

Chatham New School Students Appreciate Second Chance

High school junior, Kevin, came to school an hour and one-half early. He missed his Chatham Transit ride from Siler City to *Chatham New School (CNS)*, so he caught a ride with a friend to Pittsboro. He didn't want to miss class today.

"A friend of my mother's told her about the program the day I was suspended, and we were here the next day," he began. "I'm glad to have this chance to keep my credits. I want to do bigger and better things after high school," he said.

At 10:00 he would join nine other students at *CNS*, an alternative program for students who have been expelled or suspended long

term from Chatham County Schools. In the meantime, he wrote answers to Algebra II problems as he thought about his two weeks at *CNS*.

"It's so different here. You have to do more yourself. If you want to know how to work a problem, you have to ask," he explained.

He misses the high school social life in Siler City. "I used to be able to talk to my girlfriend between classes."

Finishing its fourth year as a partnership between Chatham County Schools and CCT!, Director Kim Caraganis sees *CNS* as a vital, strong CCT! program worthy of front-page attention. With supervision and a

strong focus on schoolwork while out of the traditional setting, she sees it as a growth opportunity.

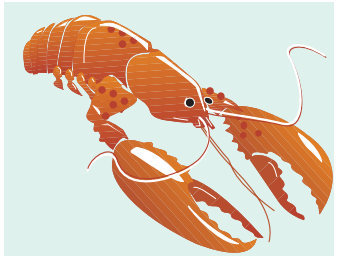
"It's a good dropout prevention measure, but also a crime prevention measure," Caraganis added.

Instructor Caro Bick has a three-year perspective on the program. "We do try to teach responsibility," she said. "Generally, the students are angry when they arrive." She is pleased with the progress of the current class of four girls and six boys. "It's good to see them working better together and more mature," she praised.

CNS's lead teacher Andre Mapp, Nancy Hobson and Bick teach regular classwork approved by the individual

school. In addition, the students participate in physical education. The student's receptiveness to the recent addition of yoga disproved her skepticism. "I thought they would consider it 'dumb'," she said. "We have a few leaders who are athletic, and once they modeled it, the others joined

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**5th Annual
Lobster Sale**
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Making Time for Mentoring



John & Fabien Sparrow

Pittsboro resident and new mentor Fabien Sparrow finds mentoring "a real pleasure." He enjoys his match, fourteen-year-old John. "Working with a teenager is not so different from a younger one," he said. "Younger kids just see their problems as more short-term."

"John is a great kid, an excellent student, and one of four children in his family. He enjoys soccer, and I've taken him horseback riding, to the movies, and just hanging out at the mall. I'm really looking forward to summer when there will be more things to do."

During these first two months, they have taken the opportunity to participate in several group outings with the staff and other volunteers and matches. "We went to a play and to the circus," he said.

Sparrow learned about CCT! after working on a project with Basic Needs Coordinator Beverly Wicker of Chatham County Schools. He asked her for a recommendation of a more long-term opportunity to serve youth. He's happy with his involvement and wishes there were more volunteers. "There are not enough out there," he said.

When asked about the additional time, he responded, "You just have to make time. That's the only way to establish any relationship."

Night in Italy Big Success

(some excerpts taken from an article by Milburn Gibbs in the Chatham News & Record Feb 10th 2005)

Chatham County Together! hosted its third annual *Night in Italy*, and once again it was a success. With over \$3800 raised and over 250 hours of volunteer time given, the community rallied to support CCT!'s fundraising efforts. CCT!

board members and volunteers set up the dining area, and several volunteers, including youth, served the people at candlelit tables. Guests dined to the soothing piano music of Liz Tedesco.

The menu of chicken Florentine (chicken donated by Townsends) was deliciously prepared by Daphne Lagasse of the Nomadic Chef and the General Store Café in Pittsboro. In the kitchen, Nancy Tanguay,

Patty Kenlan and Dorothy Hammett tossed salad and served up the plates.

Several friends of CCT! prepared fabulous home-made desserts which included almond tortes, chocolate cheesecake and biscotti served by Mary Schoonard.

The evening ended with Gail Crider announcing who would walk away with silent auction items. Even though the evening was in competi-

tion with the Super Bowl, the Council on Aging's dining room was filled to capacity.

Thanks to the following people and businesses that made *Night in Italy* such a success!

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PROGRAM HAPPENINGS

- Roy Barnes, Youth Advocate, received the Unsung Hero Award through Alston Chapel Church and the Humanitarian Award through the Chatham NAACP Community, Branch #5377.
- Shirille Lee represented CCT! by sitting on a panel for the Administration on Children, Youth and Families at their annual meeting to discuss the issue of sustainability as it related to the Federal Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Initiative.
- CCT! hosted a regional meeting for Governor's One-on-One Program's Directors.
- Family Advocate Elizabeth Vickrey and founding CCT! board member George Greger-Holt served as community advocates with the Legislative Oversight Committee on Statewide Collaboration for Children's Services.



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- CCT! completed a basketball season with a team for 8-10 year-olds with Chatham County Recreation.
- Maria Soto, Family Advocate, presented a public awareness program on "Substance Abuse in Community" as part of a series for the Mental Health Association.
- CCT! will have its first co-ed track team in collaboration with Chatham County Recreation.



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5th Annual Lobster Sale

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

- Lobster dinners make a great Mother's Day or graduation gift.
- Plan a quiet dinner at home or get together with family & friends for a Lobster Party!
- Only \$13 each live; \$15 each cooked.
- Average weight 1.33 pounds.
- No limit – buy as many as you like!
- Order by May 10th.
- Pick up lobster Saturday May 14th between 3PM and 4PM
- Pick up at one of several convenient locations (see order form).

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.

Lobster Order Form

___ Number of Live Lobsters x \$13= ___

___ Number of Cooked Lobsters x \$15= ___

Total amount (enclose check) _____

Name

Address

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

**I will pick up my order on May 14th at
(check one)**

- Pittsboro: off Hwy 87
- Ferrington
- Carolina Meadows (residents only)
- Governors' Club (residents only)
- Siler City – First United Methodist Church

Mail order form with check to

Chatham County Together!
PO Box 1101
Pittsboro, NC 27312

**For orders to be processed and confirmed,
all orders MUST be postmarked and full
payment received at the Chatham County
Together! office no later than May 10th.**



Questions? 919-542-5155 THANK YOU!

New School

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in. It has mental health benefits. It is mind training," she explained. "It teaches them how to handle difficult situations, to focus, and to calm down."

She recalled a recent former student's visit that illustrates the ideal outcome of a New School experience. "This student was a very angry young man, especially towards women, and at first he refused to work. He learned that the work was his personal responsibility, and that he couldn't balk the authority, but must work for himself. Now he is on the A/ B honor roll and cared enough to visit."

"Of course all do not return to their schools, but many do," Bick said.

This individual attention works. The current funding supports only three days per week. "I wish we could go to five days," Bick said. "it's a long time from Thursday to Tuesday, and it takes a while for the students to settle in."

Welcome volunteers

Irv & Rita Slotnik
Ehren Hines
Melissa & James
Ledgerwood



Latoya and Jasmine

Contributions since last newsletter *Thank you, contributors!*

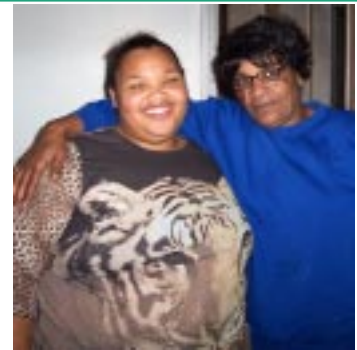
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Fran Hamilton	Dixon & Barbara Raymond	South Fork Friend's Church
Jean Harper	Dee Reid & Jeff Starkweather	Spence Builders Supply
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Joan Hill	Gloria Robinson	Toys for Tots
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Pem & Babe Hobbs	Elizabeth Anne Rumsey	Wal-Mart
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The Wiggins & Travis & AJ



Destiny & Kristen Lindstrom



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NEW One-on One MATCHES

- Fabian Sparrow & John
- Maggie & George Zwilling & Bryan
- Gayel Holt & Brittany
- Kristen Lindstrom & Destiny
- Brenda Alston & Tierra
- Barb Myers & Kelly & Jessica
- Gayel Holt & Brittany
- Angie Dones & Alexia
- Bev & Jim Wiggins & AJ & Travis
- Brenda Farrish & Taneshia



Brittany & Gayel Holt

Volunteers Needed for a . . .

- 13 year-old girl from the Silk Hope area who loves animals, softball, swimming, outdoors and movies. Looking for someone that's easy to talk to, that will listen and be a friend.
- 7 year-old boy from Siler City who loves school, soccer, riding bikes and playing outside. Looking for someone to spend time with him and help with schoolwork. Volunteer that speaks Spanish preferable.
- 6 year -old girl from Siler City who loves school, drawing and coloring. Looking for someone that can help with schoolwork, take her to the library and play games with. Spanish-speaking volunteer preferable.
- 8 year-old boy from North Chatham who loves basketball, playstation and playground. Looking for someone who can tutor and play.
- 11 year-old boy from North Chatham who loves basketball and play station. Looking for positive male volunteer to talk to, tutor, and hang out with.
- 14 year-old girl from Siler City who loves basketball, shopping and movies. Looking for someone non-judgmental that easy to talk to.
- 9 year-old boy from Pittsboro who loves basketball. Looking for someone fun to spend time with.
- 8 year -old boy from the Pittsboro/Bear Creek area who loves all sports. Lots of energy! Looking for an energetic person to spend time with – outdoors.
- 11 year-old boy from Silk Hope who loves animals and being outdoors. Looking for someone with similar interest that can also be a support and a good listener.

Please help us raise \$20,000 to run our programs this year



I want to contribute to Chatham County Together!

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Address _____

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Your contribution is tax deductible.

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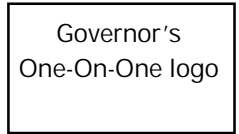
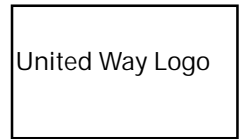
My donation is in honor/memory of _____

include address for us to send acknowledgement

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

Honor Roll

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Kayla	Ariel	Elizabeth
Romeo	Roxanna	Donte
Courtney	Dakota	Bryan
	Kendrick	



Chatham County Together! is a private non-profit agency that helps young people ages 6 to 17 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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Cooking and Art

"Cooking and Art," a new workshop for CCT! girls was made possible because of a Grassroots Arts grant through ChathamArts. This was a collaboration between several girls in Chatham County Together!; Goldston resident and well-known "dessert diva" Andrea Batsche; and Chatham Studio Tour and Chatham Arts board member Lesile Palmer, well known for her mixed media, graphite on paper and portraits. "We wanted to give the girls an opportunity to cook some healthy, low-cost recipes and begin a recipe book that they could continue to fill with family & friends' recipes. A bonus with this activity was having a graphic artist who enjoys teaching art. Each of the girls was also given a drawing and water color lesson, and their watercolor painting was used as their cookbook cover," said Kim Caraganis, director of CCT!



"Cooking and Art" workshop

Group activities since last newsletter

"Disney On Ice"
Greensboro Coliseum
"Cinderella"
Raleigh Little Theatre
Christmas Party for CCT!
youth, families & volunteers
The Circus
Greensboro Coliseum
Bowling/Movies - Sanford
"The Emperor's New Clothes"
- Raleigh Little Theatre
Cooking & Art workshop
Fishing
YMCA



the group at "Cinderella"