



CCT! Youth Brightens Community

Early on Linda and Phil Booker thought they might not be making a difference in Christian Campbell's life, because he was such a good kid," Director Kim Caraganis remembered. "This is too easy," the Bookers said.

Countering this claim with a smile in his voice, Christian responded, "The Bookers were one of the pillars in my growing up! They provided opportunities I would not have had. They always encouraged me to do better and supported whatever I was interested in. They found time for me, whether it was taking me to a Carolina basketball game, a movie or just hanging out around the house."

"It was absolutely a good decision," Karen Campbell said. As Christian's mother, she applied to CCT! almost ten years ago, realizing a mentor could make a difference in his life. His performance didn't match his many strengths and abilities. "I want to express my appreciation to the Bookers. They were really a godsend for me and for Christian, a guide in making better choices," she said."

"With the help of mentoring and CCT! activities, like 4-H camp, he realized he could

achieve," she continued. "He became his own person, more of a leader in making right decisions, rather than a follower. He is very personable and never meets a stranger," she praised.

The Bookers remember the early days when Christian spent time at their house after school, doing homework. They remembered his successes in martial arts and at school. "He was always reading and wanting to find more information about his interests," she said.

Through a Woods Charter School friend, he became involved with Boy Scouts and has excelled in its opportunities. In 2007 he was selected as Troop 93's Honor Scout, presented annually to a scout who "displays leadership potential, a quest for knowledge and commitment to community service. In June 2008 he received the prestigious Eagle Scout designation. "I had to work hard, because I became involved in Scouts late, at age 14," Christian shared. He chose to refurbish his church's sign, erect a flagpole and landscape these areas as his Scout project. "I accomplished this with the help of Scouts and members of my church," he said.

Christian has explored musical interests at Northwood where he performed in the marching band and held major roles in *Grease* and *Beauty and the Beast*. He has been active at New Elam Christian Church and the Pittsboro Baptist youth group. When needed, he fills in for the Drama and Praise Teams at Pittsboro Baptist Church.

As a senior at Woods Charter School, he is taking four AP (advanced placement) classes in preparation to attend Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC. At the moment he is considering global studies and music, but realizes he might be called into the ministry.

"He's been a delight to our lives, and we have en-



**9th Annual
Lobster Sale**
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ClydeFest
April 25

Volunteer Appreciation
May 5, 5:30-8:30
CCT! office, Pittsboro

Chili's Non-Profit Day
May 5, see page 6

Siler City Alive
May 9

joyed his friendship," Linda Booker said. "In mentoring, you do something for somebody, but he has done something for us. He has such a good attitude, has been a joy to be with, and he lifts *our* spirits. We're very proud of him."



Christian Campbell and Linda Booker

"Life isn't a matter of milestones, but of moments." – Rose Kennedy

Director's Note

These past several months have brought some changes to CCT! After seven years of providing an alternative educational program for over 100 short- and long-term suspended Chatham County students, the doors for Chatham New School closed in January. Many of these students have gone on to graduate from their home high schools, pursue higher education, get married, have children and let us know that they appreciated the second chance they had.

With the ending of one program begins another: **Graduation Project Mentors**. Come join us and help students complete their requirements for graduation from high school and plant a seed for their future. –Kim Caraganis

CCT! Recruits Mentors for Graduation Project

Do you have a skill you'd like to share with a kid? Be a mentor for the Graduation Project! The requirements are:

- 12 to 15 hours time with rising high school seniors who have a passion for learning in your area of expertise.
- 5 Student/mentor meetings during the next 18 months.
- Completion deadline by May 2010.



Graduation Project Coordinators
Gwen Overturf & Marjorie Hudson

500 rising seniors in Chatham County schools are selecting topics, getting approvals, and planning their independent study projects for their senior year. CCT! is assisting the schools by recruiting and training mentors for students who need extra help.

With a special grant from Dropout

Prevention, Gwen Overturf and Marjorie Hudson are coordinating *Graduation Project Mentors*. They will train and guide mentors throughout the project.

This is an excellent time to consider a short-term, focused mentoring project. For details about how you can be involved, call the CCT! office or check the website.

DONATE your GREENPOINTS to CCT!

Do you shop at Lowes Foods? You can donate your points, any amount over 3,000.

Check your balance at grocery store, or by calling S&H directly 1-800-435-5674, or check online at www.greenpoints.com.

To donate online, access www.greenpoints.com. At right of screen, choose **GIVE Greenpoints**, not donate Greenpoints, insert 420255-090593 or with our name, **Chatham County Together!**

The points will be used to purchase supplies for kids and for community events. Thank you for your support.

9th Annual Night in Italy Earns \$10,013!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this great *Night in Italy*!! Thanks to COOKS Beckett & Richard McGough, Andrea and David Batsche, & Brooksie Edwards; to KITCHEN STAFF Nancy Tanguay, Laurel Boyd, & Geoffrey Almori; to SERVERS Kaylee Batsche, Jim Schwankl, Viviana DePaz, & Rita Marley-McKenzie; and to Gail Crider & Avis Autry for AUCTION and those who helped set up and clean up.



auction items

Mark Hewitt Pottery
Tamara Mulanix:
Gypsisky Metalworks
Rita Spina
Shakori Hills
John Lennox
Michael Mosca
Patty Kenlan
Hart Furniture
Allen & Holly Baddour
Jim Kirkman

Ehren Hines: Aeris
Hardwood Creations
Eddie White
Jim Schoonard
Vespa
Full of Life Nursery
Oakmont Nursery
Myles Friedman
Ronald Franklin
Mary Beth Cahoon
Carol Hoffman
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in-kind food & services

Chatham Marketplace
Whole Foods
Trader Joe's
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Townsend's
Carolina Brewery
Great Harvest Bread Co.
Lowe's Foods
Piggly Wiggly
Harris Teeter
Southern Supreme
City Tap
Antonella's
Spa at Bell House
Trilogy

Pleasant Hill UM Church
Carolina Brewery
New Horizons Trading Co.
Robert & Janice Britson

DESSERTS

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Kit Gruelle
Sue Wilson
Carol Licht
Mary Honeycutt
Laine Lipson
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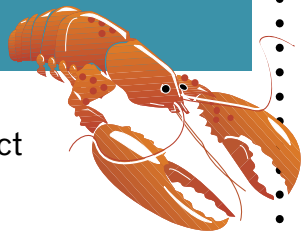
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For more *Night in Italy* pictures, visit our website.

9th Annual Lobster Sale

NEW! You can now order and pay for your lobster online at our website www.chathamcountytogether.org



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

- 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 27**. Pick up lobster **May 2** 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 it 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@chathamcountytogether.org. THANK YOU!

9th Annual CCT! Lobster Sale

____ 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 2
between 3-4 PM at (check one)**

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

* exact location will be on confirmation card

Mail order form with check to

Chatham County Together!, PO Box 1101
Pittsboro, NC 27312

**All orders MUST
be postmarked no later than April 24 OR
received at CCT! office no later than April 27.**

MORE CCT! NEWS

Hablando Claro/Plain Talk continues...

Every Friday at least one Home Health Party is held in Siler City. That's where adults gather and learn how to talk with their kids about difficult issues such as sex. Now in its fourth year of operation, it is the hope that we will expand this service in 2009-10. We would like to welcome the husband and wife team of Patty and Adolfo Aguilar as our newest *Promotoros* or *Walkers and Talkers*. Their role is to recruit residents for Home Health Parties and to be lay health educators.

BIG THANKS to...

- ... Galloway Ridge resident and CCT! volunteer **Bill Doyle**, who along with support from **Galloway Ridge**, assisted 10 students in getting glasses for vision problems.
- ... to **Performance Fibers** for donating our holiday party at Grand Prix in Greensboro.
- ... **Blue Cross Blue Shield** for book bags and school supplies.
- ... to **SECU** for backpacks and school supplies.

2008-2009 Honor Roll

Distinguished list
Kendrick E.
Nicole C.

A/B Honor Roll

<i>Jamilison S.</i>	<i>Jamie S.</i>
<i>Justasshia S.</i>	<i>Loriann S.</i>
<i>Summer F.</i>	<i>Maggie S.</i>
<i>Bradley B.</i>	<i>Tori H.</i>
<i>Maleeka G.</i>	<i>Tylan T.</i>
<i>Brandon B.</i>	<i>Meleah H.</i>
<i>Destiny S.</i>	<i>Destiny D.</i>
<i>Tianna S.</i>	<i>Uriel R.</i>
<i>Aaron B.</i>	<i>Dusty P.</i>

Contributions since last newsletter - THANK YOU!

929 East Street Law Offices	David & Patty Poe	Jim & Sharron Kirkman	Pittsboro Presbyterian Church
Adrienne & Mark Bashista	Dee Reid	Jo Sanders	Pleasant Hill Methodist Women
Alexander & Vera Graye	Donna & Bill Delano	Joan Hill	Pleasant Hill United Methodist
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Andrea & David Batsche	Dreamland Homes, Inc.	John Patton	Project Symphony
Andy's Burgers, Shakes & Fries	E. C. Kealey	John & Diana Farley	Raleigh Little Theatre
Angela Brown	Eagles Nest Home Builders	Julie Smith	Richard & Virginia Barthelmess
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Armin & Jeanne Hagen	First United Methodist Church	Kaylee Batsche	Robert & Sandra Kelley
Atelier Dulac	Francina L. Muse, Attorney	Kenny & Kelli Sigmon	Roger & Beth Lamanna Family
Avis & Larry Autry	Frank & Jeanne Galick	Kit Gruelle	Fund of Triangle Community
BCBS-Medical Review	Fred & Barbara Schmidt	Kitty Brumley	Foundation
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Carol Licht	Great Clips	Loretta & Ronald Wachs	Scott Family Endowment Fund
Carol Stamm	Great Harvest Bread	Lowe's Home Improvement	of Triangle Community
Carole Hoffman	Gwen Overturf & Eddie White	Lowe's Foods	Foundation
Carolina Brewery	Gypsisky Metalworks	Lumina	Shakori Hills
Carolina Meadows	Harris Teeter	Madeline Mason	Side Street Gallery
Carolyn Davenport	Hart Furniture Co	Magaret & Richard Crandall	Siler City Ace Hardware
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Carr Amplifiers	J. B. & Shirley McLaughlin	Marion & Diane Thomson	Southern Showcase Housing
Charles & Shirley Yohn	Jack & Kathryn Zinsmeyer	Marion Goldston	Southern States
Chatham Marketplace	Jack & Marilyn Worth	Mark & Carol Hewitt	Southern Supreme
Cherie & Jim Westmoreland	James Buie & Lucia Holliday	Marvin & Zana Tauriainen	Spa at Bell House
Christine Beh	Janice & Robert Britson	Mary Beth Cahoon	Sparrow Rentals
City Tap	Jean Haywood	Mary Honeycutt	Steve & Pam Johnson
Corey & Angela Holliday	Jerrie Leuteritz	Mary Kerrigan	Sue Wilson
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		Mt. Pleasant United Methodist	The Waffle House
		Church	The Wren Foundation
		Nancy Kibbe	Thomas & Nancy Foster
		Nancy McLendon	Townsend's
		Nancy Neuffer	Trader Joe's
		Nancy Tanguay	Triangle Youth Ballet
		Nationwide Insurance: Jenny	Vespa
		Bouldin	Vespertine
		Neal Lerner	Virginia Chambers
		New Horizons Trading Company	& Myles Friedman
		Oakmont Nursery	Virlie's Grill
		Orlan & Cornelia Johnson Family	Viviana DePaz
		Fund of Triangle Community	Wake Forest United Methodist
		Foundation	Men
		Otelier McKenzie	Wal Mart
		Our Neighborhood School	Warren & Anita Seitz
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		Performance Fibers	Wood Revelations
		Piggly Wiggly-Pittsboro	by John Lennox



YES, I want to contribute to

Chatham County Together! and help meet

the goal of \$20,000 for the fiscal year!

Name _____

Address _____

Chatham County Together! is a private non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible. _____ Amount

My donation is in honor/memory of _____

_____ include address for us to send acknowledgement

Please send me a Volunteer Application.

WELCOME NEW MATCHES



Dusty & Rachel Hoff



My Amani & Autumn



Fernando & Marion Thomson



Kevin & Christina Fisher



Dianne Birch, Yesenia, & Maria

Saranne Wilson & Cierra
Cindy Adams & Shequilla
Kelly Adelman & Carly
Ann Hudak-Dalzell & Elizabeth
Brittany Lasater & Brittany
Tamia & Whitney Farrar
Paul Sacca & Marreco
Martha Lewis & Ciara
Michele Mosca & Summer F
Alicia Shoup & Alexis



Ryan Elting & Stefun



Kevin Klingel & James

Happenings since last newsletter

- Pre-Posada
- Goldston, Siler City and Pittsboro Christmas parades
- Nutcracker Ballet
- Grand Prix
- 2 Side Street Gallery Art Workshops
- Raleigh Little Theatre: *Bunnica*, *Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* and *Wylie and the Hairy Man*
- MEACC Basketball Tournament
- *Sleeping Beauty* by the Carolina Youth Ballet



Pittsboro Xmas Parade



At Raleigh Little Theatre's *Bunnica*



CCT! gives back at Big Sweep



Grand Prix



Goldston Xmas Parade

CCT! Student Participates in BETA Club Celebration

Congratulations to Loriann Shelton, Bonlee Elementary School's Junior Beta Club President.

Loriann recently attended the North Carolina State Junior Beta Club Convention held in Greensboro, February 16-17, 2009 along with 14 other Bonlee Beta Club students, 2 sponsors and 3 parents. With over 3,000 in attendance, Loriann participated in its Presidential March, proudly displaying her school flag.

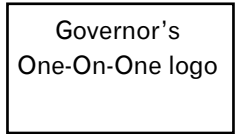
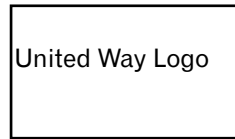
As an 8th grader at BES, Loriann was a cheerleader and a part of the WBES, the school's official broadcast of news and events. Loriann has been matched with Linda Brady since April 16, 2004.





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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.

CCT! Staff/Support Staff

- Kim Caraganis
- Roy Barnes
- Shirille Lee
- Pam Johnson
- Maria Soto
- Tracy McInturff
- Gwen Overturf
- Marjorie Hudson
- Hugo Gallegos
- Adolfo Aguilar
- Patricia Aguilar

2008-09 Board of Directors

- Jim Kirkman, Chair
- Fabian Sparrow, Vice-Chair
- Rita Marley-McKenzie, Treasurer
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- Curtisteen McCrimmon
- Bruce Murray
- Dee Reid
- Angela Brown
- Patricia Wall Poe
- Virginia Chambers
- Judge Page Vernon, ex-officio



Join CCT! for Chili's Non-Profit Day

On May 6th, Chili's is partnering with CCT! for Chili's Non-Profit Day! Any guest who mentions CCT! to their server or gives the server a flyer or postcard that has the CCT! and Chili's logo on it will automatically donate 10% of their purchase to us.

Chili's menu offers a variety of American fare at a reasonable price and is located in the Beaver Creek Commons shopping center in Apex, just 17 miles from downtown Pittsboro. Pick up your flyer at the Lobster Sale, Volunteer Appreciation or just remember to go out to eat that day and mention CCT!

**CCT! Volunteer Coordinator,
Volunteers Wins Awards**

Congratulations to

- CCT! **Volunteer Coordinator Shirille Lee** for receiving the *Margie E. Ellison Making a Difference Award*.
- volunteers **George Greger-Holt, Harvey and Nancy Harman and Captain Charles Gardner** for receiving the 2009 *Margaret Pollard Outstanding Community Service Award*.
- **Megan Bolejack**, now certified as a *Community Civil Rights Educator*.



Shirille Lee
CCT! Volunteer Coordinator

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 post high school educational programs (vocational school, community college, 4-year college) are encouraged to apply. Scholarship winners will be notified the week of June 15. Call 542-5155 for more information or check our website after April 15 for application and instructions.

Welcome new volunteer
Heidi Schultz