



# NEWSLETTER

2020



**JOIN US FOR A SUNDAY SERVICE**  
8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

### LOCATION

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### NORTH CHARLESTON DREAM CENTER

In the North Charleston area, nearly one of every four people live in poverty. The North Charleston Dream Center brings hope to at-risk and under-resourced individuals in our communities by helping to meet their physical and spiritual needs. Please take a look at all the programs available onsite at the Dream Center and virtually.



### Serve Saturday

In 2008, the Dream Center began sponsoring “Adopt-a-Block” (AAB), where Seacoast teams were assigned specific streets in the Ferndale neighborhood of North Charleston to serve the community and to share the love of Christ. Today, that mission continues, but with an added dimension. Serve Saturday not only provides people with food, clothing, medical services, and financial counseling, but also continues to build spiritual relationships based on mutual respect and caring. Many residents of the Ferndale community are now a part of the Serve Saturday Team (SST) and they provide great insight and understanding into what is most needed.

The SST and the Ferndale Community Association have developed a close relationship, and partner each year for fundraisers and to support community functions, such as cookouts, Fall Festival, Cinco de Mayo Festival, National Night Out, Clean City Sweeps, Thanksgiving, and the annual Christmas party that includes a visit from Santa. Our motto is: “Taking the streets of Ferndale, one blessing at a time.” The SST is happy to bless homes as people move in, and provide resources for spiritual and financial counseling. During home visits, the team also prays with families going through illness and loss of loved ones, and may assist with

funeral services. The SST may also help with house repairs and grass cutting for those who are physically unable.

The SST leadership team consists of Seacoast Church (Dream Center), the Ferndale Community Association, Harvest Point Church (in Ferndale), Iglesia de Dios – El Redil (in Ferndale), and recently, Hope to Home Furniture Resource. Hope to Home allows us to store donated furniture as well as distribute needed furnishings to support the community.

**To be a part of this awesome ministry, contact Jim Welborn, 843-670-5500 or Pablo Morales, [pablomorales@seacoast.org](mailto:pablomorales@seacoast.org).**

### Thanksgiving

Last year, Seacoast Church and the Dream Center blessed 5,200 individuals in the Charleston area with Thanksgiving meals. This year, we anticipate that number will rise to 6,000 people. We all know 2020 has been a difficult year for a lot of people, with many tragedies in our nation and our world, but there are also many wonderful things to be thankful for.

At the Dream Center, we are committed to encouraging and supporting our local communities and neighbors

by partnering with schools, non-profits, churches, police and fire departments, and businesses who do an incredible job at taking care of the community.

Our hope and prayer is that there would be a sense of unity and love that starts in our homes and is strengthened by the community.

**For more information about the Dream Center Thanksgiving, please contact [nchdreamcenter@seacoast.org](mailto:nchdreamcenter@seacoast.org) or call 843.375.1099.**

### Food Pantry

The Dream Center serves the community by meeting basic needs—and of course, food is an essential one. In cooperation with the Lowcountry Food Bank and other partners, we offer food to people who live below the poverty level. In 2019, our pantry distributed over 150,000 lbs. of food and we continue to increase that amount as we face unprecedented events like the pandemic.

**For more information, email [nchdreamcenter@seacoast.org](mailto:nchdreamcenter@seacoast.org).**





## e3 MENTORING

### Committed to Changing a Generation

We started the e3 Mentoring program in 2007 because of the high school dropout rate in North Charleston and students “aging out” at sixteen before they could get into the few mentoring programs that existed. Our e3 Mentoring program matches at-risk youth in upper-elementary through high school with mentors, one-on-one.

For the 2019–2020 school year, 100% of the seniors enrolled in e3 graduated from high school. Since the Dream Center opened, the local high school graduation rate has increased from 30% in 2007 to 67% in 2020. This year, 66 students were matched with mentors. That’s 66 lives the mentors have committed to loving unconditionally with the love of Christ and providing each one with opportunities they might not have otherwise.

The mission of e3 is to help build God-ordained relationships between a mentor and a child. Our success is widely due to our incredible mentors. Their willingness to open their homes, offer tutoring, and provide safe environments helps students grow and exposes them to cultural activities, sports, and travel opportunities.

Please join us in changing a generation. Mentor a student this next school year, join our team in prayer, or make a financial commitment that will allow students to be a part of this amazing program.

## e3 OVERALL HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 300 students have been matched with mentors since the start of our program.
- Students enrolled in e3 have an overall graduation rate of 95%.
- North Charleston High School graduation rate increased from 30% to 43.5%.
- We served a total of 80 students and 100% attained his/her academic level gain.
- Two students earned Bronze WorkKeys certificates and six students earned Silver WorkKeys certificates.

For more information, contact Shineika Townsend at [shineikatownsend@seacoast.org](mailto:shineikatownsend@seacoast.org).

## CINDERELLA DAY 2019

Alysha Brown, Coordinator

Help make her prom night as magical as it should be! Cinderella Day is a magical, one-day event that can create a moment of change for a girl to see herself in a new light, by providing free boutique-styling services for all her prom needs.

To serve at this event or to learn more about needed donations, visit [cinderelladaycharleston.com](http://cinderelladaycharleston.com).

## SINGLE PARENT MINISTRY

At the Dream Center, we believe God has an incredible plan for single parents, and we want to help them through their adversities and challenges. In conjunction with our partners, we provide tools, support, and a space where single moms and single dads are welcomed, encouraged, and empowered. We provide dinners, prayer, and a space through our Sisterhood ministry and men’s small groups.

If you are a single mom or dad and would like to join us, email [nchdreamcenter@seacoast.org](mailto:nchdreamcenter@seacoast.org). Or to partner with us in serving these incredible families, and to deliver or sponsor a dinner, contact [Pablo Morales at pablomorales@seacoast.org](mailto:pablomorales@seacoast.org).



## THE DREAM CENTER CLINICS

The mission of our Dream Center Clinics (DCC) is to understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved in our communities by providing (free) quality, compassionate, and personalized care. We strive to create a caring environment where friends help friends in need, and provide a worthwhile outlet for volunteers to give of themselves, and show the love of Christ.

The DCC provides primary care, disease management, as well as dental and vision care to uninsured residents of North Charleston, Hanahan, Goose Creek, and West Ashley whose household incomes are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Last year, we cared for over 4,000 patients. This year, before closures due to COVID-19, we had already added 128 new medical patients.

The North Charleston clinic has reopened in our new Dream House and we anticipate a significant

increase in new patients. Our clinics are volunteer driven, and sadly, due to the pandemic, many of our faithful volunteers are unable to return to the clinic. So we are in need of practitioners, nurses, and other medical personnel, as well as non-medical volunteers who can check in patients, serve as interpreters, and offer prayer and encouragement.

### Donate

The DCC is a stand-alone non-profit supported solely by donations and small grants. Our clinic could not operate without the generosity of the individuals and local businesses who provide financial support.

Donations can be made online at: [dreamcenterclinic.org](http://dreamcenterclinic.org) or by mail:

**Dream Center Clinic**  
5505 North Rhett Ave  
North Charleston, SC 29406

## CLINIC HOURS

1220 Sumner Ave  
(843) 225-1115

**Vision Clinic**  
2nd Saturday of each month  
9:00am-11:00am  
Only 8 patients per clinic, first come, first served.

**Medical Clinic**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:00-11:00am  
and 6:00-8:00pm  
By appointment only.

**Dental Clinic**  
First three Mondays of each month  
6:00-8:00pm  
6-8 Patients are accepted on a first come, first served basis depending on provider availability.

*Want to join our great team?*

*We are in need of MDs, NPs, PAs, RNs, interpreters, and non-medical volunteers.*

*To serve at the North Charleston DCC, please email: Assistant Director, **Debbie Cockrell**: [dcockrell@dreamcenterclinic.org](mailto:dcockrell@dreamcenterclinic.org).*

*To serve at the West Ashley DCC, please email: Operations Manager, **Donna Oostdyk**: [doostdyk@dreamcenterclinic.org](mailto:doostdyk@dreamcenterclinic.org).*

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