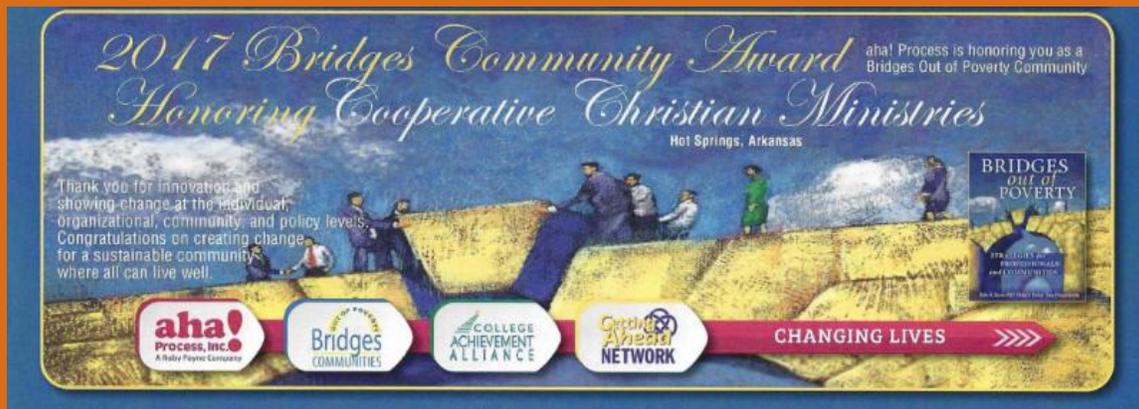




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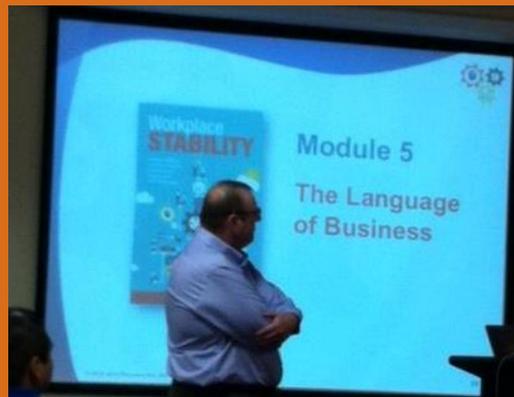


**First Workforce Stability Workshop
Held October 27**



Morgan Golden presents Bridges-Workforce Stability

CCMC held the first Bridges Workforce Stability Workshop on October 27 at Ouachita Behavioral Health and Wellness. This six-hour workshop was designed to help local businesses find ways to identify and leverage the hidden talents of their economically diverse workforce and create a major competitive advantage.

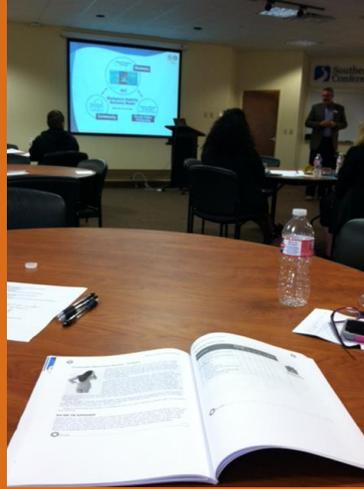


Dr. John Wayne Smith presents the language component

The desired outcome for the workshop was for attendees to take away ideas for:

- Stabilizing their employee base
- Reducing company turnover
- Improving staff morale and cohesiveness
- Developing a reputation as an employer who cares
- Cultivating workforce ethics

Speakers and presenters for the day included Eric Jackson, Oaklawn; Morgan Golden, Lake Valley Community Church; Lynn Blankenship, CCMC; Dr. John Wayne Smith, CCMC; and Jim Fram, Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce.



CCMC's Golf Classic 2017

CCMC held the Golf Classic 2017 on October 9th at the Hot Springs Country Club...and the winner was...**Hot Springs Title Company!**



Bahá'í Faith Fund Raiser for Bridge to Hope



On October 6 and 7, the Bahá'ís of the Hot Springs area held a fund raising event for Bridge to Hope. A Hot Springs Baha'i found out about Bridge to Hope through Lynn Blankenship, Executive Director of Cooperative Christian Ministries Clinic (CCMC). Bridge to Hope facilitates a 16-20 week program, Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World. This program is sponsored by CCMC, a non-profit Christian ministry that strives to improve the quality of life of the needy in the Hot Springs area. It is designed to teach individuals experiencing poverty ways to create a path to a more stable, secure future for themselves and their family.

Inspired to serve, the local Baha'is from Hot Springs, Hot Springs Village, and Garland County decided to hold a garage sale and dedicate 100% of the proceeds for Bridge to Hope. After weeks of gathering donations and preparation, the Bahá'ís of the Hot Springs area held a two-day garage sale at the home of a Hot Springs Bahá'í. With 8 Bahá'í volunteers and generous giving of friends, \$835 was raised and contributed to CCMC. It brought joy and a sense of accomplishment to this small group, knowing it costs between \$600-\$800 to sponsor a Getting Ahead participant.

The Bahá'í Faith teaches there is one Creator, that mankind is one human family, and that all of the world religions share their origin from God. This drives the members of the Bahá'í Faith to service and community building.

Fall 2017 Getting Ahead While Getting Out Graduation Was Held on October 9, 2017

Graduation for GAWGO was held at the Garland County Detention Center on October 9, 2017 with fifteen graduates. The room was filled with best wishes from attendees that included class facilitators, co-facilitators, CCMC staff, and Garland County and GCDC staff.

These two classes were the 14th and 15th classes to graduate GAWGO.



Graduates, facilitators, co-facilitators, CCMC staff, Garland County Sheriff, and GCDC staff gathered for this inspiring occasion.

Joe Buchanan Concert to Benefit Cooperative Christian Ministries & Clinic

Donations made at the Saturday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., concert will benefit CCMC. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this inspirational event.



Join us for a weekend with
Jewish Americana Musician
JOE BUCHANAN



Friday, November 17

5:15 pm - Oneg

6:00 pm - Americana Shabbat Service

at Congregation House of Israel

300 Quapaw Ave. Hot Springs, AR 71901

Saturday, November 18

9:30 am - "Choosing to be Chosen:

What Seekers are Seeking" Workshop

at Congregation House of Israel

300 Quapaw Ave. Hot Springs, AR 71901

7:00 pm - Concert

at First United Methodist Church

1100 Central Ave. Hot Springs, AR 71901

A blend of southern soul and country charm, Joe's music is grounded in the belief that there is always more room at the table. Since joining the tribe five years ago, he has led Shabbat services, concerts, and workshops on choosing to be chosen in communities across the United States. He's the host of Jewish Rock Radio's Emerging Artist Showcase and has been featured at numerous festivals and conferences. His first album, *Unbroken*, is available everywhere.



Special thanks to our sponsors:

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For more information: www.isjl.org

#Giving Tuesday on November 28th

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving that began in 2012 and is fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and after the Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping events, this is an opportunity to kick off the charitable season and give locally.

This November 28th, join the movement and give - whether it's some of your time, a donation, a gift, or the power of your voice in your local community.

Come together with your family, your community, your company, or your organization and find a way to give back and share your idea.

You can learn more at the #Giving Tuesday website

<https://www.givingtuesday.org>

...and please remember CCMC on #Giving Tuesday!

Our Spotlight on CCMC Staff and Volunteers



The spotlight this month is on a CCMC volunteer:

Joyce Parrish

Born: Gurdon, Arkansas

Been in Hot Springs: Joyce has been in Hot Springs for 11 years.

Family: Joyce lives alone, but has "yours, mine, ours, and somebody else's grands!" She has 30 grand and great grand-children with steps and adopted. *Sounds like a full and busy life to us!*

CCMC: She is a referral nurse at CCMC. She schedules tests and finds physicians who will see patients at no charge. She has been at CCMC for 16 years.

Favorite thing about CCMC: Joyce says she enjoys the family atmosphere and working with experienced, caring people.

Hobbies: Her hobbies include genealogy; gardening; card playing; travel; and, of course, family.

Pets: She has two recently acquired rescue kittens...Miss Kitty and Miss Lucy.

Joyce, thank you for all your years of service and all you do for CCMC and our patients!



Getting Ahead Graduate Update

Our GA graduate update for the month of October, 2017, is about Paul Jacob. Paul graduated in August, 2016, and has made quite a journey.

He was born in Greenville, Mississippi, is single, and has twin sons, Matthew and Andrew, who live in Benton, Arkansas.

Some of his favorite activities are round-table Bible studies, fishing, and almost any type of outdoor work.

When asked what the most valuable thing he learned in Getting Ahead was, he said he learned there are many facets and levels of poverty and many, many resources to rise above those poverty issues.

Concerning successes and future goals, Paul is very happy to be teaching Sunday School and sharing Jesus and His love with others. He said, in the future, he would like to counsel others with addiction issues.

Paul works at Keith Smith Company and just attended the first CCMC Workforce Stability Workshop with quite a few of his co-workers. He is also currently co-facilitating a Getting Ahead class that will graduate in December.



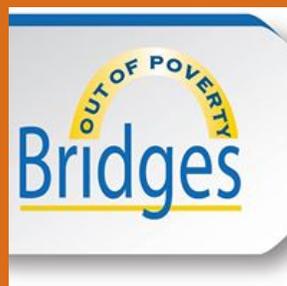
We are excited about what other wonderful things Paul's future will bring!

Another Young CCMC Volunteer!



Henry Winters joined us for Clinic Night in October and it was so nice to have his smiling face here. He brought joy and smiles when he came with his mom, Jennifer Winters, a CCMC volunteer pharmacist. Henry was born June 22nd. His dad, Jay Winters, was home with big brother, Harrison, who is almost three.

Jennifer, we appreciate your continued service to CCMC!



Monthly Community Discussions Continue

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 15...**
Please mark your calendar!

CCMC continues the monthly Bridge to Hope Community Discussion meetings on the 3rd Wednesday each month, 8:00-9:30 a.m., at the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce. The next discussion will be held November 15 and this will be the last one for 2017. They will resume in 2018 and we will publish that schedule later.

Please plan to attend to learn more about how we can all help our community ...and its citizens...move forward to sustainability. It will be 90 minutes well spent.

Please call 501.318.1153, ext. 303, to reserve your place or contact us at

New Name for the Getting Ahead Graduate Group

We have started calling the GA Graduate group, **Staying Ahead**, rather than Getting Ahead. We feel this is a more appropriate name for them as they have graduated, they are moving forward, and they are determined to "stay ahead."

Please continue to remember all of our Getting Ahead graduates in your prayers as they use their newly acquired tools and resources to move through this world.

CCMC Out and About in the Community



Starla Bleifus, GA Program Coordinator, attended the Transition Fair hosted by Arkansas Rehabilitation Services on October 5, representing CCMC.

Sharon Morel, CCMC Clinical Director, represented CCMC at the Health Fair Extravaganza at the Webb Center on October 7.



New and Ongoing Needs at CCMC

We have recently been made aware of a plumbing issue that will require a costly repair. Help with this unexpected expense...that was not included in the budget...will 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

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

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!

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 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.

Monthly Information Meetings for Prospective Getting Ahead Participants

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:

**November 9, 2017
December 14, 2017
January 11, 2017**

Important Meeting Times in November

Information Meeting for Getting Ahead Prospective Participants

Thursday, November 9 10:00-11:00 a.m.
CCMC

Staying Ahead Monthly Meeting (Graduates/Mentors)

Thursday, November 9 6:00 p.m.
CCMC

Bridge to Hope Community Discussion

Wednesday, November 15 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce

Seating limited - RSVP requested to awilson@ccmchs.com



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