Wake LRC Collaborates with Local Churches and WCHS to Provide Food Resources to Housing Partners

July 25, 2020, Wake LRC, Wake County Human Services (WCHS) and Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church, Raleigh teamed up to provide fresh produce, frozen meals, gloves, sanitizers and masks to more than 12 Redirection, NC residents. Redirection NC’s CEO Stephanie Treadway said, “Fresh vegetables and fruit are hard to come by at food pantries; our residents truly appreciate the donation.”

Gethsemane SDA Church
Pop Your Trunk Food Distribution: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

“It’s hard to find a job on an empty stomach”, said a Wake LRC participant. Our partners are distributing fresh produce and other healthy food options to families in need. Macedonia New Life Church has served more than 36,257.76 lbs. of food to the community. These community distribution projects work to eliminate barriers including transportation and access to healthy food options.

Macedonia New Life Church, CSI, Second Chance Alliance, and Wake LRC Feed the Community

Macedonia New Life Church Meal Distribution Dates:
Tuesday 11:00 am, July 7th—August 25th
Building the Partnership Network

July was a scorcher, but that didn’t stop the Capital Area Reentry Team! Equipped with PPE, the team visited LRC housing partners Pardoned by Christ, Redirection NC, The Oxford House, Inc. and Fathers Forever. The team spoke with residents who shared insight about their experience, toured homes, and discussed opportunities to better serve our clients. As an outcome of the meetings, the Council was able to enroll seven House Wake! participants. These participants will receive housing support resources for up to three months.

Fathers Forever

Fathers Forever operates transitional homes for men. Community advocate and trailblazer, Glenn Warren is the founder of the program. The program includes mentoring, parenting classes, employment training, including an auto detailing certification, and more. Residents have access to an in-house gym, a seasonal garden, and for the craftsman, there are woodworking activities.

Theo Walker, Former Wake LRC Chair Recognized for Service

Capital Area recognized Theo Walker, for his dedicated service as the 2019 – 2020 LRC Chair.

Pictured: Natalie Mabon (Reentry Manager), Marvin Hill (PBC), Theo Walker (PBC) and LaNarda N. Williamson (Wake LRC, Coordinator)
The Oxford House, Inc.

The Oxford House provides sober living options to individuals with a history of substance use and a desire to quit. It is a national program with 58 houses in Wake County, including homes for women, men, and women with children. Each house is independently operated; residents determine who’s a good fit for their home. Some homes have private bedrooms and full size beds. Residents are welcome to stay at the Oxford House as long as they choose and stay sober.

Pardoned by Christ

Pardoned by Christ is a Faith-based transitional housing provider. Theo Walker and Marvin Hill are the duo that manage this program. PBC residents participate in weekly Bible study classes, and have access to mentors that also provide critical references needed to secure employment and permanent housing. Currently, PBC is our sole housing partner that accepts individuals with sex offense convictions.

Redirection NC

Former WCHS Board member Stephanie Treadway, is the founder of Redirection NC. Her program provides housing, and supportive services to women transitioning from incarceration. Currently there are three houses serving thirty-three residents. Redirection NC hopes to open it’s fourth house in 2020!

On June 25, 2020 Governor Roy Cooper Signed The North Carolina Second Chance Act (SB 562) into Law

Key Provisions:

- Automatic expunction for charges that have been dismissed
- Expunctions for certain offenses committed at ages 16-18
- Modification of expunction of nonviolent misdemeanor and felony convictions

Regarding the historic action Governor Cooper said, "We can give people who make amends for past mistakes the opportunity to clear their records. This bill offers that opportunity and a path to good jobs and a brighter future."

Our special thanks to Dennis Gaddy, Second Chance Alliance and all of our partners that supported this work!
Wake LRC Mission:
Our mission is to reduce recidivism and victimization and increase public/community safety by creating an effective network of people and organizations that specialize in assisting citizens and families with the challenges of transitioning out of incarceration.

https://www.wakelrc.org/

FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITES

- Wake County Human Services is conducting drive-thru COVID-19 testing at specified locations throughout the county. This free service provides an easy and efficient way for residents to learn if they have the virus.

  For more information visit: https://covid19.wakegov.com/testing/

- Macedonia New Life Church
  2004 Rock Quarry Rd, Raleigh

  For more information contact: Mary Rogers at 919-832-2784

COVID-19 Food Resource Sites:

Macedonia New Life Church
(2004 Rock Quarry Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610)
Tuesdays 11 am through August 25, 2020

Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church
(2525 Sanderford Rd, Raleigh, NC)
2nd & 4th Saturdays 12:30-2:30 pm

Catholic Parish Outreach
(2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh NC)
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
8:30 - 11:30 am, by referral

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