

Mentoring Makes Ripples, Too!

Chad Virgil plans to take Jose fishing very soon. More than likely Jose will toss a rock into the water, watching the ripples spread in perfect circles. That's how their one-on-one relationship has grown in just one year. Their beginning experiences together have led to other worthwhile experiences, creating an amazing growing supportive community for Jose.

Their time together began as Tuesday evening visits and one week end a month, but now they're together most every week day. Virgil has found many simple ways to incorporate mentoring into his busy schedule of work at Edward-Jones and community activities. "My staff is very accepting of Jose, and he's become part of the life here," Virgil said.

Jose has even made

friends with some of the clients. "One of the clients collects trains, and Jose invited himself over to look at his trains. I am surprised at how well he interacts with adults."

"He's actually dropped off here after school, and he knows homework is first. He goes to the back of the office, does his homework, and plays on the computer until I'm free. Then we do ordinary things like go to a park or play cards, and out to eat. His table manners have really improved this year," Virgil praised.

When asked what this voluntary increased involvement has meant to his family, he said his wife, Christina Eastman, works for another financial firm and has a different schedule. "We work it out. She's a certified mentor, as well, very supportive, and

we sort of share Jose," he said.

Virgil carries Jose to Kiwanis Club meetings where he was welcomed and is now considered a regular participant. "Now Jose walks around like he's the mayor among the members and doesn't even sit with me. He's been adopted by just about everybody. He's volunteered at Kiwanis events and helped set up and clean up," Virgil shared. These new friendships extend beyond the Kiwanis hut, as Jose sees members in other settings.

Having met some Kiwanians who attend Pittsboro Presbyterian Church, Jose now attends regularly and participates in its youth group. "I feel Jose is seeing opportunities for himself in part due to the exposure to the Virgils," CCT! Director Kim Caraganis shared.

Jose has been wanting to participate in the Chatham Soccer League, and is now preparing for his second game, an exciting activity for him. "I'd been wanting to do this for a while," Jose said. Caraganis handled the paperwork for him, and now it's a reality. "Lots of my school friends are on the team," he said.

Jose is doing well in school and has had much better behavior. "I get praised at school now."

Virgil said Jose wants to do mental work when he grows up, work like he does.



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Build an African Village
with artist Issa Nyaphaga
from Cameroon
April 14 & 15
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Litter Sweep Spring '07
April 14-28
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Create a CCT! team and
beautify Chatham County.

April 28 **Clyde Fest**

April 29
Healthy Kids Day
Camp Royale, Moncure
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MAY - call or check
our website for
date, time, place

"If he stays on track, he has a bright future," he said.

Mentoring is nothing new to Virgil, but he encourages everyone to try it. "Every day is full of surprises. I find it really rewarding to find someone to make a difference in their lives and see it before your eyes. When you see the light bulbs, smiles and their beginning to do what they're capable of doing – it changes you. If you've had children, it's a chance to try it again. If you haven't, it's good practice and you can send them home at night! Mentoring is one of the best ways to make a difference," he said.



Director's Note

As spring comes, Chatham County Together! finds itself in a season of new beginnings. After being housed in the Camp Street Building for 18 years, we are now moving to a new home at 175 Salisbury Street in Pittsboro. With new space we see many possibilities for expanding programming and strengthening existing services. Thank you to all of our partners and supporters for making this possible!

– Kim Caraganis

Visual Voices

CCT!'s Siler City 4-H youth and the Teen Coalition for Family Peace are teaming up for *Visual Voices: Exploring and Celebrating Dynamics of Race, Culture and Ethnicity.* The project involves 10 teenagers ages 13-17. The finished project, a mural that could be as large as 30 feet long, incorporates painting, writing, photography and a closing session. Youth address issues concerning their lives, communities and their futures. The mural will go on display in public buildings, art galleries and other venues.

The project started last October when UNC Professor Michael Yonas and UNC second year graduate student, Rebecca Davis, met at the Siler City Community Building with the teens. Yonas is a professor in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education. He is a core facilitator of the Injury Prevention Research Center at UNC. The Pittsburgh native also has a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. He has worked extensively with Chatham County programs such as the Teen center/Support our Students (SOS) after-school program. He previously worked with gang prevention programming in San Francisco and Baltimore.

Read more about this project and see photos of the student work on the CCT! website.



5th Annual Night in Italy Earns \$7,500!

Nancy Tanguay's idea presented to her friends five years ago has proven to be an exceedingly valuable one. She wanted to honor CCT! with an authentic Italian meal fundraiser. That idea has grown and been fine tuned, so that this year many were heard to say, "This is the best one yet!"

Pam Johnson and Gail Crider greeted the guests at Pittsboro's Council on Aging. They knew it would be a good evening as they passed the enticing dessert table to find their candlelit tables and friends. Scents from the kitchen whet their appetites as they enjoyed conversations and viewed the auction items. "I think the silent auction was a great idea. There were some really nice things," Siler City resident Anne Frickey shared. "I am pleased with my painting."

Donations by faithful artists in the community included jewelry, pottery, paintings, and metal sculpture. Plantings



Siler City guests Greg and Pam Henson, Anne and Bob Frickey and their exchange students Simone Zurwaerra and Ling Chan enjoyed their evening.

from area nurseries were popular, as well. Carolina Meadows' handmade quilt provided a backdrop for even more items.

CCT! director Kim Caraganis extended a warm welcome to everyone, setting the tone of community spirit that she complimented. "As I came over to this event, I thought of what it means to us. It's all about caring," she said. "Caring that made it all happen, caring about the program and what it stands for, and caring enough to be here."

Dr. Jim Schwankl offered thanks and joined fellow servers to present delicious entrées prepared by Chefs Andrea Batsche and Cathy "Brooksie" Edwards. They were assisted by friends Nancy Tanguay, Laurel Boyd, Dorothy Hammett, and Mary Honeycutt who put together another memorable meal, Italian style!

Thanks to the planning committee: Avis Autry, Andrea Batsche, Janice Britson, Kim Caraganis, Gail Crider, Pam Johnson and Nancy Tanguay, and also to Diane McLaughlin of the Council on Aging.

"It's a wonderful coming together of community in terms of participation. There are lots of people who want to help. We never have enough tickets," Caraganis remarked.

ENJOY delicious prime whole Maine lobster delivered live direct from one of the largest lobster suppliers in the Northeast.



7th Annual Lobster Sale

Lobster Order Form

___ Number of Live Lobsters x \$15= _____

___ Number of Cooked Lobsters x \$17= _____

Total amount (enclose check) _____

Name

Address

Phone (Phone number MUST be included. Very Important!)

I will pick up my order on Saturday, May 5th at (check one)

- Pittsboro
- Fearington
- Carolina Meadows (residents only)
- Governors' Club (residents only)
- Siler City
- The Preserve (residents only)

Mail order form with check to
Chatham County Together!
PO Box 1101
Pittsboro, NC 27312

All orders MUST be postmarked no later than April 27th OR received at CCT! office no later than April 30th.



- Plan a quiet dinner at home or get together with family & friends for a Lobster Party!
- Only \$15 each live; \$17 each cooked.
- Average weight 1.33 pounds.
- No limit – buy as many as you like!
- Order by **April 27th**. Pick up lobster **May 5th** between 3PM and 4PM
- Pick up at one of several convenient locations (see order form).
- Confirmation card with exact pick-up location will be mailed from CCT! upon receipt of order.

Lobster Notes

Precooked lobster may be unwrapped and eaten. Or, warm in microwave 1-2 minutes, or in conventional oven set at 350° for 15 minutes. Live lobster can be kept overnight in a pot or bucket in the refrigerator. Simply drape with a damp towel. Be sure to check occasionally... if the lobster dies, cook immediately. Do not seal the storage container – the lobster needs to breathe.

Health Note

If you have **ANY** reason, small or large, to suspect you may have any shellfish allergy, please consult your physician before eating any shellfish. Chatham County Together! will not be held responsible for sickness due to lobster-related illness.

Questions? Contact Pam Johnson at 919-542-5155 or pam.cct@earthlink.net. THANK YOU!

Contributions since last newsletter - THANK YOU!

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The Holiday Bowl-a-Thon

The MEAC basketball tournament



The Siler City Christmas parade

The Nutcracker performance



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Address

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Please send me a One-on-One Volunteer application.

IN MEMORY Viola Gallagher May 25, 1925-January 4, 2007 CCT! mentor and tutor

African Village - Shakori Hills tickets

ATTENTION mentors and matches! April 14 and 15th, build an African Village with artist Issa Nyaphaga from Cameroon! Your participation (mentors and their matches) earns you free tickets to the Shakori Festival, held Thursday through Sunday, April 19-22. Contact Tracy McInturff at 542-5155 to sign up.

Hablando Claro/Plain Talk receives award

At Anaheim, California, our Hablando Claro/Plain Talk display won the grand prize among programs represented at the Plain Talk national conference. The prize was a desktop Dell computer from Public Private Ventures! Thank you to Mano for his creativity and hard work.



l to r: Ernestina Cortez, Mano Gallegos, Kim Caraganis, Pam Johnson, Maria Soto, and Valerie Russell.

NEW MATCHES

- Laura Herbst & Brittany
Christine Hughes & JJ
Mechelle Thompson & Knyeeshia
Monica Howell & Maggie

Wish List

We'll soon be posting a "wish list" on our website for things we'll be needing at our new place. Thanks in advance for your help!

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Chatham County Together! is a private non-profit agency that encourages young people ages 6 to 17 to remain in school, stay out of court and make better choices through advocacy, counseling and mentoring. When possible, CCT! provides a caring adult volunteer for each child. We carefully monitor school attendance and performance, and provide tutoring, counseling, and advocacy to improve specific skills.

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Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.
– Helen Keller

4-H State Competition

Chatham County 4-H collaboratively won 4th place at the NC State Fair competition with their slogan "4-H is NOT extinct in Chatham County." Many CCT! kids contributed their time in creating Rex's body by applying burlap for a rough finish. Unfortunately, late one night at the fair, Rex's head disappeared, as well as chickens from a neighboring display. Apparently, vandalism is not extinct in Wake County.



REGISTER TO VOTE!

We want to remind CCT!
families and volunteers to
register to vote.
It's your right!

Contact Roy at CCT!
(542-5155) for a voter
registration form.

Scholarship News

May 15 is the deadline for current or former CCT! youth to apply for the Mario Rosica Scholarship. Those in need of financial help in attending GED programs or college are encouraged to apply. Scholarship winners are strongly encouraged to attend the CCT! annual board meeting tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2007. Call 542-5155 for more information or check our website after April 15 for application and instructions.