

# Wake Local Reentry Council

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## HIGHLIGHTS



### Wake LRC Collaborates with Legal Aid of NC to Educate Participants on their Rights to Access Expungement & Certificates of Relief Tools

In case you missed it, Attorneys Ayana Robinson and Darren Chester presented during the Nov 19th Council Meeting. They shared valuable information regarding housing law protections and the impact of the new Second Chance Act legislation. Realizing that this information needed another audience, we decided to expand the partnership. Beginning Jan 2021, Legal Aid Attorneys will facilitate *Criminal Record Expungement: From No to Yes!* sessions monthly. The live education sessions will be held on the 1st Thursday from 11- 1 pm. [Registration](#) is required to attend.



### Impact: A Wake LRC Participant Success Story



Mr. G's probation officer introduced him to the LRC. He was homeless and living in a barn since returning from prison. Mr. G was struggling due to heavy alcohol use. However, he is a skilled tradesman and was ready to turn his life around.

Working with the LRC case manager, Mr. G was able to get a phone, which enabled him to schedule an interview and eventually secure a job. With the wind at his back, Mr. G gained safe housing and a job. His employment, a full-time, permanent position paying \$20 an hour was contingent on being able to obtain the materials needed for work. Wake LRC quickly assisted Mr. G with getting the work tools and boots needed to accept the position. Now he is on a path of success! A little support along the way made his new direction possible.



## Wake LRC in Partnership with Faith Based Organizations Deliver Food to Housing Partners and Our Participants

Last month, Gethsemane SDA Church, Macedonia New Life Church and Wake LRC partnered to bring more than 200 boxes of food items, 100 PPE mask kits, and hand sanitizer to housing partners, individual participants, and other community based organization.

**Pictured Above:** Donna Farrar, Wake LRC Case Manager delivers food items to residents of transitional housing partner, Pardon by Christ (PBC). All PBC residents received food items regardless of their enrollment with the LRC.

**Pictured Right:** Angela Hawkins-Father's Forever, LaVerne and Tony Robinson-Gethsemane SDA Church and Wake LRC staff. Large containers of hand sanitizer and food boxes were provided to this housing partner.



## Valley Brook Farms Gift Basket



Rusty Rescue Ranch held it's first Howl-O-Weenie Silent Auction in October. Attendees bid on gift items while learning about issues that impact reentry and the overall community. The event was a success and Wake LRC won this beautiful gift basket, which could be yours. Attend the Dec 17th Council Meeting, wear an ugly holiday sweater, and encourage your colleagues to attend. Everyone will vote for the ugliest sweater. The winner will receive this basket and a custom Ugly Sweater Holiday Mask.

**Gift Basket Includes:** Jalapeno Pickles, Chocolate Cordial Cherries, Grape Leaf Pickles, Fruit Spread, Chocolate Fig Jam, Orange Marmalade. Valley Brook Farms LLC is family owned and operated, located in Durham, NC. Their award-winning gourmet pickles and preserves are made from only fresh fruits and vegetables.



## Subcommittee Leaders



**Bernadette McAllister, Supportive Services Subcommittee Chair**

Bernadette is an instructor and

counselor at WTCC. She was born and raised in SE Raleigh and she is passionate about serving her community. When she is not teaching, Bernadette is busy with her non-profit organization South East Raleigh Computer Center located in downtown Raleigh.



**Diana Powell, Housing Subcommittee Vice Chair**

Diana is the Executive

Director of Justice Served NC. She is also a Community Success Initiatives, Second Chance Alliance Outreach Coordinator and previously served as the chair of the Crosby Advocacy Group. Diana is a pillar of her community, an advocate for youth, reentry and social justice change.

## WAKE LRC Service Delivery

Since becoming the new intermediary agency in February 2019, CAWD has provided direct services to 119 Wake County citizens returning from incarceration. Approximate expenditures:

- Transportation- \$1,300
- Housing and Utilities- \$25,000



*What Ugly Sweater Mask? I'm Cute! I'm going home with a 1st Place WINNER!*



- **Criminal Record Expungement: From No to Yes, Dec. 3rd & 9th, 11-1 pm, then Monthly on the 1st Thursday of the mo. Beginning Jan 2021**
- **LRC Council Meeting Dec. 17th, 12- 1:30 pm. **Wear an Ugly Holiday Sweater** for a chance to win awesome prizes.**
- **LRC Legal Aid Seminar for Partners Jan. 29th 11-1pm at NCWorks. 1830-B Tillery Place (not for clients).**
- **The Restorative Justice Dept at Campbell Law School will launch the first ever Reentry Circles Project outside of a secure institution on Jan 26th, 2- 4 pm, at the NCWorks Center at Tillery. Returning Citizens will have an opportunity to promote healing, understanding and transformation through group engagement. Participants will be individually selected to participate in this unique opportunity. To refer your clients contact LaNarda N. Williamson at [nikki.williamson@wakegov.com](mailto:nikki.williamson@wakegov.com).**
- **Closed for Holidays Dec 24 - 28 and Jan 1**

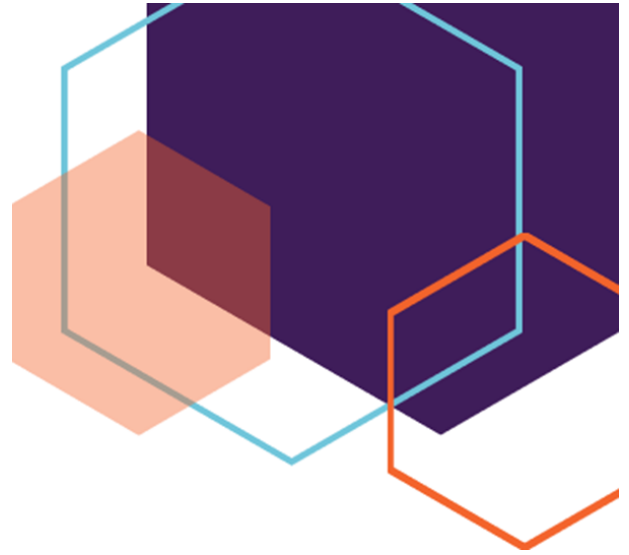
# WAKE COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES

## Catholic Parish Outreach

(2013 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh NC)  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays  
8:30 - 11:30 am

## Gethsemane Seventh-day Adventist Church

(2525 Sanderford Rd, Raleigh, NC)  
Saturday, Dec 12th, 12:30-2:30 pm



# FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITES

- Wake County Human Services is conducting drive-thru COVID-19 testing at specified locations throughout the county.

For more information visit:

<https://covid19.wakegov.com/testing/>

- [Radeas Labs](#), Results in 7hrs



Like to submit an article or information  
for our next newsletter?

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### Wake LRC Mission:

Our mission is to reduce recidivism and victimization and increase public/community safety by creating an effective network of people and organizations that specialize in assisting citizens and families with the challenges of transitioning out of incarceration.

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<https://www.wakelrc.org/>

