to attend North Carolina State.

Men's Day to Be Observed at Worship

The members of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1119 N.E. 18th Street, will observe Men's Day on Sunday during the 11 a.m. morning service.

The guest speaker will be Gregory T. Burrell.

The theme will be "Men of New Hope, Is There A Doctor in The House?"

The Rev. J.C. Parks is host pastor.

Burrell joined Hooper Funeral Home Inc. in January 1992 as manager/director, where he and his staff

have worked diligently in offering new, innovative services and improved their existing services. Burrell is a active member of National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Funeral Directors and Morticians Associations of North Carolina, where he serves as President of the Central District.

He currently serves as the president of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Morehouse College Alumni Association. During his college days he was selected three years to

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and was a member of the National Dean's List. Burrell is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Board of Trustees at First Baptist Church, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Consumers Credit Counseling Service. He is married to the former Maria Earl and the father of a son Jordan Gregory.



Gregory T. Burrell

Lloyd Church to Host Men's Day Celebration

The Council of Presbyterian Men of Lloyd Presbyterian Church, 748 N. Chestnut St., will observe annual Men's Day Celebration on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Erwin L. Patterson, Lay Speaker at Lloyd Presbyterian, will preside. The Rev. Catherine J. Reed is the Moderator of the session. Lloyd Presbyterian is the first black church in Winston-Salem which was designated as a historic land site.

The speaker will be Dr. David N. Peay, retired as director of education from the Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital, Marlboro, N.J. He is a product of the Winston-Salem public schools and holds degrees from Winston-Salem State University (bachelor's), Columbia University (master's) and Rutgers University (doctorate). His post graduate studies were at the following colleges/universities: Columbia University, North Texas State University, Wake Forest University, N.C. A&T State University, Trenton

State College and Fairleigh-Dickinson University, respectively.

He is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and is president of Shiloh's Laymen's League. He is affiliated with numerous professional organization and is involved with many civic, educational and community agencies.

The theme for this year's celebration is Manhood: "The Role of the Male in the Home, Church, School, Workplace and Community".

Visiting brothers of Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. will be in attendance in view of the fact that "Manhood" is one of the founding Cardinal Principles of the fraternity. In addition to Brother Peay, other participating Omega Men will be Leon B. Greene, Edwin L. Patterson and Robert B. Phillips Jr. Music for the celebration will be provided by the Vanguard of Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Urban League Receives \$35,000 Grant

The Winston-Salem Foundation has awarded the Winston-Salem Urban League a grant in the amount of \$35,000 at its meeting on June 7. The grant is to support "The Rites of Passage" for youth

between the ages of 13-19 at Independence High School and LIFT Academy.

This grant was made available from funds provided by the Anniversary Initiative.

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