

# Forsyth Court Volunteers Lend Helping Hand to Area Juveniles

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Forsyth Court Volunteers is in the business of helping juvenile offenders, but they need some more helpers.

Belinda Williams, manager of the Governor's 1:1 Program, which is a component of FCV, said the need for volunteers is great. There are about 40 youths waiting for a match and there is a great void for black male volunteers.

FCV is an independent non-profit organization, even though there is some state funding because of the Governor's 1:1 Program. Volunteers work with youth ages 9-16 who have been in trouble or are on probation. Ninety percent of the referrals for the program come from juvenile court. Other referrals can come from the school, parents, Department of Social Services or the children themselves.

With the Governor's 1:1 Program, volunteers commit to being a role model for youth. They spend at least four hours a week for a year with that young person being a positive influence in their lives. Activities range from helping with homework to attending ball games

together.

John Byrd, a financial consultant with Smith Barney Shearson, has been a volunteer for about a year. Byrd, who has been involved with volunteer work since college, said he became involved in the program because he had some extra time and is concerned about the future.

"I think the youth are our upcoming generations and we're going to have some problems if we don't take care of them," he said.

He added that being a volunteer involves "taking extra nervous energy and redirecting that energy in other positive ways."

The number of youth in the program fluctuates. Williams said right now there are about 30, and almost 80 percent of those children are black males. Williams said the number of volunteers she has usually depends on the economy.

"Volunteerism seems to decline with the economy," she said. "People who don't have jobs are looking for paying jobs, not to volunteer."

The organization received some additional financial help recently in a \$1,000 check from Travelers, of which Smith Barney is a subsidiary. Byrd said the company wanted to

encourage employee volunteerism and donations.

Wayne Abraham, executive director of FCV, said the grant was "an excellent way to encourage corporate volunteerism and to help those agencies where they volunteer."

The money will be used to buy things for activities such as movie tickets and registration fees to attend seminars. Williams added that she purchased a "Hooked on Phonics" set for the youth in the program.

"Some of the youth are way below their grade level," she said.

Volunteers will be able to check the system and help youth out in the areas where they need extra help. Williams said it's important for volunteers to help youth with certain skills before they exit the juvenile system at 16.

"Some are not equipped to even fill out a job application," she said. "We can't turn children out unprepared to face the world."

Increased funding this year will allow the program to add another position for the Governor's 1:1 Program. Williams hopes that extra position will at least cut the waiting list in half.

Where FCV does not have a volun-



Sharon Griffin (from left) with John Byrd and Belinda Williams hold \$1000 check from Travelers.

teer is female volunteers. In that category, Williams said she gets good response.

"But she will take anyone who wants to volunteer."

She believes males don't volunteer as much because of the traditional role of the volunteer.

"Momma went out and volunteered and daddy went to work," Williams said. "It has not caught on that men volunteer, too."

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Robert Young and A.T. Griffey unload bottled water from a truck at the Northwest N.C. Food Bank on Aug. 24. The water was collected from African-American churches in order to help Rwandan refugees in Zaire. The project, suggested by Maya Angelou, involved local churches banning together and collecting water and raising money for medicine to be sent to Rwanda. The Rev. Carlton Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, said about 30,000 gallons of water as well as about \$10,000 for medical supplies were collected.

# \*\* SEPTEMBER \*\* EVENTS CALENDAR

### ONGOING

"Citizen's Assistance" will be provided by Congressman's Men Watt's office every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the City's Neighborhood Government Service Office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave. For more information call 727-2975.

Older adults of Forsyth County, will the coming months find you falling behind in your bills? Do you feel your income will not cover your expenses? Let Senior Financial Care help you with your checkbook and bank statement, write checks and monitor all medical insurance claims to make sure all benefits have been paid. All these services can be yours in the comfort of your own home. For more information, call 725-1972.

### UPCOMING

A preparation course for the GMAT will begin Sept. 10 and continue for five consecutive weeks at Winston-Salem State University. The course meets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the fee is \$140. For information, call 750-2630.

The Shepherd's Center and Target Health sponsors "Ethical Issues in Medicine: Critical Choices and Who Chooses?" on Monday, Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m. The seminar will be held at Centenary United Methodist Church (dining area). The guest speaker will be Dr. Drew MacGregor and Dr. Bryant Kendrick of Dept. Critical Care Medicine-NCBH. For more information, call the Shepherd's Center at 748-0217.

The Winston-Salem Neighborhood Government Services office at 2301 N. Patterson Avenue invites the public, free of charge, to the following activities. Sept. 13 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Janet DeCreny of the WS Development office will discuss, "Small Business Loans". Call 927-2975 for information.

"Highlights on this year's fair! Bigger, Better and One Day Only" will be discussed by David L. Sparks of the WS/Dixie Classic Fair on Sept. 13 from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Special Olympics will sponsor intermediate roller skating classes from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Skate Haven beginning Tuesday, September 13. Classes are for youths and adults who are mentally challenged. There is no charge for these classes. For more information, call 727-2505 or 784-6276.

The WS/FC Special Olympics will sponsor an intermediate level distance running program for youths and adults from 4:40 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Hanes Park. This program begins Saturday, September 10 and is free of charge. For more information, call 727-2505-784-6276.

The WS/FC Special Olympics will sponsor intermediate bowling classes at Parkway Lanes for youths and adults who are mentally challenged. Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon beginning Saturday, Sept. 10 and they are also free of charge. For more information, call 727-2505 or 784-6276.

Please be advised that the 1994 Board of

Education and Review will meet Thursday, Sept. 8, at 3:00 p.m., in the Assessor's office, courthouse square, Winston-Salem. For more information, call 727-2655.

The Shepherd's Center & Target Health group will sponsor a seminar entitled, "Ethical Issues in Medicine: Critical Choices & Who Chooses?" The seminar is Sept. 12 from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Centenary United Methodist Church (dining area). The speakers will be Dr. Drew MacGregor & Dr. Bryant Kendrick of the Critical Care Medicine Department at N.C. Baptist Hospital.

The WS/FC Coalition on Alcohol and Drug Problems is accepting proposals for seed money grants. The grants are intended to support programs which prevent alcohol and other drug problems. Neighborhood based and grass roots organizations are invited to apply. The deadline for proposals is Sept. 15. For more information, call 723-3784.

The 52nd Anniversary celebration of the 1942 Atkins High School reunion class will be held at the Best Western Hotel Sept. 16-18. Class members are asked to contact Mozella Vance-Williams, 722-4959 or Allette Harper-Crump at 723-9215 for additional information.

Family Services, Inc., will begin a training session for volunteers interested in working with its Family Services shelter for battered women and their children, and sexual assault response services on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information contact Lisa Allred at 722-8173.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REZONING OF PROPERTY CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

The Board of Aldermen will consider requests to amend the City of Winston-Salem Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property as shown below:

DATE: September 6, 1994 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Board of Aldermen Chamber, City Hall

1. Petition of Horace M. Kimel, et al; property located along the northeast side of Burke Mill Road approximately 250 feet south-east of Frontis Plaza Drive; from R-4 to R-4-S (Parks or Recreational Facilities [Landscaping and Berm]). W-1906.

2. Petition of Horace M. Kimel, et al; property located off the northeast side of Burke Mill Road approximately 250 feet south-east of Frontis Plaza Drive; from R-4 to I-2-S (Medical, Dental or Related Offices; Offices; and Parking Areas). W-1907.

3. Petition of Turnpike Properties, Harley P. & Nellie W. Graves, and Carolina Holdings, Inc.; property located at the northwest corner of S. Stratford Road/US158 and Hanes Mall Boulevard and at the southwest corner of S. Stratford Road/US 158 and the east-bound exit ramp from I-40 to S. Stratford Road/Us 158; from B-3-S (Stores or Shops, Retail; Motels or Hotels; Eating Establishments; Offices; Services; Service Stations; and Wholesale Sales - TWO PHASE) and B-3-S (Offices; and Eating Establishments - TWO PHASE) to B-3-S (Stores or Shops, Retail; and Eating Establishments). W-1926.

4. Petition of Gene W. and Gloria S. White; property located on the west side of Davis Road north of Daysbrook Road; from R-5 and R-7 to R-7. W-1921.

5. Proposed Special Use permit issued by the Board of Aldermen for Institutional Parking in a Residential (R-4) Zoning District; property located at the southeast corner of Dunbar and Douglas Streets. W-1929.

6. Proposed Special Use Permit issued by the Board of Aldermen for Institutional Parking in a Residential (R-5) Zoning District; property located on the west side of Shattalon Drive across from Sandlewood Lane and Old Pfafftown Road, and at the northeast corner of Rustic Road and Welcome Drive (unopened). W-1930.

Prior to the hearing, interested persons may obtain any additional information which is in the possession of the City/County Planning Board in that office at City Hall on weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard.

All requests for appropriate and necessary auxiliary aids and services must be made, within a reasonable time prior to the hearing, to T.D.D. 727-8319.

THIS MEETING WILL BROADCAST LIVE ON CITY TV-13.

Marie Matthews, Secretary  
to the Board of Aldermen