

Culinary Arts Training Graduation Ceremony

LIFESPAN's Culinary Arts Training in Troutman held their second graduation ceremony at the end of September.



Three students completing Culinary Arts Training, prepared and presented lunch for twenty-five guests. Their selected menu included Tailgate Pizza, Out of the Garden Pizza, Traditional Three-Cheese Pizza and Snowed-Out Cake.

Each food item was prepared by CAT students Ashley, Taprie and Kelly. Guests attending the ceremony included family, Vocational Rehabilitation counselors and friends. Program Coordinator Mona Clark welcomed guests and gave an overview of the Culinary Arts Training program and cur-



riculum. After enjoying the delicious luncheon, certificates were given to students by Culinary Arts Training instructor, Brittney Auton.

Executive Director Bonita Stanley ended the ceremony with a challenge to the CAT students with direction on their new path for community employment and extended thanks of support to community partners, family members and friends.

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LIFESPAN Circle School in Mount Airy receives KESMM Grant

North Carolina's Department of Human and Health Services' **2011-12 Kids Eat Smart Move More** (KESMM) informed Program Director Cheryl Rodgers that a *Kids* ESMM Grant was awarded to LIFESPAN's Circle School in the amount of \$2,500 to launch activity and learning projects for children, child care employees, and families, and implement best practices related to childhood obesity prevention by encouraging good nutrition and increased physical activity.

LIFESPAN's Circle School will partner with Surry County Health & Nutrition for assessment and evaluation of nutrition practices and develop movement stations indoors (existing gym), so children can practice developing their sport skills, strength, agility and coordination.

To carry out the intended scope of the **Kids Eat Smart Move More**, all activities and expenses specified in the grant will promote the health and nutrition improvement of children attending LIFESPAN's Circle School, Community Based Rehabilitative Services and Head Start programs based at Jones Resource Center in Mount Airy.

LIFESPAN Artists at the Statesville Art Crawl

LIFESPAN's Creative Campus in Troutman participated in the Statesville Art Crawl on September 16th from 5:30 until 8:30 PM. Art Coordinator Tom Hendren, partnered with Edwin's Salon on Broad Street, to display a



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mixed media of paintings, unique pottery, paper maché

creations and the infamous cityscapes. Edwin has also given LIFESPAN space in his sidewalk front window to display "cityscapes" that has generated a lot of interest from the general public.

Statesville's Art Crawls are held each spring and fall in downtown Statesville. This is a good outlet for showing art, while providing a unique opportunity to promote awareness of programs. A LIFESPAN cityscape was shown in the marketing materials for this event.

The weather was good as was the turnout of people browsing and buying. Several individuals supported by LIFESPAN, attended with their families who were delighted in the projects that have been completed.

We look forward to these venues each year as a way to promote our programs and display the artistic abilities of many talented artists in Troutman.

Wish List

- Financial Gifts
- Horticulture supplies: pots, soil, garden gloves, rakes, garden tools
- Art supplies: brushes, paint (water/oil), canvases, art smocks & t-shirts, art chalk, paper
- Gift cards: Lowes, Walmart, dollar stores, gas cards
- Batteries: AA, AAA
- Toiletries and paper products: plates, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap
- Office supplies: black pens, notebooks, copy paper, file folders, Post-it® notes
- Wii games
- 8 passenger Van

LIFESPAN Volunteer of the Year: Thomas Smith



Davan Cloninger, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer presented the LIFESPAN Volunteer of the Year Award to Thomas Smith of Statesville. This award was given in honor of the selfless volunteer work that Thomas has done for LIFESPAN in Iredell, Surry, Guilford, Union and Stanly counties. The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to a person in North Carolina who stands out due to their passionate commitment to the mission while consistently going beyond the call of duty.

Thomas Smith began volunteering at LIFESPAN three years ago on volunteer and facility maintenance projects. Last year, LIFESPAN made a commitment to renovate, update, and transform eight adult facilities into Creative Campuses within 12 months. Thomas offered to travel to the various facilities and give professional advice on electrical projects. He knew that money was tight and typically assessed the need, rolled up his sleeves, went out and purchased supplies and jumped in and did the work himself. He then assembled a greenhouse in Dobson and assembled furniture at five locations. He now serves as chair of the Iredell Board of Visitors for LIFESPAN. Mr. Smith continues to show up at various locations and offers assistance with corporate and civic volunteer projects. He serves as a mentor to adults within the program, and works tirelessly to raise funding and awareness for the programs of LIFESPAN.

Great Volunteers at Creative Campus Troutman!



Volunteers from SABIC and Ingersoll Rand of Mooresville two groups from our local business community recently lent their time and energy to transform areas at the Creative Campus Troutman facility and Blue Sky Nature Center. The Ingersoll Rand volunteers renovated the sensory garden and built a new potting table for our horticulture program. At the Blue Sky Nature Center, trees and brush were removed to in preparation for a soon-to-be recreation area.

Thanks to the volunteers from SABIC, as they refreshed the look of the entrance guardrails with a new coat of paint. In addition, they updated the dining area with a new coat of paint that gave it a new contemporary look – just in time for the Culinary Arts Trainees Graduation (pictured on page 1)! Many thanks to both the Ingersoll Rand and SABIC volunteers: your hard work is much appreciated!



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