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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Governor Kaine's Visit

On October 14, 2009, the C. Waldo Scott Center for H.O.P.E. was honored to have Governor Tim Kaine visit the Center and the community. Governor Kaine acknowledged the work of Newport News on behalf of its youth. He further acknowledge the City of Newport News as being selected as one of the 100 best communities for young people (in 2008) by America's Promise Alliance, a national group formed by former Secretary of State Colin Powell.



The visit was hosted by the Newport News-Hampton Community Builder's Network, a network of community groups which promote healthy families and communities; the C. Waldo Scott Center is a member agency of the Community Builder's Network.



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VISIT TO ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY



Members of the C. Waldo Scott Center's Sisters With Style life skills group toured Elizabeth City State University on December 5, 2009. They had an opportunity to view campus life, meet with the Dean of Admissions, Harold Murrill, to learn about the educational programs offered at the University, and to attend the University's basketball game. Two (2) of the participants are being considered for admissions to the University. Sisters with Style learn to take advantage of opportunities to help them move forward!!

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The Scott Center's Trustee Board, Administrators, staff, & youth members would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to those who assist us through donations of money, materials, supplies, and through the giving of their valuable time. We could not succeed without you!

The Scott Center is a 501[c] 3, not-for profit organization.

Volunteers As Reading Buddies

High School Volunteers at the C. Waldo Scott Center received training to assist first through fourth graders with their reading. The Volunteers will serve as “Reading Buddies”. Reading Consultants (Retired Newport News Public School System Educators) Ms. Virgie Williams and Ms. Josephine Jones provided the training for the volunteers. The Reading Consultants showed the volunteers how to assist their Reading Buddies with phonetically sounding out words in a story; volunteers were trained to identify and ask questions from stories to help youth with reading comprehension; and the Reading Consultants showed volunteers how to present the story in an engaging manner to youth.



RED RIBBON DAY

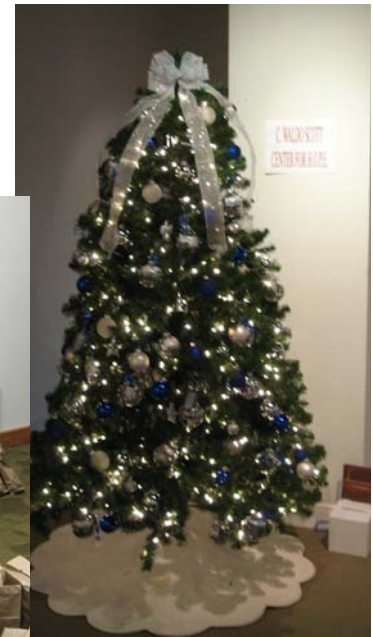


Participants of the “Too Good For Drugs” Tobacco Prevention group enjoyed the Red Ribbon activity day on October 28, 2009. The Scott Center hosted a Red Ribbon Day to educate and encourage youth to make a pledge of commitment to remain drug and tobacco free. Activities included an educational video, peer facilitated skit, and games. Youth earned prizes by answering questions related to drug and tobacco use. The day was facilitated by group leader Yolanda Hinton.

WICKHAM AVENUE ALLIANCE: Holiday Frost & Festival of Trees

The afternoon of December 11, 2009 turned into a fun and festive time for Scott Center youth members and other community youth. The Wickham Avenue Alliance hosted its first annual "Holiday Frost" at Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center. The festive event included arts & crafts, a holiday movie, a visit with Santa, autographs by the Boodah Brothers of 103 Jamz, and a visit to Candyland.

The Scott Center also entered a holiday tree in Downing-Gross' first annual "Festival of Trees". The theme of the Scott Center's tree was "City In Lights". The tree included pictures of landmark sites within the City of Newport News.

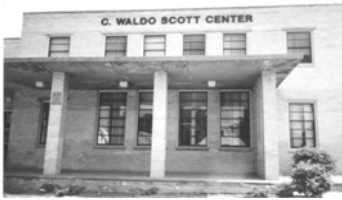


PARENT APPRECIATION NIGHT

On December 17, 2009, the Scott Center hosted a Parent Appreciation Night for parents/guardians of our Scott Center youth members. The Junior Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts provided entertainment by reading the story "The Night Before Christmas"; our teens, Talia Wesson and Aliya Rainey sang, "Oh Holy Night" to add to the holiday feeling. Volunteer Kenneth Deel, served as our reliable Santa. Parents had the opportunity to play interactive games and win prizes. Two parents won a FREE day for their child to our Winter Break program. We ended the evening with a hearty dinner.

Our way of saying thank you for their parental support!!





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Welcome Aboard: Mrs. Bernice Manly

Newport News native and Huntington High School Alumni, Bernice Manly has joined the Scott Center team to provide quality programming for our community youth and families. Ms. Manly started at the Scott Center through the AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program. She has many years of experience in working with youth to include serving as a Teacher Assistant with the Newport News Public Schools and Hampton University Lab School, and working many summers with the Newport News Parks & Recreation Department. She has also worked with the Daily Press. We welcome Bernice Manly as a Program Assistant with the C. Waldo Scott Center. Her work experience, community involvement and history is a welcomed asset.

