

CSBG Spotlight

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A Message from our CSBG Program Director

Happy Holidays from GLEAMNS CSBG staff!

Welcome back to the second issue of the GLEAMNS CSBG newsletter! With this issue, we continue to fulfill our aspiration to enlighten everyone on the wonderful services that our CSBG Department provides. We continuously highlight our customers, youth, and staff who are doing extraordinary things in the community to enhance the lives of others and themselves.

We draw special attention to our community partners that assisted us in making a difference in the lives of our youth leadership participants (our future community leaders). The youth had the opportunity to explore the world of politics, health, and safety as evidenced by the photos throughout the newsletter. We seek to promote continuous self-improvement and self-development. We share our youth's ideas, inspiration, and best practices which can develop them into mature and courageous leaders in this ever-changing world.

We hope you enjoy this second issue of our CSBG newsletter and share it with friends, colleagues, and customers. More importantly, please continue to network and partner with us to build a more connected and rewarding program!



-Marcella Kennedy

Warmest regards,

Marcella A. Kennedy

GLEAMNS CSBG Program Director

Dr. Patton (pictured right) was honored at the GLEAMNS 50th anniversary celebration. Happy Retirement, Dr. Patton!

—Photo taken by Zsagez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff



GLEAMNS Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary Celebration

For the agency's 50th anniversary celebration, GLEAMNS honored Dr. Patton for his retirement. Dr. Patton served as the agency's Chief Executive Officer from 2002-2016. The event was held on October 20, 2016 at Piedmont Technical College inside the James Medford Family Event Center. Though not hosted by the CSBG Department, the event was an agency-wide effort. A number of special guests came to the event, from senators to executive directors and community leaders alike. A short film was also shown, reflecting on the historical milestones of GLEAMNS. Moreover, staff who have been with the agency for 30-40 years were recognized for their years of service. One of those recognized was Annie Burton. Annie is one of the CSBG Case Managers for Greenwood County, and she has been with the agency for 37 years!

Staff "In Action"



CSBG's Marcella Kennedy (third from the left) volunteering with her Leadership Greenwood classmates. As part of Leadership Greenwood, she and others were volunteering at Greenwood's annual Super Networking Night. The event was held at the Piedmont Technical College James Medford Family Event Center on September 15, 2016.

—Photo taken by Zsquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff



Ursula McFadden (GLEAMNS WIOA) and CSBG's Marcella Kennedy helping out at the GLEAMNS 50th Anniversary Celebration, honoring Dr. Patton. The event was held at the Piedmont Technical College James Medford Family Event Center on October 20, 2016. Here, the ladies are at the check-in table, informing guests where they would be sitting. They, along with other agency staff, were behind the scenes.

—Photo taken by Zsquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

CSBG's Zsquez Flucker delivering parts of the "Intro to ROMA" training curriculum. The ROMA (or Results-Oriented Management and Accountability) training took place on November 30, 2016 at the SHARE Community Action Agency in Greenville, SC. Zsquez and her co-trainer Tandy Bannister (from SHARE) are both in training to become certified ROMA trainers. They are advancing to the final phase of ROMA certification and will hopefully become certified in early 2017.



Participants following along as Zsquez reads from the participant's ROMA manual.



Zsquez explaining parts of the "Logic Model," which is a tool used in ROMA training. It's useful for planning, monitoring, and evaluation in terms of program management.



Zsquez going through an activity with the participants. They were looking at baseball cards as part of a module.

—Photos taken by Marcella Kennedy, GLEAMNS staff

And the “Biggest Loser” is...GLEAMNS! Congrats, G3!!!

For six months, GLEAMNS HRC took part in a state-wide health initiative sponsored by the S.C. Association of Community Action Partnership. Based on the “Biggest Loser,” agencies across the state competed in monthly weigh-ins from May 2016 to October 2016. The agency’s team that lost the most pounds as a group won the competition for a big cash prize. The winners of the competition were announced on November 4, 2016 at the annual State-wide Mid Fall Conference in Charleston, SC. The weight loss team for GLEAMNS, called G3, lost the most weight. Thus, GLEAMNS won first place, and the G3 team received a plaque and a check for \$1500!



An earlier group picture of G3, not including all 13 members.
—Photo provided by Vanessa Frazier, GLEAMNS staff



The G3 team being announced as the “Biggest Loser” at the Mid Fall Conference in Charleston, SC.
—Photo taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

Meet the CSBG Members of the G3 Team

Yamedra Lancaster



A.K.A.: “Yielding to Good Health”
Yamedra
Position: Case Manager
for Abbeville County

Why she joined G3:
“Because I wanted to lose weight and get healthier.”

Her takeaway:
“Every step counts, from moving to cutting back on food...I’ve become more conscious of my activities, so now I get up from behind my desk and move more. When I do, I meet my daily goal of 10,000 steps, and I feel better!”

Marcella Kennedy



A.K.A.: “Making Muscles” Marcella
Position: Program Director

Why she joined G3:
“To be a part of something GREAT!”

Biggest benefit:
“More muscle tone!”

Her new philosophy:
“It’s all about eating in moderation, not self-deprivation.”

LaRoysha White



A.K.A.: “Losing lbs” LaRoysha
Position: Case Manager
for Greenwood County

Why she joined G3:
“Because Marcella made me! I wanted to be a part of a weight loss team.”

What helped the most:
“Being part of a team that held you accountable in exercising and watching what you ate was most beneficial. It was great that we cheered each other on, and having the ‘Fitbit challenges’ definitely made a difference.”

Libra Wilmore



A.K.A.: “Living Lean” Libra
Position: Case Manager
for Laurens County

Why she joined G3:
“To get healthy...I didn’t know [the winners would receive a cash prize].”

Biggest benefit:
“I was able to shed some pounds!”

What changed:
“I wake up daily with the goal of trying to live a healthy lifestyle in mind. Everyday may not have my most desired outcome, but that still doesn’t stop me from trying each day.”

Staff "In Action" *continued*

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CSBG's Marcella Kennedy carrying a sign in the Greenwood Christmas Parade, which took place on Sunday, December 11, 2016. For their volunteer hours, Marcella and her Leadership Greenwood classmates helped with the "Festival of Flowers" float, which included a cake topped with "50" and a "pig" sculpted out of shrubbery adorned in Christmas décor. Leadership Greenwood helped set-up the float's foundation. —Photos taken by Zsquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

In Honor of Veterans Day



Betty Wheeler currently serves as a case manager for our Cherokee County office. She served in the United States Army for six years, from 1975 to 1981. In honor of Veterans Day, she shared some of her experiences while in the military.

What made you join the United States Army?

I was curious.. My brother was in the service at the time, and I wanted to know what [the Army] was about.

What position did you hold?

Drill sergeant. I was responsible for basic training. With basic training, those under my command had to be physically fit. For instance, they had to be able to run four miles within a certain amount of time. But they also underwent weaponry training and classroom sessions. With the classroom sessions, they had to STUDY... We needed to see what level they were on, see their mental capacity or comprehension. After they completed their training with me, they would be transferred to another base to continue their training. Sometimes, they would be sent to places like Afghanistan.

Betty Wheeler in her army uniform. She had a speaking engagement at a local school on November 10, 2016 for Veterans Day.

—Photo provided by Betty Wheeler, GLEAMNS staff

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In Honor of Veterans Day *continued*

Fun Fact:



Our very own Betty Wheeler met the entertainer James Brown while serving in the U.S. Army.

Being a female sergeant—and back in that day—did you have any “trouble-makers”?

Granted I only had men under my command, for the most part, me and my company got along just fine. There were a few that tried to “challenge” my authority, but they were dealt with accordingly.

Where were you stationed?

When I first joined the Army, I did an INTENSE two-week training at Ft. McClellan in Alabama. But other than that, I trained soldiers at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, SC; Ft. Gordon in Augusta, GA; and Ft. Bragg in Fayetteville, NC.

How was the food in the military?

Food was great! I had the best cooks in my company—the men could cook! We had different menus every day, but the breakfasts were the best! We didn’t even do toast; they made the biscuits from SCRATCH!

Did you receive any medals or awards?

I received a silver belt buckle for being an expert in weaponry. This was issued from the Army. Also, I received a plaque from my company (those under my command) for being the “Best Drill Sergeant.”

What was your most exciting or most interesting experience?

Meeting the “Godfather of Soul” himself, James Brown! It was on a Friday night in 1978, and I was stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA. It was during a social outing when I and some others met him at one of his establishments in Augusta. He was very nice and was a hospitable host. He said he didn’t know they had women soldiers in the army!

Thank you, Betty Wheeler, for taking the time to speak with me concerning your life in the United States Army.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



In Honor of Veterans Day (YLP Edition)



For Veteran's Day, our Youth Leadership Program embarked on a special project. As a way to honor veterans, YLP developed a "Certificate of Appreciation" to present to veterans at Morningside of Greenwood. Each certificate included snippets from the students and were personalized by YLP instructor Geneva Patterson with the name of the veteran who would receive the certificate. On November 10, 2016, two YLP students were able to hand out the certificates to several veterans at the assisted living facility. This was the first time YLP has done such a project, and it certainly won't be the last!



YLP students Essence Frazier (left) and Sydni Cooks-Greer (right) handing out certificates in honor of Veterans Day.

—Photo taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

***From the students of the GLEAMNS CSBG Youth Leadership Program:
We honor your service, your courage, and your dedication to the United States of America.
God bless America, and God bless you! Thank You!***

Success Stories and Good News! (from our Case Management Program)

• College Graduate—Greenwood County

Latasha Jimerson enrolled in Case Management on May 11, 2016. She graduated from Piedmont Technical College on August 4, 2016 with an Associates in Applied Science—Major in Criminal Justice.

What did GLEAMNS help with? The cost of books for her final semester at Piedmont Technical College

• (Pending) College Graduate—Greenwood County

Azialynn Winfield enrolled in Case Management on May 3, 2016. She will graduate with an Associates in Nursing from Piedmont Technical College. Her graduation ceremony will take place August 2017.

What did GLEAMNS help with? The cost of books for her summer semester at Piedmont Technical College. (Azialynn only had two semesters left—Summer 2016 and Fall 2016—and she was able to meet all her curriculum requirements to obtain her nursing degree.)

• CNA Program (Completed)—Edgefield County

Courtney Abney enrolled in Case Management on July 20, 2016. Courtney completed both the class and clinical portions of the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course at the Lifelong Learning Center in Batesburg-Leesville, SC. She is currently awaiting to register for the CNA exam.

What did GLEAMNS help with? Fees associated with the CNA course at the Lifelong Learning Center. The fees included the entire cost of the CNA program (and textbooks), uniforms and supplies for clinicals, and even the cost of the CNA exam.

“Success Stories and Good News” continued**Saluda Graduate Gets Nursing Job!**

Lacey Chapman, a resident of Saluda County, enrolled in the CSBG Case Management program in May 2016. She was referred by Rebecca Allen, the GLEAMNS WIOA Case Manager for Saluda County. Unemployed as a full-time student, Lacey had been attending Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood for the past two years. Being one semester away from graduation, she found herself needing assistance with tuition and books. Tuition and books are part of the educational assistance that Case Management can cover under the GLEAMNS CSBG program. Thus, Lacey was assisted with these costs by Whitney Mims, the Saluda County CSBG case manager, and she was able to take her final semester. On August 4, 2016, she graduated from Piedmont Technical College with her Associates from the nursing program. Lacey was able to become one step closer to fulfilling her dream: *becoming a nurse*.



“Success Story”
Lacey Chapman—
at her pinning
ceremony on
July 29, 2016.

Lacey’s passion for wanting to become a nurse stemmed from her experience while she was in labor with her 3-year-old daughter, Julia. At the hospital Lacey had been admitted to, the nursing staff was so rude that she almost left with a horrible experience. It was then she decided she wanted to be a nurse in labor and delivery. Lacey said she wanted to help women while in labor because she had been in their footsteps and wanted to make their experience as comfortable and easy-going as possible. Thus, she began her journey to meet the requirements of nursing, starting with going to school and getting her nursing degree. Since she finally had her nursing degree—with help from the Case Management program—she took the nursing boards on September 1, 2016 and passed. Just a few weeks later, Lacey’s dream became a reality—she was hired as a nurse at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood! She started working in her position on September 19, 2016. While enrolled in CSBG Case Management, Lacey received help with tuition and textbooks for her final semester at Piedmont Technical College.

—Thanks to Whitney Mims, GLEAMNS staff, for providing original article!

YLP Student Receives Cosmetology License

YLP student Essence Frazier, who will finish out YLP this year as she attends college, received her cosmetology license in July 2016. The 18-year-old was able to participate in a local cosmetology program offered by the G. Frank Russell Career Center. The CSBG Case Management program was able to assist her with the total cost of the program, which included the first year kit and fees. Congratulations, Essence, on being a registered cosmetologist!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Youth Leadership in Action

Youth Leadership Program Spends the Week at Hickory Knob State Park

During the summer, the Youth Leadership Program attended the 2016 10th Annual Statewide Youth Leadership Institute. The SC Association of Community Action Partnerships (SCACAP) held the week-long event at Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick, SC. YLP students from Community Action Agencies across the state participated in the Institute. The event was held July 11-15, 2016, and on different days, workshops and sessions took place for the development of the students' teambuilding and leadership skills.



GLEAMNS YLP students able to attend the YLP Institute, shown here at Lander University. From left to right—Nikiaya Phillips, Aniya Garlington, Geneva Patterson (YLP instructor), Nickevius Phillips, Natavious Price, and Essence Frazier. As part of a College Educational Tour, the YLP Groups were bused to Greenwood to tour Lander University.



GLEAMNS YLP students and YLP Instructor with "Career Day" speakers. "Career Day" was held on July 12, 2016, and speakers from different backgrounds shared their career experiences with the YLP groups.

—Photos provided by Geneva Patterson, YLP Instructor

YLP Having Fun at YLP Awareness Day—Ice-Skating!

The GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program traveled to Irmo, SC to participate in the 10th Annual Youth Leadership Awareness Day. The event was held at the Plex Indoor Sports & Ice facility on August 2, 2016.

Competitive and educational games took place to promote physical fitness as well as social and emotional well-being. Students engaged in several activities, such as HIWire, ice skating, and even Tug of War. Four YLP students and two staff members were able to represent GLEAMNS for the event.

—Photos provided by Geneva Patterson, YLP Instructor



YLP student (Aniya Garlington) and staff (Geneva Patterson and Joshua Jones) ventured onto the ice for ice-skating at the Plex.

Youth Leadership Program Attends HIV/AIDS Workshop

YLP students attended an HIV/AIDS workshop on September 12, 2016. The speaker was Jason Williams, M.Ed., of Upper Savannah Care Services, who came to the Brewer Community Complex to speak with the students. The informative workshop was very informal, which seemed to put the students at ease with asking questions. Mr. Williams talked to the teenagers about safe sex and information concerning HIV/AIDS, including symptoms, facts, prevention, and treatment.



YLP instructor and students who were able to attend. From left to right, standing—Geneva Patterson (YLP instructor), Jaumira White, Jason Williams (speaker), Nikiaya Phillips, Aniya Garlington. From left to right, sitting—Chevney Williams, Natavious Price, and Essence Frazier.

YLP students listening to the speaker. At this point, he was dispelling the myths associated with HIV/AIDS.



—Photos taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

YLP Tours Local Fire Station



Plaque displayed inside the fire station.

In observance of Fire Prevention Safety Awareness Week, GLEAMNS YLP toured Greenwood City Fire Department Station 1 on October 10, 2016. Not only did firemen give the students a tour of the fire station, but they also discussed fire safety tips and what it takes to be a fire fighter. Students were able to go inside the fire trucks and see where the firemen would sleep, eat, and “live” during their 24-hour shifts. The firemen even slid down the iconic fire pole to give students a glimpse of how quickly they have to respond to a call. The students overall enjoyed the fun yet informative tour of the fire station. Six YLP students and two staff members were able to attend.

More Moments Captured During the Fire Station Tour



Firemen and GLEAMNS YLP students. From left to right (students)—Natavious Price, Essence Frazier, Joshua Daniels, Aniya Garlington, and Nikiaya Phillips.



Mannequin displaying fireman uniform and equipment.



Uniforms “ready to go” once duty calls.



Fireman showing how to properly slide down the fire pole.



Fireman showcasing a tool used to locate people if conditions are too foggy to see.



Jaumira White (YLP student) posing for a picture while inside one of the fire trucks.



Fireman informing students of the dangers of going back inside a burning building.



Essence Frazier (YLP student) holding up part of a fireman's mask.

Youth Leadership Program Attends Drug Awareness Workshop

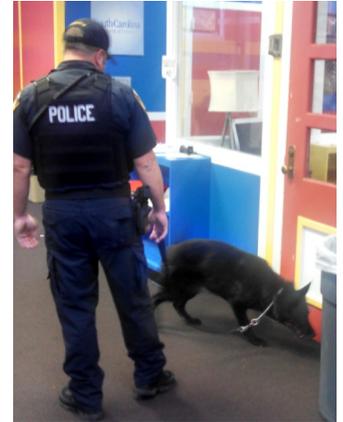
YLP students attended a Drug Awareness workshop on October 19, 2016. The speaker was Lieutenant Jason Budreau from the Greenwood City Police Department. Not only did Lieutenant Budreau speak about drugs and their consequences, but he also spoke on gangs and what it takes to be a police officer. He also brought his police dog, named Cindy. He shared surprising facts about police dogs, including the significance of giving commands to them in their native language. For this workshop, the GLEAMNS Teen After School Center Program was able to sit in with the YLP students.



Lt. Budreau telling students what it takes to be a police officer.



Lt. Budreau sharing the time when he had to be hosed down by the fire department after busting in on a meth lab. He didn't enjoy the experience.



Lt. Budreau letting K-9 Cindy show how she does her job.



Students guessing at the "gadgets" on Lt. Budreau's vest.



Lt. Budreau speaking on Cindy's training and how regular outings with her can turn into a drug bust.



Lt. Budreau showing how K-9 Cindy doesn't like to let go of her 'chew toy.'

—Photos taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

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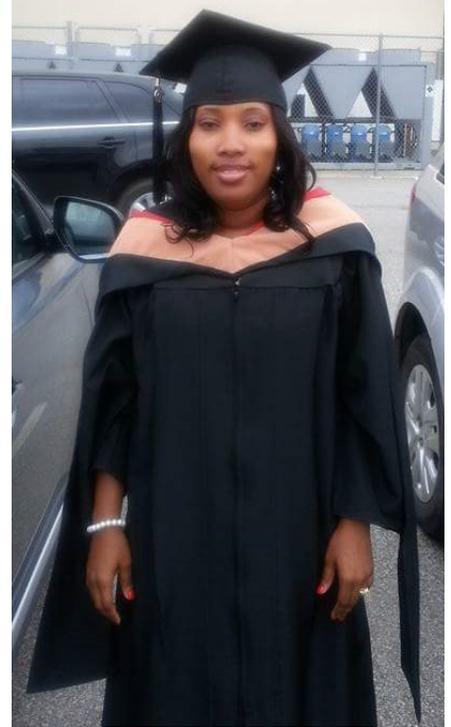
Employee Spotlights!

Congratulations, Graduate!

This married mother of four juggled work, family, and all else to get her Master's in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix! Ambra Drummond enrolled in the program two years ago, and though it was around the time she had her youngest child Tyson, she was determined to carry out her plan: *to be an example for her children*. She wanted to show her kids that they could do anything they set their mind to.

Though it was a struggle to manage work, family, a new baby, and life (period) with her schooling, Ambra was able to adjust and make it work. For instance, with her youngest child Tyson, she developed a routine—every night, she would lay down with him around 10:00pm or 10:30pm (whenever he went to sleep). Then, with her alarm set for 1:00am, she would wake up to complete any school assignments she had. After that, she would go back to sleep for a couple of hours and get back up at 5:30am so everyone could get ready for the day. Imagine doing that for months and months along with handling the day-to-day duties at work!

Even so, Ambra's work ethic in the Laurens office showed no signs of compromise. As a Laurens County case manager for the CSBG Department, Ambra is cross-trained to conduct assessments and applications for not only utility assistance, but also rental (and even Case Management) assistance. She continued to do an excellent job in maintaining her strong resolve as a GLEAMNS CSBG case manager. After two years of sleepless nights and lots of coffee, Ambra finally obtained her Masters degree. The graduation ceremony for the University of Phoenix took place at the Township Auditorium in Columbia, SC, and on July 16, 2016, Ambra walked across the stage to get her degree.



Ambra in her cap and gown for her MBA!
Her graduation ceremony took place on
July 16, 2016 in Columbia, SC.

—Photo provided by Ambra Drummond, GLEAMNS staff

"Hi! My name is..."

Pearlie Jones



- Job Title: CSBG/LIHEAP Case Manager (for Edgefield County)
- Joined GLEAMNS: February 2009
- Hometown: Edgefield, SC
- Her favorite songs include: "Awesome" (by Charles Jenkins & Fellowship Chicago), "It's Working" (by William Murphy), and "Worth" (by Anthony Brown & group therAPy)
- Her favorite part about working at GLEAMNS: helping others
- Hashtags that describe her personality: #Dependable, #Courteous, #Humble
- Persons she admire most: Her mother and father
- Things that she does well: Cooking, sewing, gardening
- Favorite sports team: If she had to choose, it would be the USC Gamecocks football team.

Employee Spotlights! continued

"Hi! My name is..."



Diana Maria Dill

- Job Title: Site Manager for Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties
- Joined GLEAMNS: January 25, 2016
- Hometown: Manville, NJ
- Her favorite movies include: *San Andreas*, *The Day After Tomorrow*, *The King's Speech*
- Her favorite part about working at GLEAMNS: The communication between the various sites and management. If she has questions, she would just ask and get her answers pretty quickly.
- Her favorite songs include: "Imagine" (by John Lennon) and "Simple Man" (by Shinedown)
- Other languages that she speaks: German (not fluently but a good bit). Also, she picked up a little Spanish from one of her co-workers in the Spartanburg office.
- Things that she does well: Singing, gardening, aerobic kickboxing (early on)
- Favorite sports teams: New England Patriots, Carolina Panthers, USC Gamecocks football team

Employees are randomly selected for this feature. Check out our upcoming newsletter to see who will be featured next!

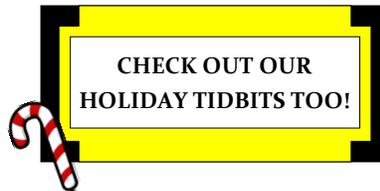
In Case You Didn't Know... (with the CSBG Administrative Staff)



Marcella Kennedy

CSBG Program Director

- Joined GLEAMNS in: 2000 to 2007—Worked for WIA Department, Returned to GLEAMNS in November 2011
- Hometown: Greenwood, SC
- Her favorite songs include: "How Will I Know" (by Whitney Houston) and "Ribbon in the Sky" (by Stevie Wonder)
- Something she does well: SLEEP!
- Her favorite Christmas songs include: "Silent Night" and "Mary, Did You Know?"
- Her favorite Christmas films/movies include: *A Christmas Story* and *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*
- Her favorite Christmas memory: Spending every Christmas with her parents, eating soul food and watching *A Christmas Story*



Zsaquez Flucker

Assistant CSBG Program Director/ROMA Coordinator

- Joined GLEAMNS: February 2009
- Hometown: Abbeville, AL
- Hashtags that describe her: #Modelesque, #Foodie, #Creative
- Her favorite movies include: *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, *The Lord of the Rings (Trilogy)*, *Imitation of Life*
- Her favorite Christmas songs include: "Oh Holy Night," "Christmas Time is Here," "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch"
- Her favorite Christmas films/movies include: *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)*
- One of her family's Christmas traditions: Everyone choosing one gift to open on the night of Christmas Eve—only one!

Youth Leadership in Action *continued from page 11*



YLP students attended a County Council Meeting on November 15, 2016. The meeting was held at the Greenwood County Library American Veteran's Auditorium. Students are pictured with members of County Council. Five YLP students were able to attend along with the YLP instructor.



YLP student (Natavious) meeting one of the members of County Council.

—Photos provided by Geneva Patterson, YLP Instructor



The YLP students sponsored a holiday food drive to help the Greenwood County Food Bank and feed some of the elderly population in Greenwood County.

Non-perishable items were collected for a two-week period, from November 21, 2016 to December 9, 2016.

—Photo taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff



On December 20, 2016, YLP attended the 2016 Statewide Youth Leadership Oratorical Forum & Banquet in Columbia, SC. GLEAMNS did not participate in the oratorical forum challenge this year, but five YLP students and three adults were able to attend on behalf of the agency. Even so, students will continue to work on their public-speaking skills, so next year GLEAMNS will be able to hopefully compete and win top prize.

—Photo taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

Our Youth Leadership Program students also...

- **Attended an "Etiquette" workshop** on November 30, 2016. The speaker was Melissa Germain, who is the Culinary Arts Instructor at the G. Frank Russell Technology Center in Greenwood. Students learned dining etiquette, such as how to properly set a table and even good manners. Students also practiced interviewing skills, which covered appropriate dress, proper handshaking, and even guidelines for a résumé.
- **Attended a CPR and First Aid Training Certification Class** to become CPR-certified. The two-part class was held on December 1, 2016 and December 8, 2016, and the CPR Instructor was Selynto Anderson, who serves as the Community Prevention & Wellness Services Manager at Self Regional Healthcare. Since most emergencies take place outside of a hospital, this is an important skill to know. Also, many colleges and universities require their students to be CPR/First Aid certified. Eight students were able to attend this workshop. After completing the requirements, students gained life-saving skills to become CPR-certified!

Snapshots from the YLP “End of the Year” Banquet

The GLEAMNS CSBG Youth Leadership Program wrapped up the year with its annual End-of-the-Year banquet on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. The event was held at the Inn on the Square in Greenwood, SC.



Towards the end of the program, certificates and gifts were presented to each YLP student.



YLP instructor and students who were able to attend. From left to right, standing—Joshua Daniels, My’risha Dean, Nikiaya Phillips, Geneva Patterson (YLP instructor), Essence Frazier, and Natavious Price. From left to right, sitting—Alaezah Johnson, Aniya Garlington, and Sydni Cooks-Greer.



The “men” posing for a post-banquet picture. Joshua (left) and Natavious (right) with Joshua Jones (GLEAMNS staff).

—Photos taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

To participate in the GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program, students must be between the ages of 12-18 and attend schools in the Greenwood School Districts. Enrollment in YLP is open throughout the year, so eligible students can enroll during the school year and even during the summer months. For more information, please contact the Greenwood CSBG office at 864-229-8862.

The Promise of Community Action:

Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Just For Fun!

Hello from Japan!

Konnichiwa! (or Good afternoon!) Not many can say they've been to Japan, but one of our staff members can. Pearlie Jones, our Edgefield County case manager for the CSBG department, recently went overseas to visit her son and his family in Japan. On November 21, 2016, she and her husband took a LONG flight to the country, and for two weeks, Pearlie and her family traveled around the area before coming back to the States. It was an experience like no other!



Downtown in the busy city of Machida, located within Tokyo, Japan.



Narrow roads in downtown Atsugi, located in Kanagawa, Japan, which is southwest of Tokyo.



Garden in Atsugi. The black soil is from volcano ash.

—Photos provided by Pearlie Jones, GLEAMNS staff

Holiday Trivia!!!

Take this quiz and see what you know (or don't know) about the holiday season!
(See page 19 for the Answer Key.)



1. Which country created eggnog?

- A. England C. U.S.A
B. India D. Russia

2. What little green creature "stole" Christmas in 1966?

- A. Elf C. Grinch
B. Scrooge D. Snowman

3. How many lords-a-leaping were there in the song "12 days of Christmas"?

- A. 8 B. 10 C. 7 D. 11

4. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?

- A. Habla Espanol
B. Frohe Weihnachten
C. Buon Natale
D. Feliz Navidad

5. Bing Crosby is dreaming of what kind of Christmas?

- A. Blue C. Merry
B. White D. Happy

6. Which U.S. President banned the Christmas Tree from being displayed in the White House?

- A. Theodore Roosevelt
B. Jimmy Carter
C. Barack Obama
D. Lyndon B. Johnson

7. In the movie "A Christmas Story," what character ends up with his tongue frozen to the flagpole?

- A. Ralphie B. Flick
C. Randy D. Scut Farkus

8. What city name do the states Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland, and Georgia have in common?

**If you are ever in need of utility or rental assistance,
please contact your local CSBG/LIHEAP office:**

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The GLEAMNS CSBG Main Office, located in Greenwood, SC.

—Photo taken by Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

"If you are persistent, you will get it. If you are consistent, you will keep it!" (Anonymous)

The Last Word (from the Editor) by Zsaquez Flucker, Assistant CSBG Program Director



—Zsaquez Flucker

It's not about plastering pictures on a couple of pages...it's about sharing what we encounter here are at CSBG.

Happy Holidays! *Feliz Navidad!*

Wow, this year has gone by so quickly, huh? In just a few weeks, we will be making our New Year's Resolutions...well, some of us anyway.

I just wanted to *personally* thank you for giving this department newsletter a read! For those of you who checked out the first issue earlier this year—THANK YOU! To those of you who are seeing us for the first time—THANK YOU TOO!

This is about letting you know what's going on with our GLEAMNS Community Services Block Grant program. It's not about plastering pictures on a couple of pages, but it's about *sharing* the experiences, the stories, the news that we encounter here at the CSBG department. And given the year we had, there was a LOT to share!

So, yes, THANK YOU, for giving us a read! I hope you will stick with us as more and more newsletters roll out in the future. But as we close out this year of 2016, I wanted to leave you with two things...



Doesn't this look like a holiday card?
Season's Greetings from our YLP students and staff at the YLP Oratorical Forum!

That was the first thing. The second thing is this—here's a head start on your resolutions for next year:

**New Year's Resolution #1:
Be MORE awesome than last year!**

See you in 2017!

Zsaquez Flucker

Editor



Editor's Pick for Event Photo

Managed to get a picture with the honoree himself, Dr. Patton, before the GLEAMNS 50th Anniversary Celebration kicked off.

What's in the Future

- ***MORE Youth Leadership in Action***, possibly a trip to Washington, D. C.!
- ***Consignment Clothing Closet for infants and small children kicks off!***
- ***CSBG hosts annual Community Action Day in May 2017!***
- ***And more!***

Check us out again in
June 2017
for more!

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There's more to GLEAMNS than
meets the eye!

Our Mission Statement:

GLEAMNS CSBG Programs have as their mission to provide opportunities through a variety of programs for low-income persons to work toward self-sufficiency and build positive self-esteem.

Our Agency Mission Statement:

The mission of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission Incorporated, a community-based organization, is to deliver quality services, assistance and opportunity to eligible customers with emphasis placed on education, employment and developing self-sufficiency.

Thanks for giving us a read!

Answer Key to "Holiday Trivia" on Page 17: 1-A; 2-C; 3-B; 4-D; 5-B; 6-A; 7-B; 8-Bethlehem