# May 2016 Newsletter

# Nash-Edgecombe Economic Development, Inc.

200 North Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27802-5451 www.needcaa.com | 252-442-8081

The mission of Nash-Edgecombe Economic Development is to promote and work for those activities or programs that are necessary or desirable:

- for advancing the general welfare of low-income people
- to promote self-sufficiency
- to increase self-worth of those served and those serving
- to protect and enhance individual dignity by means of
- providing training, resources, and opportunities through
- services and non-service strategies in an effort to eliminate poverty.

#### **Housing News**



In the month of April, Section 8 Housing had 410 families under lease. The waiting list for Section 8 Housing currently contains 216 applications. The Section 8 staff hopes to make a decision and announce the new Housing Inspector soon!

#### **N.E.W. ReEntry News**



ReEntry held a special ceremony in recognition of their participants, volunteers and staff.





Edition 3 -TW



# **Upcoming Events**

#### May 4

**Board Meeting** 

5:30PM

June 8

Staff Recognition Day

**TBA** 

#### June 8

**Board Meeting** 

5:30PM

# Important Announcements

To share staff or family/citizen highlights and department news in future newsletters, send information to Tiphanie Wells: <a href="mailto:twells@needcaa.com">twells@needcaa.com</a>

#### **Family Development News**



Open House: Edgecombe Youth Development Center

NEED Inc. CSBG Staff joined Governor Pat McCrory; Secretary Frank Perry, N.C. Department of Public Safety; Commissioner W. David Guice, Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice; William L. Lassiter Deputy Commissioner, Juvenile Justice; along with government officials and juvenile justice representatives on Thursday, April 14, 2016, for an open house for the unveiling of the newly renovated Edgecombe Youth Development Center at 78 Positive Way, Rocky Mount, NC 27801.

The renovation, updates and re-opening of this facility is an integral part of North Carolina's Juvenile Justice Facilities Strategic Plan. The new facility will increase the state's youth development center bed capacity in

a safer, more secure facility, and at a lower cost.







CSBG Staff with Governor Pat McCrory and Senator Angela Bryant

#### **Head Start News**



April 10-16, 2016 was designated as the Week of the Young Child. The Down East Partnership for Children gave each Head Start center a children's book in preparation for the Week of the Young Child activities. All our centers read the books to the children and assisted the children in illustrating the books. Posters capturing the story's activities were shared with the community during the Week of the Young Child. On Monday, April 10, 2016, the Sunset Head Start Center participated in the Children's Parade sponsored by the Down East Partnership for Children at the Discovery Play Park in Rocky Mount. Several other NEED, Inc. Head Start Centers had children and parents who participated in the parade as well. Seventy-five children and 30 parent volunteers were on-hand to enjoy the kick-off parade for the Week of the Young Child.









Edition 3-TW

Page 2 of 5



#### Head Start Children and Staff participating in the Children's Parade at the Discovery Play Park

On April 20, 2016, PNC Bank donated three Apple I-Pads, cases and \$75 worth of I-tunes cards to the NEED, Inc. Head Start program. The I-Pads will be distributed to the Head Start Centers in Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties to be used for instruction with the children. Additionally, PNC Bank provided the Head Start Program 1,000 Math is Everywhere Activity Kits. The kits were shared with all 633 children's families.



On, Tuesday, April 26, 2016, A.J Richardson Head Start Center in Rocky Mount hosted a Parent Activity Day for all eight Head Start Centers. PNC Bank partnered with the NEED, Inc. Head Start program and brought their Mobile Learning Adventure to the event to emphasize STEM careers. Children and their families were able to participate in STEM activities sponsored by PNC Bank. Chick-fil-a, Hardees, Little Caesars Pizza, and the Head Start Parent Committees provided in-kind donations and refreshments for the event. Over 200 children, parents, community members, and volunteers participated in the event.

NEED, Inc. Head Start held a "Parents' Night Out" for parents in Wilson County at the Wilson County Agriculture Auditorium. Parents enjoyed movie night with refreshments. The movie viewed was "Spit'n Anger, The Venom of a Fatherless Child."

The fathers of Sunset Head Start also participated in a Fatherhood Support Group meeting during April.

Edition 3-TW

Page 3 of 5

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic Tournament

NEED, Inc. presented its 2nd annual golf classic at Northgreen Country Club in Rocky Mount Friday April 15, 2016. The event featured a golf tournament along with a casino themed social immediately afterwards. Businesses and individuals were able to participate, donate, or provide sponsorships.

The Wilson Times and Rocky Mount Telegram covered the event in their circulatory prints.

http://www.rockymounttelegram.com/Community/2016/04/11/Fundraising-golf-tourney-to-help-boost-NEED-services.html

http://wilsontimes.com/stories/Community-Briefs,63906?

For additional photos, please visit the Rocky Mount Telegram photo gallery link below.

http://www.rockymounttelegram.com/gallery/NEED-Golf-Classic-Social









#### On The Web

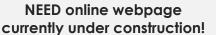
Social Media



**Search**: Nash-Edgecombe Economic Development, Inc. –NEED



**NEED** will be on Twitter soon!



Family Engagement/ Male Involvement



## Nash Community College Wellness Fair

NEED staff participated in the Nash Community College Wellness Fair as a community outreach projects in efforts to draw more awareness to the agency's available services.





## North Carolina Community Action Association News

#### **Annual Conference**

May 10-13, 2016 Sea Trail Golf Resort and Convention Center Sunset Beach, NC

Edition 3-TW