

Duplin County Senior News

Mission Statement: Improving the lives of Duplin County seniors through opportunities that encourage social interaction, enhance quality of life, and support independence.

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Kenansville Senior Center—Drive Through

Essential Meals & Grocery Pickup

As food insecurity continues to be an issue for many seniors, we are making every effort to provide meals to senior participants safely. In addition to the frozen meals for active participants, we are providing a bag of groceries. The groceries are available for any Duplin County senior.

Meal & Grocery Pickup Schedule

Monday's - Beulaville and Wallace Nutrition Site

Tuesday's— Faison, Kenansville, and Warsaw Nutrition Site

Services for the Aged Staff

Melisa S. Brown, Director

Liz Batts, Receptionist, SHIP Coordinator

Kathryn Cavanaugh, Social Worker I

Altheria Cornelius, Homebound Meal Coordinator

Frankie Hobbs, In-Home Aide Supervisor

Jamie Raynor, Accounting Clerk; Editor

Important Dates: 07/03/20

Office and Congregate
Nutrition Sites closed in
observance of the
July 4th Holiday.



**WORLD ELDER ABUSE
AWARENESS DAY**
Building Strong Support for Elders

Make Your
MARK!



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



MAKE YOUR MARK: MAY 2020

As we all continue to make “lemonade out of lemons” we find alternate plans to continue to provide quality service for our seniors. Currently, even at a social distance, the staff continue to provide education and resources, evaluate and implement protective measures in an effort to keep the covid-19 virus at bay from the vulnerable population we serve. Change is inevitable, and it is during these difficult times in our lives we must find the positive daily tidbits to embrace and encourage each other.

What have you taken for granted during the stay at home order? Specifically, at the senior center, the coffee and conversations, playing bingo, or participating in the exercise programs and activities. The staff and I have missed the “SENIORS” the most. The smiles, the laughter, the smell of food in our locations! In addition to missing the seniors, we have missed our “VOLUNTEERS”. This year the volunteer celebration event planned was cancelled due to the mass gathering restriction. As were so many of the annual special events hosted during the months of April, May, and June. Brain storming ideas is in progress and more information will be available soon as to future plans.

When the senior center and congregate nutrition sites are open again, we will have to find our “new normal” for a while. It is our priority to keep our employees and seniors safe in every aspect. As we began to move from Phase II to Phase III, more information will be released concerning the senior center and congregate nutrition site locations.

The staff and I are thankful and grateful to serve in any capacity to our senior population.

Sincerely,

Melisa J. Brown, Director

Duplin County Services for the Aged

Duplin Senior News—June 2020

Volunteers are Vital to any organization. During the months of July, 2019—March, 2020, (206) volunteers provided 4,811 hours of service to the agency. Our Volunteers Are Awesome!



thank you!

A special thank you to the following individuals and organizations for the donation to the agency.

Adoram Baptist Church

Four County Electric Membership Corporation

Kenansville Baptist Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, Community Members

Mount Zion Presbyterian Church

Mr. Mike Casey

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sybrant

Wallace Rotary Members -Chapter #7730



Relief for the hot summer heat!

Duplin County Services for the Aged provides relief for the hot summer heat. This project is a service that is available for seniors who are highly susceptible to heat, but may not be able to purchase fans. Contributions from Dominion Resources, Duke Energy Carolinas, and Duke Energy Progress through the Division of Aging and Adult Services are made available to Area Agencies of Aging to purchase fans in support of "Operation Fan Heat Relief".

For more information, please call 910-296-2140.



March 18—May 13, 2020

Seniors Served—1,558

Meals Served—8,868

Special Thanks:

Agency Staff Members;

Duplin County Public Transit



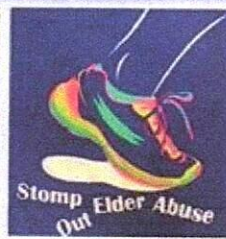


WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders

Lifting Up Voices

POST IT IN PURPLE CHALLENGE



1 in 10 Americans age 60 and over experience abuse.

Every year communities around the world join together to raise awareness of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This is an opportunity to renew your commitment to help preserve the rights of older adults. We all have the right to live with dignity, free from abuse, and neglect. As we confront the COVID-19 virus, and the social distancing measures necessary to slow its spread, we know that social isolation increases older adults' risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Learn the signs, prevent isolation, talk about it, report it, build awareness, and advocacy in your community.

Are you an advocate for older adults?

Build awareness in your community about Elder Abuse.

Grab your friends, family and co-workers and show your advocacy.

Take a picture, challenge someone, and post it on social media.

May 10, 2020 – June 21, 2020

Eastern Carolina Council Area Agency on Aging

CHALLENGES YOU TO:

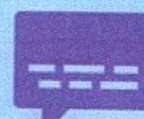
“POST IT IN PURPLE.”



**Make a Sign
Wear a Shirt**



**Take a Picture
Take a Video**



**Post It On
Social Media**

#WEAAD, #ECCAAA

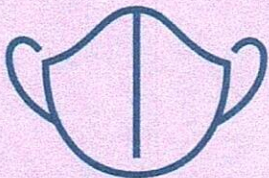
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Know Your Ws



WEAR

a cloth
face covering.



WAIT

6 feet apart.
Avoid close
contact.



WASH

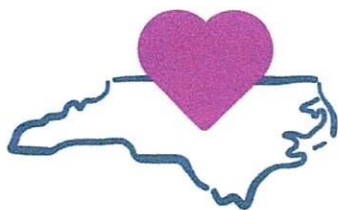
your hands
often or use
hand sanitizer.

STOP!

Do not enter if you
have these symptoms
of COVID-19

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

**Staying apart brings us together.
Protect your family and neighbors.**



#StayStrongNC

Learn more at
nc.gov/covid19.



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