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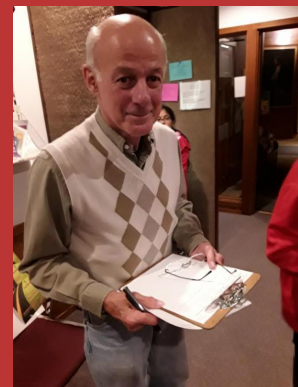
*Wishing You The Best of the  
Holiday Season...We Look Forward  
to the Many Blessings of 2018...  
CCMC's 21st Year in Hot Springs*

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# CCMC's Night Clinic

CCMC's Night Clinic is held on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Volunteers from many parts of the Hot Springs area communities come together to help the medically underserved. Services provided at the night clinic include medical, dental, and vision.

We want to give you a glimpse into this ministry and the wonderful people who make it happen. The second Tuesday night is a busy time at CCMC...with a lot of smiles!







## Two Getting Ahead Graduations in One Week!



Graduation, December 11, 2017, First Baptist Church



Graduation, December 13, 2017, First United Methodist Church

We had two Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By-World graduations in one week...with congratulations and best wishes all around!

The graduations for these two classes that accomplished the 16-week curriculum this fall were held at First Baptist Church on Monday, December 11, and at First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.

These graduation ceremonies officially begin their new future stories, stories of Staying Ahead.

Two Getting Ahead While Getting Out classes, in the Garland County Detention Center, have also graduated this fall.

We want to extend a great big "THANK YOU!" to everyone involved in this program and process. It truly does take a village to make it happen...and lives are changed beyond the number of those who are actually completing the class. Changes that will continue for generations!



14<sup>th</sup> Annual



# Chocolate Festival

Sunday, February 4, 2018

1:00 – 3:00 pm

*Silent Auction from 1:00 - 2:30 pm*

**Come join us &  
EAT CHOCOLATE for CHARITY!**

Bid on great items at the silent auction and enjoy live entertainment all while supporting a truly worthwhile cause.

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in the VIP lounge with easy access to the silent auction.*

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Embassy Suites.

## Our Spotlight on CCMC Staff and Volunteers



The spotlight this month is on a CCMC volunteer:

**James Woods**

**Born:** Arkadelphia, Arkansas

**Been in Hot Springs:** He has lived in Hot Springs for 48 years.

**Family:** James has been married to his wife, Janie, for 48 years and they have one grown daughter, Jennifer.

**CCMC:** He is the check-in clerk for the monthly Night Clinic.

**Favorite thing about CCMC:** That it helps people with health care that otherwise would not receive any on a regular basis.

**Hobbies:** James says he enjoys flower gardening.



*Much appreciation to James for his long term service to CCMC. He is a faithful volunteer...and Night Clinic would not be the same without him!*

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## Getting Ahead Graduate Update

The GA graduate update for the months of November/December is on Martha Thompson. Martha graduated in May of this year.

Martha is a faithful participant in our monthly graduate/mentor meetings and we always look forward to seeing her smiling face there.

She was born in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas and has four grown sons. Her family also includes a black lab named Alice.

Martha enjoys reading, working, and spending time with her sons...and Alice!

When asked what was the most valuable thing she learned in Getting Ahead, she said learning to save money and have an emergency fund has become very important to her.

Martha says she loves her job at Oaklawn and she has recently won a "High Five" and the "Making a Difference" awards at work.

She also obtained her birth certificate recently to enable her to take the driving test, which she passed, and she has purchased a vehicle. Transportation these days is a lot easier for Martha!



We are all proud of Martha...she has moved mountains since she began Getting Ahead in January, 2017...smiling all the way!

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## **New and Ongoing Needs at CCMC**

**We recently had a major plumbing issue that required a costly repair. Help with this unexpected expense...that was not included in the budget...would be greatly appreciated and help us continue to provide services.**

CCMC also has ongoing needs. In addition to volunteer help, which is always needed and appreciated, other needs are:

- Prayer support
- Financial support for overhead costs (utilities, medication, etc.)
- Office supplies (paper, pens, notepads, etc.)
- Paper towels, napkins
- Paper plates, cups
- Disinfectant wipes

Costs involved with Getting Ahead include:

- Classroom supplies for an entire class (16 participants) - \$200
- Workbooks for a full class - \$300
- Food for a 16-member class session - \$150
- Price per class participant - \$600

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## **Interested in Mentoring a Getting Ahead Graduate?**

If you are interested in getting more information about mentoring a Getting Ahead graduate, please contact:

Michelle Ratcliff  
501.318.1153, ext. 102  
[mratcliff@ccmchs.com](mailto:mratcliff@ccmchs.com)

We are always looking for volunteers to fill this vital role...to walk alongside a GA graduate as they continue to work to improve and stabilize their lives and their families lives!

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# CCMC Speakers Always Ready to Share the Bridge to Hope and Getting Ahead Stories

If you would like to have a CCMC representative come to your business or organization to talk about Bridge to Hope in Hot Springs and the Getting Ahead stories, please contact Lynn Blankenship at [lynn@ccmchs.com](mailto:lynn@ccmchs.com) or call her at 501.318.1153, ext. 103.

The Getting Ahead story is about building resources, removing barriers, and supporting the journey from poverty to sustainability for those in our community who want to benefit from this process. The results...a better workforce, a new group of people to contribute to the community...and stronger families.

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## Monthly Information Meetings for Prospective Getting Ahead Participants

### New Classes will begin in January 2018!

Please remember that we hold monthly information meetings for prospective participants for Getting Ahead on the **second Thursday of each month**, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Starla Bleifus, Getting Ahead Coordinator, reviews the process and answers questions that attendees might have about the program.

The GA process is a sixteen-week self discovery process for participants...to learn about themselves, the eleven resources the material outlines, and the journey from poverty to sustainability.

If you know anyone who would be interested in learning more about Getting Ahead, please encourage them to attend one of these important meetings.

**Upcoming information meeting dates are:**

**January 11, 2018**

**February 8, 2018**

**March 8, 2018**

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## Important Meeting Times in November

**Information Meeting for Getting Ahead Prospective Participants**

Thursday, January 11 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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**Staying Ahead Monthly Meeting (Graduates/Mentors)**

Thursday, January 11 6:00 p.m.

The Garage Church

122 Sanford St.

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