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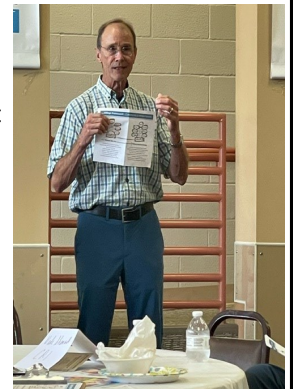
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# HIGHLIGHTS

CoC Community Liaison *Nina Marie* welcomed everyone to another tenacious Tuesday for a great lunch. During lunch, CRI's Director of the Renewal Team, *Sharpel Welch* and CRI's Associate Coordinator, *Mike Leonard* shared additional information to the Circle on *Building Mutually Enhancing Relationships* and the *Village Framework...Community as Whole System*.



- Because we are disjointed, there is so much opportunity for relationships to not only break down, but to never be built in the first place. What do we have in common?
- It is so easy for us to destroy relationships, we do it all the time. We start with what we have in common, full stop. If you want to build Mutually Enhancing Relationships, forget how you vote or what type of hairbrush you use, forget where you worship. Start with what you have in common. Then we build from there. There is science behind this.
- Every community, every empire has collapsed. Not from the outside; we do it to ourselves. We want to be the one that doesn't collapse that is ever renewing.



- Simply put, the mission of CR is the renewal of community. We don't have a better community until we have better people. People get better through their relationships. Every person in this room can identify where they fit in what we call the village system. The village is the only collective of human beings that has never collapsed. In our study of the village, we have identified these eight basic elements, seven of which are fundamental. One is foundational: relationships. We need good education. We need jobs. We need decent healthcare. We need all of these elements.
- What could we do if we all connected? If we used the icebreaker that we just did this morning, and we remembered that somebody who lives outside the city of Shreveport that needs work and does not have the resources to get them the skillset; to get the job that will help them take care of their family, that will lift up an entire family. It would possibly lift up an entire community.



- *That is why the Circle of Caring is necessary.*
- *That is why you are necessary.*
- *Relationships matter; use them.*



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Let us know what the Circle of Caring means to you by submitting a testimonial.

Messages can be sent to  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DAY of CARING is May 2nd



## CELEBRATION OF CARING

Saturday, May 4, 2024 | 10 AM - 1 PM

Please join the celebration of Red Ball Oxygen, Haven House Leaders, volunteers and residents who make Allendale a great place to live.

**FREE FOR EVERYONE!**

**SACK RACES | RELAY RACES | FACE PAINTING  
VOLLEYBALL | BOUNCE HOUSES**



The Friendship House  
1515 Clay St., Shreveport, LA



## ~ KEY DATES ~

### Circle of Caring May Meetings

**Breakfast - Thursday, May 16th @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Lunch - Tuesday, May 28th @ 11:30 a.m.**

**Come out and enjoy a meal with us!**

**Bring a guest with you if you can!!**