



C.A.R.E. / THE JOHN 3:16 CENTER

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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2015 Impacts

- **4,932 Meals served**
- **995 People have been served through our food Pantry**
- **188 Children served for Christmas**
- **232/91 Assisted with school supplies and uniforms**
- **3,663 Hours served by volunteers**

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A Note From the Director

Happy New Year! 2016 is already moving quickly by and I hope it has started off well for all of you. The year has started with several new challenges at The John 3:16 Center. However, God has led us to excellent alternative plans and again demonstrated how many of His people are prepared to step up and help when we ask. That is something that I have had to learn: to ask for help when it is needed. It is all too easy to try to keep struggling to do things on one's own...when asking for assistance could make the task simple.

We asked for your help many times last year and have been so grateful for your responsiveness. God has used all of you in some way to meet the needs of the children and families served through The John 3:16 Center in the last year. Thank you to those of you who attended our fundraising banquet, sponsored events and/or Camp J316, assisted with Christmas Outreach, contributed in other ways, volunteered, and prayed! Without you, we would not have been able to accomplish what we have, nor been able to consider more.

You have many opportunities to participate at The John 3:16 Center this year; upcoming activities are highlighted in successive pages and we look forward to sharing even more with you as plans finalize for other services and events. GED classes have begun again! This is exciting because Halifax Community College reduced the number of satellite sites for these classes last year. A generous donor made it possible for us to add this to our budget and several students have already begun to make progress.

If you are interested in deeper involvement, your skills and experience would be appreciated as a volunteer: helping with an event, joining a board committee, driving the afterschool van once a week, volunteering to help with administrative tasks, landscaping, gardening, and much more. We would love to have more members of the community engaged and sharing in both the effort and the sense of fulfillment as we reach out to children and their families with the love of Christ.

On page 3, you will see information regarding a new position, funded through a designated donation for 1 year. This is such a blessing and we look forward to working with the fund development manager we hire to enhance our communication with donors, evaluate fundraisers, and find ways to fund programs that will engage and enrich the lives of those served. Please pray with us that God leads the right person to the job and that it helps create additional, effective means of service.

Our annual golf tournament is quickly approaching; this is always a fun event and we would love to have you participate. If you enjoy playing, start working on getting your team together and take advantage of the reduced rate for early registration! Also, consider purchasing a ticket from Lakeland Theatre and Cultural Arts Center for the Lakeland CAREs event on April 15; they always do a wonderful job of gathering local performers. We are working with our afterschool children to prepare a few songs as well. Oh...and for our supporters who ride motorcycles; if you missed the Ride for us last year, there will be another opportunity this year. The date and other details will soon be announced!

Thank you for taking time to read this and to look through our newsletter each quarter. Working and praying together, we will make positive changes in our community and beyond. God truly provides through His people and we are grateful to have so many of you involved.

Shannon McAllister
 Executive Director

Thank You!

What's Happening.....

Free Community Easter Egg Hunt



Come share in the Fun

The John 3:16 Center
Saturday, March 26, 2016
Registration: 12:30 pm



Refreshments and Prizes for All Children

Egg Hunt Areas for Age Groups

0 to 4 5 to 8 9 to 12

Sponsored by Lakeside Lutheran Church, Lake Gaston Baptist Church, Lake Gaston Charge of the United Methodist Church—Littleton UMC, Calvary UMC, Corinth UMC and Weaver's Chapel UMC

G.E.D. UPDATE

Mary Ann Whittemore

The John 3:16 Center is starting a new GED class. A mentor/instructor will be at the Center on Tuesdays from 11:00am-2:00pm to guide students on the way to earn their GED certificate/diploma. There will be work assigned each week for students to do on their own, outside of class time. This will be an independent working course. The student must be motivated to work on his/her own to achieve. We are excited about being able to again offer this outreach here at the Center and hope that interested individuals will take advantage of this program.

The class at The John 3:16 Center is no longer under the Halifax Community College umbrella. No one under the age of 18 will be able to attend this class. When the participant is ready to take the official GED test, it will only be given at a Community College, but is done completely on the computer. Limited funding is available, through support from Angel's Closet, to assist students in The John 3:16 Center's GED program with the cost of the test. To reach the instructor, please contact MaryAnn Whittemore at 252-586-1800 Tuesdays from 11am-2pm.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Thursday, April 14, 2016 9am -10:30am

Volunteers! Take a break and join us for Brunch! The table will be set... stop in for a while to enjoy brunch and allow us to say THANK YOU for all that you do in helping us achieve the mission of the center!



Volunteer of the Year

We had such wonderful volunteers in 2015!

We want the chance to thank you and to recognize ONE volunteer for their outstanding work at The John 3:16 Center. If you would like to nominate an individual for "Volunteer of the Year", please call Shannon or Brittany at (252)586-1800 or e-mail care2001@earthlink.net

RSVP for the Volunteer Brunch

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Nomination for volunteer of the year:

Please RSVP with this information by calling Shannon or Brittany at (252)586-1800 or mailing this to: The John 3:16 Center P.O. Box 1541 Littleton, NC 27850



Career Opportunity

New Position*

Job Title: Fund Development Manager

Description: CARE is an interdenominational Christian organization that seeks to fulfill its mission of striving to eradicate generational poverty and child abuse/neglect using Christian principles of education and relationship building in our community. Programs and services are offered through its facility, The John 3:16 Center, located in Littleton, NC.

Position Summary:

In collaboration with the Board Chair, appropriate Board members/committees and the Executive Director, develop, manage, and implement comprehensive strategies regarding activities related to donor solicitation and other organizational fundraising activities and marketing/public relations to build support for programs, services, and activities of The John 3:16 Center.

Responsibilities:

- Identify and evaluate opportunities to improve John 3:16 fundraising and marketing efforts including research analysis to develop giving strategies.
- Develop a relationship with current donors, in coordination with the Executive Director, by staying in touch, keeping the donors informed and letting them know they are appreciated. Keep them up-to-date and in the loop through non-fundraising communication such as newsletters and e-mails, hold non-ask events and tours, ask for their opinion and input etc.
- Identify and build relationships with new donors and prospects to include churches, individuals, and corporations. Hold non-fundraising events, attend meetings in the community, make regular contact with event sponsors and network on a continual basis. Work with current donors to gain access to their networks.
- Develop the best way to present the John 3:16 mission through discussions with the Staff, Board and people who are served. Develop case statements that describe what John 3:16 does and who it serves, plus stories of successful outcomes. Become proficient in being able to explain in a concise and compelling way. Train Board members to develop the same skills.
- Write/Develop/Design marketing tools such as presentations, flyers, newspaper ads and articles, press releases, and social media applications.
- Assist in the planning and development of current and new fundraising events. Solicit sponsorships for major events and develop sponsorship packages.

New Position, continued

* Develop fundraising budgets and track fundraising income and expense. Become proficient in the use of the donor software program, Bloomerang. Stay current on priority funding needs and develop appropriate funding proposals for current and new programs.

- Perform other duties as assigned.

Knowledge/Skills Required:

- Ability to support a Christian environment.
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Two years experience in a non-profit organization.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills including public speaking.
- Ability to interact professionally with donors, sponsors, Board members, volunteers and related agencies.
- Proficient computer skills including experience with Microsoft Office, fundraising software and social media applications.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the principles related to fundraising and marketing.

***Funded currently for 1 year due to donated designated funds**

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways that you can get plugged in this year to help the John 3:16 Center serve our community:

- **Become a board or committee member**– We have several open positions on our board. If you have skills in fundraising, human resources, or program evaluations, please consider joining our board or serve as a community member on a committee.
- **Wired for Success**–Whether you have a special topic or craft you would like to share with the children for an occasional day, or you would like to make the commitment to volunteer once a week, we would love to have you. Currently, extra help is needed on Monday and Friday from 2:30-6:00 and Van Driver 2:30-4:00 Contact Brittany or Shannon for days needed and volunteer application and screening.
- **After hours**- We would like to be able to extend our hours into the evening and would need volunteers to supervise the grounds (weather permitting), especially June-August. With enough help this could be split up into once a week or once every two weeks.
- **Facility and Site Maintenance**- Maintaining our property is a big job; we could definitely use some help in keeping up with this task. If you're not interested in helping long-term, check out the cleanup day coming up in April!

Mark your calendars
May 13, 2016

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

**Lake Gaston Golf Club,
Gasburg, VA**

Noon Registration

1pm Shotgun Start

Captain's Choice

4 Person Team

\$220 per team

**Support
John 3:16**

Preregistration: \$180/team

before

April 1, 2016



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FREE KIDS CARNIVAL

John 3:16 Center, 407 East End Avenue

Saturday, April 16, 2016

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.



Preschool Games, Crafts, Bounce House, Gospel Choir 100 ft. Obstacle Course, Face Painting, Health Screenings for Children and Adults, Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, Cotton Candy, Goodie Bags, And Loads of Fun!!!

Invite your friends and join us for this free fun day together!

Sponsors: Littleton Baptist Church and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship North Carolina

CARE/The John 3:16 Center PROGRAM CALENDAR 2016

Wired for Success Afterschool Program -----	Jan.5-June3 & Sept.6-- Dec. 9, 2016
Wired for Success Afterschool Registration-----	August 1, 2016
GED Program-----	Tuesdays 11am-2pm starting 1/26
Center Clean up Work Days -----	April 1, June 10, August 12
AA Meetings-----	Mondays at 7pm
Family Days -----	March 15 4pm-6pm, and others TBA
Lakeside Easter Egg Hunt (Center property used)-----	March 26
Child Abuse Prevention Month-----	April (Activities TBD)
Volunteer Appreciation Week -----	April 10-16 (Appreciation Day-4/14)
Lakeland CAREs-----	April 15
Kids Carnival (Center property Used)-----	April 16
Golf Tournament Fundraiser-----	May 13
National Day of Prayer -----	May 5
Yard Sales -----	May 28 & September 3
Camp J316 Training-----	June 13-17
Camp J316 (6 Weeks) -----	June 20-July 1, July 11-August 5
School Supply/Uniform Drive-----	July 15-August 19
Annual KaBOOM Playground Cleanup/Celebration Day--	August 13
Christmas Toy Drive -----	Nov 1-Dec 9
Toy Christmas Gift Registration-----	Nov 7 – until full
Christmas Fundraising Banquet-----	December 2
Wrapping the Toys/Gifts-----	Dec 12-16
Christmas Outreach Party-----	Dec 17

Center Closed on Following Dates:

Jan 1 (New Year)
 Jan 18 (MLK, Jr. Day)
 Mar 25 (Good Friday)
 May 13 (Golf Tournament)
 May 30 (Memorial Day)
 July 4 (Independence Day)
 Sept 5 (Labor Day)
 Nov 23-26 (Thanksgiving)
 December 2 (Banquet)
 Dec 22-Jan 1 (Christmas/New Year)*

Center Open for Half-Days (10am-2pm) on the Following Dates:

March 28 (Easter Monday)
 November 11 (Veterans Day)—only for a Veteran’s Day related event or field trip
 December 22*
 December 30*

*Generally closed during these dates, but will be open for a half day on the 22nd & 30th

**The Center’s policy for inclement weather is to follow local schools and county government in delays/closings. We close Saturdays if there is significant ice, flooding, etc. on the roads staff must travel.

If power and/or water supply is cut off due to work or weather-induced damage, the Center must close as soon as it is safe to leave and all children accounted for is completed.

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The center provides opportunities for parental and community involvement in the lives of their children. We look forward to continuing to realize this vision by providing the following services through the center:

- “Wired for Success” afterschool program
- Programs and structured activities for children
- Free Summer Day Camp
- Enrichment programs
- Outdoor recreation including a playground, basketball court, walking trail, and volleyball
- Referrals to services provided by local agencies
- Parenting classes and workshops
- G.E.D. and Literacy classes
- AA Meetings Mondays at 7pm
- Family Outreach (school supplies, uniforms, home furnishings and hygienic items)
- Emergency Food Pantry

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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