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MISSION

To champion the collaboration of resources to improve results for children, families, and the community.

PURPOSE

To surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

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The Next Chapter For BCP

“Moving Forward From A Different Location”

On Friday, August 27, 2010 Burke Community Partnership was welcomed in to our new home located at 823 North Liberty Street, Waynesboro during the Burke County Chamber of Commerce’s monthly Coffee Before Hours. BCP now shares a building with The Mobley-Gentry Firm. Both CPA Lindsi Gentry and BCP’s



Executive Director Mr. DeAndre Davis are excited about this new partnership. Representatives from various local businesses and organizations were in attendance for this great event.

From the Desk Of Our Executive Director

This summer for BCP has been a hot one in more ways than one. We have experienced a roller-coaster ride without visiting Six Flags Over Georgia through funding cuts, budget reductions and providing summer programs while having to relocate all at the same time. BCP is fortunate and blessed to have a strong board of directors, committed staff and dedicated partners who all make it possible for the lives of children and families throughout Burke County through our programs and services.

I would first like to thank Mr. Preston Conner and the Southern Bank family for the opportunity to grow and expand BCP for the past seven years. Without this partnership, BCP would not have been as visible in the community nor would we have been able to provide additional programs and services. Strong partnerships are essential to any business’ success enabling them advance forward during challenging economic times and I would like to say thank you to all of our partners for your support and dedication.

Mr. DeAndre L. Davis



“Inspiring our youth to survive in a changing world”



Summer Leadership Camp

For two weeks over 80 students were inspired on how to survive in a changing world.

Students received and participated in activities involving lifeskills training, drug prevention discussions and etiquette. Students also participated in college tours, a ropes course

and a trip to Wild Adventures in Valdosta.

The camp’s major focus was abstinence education and helping teens understand how the decisions that they make now can impact the rest of their lives.



This year’s summer leadership camp was funded by an Adolescent Family Life grant administrated by the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, which falls under the Department

The Teen Scene Camp



“Inspiring our youth to reach for the stars”

Approximately 57 students attended this year’s camp. The theme for the camp was “Inspiring Our Youth to Reach For the Stars”. Throughout the four weeks of camp students were engaged in such activities as: Music (Alex Holmes), Dance

(Desiree Abraham), Art (Reginald Foushee) and character education and life skills class sessions. Lunches were provided by the Burke County Feed A Kid program. Over 70 parents and family members attended this year’s

closing ceremony which was held on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at the Teen Scene. Both parents and students are excited and looking forward to next year’s



Summer Reading

This year’s four week Summer Reading Camp was enjoyed by over 65 campers. Not only did students receive creative instruction

teaching them how learning can be fun, but they also participated in several field trips including: OneCare, Riverbank Zoo, Plant Vogtle,

Turner Field and the King Center in Atlanta.



“Get In The Game: READ”



School Supply Give Away

On Saturday, August 21, 2010, Burke Community Partnership along with Amerigroup and The United Way of the CSRA partnered to sponsor four school supply give aways throughout Burke County. Supply give aways took place for the Sardis-- Girard area at the Sardis

Gazebo, in Midville at Love Hill Baptist Church, for students in the Keysville-Gough area at the Charles Walker Building and in the Shell Bluff area at the McKinney Branch Baptist Church. Also during the school supply give away, representatives from Amerigroup provided

health screenings such as blood pressure and glucose checks for approximately 40 individuals and 223 students received school supplies.



Program Updates

- The 21st Century Program began on Monday, September 13, 2010 . Sessions will be held on Mondays from 3:45 pm—6:00 pm at BCMS and on Thursdays at BCHS from 3:45pm — 4:45 pm and from 5:00 pm—6pm at BCMS.
- PASS (Parents Assuring Student Success) 2010-2011 began on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. This year, the workshops will be held at The Positive Teen Scene located at 808 Davis Road in Waynesboro.
- The after-school program began at SGA Elementary on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. This program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30—4:30 . The after-school programs for BES and WPS will begin on Tuesday, October 5th. Both schools will hold their sessions on Tuesday—Thursday.
- Our leadership program at BCAS will begin on Tuesday, September 28th. In this year's target group are the only 8 girls attending BCAS this year. The group will focus on leadership skills as well as character education.
- Red Ribbon Week activities are schedule for WPS on October 27th and SGA on October 29th. SGA is considering promoting prevention throughout the entire week.
- We are excited about revamping our mentoring program this year. We are looking forward to working with our mentors and students during the 2010-2011 school year. If you and/or your organization are interested in becoming a mentor please contact Teresa L. Carter at 706-554-7213. Help us to empower the youth and families of Burke County.



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Helping Kids Prepare for Life

Burke Community Partnership (BCP) is the umbrella organization for Family Connection and Communities In Schools. BCP is a (501c3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping students succeed in school and families become self sufficient.

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Volunteer opportunities include serving as a Board member, mentor, BCP class and after-school presenter, tutor, field trip sponsor, service project coordinator, etc. Please contact our office for more information at 706-554-7213.

