



THE SRCAA Inc
NEWSLETTER

*Happy Holiday
and joyous New Year!*

Head Start/Early Head Start Program Hosts First Harvest Luncheon in 2021

We are in the month of December, which means 2022 is fast approaching.

Although 2021 was met with continued challenges of the pandemic from the previous year, SRCAA, Inc. continued to provide services for those in need. The agency also sponsored several community events and activities throughout the year.

Of those events was SRCAA's Head Start/Early Head Start Program's first Harvest Luncheon held on November 22nd.

Traditional seasonal dishes were prepared by the Dietary staff and the Head Start Leadership team. The agency's staff were also invited to take part in the



celebratory feast at one of the centers of their choice. children created thankful art projects to showcase during this luncheon.

After a challenging year, children and staff were excited to be able to join together to take part in a family style meal. We hope to continue to make this an annual tradition where agency staff and children feast together.

-Linda Black
Transportation/ Inventory Manager

Holiday Spirit Week

The remaining days this month which have a theme to honor Spirit Week are as follows:

- 12/13 -Bring in a Holiday Treat to Share
- 12/14 -Find the Elf Day
- 12/15 - Holiday Bingo
- 12/16 -Ugly Holiday Sweater Day
- 12/17 - Wintery Sweets for Everyone

Holiday Safety Tips

- Replace Old Lights and Use Them Correctly.
- Be Mindful of Poisonous Plants
- Practice Car Safety When Traveling
- Watch Out for Online Shopping Fraud
- Don't Allow Live Trees to Become a Fire Hazard (Water Them Regularly
- Properly Secure Trees from Falling
- Don't Burn Wrapping Paper in the Fireplace
- Use Candles with Care and Caution (especially around children)
- Hang Breakable Ornaments Up High
- Schedule Packages to be Delivered When Someone will be Home to Receive Them (if possible).

OTHER RECOGNITIONS THIS MONTH



YouTube Presentation Reflecting On 2021

Thank you for making 2021 another remarkable year for the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. This year marks 57 years of our organization’s service to our community, and what a year it was. Our community as well as our nation has faced head on, the gutting devastation of this global pandemic that has reeked havoc in the lives of those in our community and our local economies, and further exposing the unfinished business of our efforts.

However, this did not deter, but rather empowered the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. to do what we do best: we got to work, determined to serve our community and change the adverse circumstances in the lives of those we serve. I am more than proud of our achievements, but also aware of the work we have ahead of us, and your support of our mission has meant a lot to us and serves as a testament to what we can do when working towards a common mission in helping people and changing lives.

-Dione Adkins-Tate
Executive Director

Board Of Directors

On November 18, 2021, the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. installed the organization’s Governing Body officers to the Board of Directors. SRCAA, Inc. is extremely grateful to the Governing body for their service to the agency, and are looking forward to another successful year of service to the community.

The following officers for 2022 were installed on November 18th 2021:

Chairperson:
Wendell Fant

Vice Chairperson:
Benjamin Davis, Jr.

Secretary:
Diane Rollins

Treasurer:
David Post

Parliamentarian:
Mayor Barbara Mallett

CORRECTION

The agency would like to also congratulate **Susan Wilkey** as one of the winners in last month's Wellness Challenge!



“The resilience of the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. is a direct result of you, our valued employees. Your dedication, commitment and service to this agency is most appreciated, and we would like to take this time to recognize and celebrate you. I would also like to take this moment to welcome aboard our newly hired employees!”

-Dione Adkins-Tate
Executive Director



“Kind words cost nothing and give others a lift, Also remember to love a giver more than their gift.” -Brigham Young

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Name	Years
Tonya Thomas	9 Years
Shakema James	8 Years
Tanisha Kirkland	8 Years
Crystal Simon	7 Years
Kendra Robertson	6 Years
George Black, Sr.....	4 Years
Dasarea Hyman	2 Years

NEW EMPLOYEE

Quentin Long	Custodian
Sharon Corpening	Cares NC
Marlee Prather	FDS

SERVICE OF COMMUNITY TOP PRIORITY

In the aftermath of the unprecedented health crisis faced by our community and our entire nation due to COVID-19, The Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. continues making the service of the community top priority, from providing early childhood education through our Head Start/Early Head Start Program or tuition assistance for employment skills training through our Self-Sufficiency Program, we are dedicated to helping people, help themselves.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM: The comprehensive child development program is designed to meet children and family needs, providing a solid foundation for the child and parent to grow together. The primary goals of the Head Start/Early Head Start programs are to provide the best child development practices for children birth to five years of age. Head Start provides a comprehensive child development program that

addresses the physical, cognitive, mental, social, and emotional development of prenatal, infants, toddlers, and preschool participants. The program services Rowan and Davidson counties.

FAMILY SERVICES: This Self-Sufficiency program assists those who choose to make a change in their life. For families and individuals enrolled in this program, the agency provides comprehensive supportive services to secure employment or increase their income, obtain education and /or vocational training, make better use of their income, obtain and maintain standard housing, and build a strong work ethic. The program services Rowan and Cabarrus counties.

CSBG CARES NC: CARES assistance is provided to individuals and families who have income below 200% of the poverty rate, and whose economic circumstances have been adversely impacted, or has immediate needs due to COVID-19. Applications for assistance can be completed online at srcaa.com. The program services Rowan and Cabarrus counties.

Recipes For Two Simply Made Holiday Appetizers

During the holidays it is always a good idea to have snacks on deck for any guests they may visit. Sometimes you may want to treat yourself to a little appetizer between meals. In any case, below are two simple recipes that can be made quickly and served in various situations.

Chocolate Nut Cream Balls



Ingredients

- 2½ Cups Graham cracker crumbs
- 1 box of powdered sugar
- 1 (2 oz) jar crunchy peanut butter
- 2 sticks butter or margarine (softened)
- 1 cup of flake coconut
- 1 cup nuts chopped fine (pecan or walnuts)
- 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 4 tablespoons of Crisco shortening



Directions

Combine all ingredients well. Roll into small balls. Roll in large (12oz) bag of semi sweet chocolate chips and 4 tablespoons of Crisco shortening melted together. The chips and shortening can be melted in a microwave oven. Be sure to monitor the melting of chips and to remove them just as they are melting.

Cheddar Ham Cups

Ingredients

- 2 cups (8 ounces) finely shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 packages (2-1/2 ounces each) thinly sliced deli ham, chopped
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup real bacon bits
- 2 to 3 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tubes (10 oz. each) large refrigerated flaky biscuits

In a large bowl, combine the cheese, ham, mayonnaise, bacon and mustard. Split biscuits into thirds. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of ungreased miniature muffin cups. Fill each with about 1 tablespoon of cheese mixture.

Bake at 450° until cups are golden brown and cheese is melted, 9-11 minutes. Let stand for 2 minutes before removing from the pans. Serve warm.



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