

THE SRCAA Inc

NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Employee Anniversaries with More Than Thirty Years of Service!

The Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. has been fortunate to serve our community for more than 50 years, but even more fortunate to have such dedicated employees. This month we would like to highlight those employees who have been such an essential part of SRCAA's growth and resiliency. It is because of your tireless services and contributions to our agency that we have been able to impact so many lives. You all personally inspire me to be the best version of me and to develop others who will some day carry the torch to keep serving the community that we all love. You all are the pride and joy of SRCAA, Inc. and we thank you for your many contributions.

Sincerely,
Dione Adkins-Tate
Executive Director

I came into the Head Start as a young woman of 20, Mrs. Fields gave me assistance in learning the program and the different jobs within it. Over the years I have had the opportunity to work as an Assistant in Head Start, NC Pre-K, a Lead Teacher in Head Start, Early Head, a Family Manager and Center Director. I assisted in opening PCC/Early Head Start, Wrap-around/Extend day, and Moore, Montgomery, Davison counties. Over my years I have really enjoyed working with the children, their families, and staff. As I teach the children of former students, I feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in my years of service.

-Susan Wilkey
Lead Teacher

My thirty years with Head Start has been a rewarding and challenging experiences. I joined Head Start as Lead Teacher and continued to climb the ladder as Center Manager, County Manager, Education Specialist, Assistant HD and Education Coach. I was motivated in changing lives

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of children and families. I am so proud of the impact and influence that I bonded with families, children, and the community. My goal was making a difference in the lives of people that came my way.

Over the years I have encouraged several parents that volunteered to go back to school or college. These parents completed their respective classes and earned either their associate or bachelor's degrees. As a result, several came back to work for Head Start. I also had students that finished college that are now guidance counselors, nurses, and one individual is now a professional football player. I am beyond proud to hear what my students have accomplished over the years and to know their lives and family have been changed in a positive manner.

-Brenda Davis
Education Specialist

Celebrating Our Facilities Team

October 2nd marked National Custodian Day. The SRCAA, Inc. would like to take this time to thank our Facilities team for all your hard work and dedication. You all play an essential role in our agency and I just want you to know that you are appreciated.

Happy National Custodial Workers Day!



“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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Name	Years
Brenda Davis	30 Years
Angela Robinson	30 Years
Andrea Bost	25 Years
Chandrika Cozart	23 Years
Norma Phillips	20 Years
Jacqueline Click	11 Years
Antoinette Burton	11 Years
Nory Poole	5 Years
Sharonica Burgos	3 Years
Christina Allen	3 Years
Walter Gibson	2 Years
Andre Neely	1 Year
Elana Blake	1 Year
Lacie Sherlock	1 Year

NEW EMPLOYEES

Deannia McCauley	Lead Teacher
Ariadna Dalton	Bilingual Specialist

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.

White Cheese Chicken Lasagna

Ingredients

- 9 lasagna noodles
- ½ cup butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- 2 cups chopped or pulled cooked chicken breast (boil to cook)
- 2 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese for topping



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook lasagna noodles in boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes, or until tender. Drain, and rinse with cold water.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook the onions and garlic in the butter until tender, stirring frequently. Stir in the flour and salt, and simmer until bubbly. Mix in the broth and milk, and boil, stirring constantly for 1 minute. Stir in 2 cups mozzarella cheese and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Season with the basil, oregano, and ground black pepper. Remove from heat, and set aside.

Spread 1/3 of the sauce mixture in the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish. Layer with 1/3 of the noodles, the ricotta, and the chicken. Arrange 1/3 of the noodles over the chicken, and layer with 1/3 of the sauce mixture, spinach, and the remaining 2 cups mozzarella cheese and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Arrange remaining noodles over cheese, and spread remaining sauce evenly over noodles. Sprinkle with parsley and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven.

Alternative Suggestion

Ham or Bacon can be added to make dish more flavorful.

Prep Time: 25 mins

Cook Time: 50 mins

Avg Servings: 12 Servings

Calories: 369 Carbs: 22.8g

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