AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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SUCCESS STORY

In 2019 dRC made a connection with the University of Montana at the Association for Programs for Rural Independent Living, RTC Rural. At The Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities, RTC Rural and dRC worked together to come up with a plan to expand outreach in our most rural county which is Columbus County, NC. As 2020 rolled around the collaboration had decided on a rural mapping project which consisted of a living document that outlined resources available in the community. We planned to have a site visit, until the pandemic had us change gears. Although a lot of things stopped during that time, this project did not. Together we identified the many needs in the community and provided solutions by way of boots on the ground help, and financial assistance to many in the area. The project has evolved over the past 4 years and helped establish a baseline for Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to start with their rural outreach. Through this project, dRC has been able to connect with resources in Columbus County. Just recently, in June 2024, dRC and RTC Rural finally had their NC site visit. The team came and shadowed dRC's executive director at one of the most meaningful collaborations, CCPR (Community CPR) where dRC participates in "Wednesdays at the Warehouse" to allow a weekly time for consumers to seek multiple services at one time. RTC Rural continues to work with dRC by assisting with maintaining the document and incorporating their project in more of their ongoing work. dRC is so grateful for the guidance and partnership with RTC Rural to continue to expand our footprint and provide more accessibility to services in rural communities.

VOLUNTEER

dRc is always looking for volunteers who are excited to help others and gain valuable experiences while making priceless memories.

Come volunteer with us!



Scan the QR code to access and fill out our volunteer form



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fall into Friendship-dRC's peer support group launch starting September 17th will be every 3rd Tuesday from 1-2 in New Hanover County at dRC's office. (light refreshments provided)

Stay Tuned for our expansion to additional counties

dRC is looking for organizations who would like to come and speak with our peer support groups about their services. Please reach out to Arnetta at admin@drc-cil.org to share your interest.



Wednesdays at the Warehouse
Wednesdays in Columbus
County from 1pm - 4pm at 210
E Walter St Whiteville, NC
28472

FUN FACT

August is Medic Alert Awareness Month and is here to shine a light on the need to increase public awareness about Medic Alert bracelets, what they mean and how to use them. They are wearable lifesavers, providing crucial medical information, ensuring prompt care and potentially saving lives during emergencies. A little bit of information can go a long way in helping medical professionals in an emergency situation!





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Billy Eno disAbility Advocate

Billy is a disAbility Advocate with dRC and has been in his role with us for 10 years. Billy has been a wheelchair user for 37 years. He loves animals and playing wheelchair tennis.

When asked about his favorite part of working for

favorite part of working for dRC, he said "Helping others, working with colleagues and exploring the unknown".

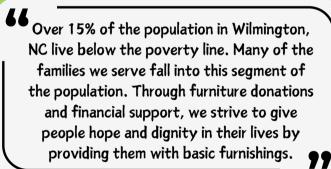
"Since we began in October 2018, we have provided furnishings to 672 households in the greater Wilmington area. We have served well over 2600 people. 2SHARE delivered 250 beds and some 750 other significant pieces of furniture in 2023. With your help and support we will continue to serve our community in 2024."



scan here to visit 2share website and learn more

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT







olunteer

How can you support 2SHARE Inc?

D Donate Furniture



Send by mail to: disAbility Resource Center 5041 New Centre Dr. Suite 108 Wilmington, NC 28403



COMPASSIONATE CARE FUND

dRC often receives requests from individuals and agencies for life necessities... Food, bedding, toiletries, and financial assistance for rent and utilities. If you would like to donate to our "Compassionate Care Fund" You can send a check by mail, or you can scan the QR code to donate via PayPal.



If your organization would like to take a disability awareness session, please reach out to Arnetta at admin@drc-cil.org to discuss details.



"DON'T MISS
OUT ON
SOMETHING
THAT COULD BE
GREAT JUST
BECAUSE IT
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DIFFICULT."

Tracy's Housing Tips

1. Start with a budget
Know what you plan to spend each month
towards your living expenses. It is common
practice to keep your rent payments under 30
percent of your monthly income.

2. Perform self-inspections

First, check inside cabinets and on top of shelves
for pest droppings. Check that all sinks, showers
and toilets run clear. Bring a phone charger to make
sure that the outlets work. If appliances are
provided make sure they work.

3. Bring a tape measure

Make sure that all of your favorite furniture fits in
your new apartment. Measure the building
entrances and hallways, as well as the apartment
itself.

4. Ask questions

Ask whoever is showing the property as many questions as you can during your walkthrough regarding parking fees, maintenance orders, utilities, income requirements, laundry facilities, pet policies, etc.

5. Check cell reception:

Services varies in homes and apartments. Any room in an apartment can have signals interrupted for countless reasons. Make sure to go through each room to check for service and locate any dead zones in the unit.

"Locating a home can take a lot of time and travel, but when you find the perfect apartment or home, it's worth it. By knowing these apartment hunting tips, you should feel confident to start your search for a new place without any hesitation."

-Tracy Fullard (dRC Housing & Life Skills Coordinator)

6. Don't rush

Take your time finding the right place and inspecting as you go through the complex and the unit.

7. Make a checklist

Making an organized list of all your wants and needs in an apartment. You can check off your list as you go and use that information to create pros and cons that will help you finalize your decision.

8. Check out the area

Check out the area at different times of the day or week.

A neighborhood will look very different at noon on a
Wednesday compared to rush hour on a Friday. Will there
be parking when you get home after work? Does the
neighborhood get noisy at night or on the weekend?

9. Pay your rent on time Ensuring you pay your monthly rent on time will help create a good payment history which can be reported to the credit bureaus to help raise your credit score.