THE HARRELSON CENTER

Newsletter

WINTER 2016

Providing a place of collaboration for organizations offering services to people in need

A PLACE WHERE NEEDS ARE MET, DREAMS ARE FOSTERED, AND HOPE ABOUNDS

CENTER WELCOMES NEW PARTNERS

THE RECOVERY RESOURCE CENTER

The Recovery Resource Center provides free education and support to people who are affected by mental illness and/or addiction. RRC offers a network of support services, including peer-to-peer mentoring and coaching, so that clients can build a healthy lifestyle and reduce the likelihood of relapse and recidivism.

OPERATION PRETTY THINGS

The mission of Operation Pretty Things is to love and empower women victimized by domestic violence. They prepare women for success by providing gifts containing the essential beauty products required to maintain a competitive role in the workplace. OPT makes beauty kits that are distributed out of 14 local domestic violence shelters in 7 counties.

THE KAIROS CENTER

The Kairos Center is founded on the belief that God uniquely created each individual for a distinct and divine purpose. It is their mission to help people discover their passion, purpose and power and to help them embark on the journey to experience their true destiny. Training and practical workshops, along with experiential opportunities form the foundation of the program.

CAPE FEAR RESCUE MISSION

The Cape Fear Rescue Mission offers both physical and spiritual healing to the homeless population of Wilmington. They provide food, shelter and clothing, as well as, daily chapel, prayer services, and self-help groups within the community. They have made it their duty to serve the homeless, hungry, and hurting of Wilmington for over 35 years.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities advocates for social and economic justice, as well as addressing immediate needs with emergency resources. Catholic Charities offers four core programs: Emergency Assistance, Economic Self-Sufficiency, Family Health and Safety, Clinical Counseling and Parish and Community Engagement. They also provide adoption and pregnancy services, disaster preparedness and recovery and immigration assistance.

VISIT US FOR A TOUR: Tours of The Harrelson Center are offered on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am!

DR. EDWARD WEAVER BRINGS IT INTO FOCUS

When Gerome entered the Phoenix Hometown Hires program, his glasses were broken and they were held together with tape. Dr. Weaver of Wilmington Optometry performed a complete eye exam on Gerome and fit him for a new pair of glasses! Dr. Weaver allows the center to refer clients on a weekly basis.

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HARRELSON CENTER TENTH ANNIVERSARY

September 2015 marked the 10th Anniversary of The Harrelson Center! To celebrate we marked the occasion by "Honoring The Past with New Beginnings" at a special ceremony. Mike Queen and Bobby Harrelson gave a historical perspective, Jerri Holliday sang, and District Attorney Ben David painted a vision of the community and center in years to come.

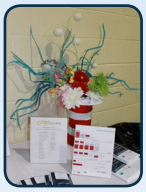
We also inducted our first ten Honorary Board Members during the ceremony. Watch the video of our 10th Anniversary event on our website: www.harrelsoncenter.org.

Honorary Board Members

CLAUDE ARNOLD
CLAUDE BRIDGER
DOUG BARBOUR
JOE CAPELL
JIM EVERETTE
CARLTON FISHER
BOBBY HARRELSON
MIKE QUEEN
BERRY TRICE
HARRY WILLIAMS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY SO SPECIAL!

THANKFUL HEARTS LUNCHEON



This fall we held our 4th Annual Thankful Hearts Luncheon. There were many milestones to commemorate, including our 10th Anniversary. The luncheon celebration was inspired by the book ***Oh The Places You'll Go*** by Dr. Suess.

Guest speakers included Johnny Pucket from Recovery Resource Center and Tamieka Nixon, one of our clients. Wave Transporation and The Harrelson Center provided bus tickets for a year so that Tamieka's son could attend afterschool programs while she worked.

Together we raised over $75,000 for The Harrelson Center. Many thanks to everyone who attended!

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11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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$100 Individual Ticket Includes:

HOTDOG LUNCH | COUNTRY DINNER
CORNHOLE | PUTT PUTT GOLF
FISHING | BOURBON & WINE TASTING
CIGAR STATION | MUSIC
SILENT RAFFLE & PRIZES
LINE DANCING | FIREPIT & SMORES
DOG FIELD TRIALS | ARCHERY

To sponsor the event or purchase tickets visit www.harrelsoncenter.org.

HELP HUB at The Harrelson Center

Last October, The Harrelson Center and local downtown churches combined volunteer and financial resources to create a collaborative outreach organization that provides short-term or emergency assistance to individuals and families in need of financial help and/or guidance to connect them with additional resources. Sonja McFarland was hired as The Help Hub Director. She works with volunteers who greet, advise and refer clients to Harrelson Center partners and community programs. Since opening in October 2015 they have served over 430 clients.

The Help Hub was founded by First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church and St. James Episcopal Church. Other members include Wrightsville United Methodist Church, Holy Cross Episcopal Church and St. Pauls Episcopal Church.

34 VOLUNTEERS FUEL THE HELP HUB AS GREETERS & ADVISERS. TOGETHER THEY DONATE AN AVERAGE OF **117** HOURS EVERY WEEK. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

COLLABORATIVE YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT FOR THE HELP HUB

Over 200 middle and high school youth gathered on a Sunday evening in January to assemble soup kits for The Help Hub at an event called "Be The Light." Youth came together from over eight Wilmington churches.

Youth Directors from First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. James Episcopal Church and Wrightsville United Methodist Church led the initiative to start the collaborative worship and service opportunity, ***Be The Light.*** Christina Norvell, Youth Director of Wrightsville United Methodist Church, said the event leaders hoped to have 60 youth come to the event and were amazed by the impact and attendance. "What a God moment to witness 200 teenagers serving others and giving their time and effort to support The Help Hub," said Norvell.

Austin and Christy Aley led worship songs with the youth. District Attorney Ben David spoke to the youth about the importance of ***Being the Light*** in the Wilmington community and serving those in need. The youth carried the soup kits down 4th Street from the St. James Parish hall into The Harrelson Center courtyard. With lit glow sticks and music, the group prayed and sang together. Event leaders said they hope ***Be The Light*** will become an annual youth event.

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

WELCOME ODETTE ARNOLD!

Odette is a copywriter with Morvil Design Company. She is married to Claude Arnold. Both have been involved in the center from the beginning.

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Phoenix Hometown Hires partners with and supports local residents to provide job readiness training, job placement and life skills training. In 2015, 104 people were placed in jobs and 12 people graduated from the 6 month long Life Skills program. In 2016 Phoenix Hometown Hires hopes to place 130 people into jobs and graduate 20 from the Life Skills program.

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