



# Monthly Newsletter

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## *DCCAA & Community Reminders*

Feb. 4	DCCAA Low Impact Aerobics
Feb. 5	<u>First Steps Diva Den at 3:30</u>
Feb. 6	DCCAA Low Impact Aerobics
Feb. 8	DCCAA Line Dancing Class
Feb. 11	<u>DCSD Board Meeting</u>
Feb. 12	<u>First Steps Diva Den at 3:30</u>
Feb. 19	<u>First Steps Diva Den at 3:30</u>
Feb. 23	<u>First Steps Baby Crawl</u>
Feb. 25	Policy Council Mtg. at 5:30
Feb. 26	<u>First Steps Diva Den at 3:30</u>
Feb. 28	DCCAA Board Mtg. at 5:30

Head Start Health and Safety: Parents please remember to hold your child's hand upon arrival and departure from school.

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## ***Youth Leadership Taking Flight!***

Shaniyah Singleton, the 18 year old daughter of Ms. Sharon Singleton, is a senior at Lamar High School. Shaniyah has been enrolled in the Youth Leadership Program since 2014 and has confirmed that YLP has taught her so much. Shaniyah states she really enjoyed The Six Pillars of Character self-development program and will never forget being the 2015 Statewide Oratorical Contest Winner. Shaniyah is a well-rounded student that not only excels academically, but has been an outstanding example of an Army JROTC cadet.

She enjoys shopping and hanging out with her mom and her friends, singing on the church choir, and being on the JROTC Rifle team. Shaniyah plans to attend South Carolina State University while serving in the Army Reserve. After college Shaniyah plans to become an active duty soldier. After retirement, she plans to return to Lamar High School as a JROTC Instructor.



*Shaniyah Singleton, Youth Leadership Member*



*Hashani Goff, Youth Leadership Member*

## ***2018 SCCAP 10<sup>th</sup> Oratorical Forum Contest Runner-up***

Hashani Goff, senior at Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology and daughter to Ms. Pamela Steventon was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up at the 2018 South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnership's 10<sup>th</sup> Statewide Youth Leadership Oratorical Forum Contest in Columbia, SC.

Hashani has been a part of YLP for the last two years. After high school, Hashani plans to attend Lander University in Greenwood, SC with a major in Biology. Congratulations Hashani!

*~ Ms. Pamela Stevenson, Outreach Coordinator*



## St. Joseph Head Start Center

January denoted S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Appreciation Month in our Head Start Program. On Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, January 10, parents, students and teachers of St. Joseph Head Start Center visited Dooley Planetarium and Observatory at Francis Marion University in Florence, SC.

It was a joy to see parents and students interact while enjoying the hands-on exhibits and interactive displays.

*Monica Davis, Center Manager  
St. Joseph Head Start Center*



*St. Joseph Head Start Center children visiting Dooley Planetarium and Observatory at Francis Marion University in Florence, SC.*

## Officer Elections

On December 17 the Head Start Policy Council met at Black Creek Bistro for their monthly meeting. While being served a delightful meal, the Policy Council elected officers for the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Ameila Hudson, MG Burno Head Start Center parent was elected Chair. Mr. Willie Black, St. Joseph Head Start Center parent was elected Vice Chair. Ms. Antoinette Sutton, Butler Head Start Center parent was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

The DCCAA Board began the year with their annual and monthly meeting on January 24 at Butler Head Start Center and held the election of officers. Ms. Jeronell Bradley, Lamar (Public) Representative, was elected Board Chair. Mr. Clarence Ings, Society Hill Representative of the poor was elected Vice Chair. Mr. Donnell Camp, Hartsville (Private) Representative, was elected Board Secretary/Treasurer. Many thanks to the officers of our governing bodies for their service and support for our programs. Congratulations!

*La'Quantia Goodman, Resource Administrator*

## Harvest Hope Food Bank

*The mission of Harvest Hope Food Bank is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion and education. If you are in need or know someone in need of food assistance, please have Harvest Hope at 843-661-0826 or find assistance with local partners by clicking [here](#).*



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days (direct  
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once return is  
accepted by  
IRS.

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**DARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY  
ACTION AGENCY**

904 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hartsville, SC  
(843) 332-1135

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
10 am – 4 pm

## Required Items:

- Valid picture identification.
- Social Security cards for self, spouse and **ALL** dependents.
- Correct birth dates for self, spouse and **ALL** dependents.
- Form W-2 Wage & Tax Statements from all employers.
- All Form 1099's including interest, dividends, pensions, unemployment, state tax refunds, miscellaneous income, Social Security Benefits Statements, if applicable.
- If using Direct Deposit, a bank document showing the Bank Routing Number and Account Number.
- Form 1095A Health Coverage (**The Market Place**).
- If claiming child and dependent care expenses, the amount paid and the care provider's name, address and identifying number.
- If itemizing, a list of all deductible expenses.
- **NICE TO HAVE:** Copy of last year's Federal and State Returns.
- Additional information may be requested by DCCAA.

Why Are You Paying to Have Your  
Taxes Completed?

Do You Have Money to Burn???????



**FILE YOUR TAXES FREE  
ELECTRONICALLY!!**





Making mathematical ideas “real” by using words, pictures, symbols and objects is an important block in a child’s foundation.



Science teaches children about the world around them and how to relate to real-life situations.



Remember our children should get at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day!



Music and movement helps develop and refine social skills in children.

### Wellness Corner

*Low Impact Aerobics (Free)*  
*Monday, Feb. 4 at 5:30-6:30*  
*Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 5:30-6:30*

*Step-by-Step Line Dancing (\$5)*  
*Friday, Feb. 8 at 5:30-6:30*

*All classes held at DCCAA Central Office!*  
*904 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.*  
*Call 843-332-1135 to register!*



*February is Heart Health Month!*  
*Healthy Heart Tip: Regular, moderate physical activity helps lower blood pressure while controlling weight and stress levels.*

### Staff Celebrations

#### February Birthdays

Bertha Ashley, Community Services	1
Levette Dixon, Butler	2
Diana Harrison, St. Joseph	9
Sheila Buard, Community Services	13
Machell McElveen, Ed. Coordinator	23

#### February Employment Anniversaries

Joseph Ham, Jr., Facilities	1
Yolanda Robinson, St. Joseph	2
Kesha Jackson, MG Burno	9
Cilicia Toney, Butler	19

*Thank you for your dedication and years of service to DCCAA!*



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