IGCC Annual Holiday Open House
December 10th 2:00PM - 4:30PM
Dr. Lessie Bass Building
1100 Ward Street
“We Hope to See You Here”

Lucille W. Gorham Inter-Generational Community Center
FAMILY | FUN | FOOD | EDUCATION
In September of 2015, IGCC was fortunate enough to have intern Lakwaneia Riddick join our staff. Lakwaneia is a senior Public Health Studies student at East Carolina University. She’s a native of Goldsboro, NC and currently resides in Greenville, NC. Her tenure at IGCC included support for all four core programs:

**YES** (Youth Excelling for Success) Afterschool Program, **YAP** (Youth Apprenticeship Program), the **Nurturing Community Garden**, and **IGCC Fit**. Lakwaneia’s most recent and cherished accomplishment was the “Turkey Palooza”. This event allowed her to collaborate with Campus Kitchen of ECU and United Against Hunger. Their fundraising efforts helped IGCC provide Thanksgiving Day meals for ten families. IGCC’s first Turkey Palooza project was a big success.

Lakwaneia will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health with a concentration in Community Health at the end of December. Her last day at IGCC will be December 10th and we will greatly miss her. The staff at IGCC are proud of Lakwaneia and wish her well.

**ECU students provided Volunteer Services**

Dr. Perry and IGCC Executive Staff collaborated to provide ECU YES 21st CCLC Afterschool youth with academic and mentorship support. Approximately 20 students from Dr. Perry’s African American Studies class have served as tutors, Shoebox wrappers, main office assistants, and library helpers for the past few months. Dr. Perry’s students are required to fulfill a 10 hr. Service Learning obligation prior to the end of this year and IGCC was pleased to be one of the sites chosen. Some of the students have opted to even return after they have completed their 10 hours. This has been a great experience for the YES youth as well as the volunteers. We welcome this partnership for many more years to come.

Dr. Perry, IGCC salutes you!
Parent University

Parent University is educational enrichment workshops and seminars held for the ECU YES 21st CCLC parents. November’s workshop was Part “1” of a series entitled “Stewards of Children”. Information was shared with the parents about the realities of child sexual abuse, prevention strategies, and how to recognize and respond properly. The presenter was Kelly Baxter, Community Educator with TEDI BEAR Children’s Advocacy Center, Brody School of Medicine, and East Carolina University.

IGCC Community & YES Parent Meeting

The purpose of the monthly community & parent meeting is to provide the community & the YES parents with information of the programs, updates, and events. Each meeting also addresses specific areas of concern and youth progress report updates for parents. Guest speakers are often a part of these meetings.

Here is what happened in the months of October and November.

October 20, 2015 – Parents were given information regarding the youth behavior on the vans while being transported from school to the campus. Upcoming parental involvement events were also identified. The Community & Parents were encouraged to participate in these events. Guest speaker was Dr. Torres and the topic was “Breast Cancer Detection”.

November 17, 2015 – Parents were reminded that the Community & Parent Meeting is mandatory for their child to remain in the program. Upcoming parental involvement events were shared. An introduction to the new Text Alert Program was presented by the Family Coordinator, Maurice Jordan and Alisha Powell led the group in fun activities in tribute to the holiday season.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Service Workers and volunteers make a continuous effort to keep our garden clean. As the winter season slowly approaches, it is imperative that the garden grounds are regularly maintained. To all of our helping hands, we say thanks. Volunteers for this project are welcomed!!! Keep your eyes open for what the “spring will bring”!
FROSTY: THE MUSICAL

It is a story about a young orphan named Billy, who places a stolen hat on top of a Snowman’s head and the snowman comes to life! The snowman’s name is Frosty.

The ECU YES 21ST CCLC afterschool program youth, along with a number of their parents and community members gathered for what would be an event to be remembered by all participating forever.

IGCC Family Coordinator Maurice Jordan orchestrated the disbursement of 111 tickets for The Musical: Frosty. On Friday November 20th, under Jordan’s leadership and tireless efforts, along with Director Deborah Moody and other supporting staff, met in front of the IGCC Dr. Lessie Bass Building to prepare for the journey. 97 youth/participants and 14 staff boarded four of ECU charter buses and were transported to the Wright Auditorium on the Campus of ECU. From the departure to the return, energy and excitement filled the air. The entire event was a great success.

According to Jordan, expressions of gratitude are still pouring in from those who attended.

LINE DANCING with MR. “D”

Back By Popular Demand

Where: Lucille W. Gorham Inter-Generational Community Center

1101 Ward Street/Educational Building

When: Thursdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm

Classes for this month are: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th

Everyone is Welcome!!!!
Family STEM Night

STEM meetings are designed to promote family engagement through learning about different topics in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Parents and their children meet to participate in several fun and educational hands on activities directed by various presenters accompanied by their students.

**October 28, 2015** – The presenters were Dr. Rhea Miles, PHD, Associate Professor of Science Education with ECU College of Education and Shawn Moore, Acting Director, Center for STEM Education, Director, Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics East Carolina University. The Topics were “Friction” and “How Certain Drugs Effect the Nervous System of the Body”.

**November 28, 2015** - The presenter was Dr. Elizabeth Taft, PHD, Professor of Science Education with ECU College of Education. The topics were Strawberry DNA, Geysers and Water Absorbing Polymers.

Shoebox Christmas Project 2015

IGCC and the ECU Graduate Assistants of Social Work collected donations to provide holiday gifts to children in the community. Donations were based on a wish list originated by the two groups. The results were phenomenal! Gifts will be disbursed at IGCC on Wednesday, December 23rd. For additional information Shawan Sutton, Program Coordinator at (252) 328-5800
IGCC held its’ 1st Turkey Palooza on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. Under the leadership of Intern Lakwaneia Riddick, IGCC collaborated with Campus Kitchen ECU and United Against Hunger to provide Thanksgiving Day dinner to 10 families. The selection of the families to receive the meals was established by mandatory participation requirements in IGCC events. Program Coordinator, Shawan Sutton, along with Intern Lakwaneia, other staff, and volunteers, packaged the meals and made the presentation. It was a heartfelt expression of what the holiday season is all about. This was the first Turkey Palooza but definitely not the last. Our desire is to get bigger and better each year. Thank you for your support and continue to help us help others.

Youth Apprenticeship Program

Participation in YAP has its’ advantages. Just asked Antawain Bynum, Brandon Phillips, and Dillion Bullock. These three YAP participants were placed in Apprenticeship positions during the month of November.

Employer Sam Pollard and Sons provided on the job training for Antawain Bynum and Brandon Phillips while Helen’s Grooming provided on the job training for Dillion Bullock.

The jobs are for a duration of 7 weeks at 24 hours per week for each participant. Potential for permanent employment is at the discretion of the employer upon participants’ successful completion. Congratulations to these young men for their commitment and stick-to-itiveness. Other events for YAP participants are in the works.

If you are an employer or if you know an employer that may want to become involved with assisting YAP participants in on the job training, please contact the center. Say “Yes” to YAP!
SUPPORTING ARTICLES:
MAURICE JORDAN
CHERYL WALTERS
LAKWANEIA RIDDICK

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

IGCC Closing Dates for the Holiday

The IGCC Office will be closed effective
Thursday, December 24th 2015
and will Reopen
Monday, January 4th 2016

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