



## CARE

## CONNECT

## SERVE

Allow me to share what the Circle of Caring (COC) means to our growing audience, our community, as we continue to develop our relationship with businesses, churches, and organizations.

COC's purpose is to provide networking opportunities for like-minded people who serve in the community, whether they operate through a business, church, or organization in order to see who else is doing the work in the community. How can we help this group of people grow their relationship foundation by providing a platform for them to learn, to learn, to learn?

Providing a platform for everybody to come together, grow, learn what's happening in the community, and provide a little bit of support in the background is what COC allows us to do.

Additionally, the whole purpose of COC is to connect with non-profits that we wouldn't normally get to know and begin supporting each other in a more meaningful way rather than us all working in isolation and not connecting with those around us. In the COC, we can support and encourage so many people who do amazing things.

In summary, COC is a platform for everyone to come together and serve in unison rather than doing our individual work with our own resources. Support and benefits are shared between and among all involved. Creating a stronger community starts with everyone connecting together.

### *Amazing People Who Are Doing*



*Amazing Things in Shreveport*

# HIGHLIGHTS

## August 8th Luncheon

31 community leaders from the Shreveport-Bossier area came out to share and network with other leaders for lunch on August 8th with Community Liaison, Nina Marie.



Leaders were encouraged to share their favorite subject they enjoyed in elementary through high school as introductions were made. Responses were

comprised of reading, math, art, biology, and if recess and lunch were subjects, add them too! This icebreaker allowed us to learn an important fact about each other, but more importantly it was a great start to making more positive connections, to see what other unique connections we have in common, and a great way to see how we can help each other, how can we serve each other, and what opportunities can we offer each other.

Barrington Gibson III, Founder and CEO of United Nonprofits Inc. shared a brief overview of his organization and invited the group to come out to the National Nonprofits Inc. Mixer on Thursday, August 17th at 5:30 p.m.



Our luncheon ended with the challenge to invite, invite, invite others to the COC meetings!!

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# CIRCLE OF CARING PARTICIPANTS

~ ~ FOR AUGUST 8TH ~ ~

## AmeriHealth Caritas

Dustin Dawson

## Cadence Bank

Cari Onellion

Dana Smarr

## Coordinating & Development Corporation

Linette Culpepper

## Community

Mildred Bowman

Yolandria Clayton

Javaris Dennis

Rhoshunda Myles

Terrence Rivers

April Thomas

Crystal Woodard

## Community Support Program

Monica Armstrong

## Community Renewal International

Dr. Mike Leonard

Nina Marie

Claudia Oliver

David Oliver

David McCarter

Rebecca S. Taylor

Sharpe Welch

Wade Shemwell

## Crossroads of Hope Church

Jeremy Pierce

## Get Linked Social

Malik Hunter

## Hands of Hope BH

Kellie Speed

Kemba Thomas

## Job Corps

Jennifer Smith

## LWDA 70 American Job Center

Robin Berry

## My Community Cares

Nikeya Lewis

## Northwest LA Technical Community College

Kelsey Meshell

## The Kennedy Center

Meagan Adger

## United NonProfits Inc

Barrington Gibson

Angela Oliver

Shirley Taylor

## Volunteers for Youth Justice

Tyler Spears

**EACH ONE BRING ONE GUEST TO THE NEXT COC MEETING!!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The front line staff at the Bossier American Job Center has identified a great need for mental health workshops for career seekers. If there are Circle of Caring members who would fit this mission and would be willing to provide volunteer workshops at the center, please contact **Nicholas Olsen**, WIOA Program Manager Workforce Development at 318.632.2022, #117. Space, wifi, and computers, all at no cost, are available for use!

## HAVEN HOUSE LEADERS TRAINING

Make plans now to join us on Thursday, August 31st for the next Haven House Leaders Training at Community Renewal International

838 Margaret Place

11:30 a.m.

**Please RSVP to Wade Shemwell or Dr. Russell Minor at 318.425.3222**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT— October 3, 2023

## VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH JUSTICE

Volunteers For Youth Justice will be hosting a Jambalaya Cook-off on Saturday, October 21st.

Sign your team up today!

Go to <https://vyjla.org/jambalaya-cook-off/>

to complete the team registration,

\$50 Registration fee.

## ~ KEY DATES ~

**Thursday, August 17th @ 5:30 P.M.**

**National Nonprofit Mixer**

**Thursday, September 14th @ 8:30 A.M.**

**Breakfast**

**Tuesday, September 26th @ 11:30 A.M.**

**Luncheon**