

CSBG Spotlight

GLEAMNS CELEBRATES COMMUNITY ACTION DAY!

May is Community Action Month, dedicated to recognizing the success of the national Community Action Network. GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. is a member of the network, which consists of 1,000-plus Community Action Agencies working across the country to help low-income individuals and families. To celebrate Community Action and raise awareness in the community, GLEAMNS held its annual Community Action Day on Friday, May 18, 2018. This one-day event took place at the Brewer Recreation Center in Greenwood and displayed the various services and resources offered throughout the communities. The GLEAMNS Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Department hosted the event.



CAD Banner welcoming attendees!
—Photo courtesy of Zsazquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

Highlights from the event include an appearance from Mayor Welborn Adams of Greenwood and attendees “walking it out” during the event’s cakewalk. Mayor Adams had proclaimed May 2018 as Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of GLEAMNS and all Community Action Agencies. As part of the event’s program, he read his Community Action Month Proclamation to the attendees present. Throughout the day, attendees were able to network, enjoy a meal, participate in games, and win door prizes. Twenty exhibitors were in attendance for Community Action Day, and those who could not attend provided door prizes as well as advertisement for the event.

The event had a great turnout from the public, with over 150 people in attendance. Community Action Day was truly a huge success, as it brought people together to celebrate and support everyone’s efforts in making the community a better place to live.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR...



Marcella Kennedy
CSBG LIHEAP Program Director

Summer is here, and we welcome you to the 5th installment of the CSBG newsletter! We continuously strive to keep our agency, board of directors, customers, and community partners updated with all the recent happenings in CSBG. This issue showcases Community Action Day 2018, staff and customer accomplishments, community service presentations, and much, much, more!!

We are pleased to embrace one new starter to the CSBG Family. Introducing Eunice Lewis, our Intake Specialist/Office Assistant for Spartanburg County. She has over 20+ years working in the social service arena with helping individuals obtain employment, and we are excited to have her on our team. We hope you find our newsletter inspirational and valuable. Please share feedback to help us improve our content by contacting our amazing editor at zflucker@gleamnshrc.org.

Marcella A. Kennedy

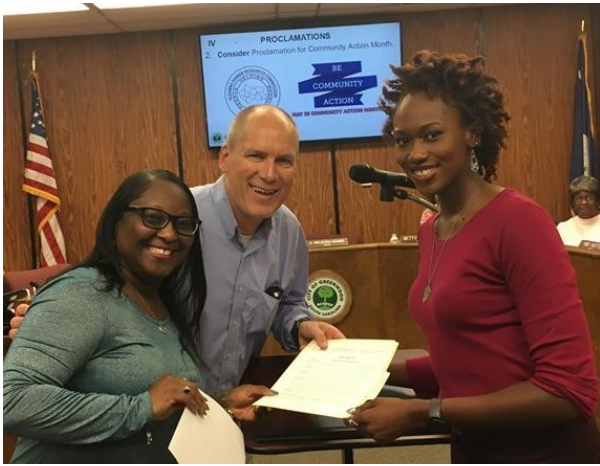


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Mayor Welborn Adams pictured with Marcella Kennedy (left), CSBG LIHEAP Program Director, and Zsazez Flucker (right), Assistant CSBG LIHEAP Program Director, during the May 7th Greenwood City Council Meeting.

—Photo courtesy of Zsazez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

May is National Community Action Month, so this year, to kick off the start of Community Action Month, the GLEAMNS CSBG Department reached out to Mayor Welborn Adams of Greenwood to request that he designate May 2018 as Community Action Month. On May 7, 2018, Mayor Adams issued a Proclamation during the Greenwood City Council's Legislative Special Called Business Meeting. He proclaimed May 2018 as National Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of GLEAMNS and all Community Action Agencies.

See the Mayor's Proclamation in full text on Page 3.

“Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, and makes America a better place to live.”

FROM THE EDITOR



Zsazez Flucker

Asst. CSBG LIHEAP Program Director

Dear Readers,

As you will see in the upcoming pages, we've been pretty busy! But in case you didn't know, we launched our first e-newsletter last month! It will be the perfect way for us to showcase Community Action Month for the years to come. And this year was the time to kick it off—Mayor Adams of Greenwood proclaimed May 2018 as Community Action Month and we had a successful turnout at Community Action Day, so we had to do something special! (In case you missed our e-newsletter, please make sure to check it out [here](http://www.gleamnsrhc.org) at www.gleamnsrhc.org.)

We hope that all of our publications—including this one—capture the *Promise of Community Action*, showing that we care about the entire community, and we are helping people and changing lives. Thank you for taking the time to look through this newsletter, and we hope to see you again for our next issue!

Zsazez Flucker

MEET THE AGENCIES AND VENDORS FROM COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

Community Action would mean nothing without community partners. Thanks to the unwavering support of community partners from Greenwood county and surrounding communities, Community Action Day 2018 was a huge success for GLEAMNS! Twenty exhibitors were in attendance for the event, and vendors who could not attend provided door prizes and advertisement. Let's meet them!

Absolute Total Care



The Blood Connection



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MAYOR ADAMS' COMMUNITY ACTION PROCLAMATION FOR MAY 2018



The City of
GREENWOOD
South Carolina

P.O. Box 40
Greenwood, South Carolina 29648-0040
www.cityofgreenwoodsc.com

PROCLAMATION
FOR
COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Community Action has put a human face on poverty for 54 years by advocating for limited-income citizens without a voice, so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity;

WHEREAS, Community Action serves 99% of America's counties in rural, suburban, and urban communities, connecting millions of children and families to approaches that help them succeed; and

WHEREAS, GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. is the Community Action Agency in Greenwood County working to help low-income community members to help themselves; and

WHEREAS, GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. provides numerous programs to help low-income citizens of Greenwood, Laurens, Edgefield, Abbeville, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Lexington, Fairfield, and Richland Counties. Programs include Head Start, Early Head Start, Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Weatherization, Workforce Development (WIOA), and many others; and

WHEREAS, Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Welborn Adams, Mayor of the City of Greenwood do hereby proclaim May 2018 as **COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH** in recognition of the hard work and dedication of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. and all Community Action Agencies.


D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

CSBG STAFF “IN ACTION”

Laurens staff invited to speak at Senior Options LLC

The Laurens County CSBG staff conducted several presentations this year at Senior Options LLC. Located in Clinton, SC, Senior Options provides programs and services to promote the well-being of aging persons in Laurens County. (For more information, visit www.scaccess.communityos.org.) Senior Options invited the CSBG staff to come speak about the services offered by the department. The first session at Senior Options took place on January 26, 2018, and during this session, CSBG staff spoke to participants in the Adult Day Healthcare Program.



Laurens CSBG staff speaking to participants in the Senior Options’ Adult Day Healthcare Program. From left to right, first photo—Beaneatha Williams, Laurens CSBG LIHEAP Case Manager; Vergia Mgbo, Laurens Intake Specialist/Office Assistant; and Ambra Drummond, Laurens CSBG LIHEAP Case Manager.

A few months later, the Laurens CSBG staff conducted two additional information sessions at Senior Options. The sessions took place during the week of April 13, 2018, and CSBG staff spoke to participants in the Foster Grandparents program.



Participants in the Senior Options’ Foster Grandparents program listening to the Laurens CSBG presentation.



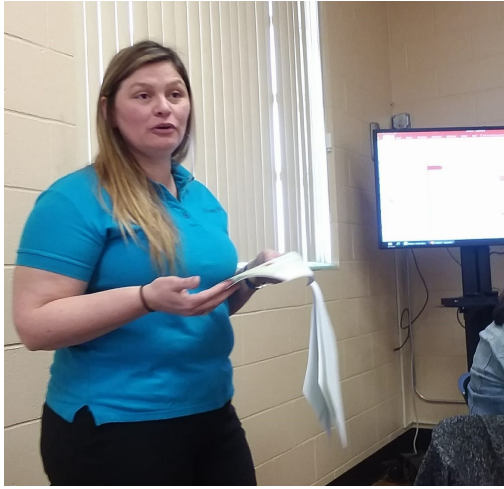
CSBG’s Ambra Drummond speaking to the Foster Grandparents program.



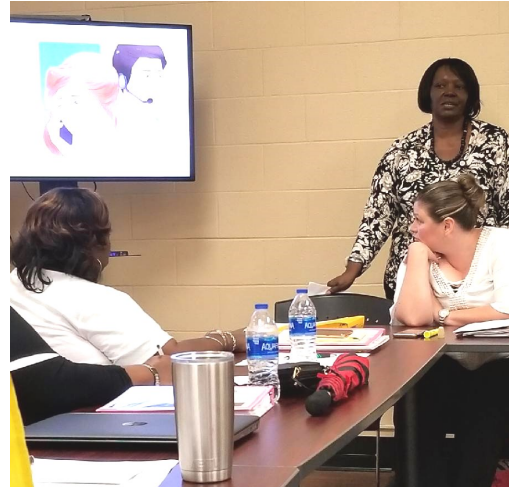
CSBG’s Beaneatha (left) and Vergia (right) pictured with Martha Fuller (center), one of the Foster Grandparent volunteers.

—Photos courtesy of: Ambra Drummond, GLEAMNS staff

“STAFF IN ACTION” CONTINUED...



CSBG’s Rosa Flores conducting an “Introduction to Spanish” Presentation during a CSBG staff meeting on February 9, 2018. Rosa covered basic elements on how to speak Spanish, including the Spanish alphabet, colors, and days of the week. She even taught general “small talk” and informal greetings. —Photo courtesy of: Whitney Mims, GLEAMNS staff



CSBG’s Kathy Buckson-Fullenwider (pictured right, standing) conducting a “Video Relay” Presentation during a CSBG staff meeting on May 30, 2018. She created this presentation for staff after receiving a call from a deaf customer and talking with her through an interpreter. Kathy explained to staff the important steps of talking to a deaf person through video relay. —Photo courtesy of: Zsazeq Flucker, GLEAMNS staff



Group photo of attendees from the state association’s first-ever grant proposal writing workshop. The workshop was held in Charleston, SC during June 25-29, 2018. The Grantsmanship Training Program provided the week-long training, giving attendees an “in-depth experience” with grant proposal writing. CSBG’s Marcella Kennedy and GLEAMNS CEO Shunna Vance were among those who attended.

—Photo courtesy of: Chelsi (Howard) Conaway, Palmetto Community Action Partnership staff

“MEET THE AGENCIES & VENDORS” CONTINUED...



Burton Center



Carolina Pride



**Community Initiatives, Inc.
with La Clinca Gratis**



Cross Roads



Department of Social Services (DSS)



GLEAMNS Head Start Department



**GLEAMNS Human Resources
Department**



**GLEAMNS Weatherization
Department**



**GLEAMNS Workforce Development
(WIOA) Department**

“MEET THE AGENCIES & VENDORS” CONTINUED...



Greenwood Adult Education



**Greenwood Commissioners
of Public Works (CPW)**



Insurance Corner

More CAD “Agencies & Vendors” on page 8

Thanks to the following vendors for providing door prizes and advertisement for Community Action Day 2018!

**Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Barnes Oil & Propane
City of Clinton
Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority (CNRGA)
Fox Sports Radio Greenwood
GwdToday
Index-Journal
Laurens Commissioners of Public Works (CPW)
Laurens Electric Cooperative, Inc.
M&M Jewelry and Frills
Newberry Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Palmetto Propane, Inc.
The Pantry Shoppe
Sunny 103.5 FM
Town of Due West**

“MEET THE AGENCIES & VENDORS” CONTINUED...



Lifelong Learning Center



Nurse Family Partnership



Project Hope



South Carolina Electric & Gas (SCE&G)



Upper Savannah



WellCare

*Thanks to all the agencies and vendors
who participated in Community Action Day 2018!
We hope to see you next year!*

—Photos courtesy of: Zsaquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff



Group selfie with customers! Photo taken by CSBG staff LaRoysha White (right), includes CSBG's Marcella Kennedy with customers smiling in the background.

MOMENTS FROM COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

From beginning to end, various moments were captured throughout Community Action Day on May 18, 2018. Moments include the event's cakewalk, the Greenwood mayor reading a Proclamation, and even a funny moment exchanged between the GLEAMNS board chairwoman and a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. These moments and more show how Community Action Day unfolded—and everything in between.



Lucky ticket winner with CSBG staff Torsha Harrison. Customer received one of the door prizes from the final drawing of Community Action Day.



Selfie time! CSBG group selfie with customer.
#Selfie #GroupSelfie #SmilesAllAround

—Photos courtesy of: LaRoysha White, GLEAMNS staff

A MESSAGE FROM SARGENT SHRIVER A PIONEER IN THE COMMUNITY ACTION MOVEMENT



Sargent Shriver

Photo Credit: en.wikipedia.org

In 1996, Sargent Shriver addressed attendees at the National Community Action Foundation Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Below is an excerpt from his speech, provided from the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute:

Let us pray for the day when regardless of politics in our own country we can become equally united, and successful, in a renewed War Against Poverty here at home...

Our most important enemy remains the enemy within our own borders, namely the [millions of] Americans who are not part of our prosperity, whose lives continue to be darkened and almost hopeless. We should never give up our efforts to rescue them from the forces, both personal and public, which condemn them to poverty even here in our own country which is without doubt the most generous and self-sacrificing group of human beings on earth.

The Declaration of Independence says that our country is dedicated to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens. Only because of you do the poor in America today have any hope they will be able to pursue happiness.

Let's not forget that even life and liberty don't fulfill the American dream. A successful pursuit of happiness is still the "as yet" unrealized objective of all of us.

—www.sargentshriver.org—

“MOMENTS FROM COMMUNITY ACTION DAY” CONTINUED



Greenwood County's Mayor Welborn Adams reading his Proclamation for Community Action Month.



Attendees "walking it out" during the event's cakewalk.



Greenwood City Councilwoman Betty Boles (serves as the GLEAMNS Board Chairperson) and the Honorable Anne Parks (SC House of Representatives, District 12) smiling for the camera!



"Hula Hoop" game participants celebrating after their final round!



Customer getting her glucose levels checked by La Clinca Gratis representative.



Absolute Total Care representative speaking with customer.



Mayor Adams in a group photo with several members of the GLEAMNS CSBG Department.

—Photos courtesy of: Zsazquez Flucker, GLEAMNS staff

For more moments from Community Action Day, visit our website at www.gleamnshrc.org.



GOOD NEWS FROM OUR CUSTOMERS

The GLEAMNS CSBG Case Management program is designed to provide educational and transportation assistance to socio-economically challenged adults in becoming self-sufficient and improving their quality of life. Case Management provides a support mechanism that helps individuals to obtain education beyond high school or prepare individuals to become marketable in the work place. Assistance may be available according to needs, as in tuition, uniforms, books, classroom supplies, and driver's license training.

EDUCATION

The following customers enrolled in Case Management for educational assistance and ultimately became certified (or licensed) in their respected areas of training:

Greenwood County

- **Azailynn Cooks** (Registered Nurse)
Azailynn re-enrolled in Case Management on January 9, 2018 for assistance with preparing for the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses. Nursing school graduates take the NCLEX exam to receive their nursing license. Before taking the exam, Azialynn received assistance from GLEAMNS with an online NCLEX review course offered through Hurst Review Services. Later, GLEAMNS helped her with the NCLEX registration and exam fees. Azialynn went on to successfully pass the NCLEX for her RN license!

Saluda County

- **Delphine Abney** (Certified Nursing Assistant)
Delphine enrolled in Case Management on October 16, 2017 for assistance with the C.N.A. course offered at Lifelong Learning Center in Batesburg-Leesville, SC. After completing the course, Delphine took the C.N.A. certification exam in February 2018. She passed and is now a Certified Nursing Assistant! GLEAMNS assisted Delphine with the cost of the C.N.A. program, uniforms and supplies for clinicals, and the cost of the C.N.A. exam.
- **Brionca Clarke** (Certified Nursing Assistant)
Brionca enrolled in Case Management on October 16, 2017 for assistance with the C.N.A. course offered at Lifelong Learning Center in Batesburg-Leesville, SC. After completing the course, Brionca took the C.N.A. certification exam in April 2018. She passed and is now a Certified Nursing Assistant! GLEAMNS assisted Brionca with the cost of the C.N.A. program, uniforms and supplies for clinicals, and the cost of the C.N.A. exam.

GRATEFUL CUSTOMER FROM LAURENS

"I didn't know how I was going to make it," says Sandra Robertson, a 68-year-old resident of Laurens customer, who got behind on her rent. Sandra is on a fixed income, and due to some unexpected expenses, which included a high utility bill, she had fallen behind on her rent. She was facing eviction and did not know what to do. "I didn't want to end up in the cold with nowhere to stay," says Sandra. So, she reached out to GLEAMNS and was able to get an appointment for emergency rental assistance with Ambra Drummond, one of the case managers at the Laurens CSBG office. On January 12, 2018, Sandra received rental assistance through the General Emergency Assistance Program (GEAP), a program offered by the GLEAMNS CSBG Department to assist with emergency rent. Thanks to the assistance she received, Sandra was able to avoid eviction and get caught up with her rent. Being so grateful and relieved, Sandra says that she is now able to get a good night's rest, something that she hadn't been able to do in a while.

—Thanks to Ambra Drummond, GLEAMNS staff, for providing original article—

“GOOD NEWS”—CASE MANAGEMENT CONT.

NEW PROGRAM: TRANSPORTATION!

As part of a new component under the Case Management program, the GLEAMNS CSBG Department now offers assistance with driver's training. This facet was created in response to a transportation issue of customers lacking a learner's permit and/or driver's license. Thus, eligible individuals can enroll in Case Management to receive transportation services, such as classroom instruction and road testing, to obtain their learner's permit and/or driver's license.



Photo of vehicle from the Anointed Hands Driving Academy, used in providing driver's training.
—Photo Credit: www.anointedhandsdrivingacademy.com

Participants in the Case Management Transportation program receive driver's training through the Anointed Hands Driving Academy. Located in Greenwood, the driving academy covers various skills and techniques, including three-point turns, parallel parking, and straight line backing to name a few. Thanks to the new CSBG program, the following Greenwood customers received their driver's license:

- **Keshia Moore**
Enrolled in Case Management on February 26, 2018.
Completed the Anointed Hands Driver's Training on March 28, 2018.
Obtained her driver's license on March 28, 2018.
- **Delores Archie**
Enrolled in Case Management on March 23, 2018.
Completed the Anointed Hands Driver's Training on March 28, 2018.
Obtained her driver's license on April 12, 2018.
- **Lakelia Gilchrist**
Enrolled in Case Management on April 27, 2018.
Completed the Anointed Hands Driver's Training on May 4, 2018.
Obtained her driver's license on May 4, 2018.
- **Cynthia Lark**
Enrolled in Case Management on May 3, 2018.
Completed the Anointed Hands Driver's Training on May 18, 2018.
Obtained her driver's license on May 18, 2018.

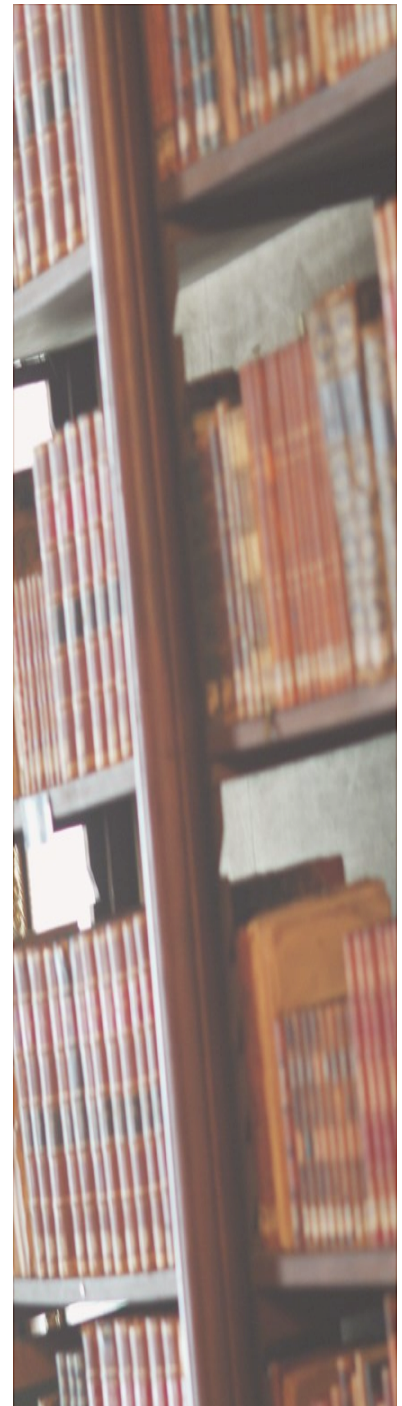
Stay tuned to see how many more are empowered to handle the road!

“Helping a person will not change the world, but it will change the world for that person.” - Anonymous

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CASE MANAGEMENT?

If individuals have a desire, willingness, and commitment to improving their current situation, then several opportunities may be available. Assistance may be available according to needs, as in tuition, uniforms, books, classroom supplies, and driver's training.

For more information about the GLEAMNS CSBG Case Management program, please contact your local CSBG office. (See page 18 for Office Locations.)



CSBG STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Staff Receives ROMA Certification



CSBG's Zsaquez Flucker sharing her ROMA training experience during the 2018 ROMA Graduation Recognition Ceremony on April 2, 2018.—Photo courtesy of: Elaina Lamar, South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships (SCACAP) staff

Congratulations to CSBG's Zsaquez Flucker, who is now a Nationally Certified ROMA Trainer (NCRT)! Zsaquez and her co-trainers Tandy Bannister and Betty Cox, from the SHARE Community Action Agency, are now a part of the National Results-Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Network. The ladies completed the requirements necessary to become a NCRT and participated in the National Peer-to-Peer project for Community Action network staff seeking professional certification.

On April 2, 2018, Zsaquez and her fellow ROMA graduates in the South Carolina ROMA Network were recognized during a special ceremony. The 2018 ROMA Graduation Recognition Ceremony took place at the Statewide Spring Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC, and even gave ROMA graduates and their group mentors a chance to share their experiences throughout the process. As newly certified ROMA Trainers, Zsaquez and her cohorts will play a vital role in moving their respected agencies forward with accountability and performance management measures, especially in meeting the requirements by the Office of Community Services.

Welcome to the National ROMA Trainer Network, Zsaquez!



Group photo of the Newly Certified ROMA Trainers in the South Carolina ROMA Network.

SO...WHAT IS ROMA?

"ROMA" stands for Results-Oriented Management and Accountability. It's known as a system aimed at helping Community Action as a whole effectively and continuously measure, analyze, and communicate performance.

In other words, ROMA helps agencies answer the question, "So What"? For instance, so *what* if you saw 1,000 customers and provided 1,000 services? ROMA helps us drill down to determine if those services had an impact, and if so, what was the outcome, or result of those services. It's the process of continuous self-examination that helps Community Action thrive. Questions that we have to ask and answer, again and again are: "Why are we here, who are we helping, what are we helping them to become, and how will we know and describe success, both theirs and ours?"

ROMA helps agencies connect strategies to outcomes, showing that Community Action Agencies are *helping people and changing lives*.

—www.ncroma.org—



ROMA graduate (second from right) pictured with ROMA mentors of different groups. With each mentor already being a certified ROMA trainer, the mentors offered advice and tips to the ROMA candidates throughout the certification process. CSBG's Marcella Kennedy (second from left) served as a ROMA mentor for Zsaquez's group. From left to right—Bertie McKie, Aiken/Barnwell Counties Community Action Agency; Marcella Kennedy, GLEAMNS; Zsaquez Flucker (ROMA graduate), GLEAMNS; Jessica McMoore, SC Association of Community Action Partnerships.

—Photos courtesy of: Elaina Lamar, South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships (SCACAP) staff

CSBG STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

Staff Wins “Staff of the Year” Award



CSBG’s Pearlle Jones (left) receiving the “Staff of the Year” Award from Ross Bowens, SCCAP President, during Awards Night on April 5, 2018.
—Photo Courtesy of Elaina Lamar, SCACAP staff

On April 5, 2018, the South Carolina Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) and South Carolina State Head Start Association (SCSHSA) held their annual “Academy of Awards Banquet” to close out the 2018 Statewide Spring Conference. The conference was held in Myrtle Beach, SC during April 2–April 6, 2018, and the awards banquet gave attendees an opportunity to not only fellowship and dance, but also to celebrate their peers.

The GLEAMNS agency won several awards for program achievement, and a few GLEAMNS staff members were recognized as well. One of the award recipients was CSBG’s Pearlle Jones, who serves as a case manager in Edgefield county. Pearlle won the “Staff of the Year” Award, awarded by the South Carolina Community Action Partnership. This award is given to a Community Action staff member who has made extraordinary contributions, services, or activities on behalf of his or her agency over a period of time.

Congratulations, Pearlle!

*“A great employee is like a four-leaf clover. Hard to find and lucky to have.”
- Tammy Cohen*



FEATURED EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

ROSA FLORES

Rosa Flores serves as a LIHEAP Case Manager in our Spartanburg county location. She has been working with GLEAMNS for over two years, and her favorite part about working at the agency is helping those in need.

Rosa was born in Spartanburg, SC and loves spending time with her family. She’s been married for 15 years and has three children, along with her dog Canelo (means “cinnamon” in English). In her free time, Rosa likes to cook, go fishing, and attend church events.

More fun facts about Rosa:

What is your favorite TV show?

Who is your favorite actor or actress?

Hashtags that describe her personality:

What is your favorite color?

Who do you admire most?

This is Us

Drew Barrymore

#MsTalkALot #Energetic #Compassionate

Green

People who are honest and direct

DID YOU KNOW? (WITH UPPER MANAGEMENT)

How well do you know CSBG's upper management—the Program Director and Asst. Program Director? See below to find out!



Marcella Kennedy
Program Director

Random facts about the CSBG LIHEAP Program Director:

Marcella joined GLEAMNS in 2000. She worked for the GLEAMNS WIA Department from 2000 to 2007, and she returned to GLEAMNS in November 2011.

Her favorite color is..... Red!

Marcella's favorite songs from 'back in the day' are... "Who Will I Choose" by Chris Bender, "How Will I Know" by Whitney Houston, and "Naturally Mine" by Al B. Sure!

An interesting fact about Marcella... She has a desire to become a Life Coach.



Zsaquez Flucker
Asst. Program Director

Random facts about the Assistant CSBG LIHEAP Program Director:

Zsaquez has been with GLEAMNS since February 2009, where she started as a part-time Activities Coordinator for the GLEAMNS DJJ/Teen After-School Center (TASC) program.

Her favorite color is..... Yellow!

Zsaquez's favorite songs from 'back in the day' are... "Try Again" by Aaliyah and "Tearin' Up My Heart" by NSYNC.

An interesting fact about Zsaquez... she shares the same birthday with celebrity Jennifer Lopez and John Newton, who wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace." They were all born on July 24th.

MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER!



Eunice Lewis
Intake Specialist/Office Asst.

The GLEAMNS CSBG Department would like to introduce **Eunice Lewis** as the newest member of the team. Eunice will serve as our new Intake Specialist/Office Assistant for Spartanburg County. We are confident that Eunice will be a great addition to our department and look forward to the positive contributions she will make with our agency.

Welcome aboard, Eunice!

GLEAMNS COMPETES FOR BIGGEST LOSER

Each year, GLEAMNS takes part in the “Biggest Loser,” a health initiative sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships (SCACAP). Across the state, Community Action Agencies participate in monthly weigh-ins to see which agency can lose the most weight and win as the Biggest Loser. The weight loss team for GLEAMNS is called the “GLEAMNS Go-Getters.” The GLEAMNS Go-Getters, or simply called G3, has won back-to-back as “Biggest Loser” in the Fall cycles of the competition. Though GLEAMNS is yet to win the title during the “Spring” cycles, the Biggest Loser competition is a great motivation for health and wellness in the workplace.

Earlier this year, four CSBG staff members—Libra, Vergia, Ambra, and Whitney—participated with G3 during the Spring cycle of the competition. The ladies enjoyed their recent G3 experience and look forward to the coming year!



Say hello to the CSBG staff from the agency’s weight loss team, GLEAMNS Go-Getters (known as G3). These ladies participated with G3 during the 2018 Spring cycle. From left to right—Libra Wilmore, Newberry CSBG LIHEAP Case Manager; Vergia Mgbo, Laurens Intake Specialist/Office Assistant; Ambra Drummond, Laurens CSBG LIHEAP Case Manager; Whitney Mims, Saluda CSBG LIHEAP Case Manager.



Libra Wilmore

*G3 Nickname: “Living Lean Libra”
Fave workout song: “Anaconda” by Nicki Minaj
Least fave exercises: Push-ups, squat thrusts
Favorite fruits: Watermelon, apples, grapes*



Ambra Drummond

*G3 Nickname: “Ambitious Ambra”
Fave workout song: “Work it Out” by Tye Tribbett
Least favorite exercise: Stomach crunches
Favorite fruit: Strawberries*



Vergia Mgbo

*G3 Nickname: “Valuing-My-Health Vergia”
Fave workout song: “I Will Survive” by Gloria Gaynor
Least favorite exercise: Sit-ups
Favorite fruit or veggie: Potatoes*



Whitney Mims

*G3 Nickname: “Weight-Dropping Whitney”
Fave workout song: “Get Up 10” by Cardi B
Least favorite exercise: All forms of exercises
Fave fruit and veg: Watermelon and broccoli*

YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

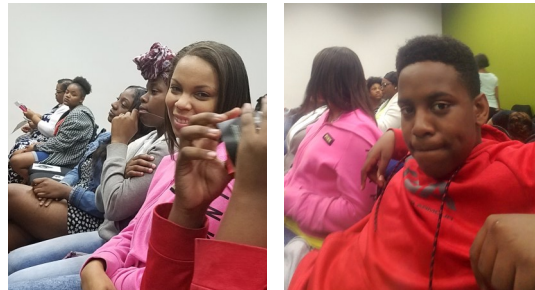
The GLEAMNS CSBG Youth Leadership Program (YLP) is a youth development program aimed at encouraging life and leadership skills in our “leaders of tomorrow.” Whether it’s during the school year or the summer, our YLP students are always engaging in educational opportunities!

Youth Leadership Attends Bullying Workshop



Participants waiting for the event to begin.

On May 15, 2018, the Youth Leadership Program attended a bullying workshop called “Rise—A Pure N Heart Response to Bullying.” The event took place at the Equipping Center in Greenville, SC and was designed to help children and parents deal with bullying. The event included discussions on the recent increase in school shootings as well as special guests, interactive presentations, and engaging performances. Four YLP students were able to attend.



YLP students, Michaela White (left) and Jervorie Smith (right), smiling for the camera.

—Photos courtesy of: Geneva Patterson, GLEAMNS staff

YLP PARTNERS WITH SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

This year, the GLEAMNS Youth Leadership Program partnered with the GLEAMNS GEMS Program (formerly known as the GLEAMNS Summer Career Exploration Program) in an effort to expand summer job training opportunities to students. Twenty-five Greenwood students, ranging from ages 15-17, were selected to participate in the GEMS program for the summer of 2018, including 7 YLP students. The program will take place from June 11, 2018 to July 25, 2018. For six weeks, the youth will be given the opportunity to explore different career areas, earn money, gain employability skills, and get insight on preparing for higher education. Overall, this six-week collaboration between YLP and the GEMS program will help students gain valuable experience, equipping them with the tools they need to be self-sufficient, productive citizens in their community.



A few YLP students assisting in the GLEAMNS main office as part of the 2018 GLEAMNS GEMS Summer Program. From left to right (first photo) - India Rice, Sherrell Drake and Arie Cannady (forefront, right). *Photo courtesy of: Zsazeqz Flucker, GLEAMNS staff.* In second photo, the students are listening to GLEAMNS CEO Shunna Vance while seated in the GLEAMNS boardroom. *Photo courtesy of: Vanessa Frazier, GLEAMNS staff*

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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF GLEAMNS HRC

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 self-sufficiency.

GLEAMNS offers a comprehensive set of programs designed to combat the causes and conditions of poverty throughout the local communities. Programs include but are not limited to:

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program
- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Magic Johnson Community Empowerment Center/Teen After-School Center (TASC)
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Workforce Development (WIOA)

Through the bundled-services approach, families are better aligned with the appropriate services targeted to help them develop and maintain self-sufficiency.

Please check out our entire agency online at www.gleamnshrc.org. There's more to GLEAMNS than meets the eye!

OFFICE LOCATIONS

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

Abbeville County
706 Carolina Circle
Abbeville, SC 29620
Phone: 864-459-2100
Fax: 864-459-2616

Cherokee County*
(Senior Centers of
Cherokee County, Inc.)
499 W. Rutledge Ave.
Gaffney, SC 29341
Phone: 864-489-6140
Fax: 864-649-5420

Edgefield County
(Edgefield SC Works)
21 Star Road
Edgefield, SC 29824
Phone: 864-402-8226

Greenwood County
301 N. Hospital St.
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Laurens County
221-A West Laurens St.
Laurens, SC 29360
Phone: 864-984-5123
Fax: 864-681-1137

McCormick County
109 W. Augusta St.
McCormick, SC 29835
Phone: 864-852-2662

Newberry County
(Newberry SC Works)
1870 Wilson Road
Newberry, SC 29108
Phone: 803-768-8235
Fax: 803-321-1973

Saluda County
(Saluda SC Works)
407 W. Butler Ave
Saluda, SC 29138
Phone: 864-445-2047

Spartanburg County*
(The Bethlehem Center)
397 Highland Ave.
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Phone: 864-707-5029
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*Please note: GLEAMNS only provides LIHEAP (energy) assistance in Cherokee and Spartanburg counties, not rental or educational assistance. The other seven counties provide both LIHEAP and CSBG services.



The main office of the GLEAMNS CSBG Department (shown above) is located in Greenwood, SC. The department has satellite locations in nine counties.

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