

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

## disAbility Resource Center

5041 New Centre Dr Ste 210, Wilmington, NC 28403

### WHAT IS HOP?

The Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP) is a state and federally funded program to help improve the overall health of qualifying Medicaid members and improve healthcare costs.

### DO YOU QUALIFY?

To potentially qualify for Healthy Opportunities Pilot services, you must be in a select Medicaid program, live in one of the pilot counties, have qualifying health need and a food, transportation, housing and/or safety need.

### WHAT DOES HOP OFFER?

If you struggle having enough food, safe or affordable housing, have problems driving or finding a ride, or feeling safe you may qualify for the Healthy Opportunities Pilot.

### WHO IS INELIGIBLE?

You are unable to qualify if: you don't have medicaid, have medicaid direct, have dual medicare/medicaid, or if you don't reside in Bladen, New Hanover, Columbus, Pender, Onslow, or Brunswick County.

### TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOP

<https://www.carelcf.org/healthy-opportunities/>  
1-800-953-0203 or 910-208-2024

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR HOP  
STATS AND SUCCESS STORIES



### FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HUMAN RELATIONS MONTH

dRC is always looking to build on existing relationships and make new connections within the community! What better reason to improve on community partnership than to actively celebrate and recognize Human Relations Month. If you would like to connect, volunteer with us, simply learn more about dRC, and foster a relationship to reach likeminded goals, please reach out to us at [info@drc-cil.org](mailto:info@drc-cil.org) or 910-815-6618.

### VALENTINES DAY FUN FACTS

About 145 million greeting cards are exchanged every year.

Around 8 billion conversation hearts are manufactured each year.

The first Valentine's Day celebration took place in France.

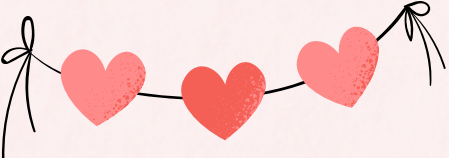
Approximately 25% of pet owners give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

Richard Cadbury introduced the first box of Valentine's Day chocolates in 1868.

198 million roses are produced just for Valentines Day each year.

HAPPY  
*Valentine's Day*





# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Karen is a Community Inclusion Specialist with dRC, serving Brunswick County. She has been employed with dRC for nearly 2 years and has made a huge impact in her role within that time. When asked about her favorite parts of the job, Karen said, "I enjoy the professionalism of my co-workers and know I can rely on them daily for support in my role when needed. Secondly, I enjoy building a rapport with and learning about each consumer I work with." Karen stated that she especially appreciates that this job allows the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life, and what a blessing that is!



## WHAT'S ALL THAT "RACQUET"?

The cold winter weather doesn't slow down the participants of Wheel Serve NC!



Empire Park:  
3405 Park Ave, Wilmington, NC 28403



We welcome anyone with a permanent mobility-related physical disability to join us in playing wheelchair tennis.



Every Friday  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM



Well, you will realize what a silly question that is when you see just how much fun, exercise, camaraderie, and satisfaction Wheel Serve Provides!

We will provide everything you need to play wheelchair tennis. We will work with your needs to adapt equipment so you can have fun and be successful.

If you have any questions please reach out to dRC's very own Billy Eno (pictured) at 910-228-9808



**Karen Feaster**  
Community Inclusion specialist (Brunswick)

## MAKING AN IMPACT

Over the past year, dRC has helped to house 49 families. This includes assisting in establishing a budget plan, finding housing availability, collaborating with landlords, and paying for the 1st month's rent/security deposit to allow for a smooth transition into safe and affordable housing. For the families we house we are often able to provide moving support and essential utility set up assistance as well. We look forward to continuing to grow this number, and make an even greater impact in the future for those within the communities we are fortunate enough to serve.