
Eblen Charities Board of Directors Weekly Briefing 1/14/19

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"All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action."

James Russell Lowell (1819-1891) American poet, critic, editor, author, diplomat, iconoclast

Please Remember Members of Our Eblen Family in Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember those in our Eblen family who have suffered losses and are facing health challenges the past few weeks. Our close friend and board member George Suggs lost his father on Friday after a long illness. Visitation at 1 PM Tuesday January 15th at Groce Funeral Home at Lake Julian. Service to follow in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home at 2 PM. Burial will take place at Bethany United Methodist Church Cemetery in Fairview will begin our 20th year of our Dental Sealant Program this Friday, January 13th on the campus of A-B Tech in the new Ferguson Building at 8:30 AM.

Longtime volunteer Linda Erwin passed away suddenly this week as well. She helped anchor the front desk on Thursday afternoons and was one of the many bright spots of our week. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Skyland United Methodist Church with Rev. Joy Moss officiating.

Two of our wonderful long-time and invaluable employees have had loved ones who are facing medical challenges - Kathy Conley's family in Charlotte and Linda Enis, who's husband Sam recently underwent a liver transplant but now is home and recovering.

Few organizations have such a wonderful family as we do with our Eblen family and that have touched so many lives together. Thank you all for the love and care you give to each other as well as our whole community.

Eblen License Plate Project Enters Final Month

Last spring we began a unique project thanks to a very enterprising young lady at TC Roberson and her senior project. Amy Webster (niece of long-time friend and board member Tony Baldwin) has been part of Eblen ever since she was old enough to help collect and hand out school supplies and help share thousands of

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Dental Sealant Program Off to a Great Start

We began our 20th year of our Dental Sealant Program this past Friday at A-B Tech last Friday with the second graders from Johnston Elementary School. We will be at A-B Tech each Friday between now and the end of May.

As you know, the dental sealant program has been one of our flagship programs and has served more than 10,000 students since our first year. It is hard to imagine that the first class of students we saw that first day back in 1999 are through college. Thanks to board member Keith Black for his vision and leadership in creating the Dental Sealant Program, as well to Susan Riddle, Deborah Plemmons and Mary Ann McMinn for coordinating the program with all its pieces each week.

"Eblen After Hours" Begins with "Full House"

A great many thanks to all of our selfless staff and volunteers for once again opening our "Eblen After Hours" program last Tuesday, allowing us to see additional families who may have difficulty getting in before 5 o'clock.

The "Eblen After Hours" program is open until 7:00 PM every Tuesday evening until the beginning of April. The extra hours allow us to see more clients and give us a greater opportunity to serve our clients who work during the day.

Many, many thanks to our tremendous staff and volunteers not only for last Tuesday, but for staying almost every night until 6:30 or later in seeing the great number of clients seeking our help this past week as LIEAP expanded and the cold weather returned.

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James Russell
Lowell



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EBLEN CHARITIES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



INGLES SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO JOIN HOOPS AGAINST HUNGER IN U S CELLULAR CENTER THIS MARCH

The Southern Conference has been known for decades for their high academic standards, tremendous faculty, staff, and their nationally recognized athletic teams.

And once again, SOCON is bringing their highly contested conference

Championship
Tournaments
Return to Battle
childhood Hunger
March 1st - 5th



basketball championships to Asheville this March, not only to bring excitement and a top level of competition of the men's and women's to the US Cellular Center and eventually crowning their respective champions, but to also show what true champions they truly are.

For the fifth consecutive year, Eblen Charities Hoops Against Hunger will again partner with the Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Tournament in collecting food to lead the fight against childhood hunger in western North Carolina.

Teams throughout the conference will be collecting food during their games this season with the food being brought to the tournaments to thank our community for hosting the championships. Food will also be collected during the tournament on March 1st-5th at the US Cellular Center with a \$5 discount per ticket being given for anyone bringing food to the sessions.

The food will then be distributed to area schools through the Arby's JoyFull Holidays at Home and the Ingles Food for Thought programs. Local hotels will once again be hosting the SOCON teams and will also be collecting food during the tournament along with tournament sponsors Ingles Markets and local Arby's restaurants.

Founded in 2014, and led by Hoops Against Hunger National Chairman NBA All-Star, broadcaster, and NASCAR team owner, Brad Daugherty along with its companion programs Headlock on Hunger and Huddle Against Hunger have provided nearly 1,000,000 meals to area students who may be without food at home while away from school.

"The Southern Conference is proud to #jointhefight again this year by participating in Hoops Against Hunger. Childhood hunger does not take a day off when schools are not in session and Hoops Against Hunger is specifically focused on providing food for children at times when other programs aren't able to provide the critical everyday support that many children depend on. As in past years, we are especially proud to offer fans attending this year's Southern Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Championships opportunities to help out either with on-site food donations or cash contributions. Our goal is to make this a record breaking tournament for the Hoops Against Hunger program," says Geoff Cabe, Senior Associate Director of the Southern Conference.

"We are honored to once again be working with the Southern Conference, Ingles, Arby's, the Bruntz Restaurant Group, our area hotels, the Asheville-Buncombe Regional Sports Commission, the US Cellular Center, and everyone who has joined us in making sure that no child in our community goes hungry," states Bill Murdock, executive director of Eblen Charities. "We know that when you're hungry, nothing else matters. You're not able to study. You're not able to think. You're not able to have a regular academic career because you have a secret; you know you're different from some of the other students who do have enough food at home and once again thanks to the Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships we are much closer than ever before."

For more information on Hoops Against Hunger please visit www.hoopsagainsthunger.net.
For more information on the upcoming Ingles Southern Conference Tournaments please visit www.socinsports.com.

BILTMORE CHURCH REACHES OUT WITH HUNDREDS OF BLANKETS TO HELP BATTLE RECORD COLD TEMPERATURES



Families in our community will find the cold winter nights a bit warmer thanks to the kindness of our wonderful friends and partners at Biltmore Church, who once again joined together to donate more than 600 blankets to Eblen Charities as the New Year began.

So many that we serve through the Eblen Charities Waddell Client Service Center are ill, elderly or have small children at home and are susceptible to the cold and the cold temperatures provide a challenge. Now, in addition to our other heating assistance outreaches, we will be able to help keep more of our families warm thanks to the kindness of everyone at Biltmore Church.

"We are honored to be working with the wonderful folks at Biltmore Church as they again share the warmth by collecting blankets last month and bringing them to Eblen for our clients this past week. Thanks to their kindness so many of the children, elderly, and others we serve will not be left out in the cold this winter," states Bill Murdock, executive director of Eblen Charities.

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Through programs and partnerships of the Eblen Energy Assistance programs which include Crisis Intervention Program, Emergency Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Energy Neighbors, among others, thousands of families have been assisted this winter and now they can keep even warmer thanks to the tremendous outreach of our wonderful friends at Biltmore Church.

For more information on the Eblen Charities heating assistance programs please contact Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848 or at wmurdock@eblencharities.org or please visit www.eblencharities.org

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EPILOGUE: Dr. King's Message Still Resonates More Than Six Decades Later



“Being loving enough to absorb evil and understanding enough to turn an enemy into a friend.”

Those very powerful words of kindness weren't spoken, but written as advice sixty-two years ago from Dr. Martin Luther King on a one page typed sheet of paper titled *Integrated Bus Suggestion*.

Known for his courage, compassion, and unwavering vision of equality, Dr. King's words have resonated across the globe and like his model Mahatma Gandhi, set the bar for non-violent protest and change that moved the world and changed a nation.

But as well known and repeated as his *I Have a Dream Speech* given in August of 1963 has been, there are a number of his other speeches and writings that have not been as well recognized, such as this almost forgotten sheet of suggestions written in 1956 that have given some of the most inspiring, moving, and practical advice on how to deal with those who may oppose you and thus could change the world.

The sheet I am writing about was handed out in Montgomery, Alabama to those preparing to ride the newly integrated bus system after a nearly 12 month boycott. It was in June of that year that a federal district court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional and five months later the ruling was upheld by the US Supreme Court.

One month later, in December, the Montgomery Improvement Association and Dr. King called an end to the boycott as he stepped on a newly integrated bus four days before Christmas in 1956.

This was a tremendous victory, but one that was met not with joyous parades or gloating media interviews, but with a quiet understanding of how they would handle this victory would be the cornerstone of all civil rights battles to come.

Dr. King implored those who had chosen to walk miles to work each day, carpool, marched in protest, and faced threats and bombings, rather than continue to utilize a segregated bus system, to avoid any conflict and to “demonstrate the calm dignity of our Montgomery people in your actions”.

This handout dated December 19, 1956 reminded the victory that the Supreme Court ruling “places a tremendous responsibility of maintaining, in the face of what could be some unpleasantness, a calm and loving dignity befitting good citizens and members of our Race.”

Among the 17 suggestions were:

Pray for guidance and commit yourself to complete non-violence in word and action.

In all things observe ordinary rules of courtesy and good behavior.

Be quiet but friendly; proud, but not arrogant; joyous but not boisterous.

Do not boast.

Do not brag.

Amazing advice to a group of people who suffered violence and inequality for so long and who had just won a monumental and historic victory. All his advice in his hand-out could be expressed in just two words...

"Be Kind."

In these tumultuous times we see so many groups, political, religious, nonprofit, and others at odds with each other and attacking each other with voices filled with venom as they scream at one another to be heard above the crowd.

We would all be served well as we commemorate Dr. King's birthday this week to read his simple suggestions and remember what he and so many others gave their lives to and in the face of confrontation, defeat, or victory to simply be kind.



COAT DRIVE

The Broker Asheville is teaming up with Eblen Charities this January!
Please help those in need by donating new or gently used winter gear to
keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Thanks for helping us take care of our neighbors in need!




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STAY WARM WITH LIEAP



WHAT IS LIEAP?
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

WHO CAN APPLY?
* Buncombe County households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability may apply **December 1, 2018 through March 31st 2019** as long as there are funds available.
* Open for all Buncombe County residents **January 2nd through March 31st** as long as there are funds available.

WHEN TO APPLY?
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HOW TO APPLY?
Apply in person at Eblen Charities,
50 Westgate Parkway, Asheville NC 28806
between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. *

WHAT TO BRING:
Picture ID
Social Security Cards
Verification of all income in the home (Savings account limit \$2,250)
Verification of Primary Heat source
Heat source Bill (for account information purposes)
If power bill not in applicant's name please bring a note from the account holder stating applicant is responsible for bill payment.

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT
Benefit amount will be based on household size and income at time of application and will be \$200,300 or \$400.
Wood or coal benefits are \$200 per year regardless of family size.

* Mail in applications will be available for people unable to apply in person by calling 255-3066 and requesting an application. Please be aware these applications will take longer to process due to the mailing process.

Number In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,315
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,251
4	\$2,719
5	\$3,187
6	\$3,655
7	\$4,123

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(Asheville, NC): While winter and sub-zero temperatures have returned to the mountains of western North Carolina there is no doubt that winter is going to be with us for quite a while.

With the drop in temperatures and cold winds filling our days, the Waddell Client Service Center of Eblen Charities has again seen an increased number of families calling upon us to help them keep warm in these weeks of winter.

Since the first week in November, the staff and volunteers at Eblen Charities have been working tirelessly assisting thousands of children, adults, and families fend off the cold and to ensure that they have heat in their homes and that power stays on during the most difficult time of the year.

Going into the third month of energy assistance with a record number of families assisted and combining energy funds from other sources, Eblen Charities is continuing to reach out to those in need thanks to the partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) for Buncombe County.

LIEAP is a [Federally-funded](#) program that provides payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. Funds from the Low Income Energy Assistance Program provide one payment a year for homes with a primary heating source that is fuel oil, kerosene, as well as electricity, natural gas, wood, or coal.

As we began the program on December 1st, it was open only to households containing a member who was 60 years old or older or having someone disabled and receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services and who were at least 130% of the poverty level.

Beginning January 2nd, we were able to open the program to any and all homes who are at least 130% of the poverty level. By being able to do this, Eblen Charities is able to continue to reach out to families who may have already had assistance or need help later in the winter to stay warm until the warm weather of spring arrives.

Families who may have received assistance through other heating and utility assistance programs may be eligible for the LIEAP funds giving these hard working and deserving families a little extra breathing room as the cold winter arrives.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program is open to all households at 130% of poverty level (example: single member household \$1,315, family of two \$1,783, family of four \$2,719 and provides a one-time vendor payment of \$200, \$300, or \$400 based on household size and income for homes that use electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, or kerosene. Families using wood or coal will be eligible to receive \$200 regardless of family size.

"LIEAP could not have come at a better time for our clients. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to again partner with Buncombe County Health and Human Services with LIEAP and help provide additional assistance to help so many of our families keep warm this winter," tells Bill Murdock, Executive Director of Eblen Charities.

"Thanks to them, this year we have more funds than ever before with the LIEAP program to continue to reach out and keep those who are most susceptible to the cold keep warm. Thanks to Buncombe County Health and Human Services allowing us to add the Low Income Energy Assistance Program to our heating outreach, a great many more families who seek help through Eblen will not be left out in the cold."

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EBLEN CHARITIES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



EBLEN HEATING ASSISTANCE GROWS AS RECORD COLD CONTINUES

This past week certainly made it evident to all of us living in the mountains of western North Carolina that winter is going to be with us for a while.

With the drop in temperatures and cold winds filling our days, the Waddell Client Service Center of Eblen Charities has again seen an increased number

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of families calling upon us to help them keep warm in these weeks of winter.

Since the first week in November, the staff and volunteers at Eblen have been working tirelessly assisting thousands of children, adults, and families fend off the cold and to ensure that they have heat in their homes and that power stays on during the most difficult time of the year.

Going into the fourth month of energy assistance with a record number of families assisted and combining energy funds from other sources, Eblen Charities is continuing to reach out to those in need thanks to the partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) for Buncombe County.

LIEAP is a Federally-funded program that provides payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. Funds from the Low Income Energy Assistance Program provide one payment a year for homes with a primary heating source that is fuel oil, kerosene, as well as electricity, natural gas, wood, or coal.

As we began the program on December 1st, it was open only to households containing a member who was 60 years old or older or having someone disabled and receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services and who were at least 130% of the poverty level (please see chart on page 6).

Beginning January 2nd, we were able to open the program to any and all homes who are at least 130% of the poverty level. By being able to do this, Eblen Charities is able to continue to reach out to families who may have already had assistance or need help later in the winter to stay warm until the warm weather of spring arrives.

Families who may have received assistance through other heating and utility assistance programs may be eligible for the LIEAP funds giving these hard working and deserving families a little extra breathing room as the cold winter arrives.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program is open to all households at 130% of poverty level (example: single member household \$1,315, family of two \$1,783, family of four \$2,719 and provides a one-time vendor payment of \$200, \$300, or \$400 based on household size and income for homes that use electricity.

Eblen Energy Project



The Eblen Energy Project provides heating and utility assistance to families in our community in times of need.

In partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services, Duke Energy, Baltimore Oil Company, other energy providers, the Eblen Energy Project provides much needed assistance to help ensure no one is left out in the cold.



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Diamond Brand Customers Help Families Bundle Up for the Second Year As Cold Weather Arrives For Good



Diamond Brand Outdoors is known as a place to get the gear you need to play in Western North Carolina. Many of you also went there to give.

The company's Second Annual Bundle Up For Good Coat Drive once again provided hundreds of coats to Eblen Charities to help keep those in need warm this winter.

"Even after 55 years, the spirit of the mountains we call home continues to amaze us all," says Will Gay, owner and CEO of Diamond Brand Outdoors. "Thanks for showing us the great things that can happen when we all join forces to strengthen our community."

Eblen Charities will distribute donations to families in our area who need them the most, just as the lowest temperatures of winter hit the mountains.

"We're local and we like to support local groups doing awesome things to make our little corner of the world a better place," Will adds. "Call it civic pride or mountain spirit, but we think it's the right thing to do. When you choose an independent, small business like ours, you not only enjoy a more personal experience, you're helping build community, strengthen our local economy, create jobs, and shape Western North Carolina's character."

"We are most grateful to our wonderful neighbors at Diamond Brand for their tremendous kindness and hard work in collecting coats to help keep our families warm," adds Bill Murdock, executive director of Eblen Charities. "Thanks to them, so many more in our community will be able to keep warm as cold temperatures return."

EPILOGUE: THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY TOMORROWS



Within the first two weeks of this year I have lost two wonderful friends. They were loved by those who knew them and their lives touched countless others.

In thinking of them I thought it might be appropriate to reprint some thoughts I wrote some time ago. So for now, my friends, I hope you know how much you meant to so many and that in this life I have been so blessed to know you.

Here is my epilogue from August 24, 2015.

I have been to seven funerals in the past seven weeks and have lost two very good friends during the past two months whose services I couldn't attend.

Some were close friends, some were parents of those I grew up with, some were well known while others were known only to their friends and family. But all of them had two things in common. All were loved and all, no matter their age, saw their days end far too soon.

My grandmother would remind me often that there are only so many tomorrows.

I wish I had taken the opportunity to have seen or spoken to my friends who are now gone. Some of their deaths came unexpectedly, some I knew were ill, but I let life get in the way. I thought there would be plenty of time—plenty of tomorrows. I was wrong.

It is sad that it takes a tragic loss to tell us of what we already know. There are only so many tomorrows.

I find it strange that we all know this and sadly it is when we lose someone we know or love that we promise to do better. We promise ourselves and those we are close to that we will keep in touch, we will drop by, and we will have lunch or dinner together. We mean well and then we forget. We let life get in the way.

We forget there are only so many tomorrows.

Our lives are not solely about us. More and more it seems that modern and conventional thought has seemed to gravitate to just living in the moment and being the center of our own universe. What can we derive from the world to meet our needs—to make us happy?


The poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it made some difference that you have lived and lived well."

No matter how long we are here our lives are short—and we really don't truly live them until we give them away. And to do so we need to find what the world needs, what our community needs and give it freely. But I believe we should start with those closest to us. If you have something to say to someone you love, if there is something you need to mend do it now—don't waste time.

We must hold on fast to all you have been given in this life for we have no idea how long we will have it. It all can change in the blink of an eye or in a beat of a heart. Don't take your life for granted. There are only so many tomorrows.

NEED HELP HEATING YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

STAY WARM WITH LIEAP



WHAT IS LIEAP?
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

WHO CAN APPLY?
* Buncombe County households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability may apply **December 1, 2018** through **March 31st 2019** as long as there are funds available.
* Open for all Buncombe County residents **January 2nd** through **March 31st** as long as there are funds available.

WHEN TO APPLY?
* **December 1st through December 31st - 2018**
Households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability.
* **January 2nd through March 31st 2019** - Open for all ages.

HOW TO APPLY?
Apply in person at Eblen Charities, 50 Westgate Parkway, Asheville NC 28806 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. *

WHAT TO BRING:
Picture ID
Social Security Cards
Verification of all income in the home (Savings account limit \$2,250)
Verification of Primary Heat source
Heat source Bill (for account information purposes)
If power bill not in applicant's name please bring a note from the account holder stating applicant is responsible for bill payment.

INCOME LIMITS FOR BENEFITS

Number In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,315
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,251
4	\$2,719
5	\$3,187
6	\$3,655
7	\$4,123

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT
Benefit amount will be based on household size and income at time of application and will be \$200,300 or \$400. Wood or coal benefits are \$200 per year regardless of family size.

* Mail in applications will be available for people unable to apply in person by calling 255-3066 and requesting an application. Please be aware these applications will take longer to process due to the mailing process.

COAT DRIVE

The Broker Asheville is teaming up with Eblen Charities this January!
Please help those in need by donating new or gently used winter gear to
keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Thanks for helping us take care of our neighbors in need!



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Ingles / WSPA Caring for the Carolinas Coat Drive Set for this Tuesday, January

29th

Our wonderful partners at Ingles Markets are again reaching out to those in need in our community with the Inaugural Caring for the Carolinas Coat Drive at the Ingles in Skyland on Hendersonville Road next Tuesday, January 29th from 12-6 pm.

We are looking forward to this new event and to receive more coats as requests for them have continued to grow this winter. Our great thanks to our wonderful partners at Ingles, Bobby Ingle, Jim Lanning, Melissa Leavell, and Tim Barrett for including us in this new event and helping make sure that everyone is able to stay warm this winter.

Still Time to Get Your Eblen License Plates

There is still time to get your Eblen License Plate. We have to sell 300 of them before we can turn in our application to the state legislation for approval. Once approved the new license plates will be mailed.

The cost is \$20 (donation to Eblen) in addition to your normal license fee but will be an ongoing revenue stream for Eblen. We have sold more than 200 so far thanks to our project chairman Matt Wright and our generous board members and friends. Our deadline is the end of this month. We will be contacting you all to see if you will join us in this project. I have also attached the information at the end of the newsletter.

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Keller-Williams Broker Asheville Coat Drive Brings Warmth this Winter

Winter has only started but we have already distributed thousands of coats and see clients on a daily basis in need of a warm coat to help get them through the winter. As most of you know, we have a tremendous Spring Clean Coat Drive with our friends and partners at WLOS at the end of March and collect and distribute coats all year long.

This month we have been approached by Jeff Stewart's Broker Asheville Team at Keller Williams as they have joined us in keeping those we serve warm as the cold winds of winter arrive. They will be collecting coats at their two locations from now until the end of the month. Our gratitude to everyone at Keller-Williams for their kindness and helping us make sure that no one is left out in the cold.

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What's Coming Up...

With a new year upon us, we are already setting course for our events and programs for 2019. We have a lot going on this year and here is the latest list. We are looking for volunteers as always, so please come and join us. [New Events and Changes in Red.](#)

This Week:

Ingles / WSPA Caring for the Carolinas Coat Drive- Tuesday, January 29th 12-6 pm - Ingles, Hendersonville Rd

Eblen Sealant Program - Friday, February 1st -A-B Tech

What's Next:

February:

Heroes vs Hunger / Fed Cup - Saturday-Sunday, February 9-10 - US Cellular Center

March:

Hoops Against Hunger / Ingles SOCON Basketball Championships - Thursday - Monday, March 7-11th - US Cellular Center

April:

WLOS / Eblen Spring Clean Coat Drive - Thursday, April 25th- Ashley Furniture Home Store (Airport Road) / Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

May:

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Sponsor Reception - Monday, May 20th - TBA

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic - Tuesday, May 21st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

July:

Waddell Client Service Center Closed-July 4th

Ingles/Eblen Headlock on Hunger Food Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

August:

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Distribution / Health Fair-TBA - Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

September:

Walk Kick-Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA- Outback- Tunnel Road

Pumpkin Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback-Tunnel Road

BOOster Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback Tunnel Road

Eblen Dinner / Auction - 5:30 PM - Monday, September 30, A-B Tech

October:

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Begin - Tuesday, October 1st

Avadim Technologies / Heath Shuler Fall Golf Invitational -9:00 AM - Tuesday, October 1st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Registration Begins - Tuesday, October 2nd - Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate

The Walk - 9:00 AM- Saturday, October 12th, A-B Tech

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Ends - Thursday, October 31st

November:

Smoky Mountain Toy Run - 10:00 AM - Saturday, November 2nd - Kearfott (Swannanoa)

Crisis Intervention Heating Assistance Sign Ups Begin - 8:00 AM - Friday day, November 1st, Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate

Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 AM - Saturday, November 9th - Fatz Cafe

Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Distribution - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Wednesday, November 27th - Ingles South Forrest Shopping Center

Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday-Friday, November 28-29th

December:

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Magical Christmas Toy Drive- Thursday,- Saturday, December 5-7th - Ingles Tunnel Rd

Low Income Energy Assistance Sign Ups Begin (Sixty and Older) - 8:00 AM-Monday, December 2nd- Waddell Client Services Center- Westgate

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Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Toy Store Last Day Shopping - Monday, December 23rd - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate

Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Christmas Holiday - Tuesday-Wednesday, December 24-25th

Waddell Client Service Center Reopens - Thursday, December 26th

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"We are extremely grateful for our partnerships with Buncombe County Schools, Arby's, Ingles, the Brumit Restaurant Group, Pepsi, JR Bar-B-Q, and everyone who is joined us in our Heroes vs Hunger programs that include the Ingles/Eblen Food for Thought and the Arby's/Eblen JoyFull Holidays at Home among other outreaches. When you are hungry and nothing else matters."

"A.C. Reynolds High School reached out to Eblen Charities recently as there was significant need for food for some of our families. Eblen immediately provided us with multiple boxes ready to eat food. Our families will not go hungry thanks to their generosity," adds Lauren Ward of Buncombe County schools.

Led by WWE Hall of Famers National Chairman Jim Ross, Beth Copeland (Beth Phoenix), Heroes vs Hunger National Chairman Adam Copeland (Edge) and board members Gerald Brisco, Nikita Koloff, Dan Gable, and Lee Roy Smith Headlock on Hunger in has provided millions of meals in the past four years. For more information on how you can join Heroes versus Hunger, Headlock on Hunger, Hoops Against Hunger, and Huddle Against Hunger, please contact Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848, via email at vmurdock@eblencharities.org, or visit eblencharities.org, teamheadlock.org, and hoopsagainsthunger.net.



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EPILOGUE: A STORY THAT WILL NOT SOON BE FORGOTTEN



She came into our office on Friday, a young lady in early 20s but look much younger. She walked up to our desk and stood there for a few minutes trying hard to find the words she wanted to say.

"I've never had to do this before," she finally said. "I don't know what to say but I need help." She quietly began to tell her story to our volunteer coordinator Mary Ann McMinn.

She explained and she had two young children at home and had recently lost her house as her landlord sold the property

and told her she had to move. A few days later she was informed at work if they were cutting back and she lost her job.

With no place to go she frantically began looking for a new home for her and her children and fortunately within a few days found an apartment. She had to use every bit of her meager savings for the deposit. She had in doing this she was left with no money for food.

As Mary Ann listened to her story as the young lady took off her coat and showed her her arm and said that she had donated her blood because she had heard they were they giving out Walmart gift cards for people who donated blood and the \$10 gift card would help her put food on the table for her children.

Taking her aside, Mary Ann told her how glad she was that she was there along with her father and a friend who is there for moral support and to help tell her story if needed. Through a food program with Ingles we were able to give her and Ingles's gift card which would help her with food for sometime and then began to help her with her rent and other needs that she has.

In a community so generous and giving this young mother still had to donate her blood to get a Walmart gift card to provide food for her children. Not in some huge urban center or in another country, right here in our own back yard, actually right here in our own living room.

Later that afternoon I was reminded of a story I had read a few days before.

It was a story is told about Fiorello LaGuardia, who served as the three-time Mayor of New York City during the darkest days of the Great Depression and all throughout World War II. Known as the "Little Flower" because of his stature (five foot four) and the fact that he was always seen wearing a carnation in his lapel.

Fiorello cut a wide colorful swath throughout the city, as he would ride the New York City fire trucks, raid speakeasies with the police department, take entire orphanages to see the Yankees play baseball, and when the New York newspapers decided to strike, he would read the Sunday funnies on the radio to the children at home so they wouldn't miss the adventures of their favorite characters.

On one particularly bitterly cold night in January of 1935, the mayor walked into a magistrate court in the poorest section of the city and informed the judge that he would be hearing the cases himself.



Relieving the judge of his duties for the evening, LaGuardia took the bench and called the court to order. Shortly, a old woman in ragged clothes was brought before him being charged with stealing a loaf of bread.

She explained to the mayor that her daughter had recently been abandoned by her husband. Her daughter was very ill and her two grandchildren were starving. Upon hearing her story, LaGuardia asked the shopkeeper to drop the charges. The shopkeeper refused.

"It's a real bad neighborhood, Your Honor," the man told the mayor. "She's got to be punished to teach other people around here a lesson."

LaGuardia, seeing that the shopkeeper would not change his mind, looked to the woman and said, "I've got to punish you. The law makes no exceptions—ten dollars or ten days in jail."

Heartbroken and devastated by his words, this frail women found that it took all her strength just to stand and explained to the mayor that she had no money and if she had, she would have purchased the bread and would not have stolen it. But then a most unexpected thing happened. As the mayor was pronouncing the sentence, he reached into his pocket, took out a ten-dollar bill tossed it into his famous sombrero. "Here is the ten-dollar fine, which I now remit," he said. "And furthermore, I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty-cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant."

The New York City newspapers reported the next day that \$47.50 was turned over to a quite confused elderly lady who had stolen a loaf of bread to feed her starving grandchildren. Noting that fifty-cents of that amount collected came from a very angry, red-faced grocery-store owner as well as from seventy petty criminals, people with traffic violations, attorneys, and New York City policemen, each of whom paid fifty cents and for the privilege of doing so gave the mayor a standing ovation.

Now, that story happened nearly eighty-five years ago and in a world where so much has changed, so much hasn't. Throughout the years in every city, town, and state in our county, including our own there are still families who have to donate blood to get a free gift card to buy food for their children.

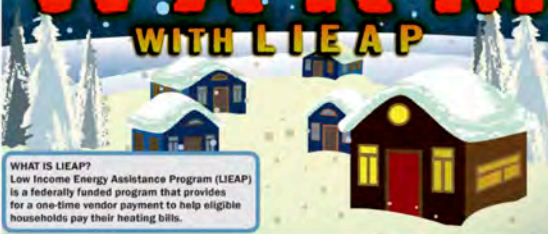
This is not the romantic version of Victor Hugo's 1852 novel and wildly popular musical Les Misérables (the Miserable Ones) in which Jean Valjean was sentenced to twenty-years in prison for stealing a loaf of bread to help feed his sister and her children. This is not a novel or a play we travel hundreds of miles and wait months to see. This is where we live - in a wonderful caring community who still has courageous women and men who are willing to give their blood for their families can eat.

In a time of government shutdowns, furloughs, and vitriolic rhetoric we can't afford to overlook all of those in need, not just those who make the news. We must reach out to everyone in need and not forget those who have been struggling for so long.

I have heard it said that courage is getting up every morning and facing the battles that left you so exhausted the night before. The young lady who visited us last Friday has that kind of courage. And as long as she and others like her are there so will be Eblen Charities. Please come and join us. Let us begin.

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COAT DRIVE

The Broker Asheville is teaming up with Eblen Charities this January!
Please help those in need by donating new or gently used winter gear to
keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Thanks for helping us take care of our neighbors in need!



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Eblen Charities Headlock on Hunger program has taken to the mat once again this past week as the outreach has once again expanded to serve more students who are facing hunger at home in our community.

With more and more families reaching out for food this winter, Eblen Charities Headlock on Hunger is expanding it's outreach with Buncombe County schools in providing food for their food closets.

This past week we received a call from Lauren Ward a counselor in the Reynolds School District telling us of finding their students and families in need of food in the food closets empty as the wonderful volunteers at Eblen were still going through and separating the food from our last two Headlock on Hunger wrestling tournaments, getting it ready for distribution to students for spring break.

But now with an increasing need and a new challenge before us, no time was wasted in growing Headlock on Hunger's mission in an expanded direction to help our students not only during extended breaks away from school, but on a daily basis as well. And with more students facing hunger at home we believe that we had a tremendous opportunity before us and use the food we have collected to serve an even greater number students and begin by replenishing the A C Reynolds High School, Bell Elementary, and Owen High School's food closets and providing food and Ingles gift cards to families in need.

"This is a tremendous way for us to expand our outreach with our partners at Ingle's, Arby's, the Brumit Restaurant Group, Pepsi, JR's Bar-B-Q, WLOS-TV, iHeart Radio, and our other partners with Headlock on Hunger, Hoops Against Hunger, Huddle Against Hunger and Heroes vs Hunger in providing food and meals beyond our original vision of doing so during the extended breaks of as spring, fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and summer. We all have a responsibility to make sure that students in our community have enough to eat at home throughout the year, not just a particular times," states Bill Murdock, executive director of Eblen Charities.

"We are extremely grateful for our partnerships with Buncombe County Schools, Arby's, Ingles, the Brumit Restaurant Group, Pepsi, JR Bar-B-Q, and everyone who is joined us in our Heroes vs Hunger programs that include the Ingle/Eblen Food for Thought and the Arby's/Eblen JoyFull Holidays at Home among other outreaches. When you are hungry and nothing else matters."

"AC Reynolds High School reached out to Eblen Charities recently as there was significant need for food for some of our families. Eblen immediately provided us with multiple boxes ready to eat food. Our families will not go hungry thanks to their generosity," adds Lauren Ward of Buncombe County schools.

Led by WWE Hall of Famers National Chairman Jim Ross, Beth Copeland (Beth Phoenix), Heroes vs Hunger National Chairman Adam Copeland (Edge) and board members Gerald Brisco, Nikita Koloff, Dan Gable, and Lee Roy Smith Headlock on Hunger in has provided millions of meals in the past four years. For more information on how you can join Heroes versus Hunger, Headlock on Hunger, Hoops Against Hunger, and Huddle Against Hunger, please contact Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848, via email at wmurdock@eblencharities.org, or visit eblencharities.org, teamheadlock.org, and hoopsagainsthunger.net.

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Eblen Charities Board of Directors Weekly Briefing 2/4/18

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"...and hoping to be wiser, man has reached too far, sometimes I think that we've advanced, but then I look at where we are..." Larry Norman (1947–2006) American writer, musician, entrepreneur, theologian, iconoclast.

Giving Back Night Tomorrow Night at The Copper Crown

Please come and join us tomorrow night for the Giving Back Night with our friends at the Copper Crown at 1011 Tunnel Road in the Home Trust Bank Plaza from 4:30 - 9:30 pm. Fifteen percent of the proceeds tomorrow night will go to our work. Reservations are not necessary. We hope to see you there.

New Sign Promotes Eblen / A-B Tech Primary Care Partnership

Many thanks to our partners at A-B Tech for our continued partnership with the Primary Care Project and the Student / Staff Health Clinic. We are located in the Ferguson Allied Health Building every Thursday. Created in 2007 by Eblen board member Scott Hickman and in partnership with Integrative Family the Primary Care Project has seen thousands of employees in a physician or PA to numerous companies and organizations saving time, expense and improving the healthcare of many in our community.

Still Time to Get Your Eblen License Plates

There is still time to get your Eblen License Plate. We have to sell 300 of them before we can turn in our application to the state legislation for approval. Once approved the new license plates will be mailed.

The cost is \$20 (donation to Eblen) in addition to your normal license fee but will be an ongoing revenue stream for Eblen. We have sold more than 200 so far thanks to our project chairman Matt Wright and our generous board members and friends. Our deadline is the end of this month. We will be contacting you all to see if you will join us in this project. I have also attached the information at the end of the newsletter.

Keller-Williams Broker Asheville Coat Drive Brings Warmth this Winter

Winter has only started but we have already distributed thousands of coats and see clients on a daily basis in need of a warm coat to help get them through the winter. As most of you know, we have a tremendous Spring Clean Coat Drive with our friends and partners at WLOS at the end of March and collect and distribute coats all year long.

This month we have been approached by Jeff Stewart's Broker Asheville Team at Keller Williams as they have joined us in keeping those we serve warm as the cold winds of winter arrive. They will be collecting coats at their two locations from now until the end of the month. Our gratitude to everyone at Keller-Williams for their kindness and helping us make sure that no one is left out in the cold.

What's Coming Up...

With a new year upon us, we are already setting course for our events and programs for 2019. We have a lot going on this year and here is the latest list. We are looking for volunteers as always, so please come and join us. [New Events and Changes in Red.](#)

This Week:

Giving Back Night - Copper Crown, Monday February 4th 4:30-9:30 pm 1011 Tunnel Road
Wicked Weed Brewing / Brad Johnson Golf Committee Meeting, Wednesday February 6th 5:30 pm - Wicked Weed Brewing Funkhouse
Eblen Sealant Program - Friday, February 1st -A-B Tech
Heroes vs Hunger / Fed Cup - Saturday-Sunday, February 9-10 - US Cellular Center

What's Next:

March:

Hoops Against Hunger / Ingles SOCON Basketball Championships - Thursday - Monday, March 7-11th - US Cellular Center

April:

WLOS / Eblen Spring Clean Coat Drive - Thursday, April 25th- Ashley Furniture Home Store (Airport Road) / Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

May:

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Sponsor Reception - Monday, May 20th - TBA
Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic - Tuesday, May 21st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

July:

Waddell Client Service Center Closed-July 4th
Ingles/Eblen Headlock on Hunger Food Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

August:

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.
Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Distribution / Health Fair-TBA - Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

September:

Walk Kick-Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA- Outback- Tunnel Road
Pumpkin Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback-Tunnel Road
BOOster Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback-Tunnel Road
Eblen Dinner / Auction - 5:30 PM - Monday, September 30, A-B Tech

October:

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Begin - Tuesday, October 1st
Avadim Technologies / Heath Shuler Fall Golf Invitational - 9:00 AM - Tuesday, October 1st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Registration Begins - Tuesday, October 2nd - Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate
The Walk - 9:00 AM- Saturday, October 12th, A-B Tech
BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Ends - Thursday, October 31st

November:

Smoky Mountain Toy Run - 10:00 AM - Saturday, November 2nd - Kearfott (Swannanoa)
Crisis Intervention Heating Assistance Sign Ups Begin - 8:00 AM - Friday day, November 1st, Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate
Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 AM - Saturday, November 9th - Fatz Cafe
Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Distribution - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Wednesday, November 27th - Ingles South Forrest Shopping Center
Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday-Friday, November 28-29th

December:

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Magical Christmas Toy Drive- Thursday,- Saturday, December 5-7th - Ingles Tunnel Rd
Low Income Energy Assistance Sign Ups Begin (Sixty and Older) - 8:00 AM-Monday, December 2nd- Waddell Client Services Center- Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Reception - TBA Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Opens - TBA - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Toy Store Last Day Shopping - Monday, December 23rd - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Christmas Holiday - Tuesday-Wednesday, December 24-25th

Meeting the Challenge

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EBLEN CHARITIES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



WICKED WEED / BRAD JOHNSON CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC SET FOR MAY 21st at WALNUT COVE

It is a wonderful story that has been told now for thirty years. And that is that is our community's Eblen Charities started with a simple idea for a small golf tournament and turned into an organization that has touched more than a million lives of children, adults, and families in need in western North Carolina.

Wicked Weed Joins the
Brad Johnson Celebrity
Golf Classic as Title
Sponsor Once Again for
30th Tournament this
May



And since that first ball was placed on a tee at Reems Creek Golf Club in the Spring of 1990, Eblen Charities has grown beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

On Tuesday, May 21st the quarterback of the Super Bowl XXXVII Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers will again return home to host the 30th Annual Wicked Weed Brewing / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic to benefit the work of Eblen Charities. This year we are honored once again to have our long-time friends and partners Wicked Weed Brewing as our title sponsor this year.

"We are excited to have Rick and Ryan Guthy and all the wonderful folks at Wicked Weed Brewing who have been such an integral part of the work of Eblen Charities since we began our work," states Bill Murdock, executive director of Eblen Charities. "Their outreach in our community has touched countless lives through the Wicked Weed Help at Home Emergency Assistance Program and to have their signature tournament with Brad's we will be able to continue to reach out all the more to those in times of need our community."

"This event is more than Wicked Weed Brewing, Eblen's, and Brad's signature event. It is where Eblen Charities began and everything we have done since that time. The countless lives that have been touched never would have happened if it hadn't been for the first tournament in 1990. Without the courage and vision of Mido Garren, Joe Ward, Harry Giezantanner, Jamie Blue, Guy Roberts, Steve Whittington, and the others in the early years, the work of the Eblen Charities may have never happened."

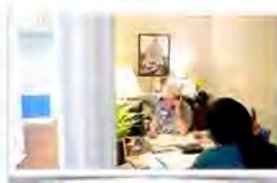
Thanks to Brad the tournament has grown since its inception from a 20 team afternoon event to a two day event, fielding more than 60 teams in morning and afternoon rounds. This event brings the community together to reach out to those less fortunate by providing hope and direct assistance to those in times of need. This will the 14th year the Jack Nicholas signature golf course will host the event, and bring Brad and a host of other celebrities to their championship course along with local teams.

"I always look forward to this time of year, coming back to Asheville, and being able to be part of this wonderful event," says Brad. "I get a chance to see my old friends, family, coaches and teammates from Owen. But most of all, it's coming back home and joining Eblen Charities, Wicked Weed Brewing, and all the sponsors, teams, and their outreach that touches so many children, adults, and families in their times of need here at home. I have yet to see a more effective organization anywhere than Eblen. It is great honor for me to be part of their outreach and serve as honorary chairman."

Through the combined efforts of more than 60 teams, dozens of sponsors, and more than 70 volunteers, the Wicked Weed Brewing / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic not only has grown to be one of the premier tournaments in western North Carolina but has touched hundreds of thousands of lives during the past 21 years. We are grateful to all our sponsors and teams who are joining us again this year and who had so much to do with the tournament's success and growth through out the years. Thanks also to Walnut Cove for hosting us again this year. Paul Henriksen and his staff at the Cliffs put on a tournament like no other course we have ever played. Their professionalism and attention to detail have made Walnut Cove one of the most sought after venues anywhere.

If you or your company would like to join the Wicked Weed Brewing / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic or if you would like to be part of this year's golf committee, please contact Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848 or at wmurdock@eblencharities.org

Winter Heating Help is Still Available



As winter continues, children, adults, and families are still struggling to keep warm as the cold weather ebbs and flows through our mountains.

Eblen Charities began administering the Federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program in partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services Dec. 1.

LIEAP is a federally funded initiative that provides a one-time payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

Currently households with someone who is 60 years old or older or having anyone who is disabled and receiving services through

the Division of Aging and Adult Services and is at least 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible to receive benefits.

Beginning Jan. 2, LIEAP opened to any family that meets the income guidelines of at least 130 percent of the poverty level.

The program runs through March 31 and even families who may have received assistance through other heating and utility programs may be eligible for the LIEAP funds.

"We have a great responsibility to find ways to reach out and keep those who are most susceptible to the cold keep warm this winter," said Bill Murdock, executive director of Eblen Charities in a statement.

"Those who come to our office are not just part of the statistics we track, but each one is someone's mother, father, son, or daughter. They are all special to someone and they all are special to us."

Other heating assistance programs are also available through Eblen Charities. To apply please bring in your electric bill, social security card, and income verification.

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EPILOGUE: Don't Wait for Leaders



There is no doubt to anyone who has ever lived in our community that the people of western North Carolina are as kind and generous as one would find anywhere. We don't have to look far to find a great number of people and organizations that give of themselves in the service of others. It is in these troubled times that we fortunate to have so many that are willing to reach out to help those in need. But as the need continues to grow, we all can easily fall prey to spending more time in discussing issues, convening committees, and assembling task forces to study the issues at hand and the problems that we face.

As well intentioned as all this may be, it in many cases does little to help those we strive to serve. It is easier to talk and strategize than it is to roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty. In so many cases those who call for assistance cannot wait for us to come up with the great plans and big answers to what they need now. Studies certainly have their place, but not when it interferes with those who are hurting.

sick, alone, and frightened. I can't believe that anyone whose heart is in making sure that we all do everything we can for those we have the privilege of serve wants that, but it happens to us all the same.

There is a well-known story of Mother Teresa (Saint Teresa of Calcutta) that happened some thirty years ago in Calcutta. Late one evening her sisters came to her concerned that there was no bread for the next day for them to feed the hundreds who would be at their door in a few short hours. Mother, undaunted by the news, told her sisters "Earnestly pray and go to bed, tomorrow, if need be, we will beg on the streets to feed the poor." Very early the next morning some schools in the area were closed unexpectedly, and sent truckloads of bread, that were designated for the schools, to the Missionaries of Charity.

I have known of this story for some time, but just recently was I made aware of the second part of the story. I knew well about the lack of bread, and the unexpected delivery of the bread being delivered with no explanation of why the schools were suddenly closed. But what I didn't know was that Mother had told them if the bread did not come they would go out on the streets and beg for the poor themselves.

What struck me in hearing this story again after so many years was not the arrival of the bread, which many, including myself, would see as a miracle, but the fact that Mother would not send them away hungry to beg on their own. She and her sisters would beg on their behalf. Mother was not going to convene a task force on hunger, send her staff, or "see what she could do."


This tiny (less than five feet tall) Albanian nun who had been visited by kings, queens, princes, princesses, and presidents, and who had won the Nobel Peace Prize, was willing and planning to go out and beg for food for those she believed that God had entrusted in her care. No committees, no speeches, no assessment of the need, she knew people were hungry and that was all that mattered.

Mother Teresa had been known to say "Don't wait for leaders. Do it yourself, person to person." While others may have met over breakfast or lunch to discuss the hunger of those outside their doors, Mother and her sisters were prepared to do what was necessary to feed those who were hungry that morning.

There is no better example of service to all of us who want to reach those who are less fortunate and the salient question is how far are we willing to go to help someone that we know of who is in need of our help?

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Hello Everyone- Happy New Year. Wow are having our first Graduates of Distinction m meeting for 2019 this Monday at 5:30 pm at French Fry. Looking forward to seeing everyone there

All the best

Bill

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Feb. 4 is on my calendar. I am so sorry that I missed last night - I even had a reminder set and then Hannah had car trouble and I completely forgot that I had the meeting. I remembered this morning.

I need to confirm for Mrs. Parham - the Ponder and Dean scholarships - are they available this year?

Thanks and I'll see you on the 4th.
Jill

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Sorry folks
Mr K caught me on delivery in Black Mountain about meeting time
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But
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Eblen Charities Board of Directors Weekly Briefing 2/11/19

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Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 5:27:15 PM Eastern Standard Time

"There should be less talk. Take a broom and clean someone's house. That says enough." **Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) Albanian Nun, Founder of the Missionaries of Charity, Nobel Prize Laureate, Iconoclast**

SoCon, Joins Eblen's Hoops Against Hunger March 7th - 11th Volunteers Needed

We are excited once again to be part of the Southern Conference Basketball Championships and that they will help shine a spotlight on our Hoops Against Hunger program as the Tournament comes back to Asheville March 2nd-5th. Along with the teams, cheerleaders, and fans that will be arriving, each team will be bringing food that they have collected during their seasons to be distributed to students through our Arby's JoyFull Holidays at Home and our Ingles Food for Thought programs. Host hotels will also be collecting food along with three food dives at Arby's the week before the tournament and an amazing Ingles Jamfest concert on Sunday outside the US Cellular Center. Shifts are :

Thursday, March 7th: Friday, March 8th, Saturday, March 9th: Sunday, March 10th:

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Keller-Williams Broker Asheville Coat Drive Brings Warmth this Winter

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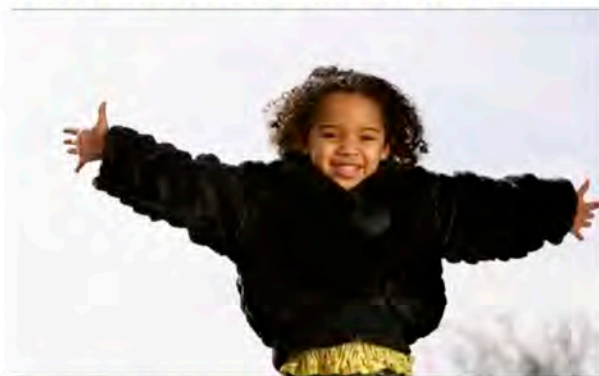
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NINTH ANNUAL WLOS / EBLEN SPRING CLEAN COAT DRIVE SET FOR APRIL 25TH

With some of the coldest days in the past weeks as well as some of the warmest we are all beginning to look forward to spring and even more milder temperatures on the way.

And with that many of us may be starting to think of flowers blooming, longer daylight hours, and fresh spring air drifting through our open windows.

Community to
Come together to
Keep Those in
Need Warm
April 25th

But to many of us spring can also mean a return to the annual tradition that has become as much part of the season as planting flower gardens or cranking up our lawnmowers for the first time since the fall – the tradition of “spring cleaning.”

Once again this year, spring cleaning will not only give us the opportunity to clean out our closets but also give many of the children and adults that Eblen Charities serves a chance to keep warm next winter.

On Thursday, April 25th, Eblen Charities will once again team up with long-time friends and partners WLOS-TV, Two Men and a Truck and Ashley Furniture HomeStore for the Eighth Annual “Spring Clean Coat Drive” at Ashley Furniture HomeStore on Airport Road.

The Spring Clean Coat Drive will begin at 4:30 AM and will run until 7:00 PM, collecting all sizes and styles of coats that are new or gently used for the hundreds of families that Eblen sees each week seeking help in keeping warm during the frigid winter months.

Coats will also be collected at Westgate Shopping Center at the Ingles Toy Store (the old Bon Marche/Hammicks Department Store) from 7 am to 7 pm. During the past seven years more than 50,00 coats were collected and distributed.

WHY A SPRING COAT DRIVE?

As winter comes to an end, families will be storing away winter gear to make room for spring styles as warm weather is finally coming our way.

After a long winter, many may be tired of their old coat's style and most children will outgrow this year's coat before next winter arrives. So instead of putting them in boxes to store away or throwing them out, the folks at WLOS came up with the idea which asked the question “why not donate them to a good cause?”

It also seems to be a good time as people begin to clean out overcrowded closets to get rid of those bulky winter coats that take up so much space. Also many retailers will be discounting winter wear to make way for their spring & summer lines, so it's a great time for those who wish to donate to purchase new coats as well. So there is no better time to collect coats.

Coats donated in the spring will go to help those less fortunate who are in need of a good coat in the winter. Given the pattern of our unusually harsh winters in recent years, coupled with our economy, the need is greater than ever.

“We can't begin to thank WLOS enough for once again reaching out to help those in need in our community during these troubled times,” states Bill Murdock, executive director of the Eblen Charities. “Last year we distributed more than 7,500 coats to persons in need in our community who visited our Waddell Client Service Center at Westgate. Now thanks to the vision and kindness of WLOS and the generosity of Ashley Furniture HomeStore, Two Men and a Truck, and Asheville Cleaners we will be able to help keep more children and adults warm next winter than ever before.”

Our gratitude to Joe Fishleigh, Hillary Parham, Estee Felton, and Guy Chancey of WLOS, Todd Campbell of Two Men and a Truck, Guy Roberts at Asheville Cleaners, Ashley Furniture HomeStore for allowing us to join them in this great event. For more information on the Spring Clean Coat Drive please contact Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848 or via email at eblenfound@aol.com.

EBLEN CHARITIES WADDELL CLIENT SERVICE CENTER "EBLEN AFTER HOURS" CONTINUES



For more than a month the tremendous staff and volunteers of Eblen Charities has been staying far into the evening providing heating and other assistance to those who seek our help in difficult times.

Originally scheduled for only Tuesday nights, we have seen nearly every night at the Waddell Client Service Center keeping the doors open until as late as 8:30 pm.

As winter continues and more and more families seek assistance, the staff of Eblen Charities will continue "after hours" program to make sure that those in need will be able to access all of Eblen's services with more convenient hours.

Winter, with additional heating programs, is by far the busiest time of year for the staff and volunteers of Eblen Charities. And with the increase of clients comes a need to find more time in which to serve our families so we are adding additional hours until spring.

The additional hours give Eblen's clients who work during the day the opportunity to come to get assistance without having to take time away from their jobs and lose the hours or possibly putting their jobs at risk.

Seeing how this one gesture made such a great difference to Eblen's clients, the staff and volunteers came together to develop our "after hours" program to better serve our working clients as well as anyone who needs help that may find it difficult to come to Eblen during normal business hours.

Special thanks to all of Eblen's staff and volunteers once again for their selfless commitment to our community and those we have the pleasure to serve, as well as to all of our wonderful families who come to Eblen for assistance and allow us to be part of their lives.

If you would like more information on Eblen After Hours or any of the programs of the Eblen Charities please contact Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848, via email at wmurdock@eblencharities.org or visit www.eblencharities.org.

The logo for "ingles" is written in a bold, red, lowercase sans-serif font.

The logo for "Arbys" features a red outline of a cowboy hat above the word "Arbys" in a red, stylized font.

The logo for "Mudhead West" features a green, stylized head of a mudhead with the words "Mudhead West" in a green, stylized font.

The logo for "AvL Technologies" features the letters "AvL" in a blue, stylized font with the word "TECHNOLOGIES" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it.

The logo for "Applied Solutions Group" features a colorful circular graphic above the text "Applied Solutions Group" in a small, black, sans-serif font.

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The logo for "iHeartMedia Asheville" features a red heart icon with a white dot inside, followed by the text "iHeartMedia" in a bold, black, sans-serif font and "ASHEVILLE" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font below it.

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EPILOGUE: A Single Pair of Shoes Revisited



Each day, our wonderful staff and volunteers have the great privilege of serving as many as one hundred or more families who come to us for some of their most desperate times.

Towards the end of the day last Friday, a young, single mother in her early twenties came in seeking help with her rent and in need of heating assistance. She came in with her two-year old little boy dressed in jeans and a sweater. They both were neatly dressed and the young lady looking very tired from spending the day going from agency to agency without being able to find the help she needed.

As she was talking to us it wasn't hard to notice that her little boy didn't have any shoes. When we asked her about it, she replied that he had outgrown the ones he had and she couldn't afford to buy new ones. She had been to a couple of clothes closets that day as she was looking for help but there was nothing his size and they didn't offer any other help. So while we were talking care of her rent and heat, our entire staff and volunteers moved quickly to call in shoe vouchers, and send him home with some toys and books as well.

I find it amazing how easy it is for me, as well as so many of us, I suppose to take for granted something as important as shoes for those you are most vulnerable in our community and how something as simple as a pair of shoes can be so important but yet just out of reach.

This reminded me of a story that I have shared before, of a courageous family that was brought to us by Sharon Fish, one of our amazing Graduation Initiative counselors.

She told us about a young girl in one of our schools who had come to a counselor's attention as she was going through files of students who were in jeopardy of not graduating due to missing too many days of school.

Now this student was not a disciplinary problem and her grades were even better than one would expect for one who was missing an inordinate number of school. The odd thing about this case was the fact that this student was missing every other day of school. Consistently, she was attending classes just every other day.

Certainly something was not adding up, so the counselor looked to see if this young lady had any brothers and in checking her records she found that she had a younger sister in middle school. She also found that her sister was also missing quite a bit of school and, like her sister, was missing every other day of school, but alternate days than her sister.

Calling Eblen and hearing the story, we thought, and as many would think, that being from a single parent home, that there was a little brother or sister that the two girls had to take turns taking care of while their mother worked.

But that was far from being the case. There was no younger brother or sister at home. The reason that they were not attending school every day was that they only had one pair of shoes.

They were sharing a single pair of shoes so they could both go to school.

When we received the call we also quickly learned that they needed much more help than just the pair of shoes and thanks to Susan and our tremendous staff we were able to help this wonderful family and get them the things they needed to help ease their burden and get both the girls back to school.

Now this story, as you know, did not happen in some major city or some third-world country. It happened right here in our own community- not so much in our back yard but right in the middle of our living room.

And this is why we need to continue to not only reach out, but to continue to seek those in our community that need our help.

We see this every day at Eblen Charities with so many families quietly struggling and finding help so many times just beyond their reach. That is why they come to us and that is why our responsibility to our community and those in need has grown throughout these past twenty-five years.

As more children, adults, and families seek our help, it is all the more important that we continue our outreach especially to those who are most vulnerable and who many times are forgotten.

Our wonderful staff and volunteers selflessly open our doors and their hearts to all who come into or call the Waddell Client Service Center. My deepest heart-felt gratitude to all of you who have joined us for so long and to those of you who have touched so many lives who many times have no where else to turn.

Thank you to all who have been a part of helping to build Eblen Charities to the wonderful organization that it has become.

Mother Teresa, now Saint Teresa of Calcutta, certainly said it best,:

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if the drop was not there, I think that the ocean would be less by missing that drop. We don't have to think in numbers. We can only love one person at a time-serve one person at a time."

Come and join us.

Let us begin.

COAT DRIVE


The Broker Asheville is teaming up with Eblen Charities this January!
Please help those in need by donating new or gently used winter gear to
keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Thanks for helping us take care of our neighbors in need!



NEED HELP HEATING YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

STAY WARM WITH LIEAP



WHAT IS LIEAP?
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

WHO CAN APPLY?
* Buncombe County households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability may apply **December 1, 2018 through March 31st 2019** as long as there are funds available.
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HOW TO APPLY?
Apply in person at Eblen Charities,
50 Westgate Parkway, Asheville NC 28806
between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. *

WHAT TO BRING:
Picture ID
Social Security Cards
Verification of all income in the home (Savings account limit \$2,250)
Verification of Primary Heat source
Heat source Bill (for account information purposes)
If power bill not in applicant's name please bring a note from the account holder stating applicant is responsible for bill payment.

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT
Benefit amount will be based on household size and income at time of application and will be \$200,300 or \$400.
Wood or coal benefits are \$200 per year regardless of family size.

* Mail in applications will be available for people unable to apply in person by calling 255-3066 and requesting an application. Please be aware these applications will take longer to process due to the mailing process.

Number In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,315
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,251
4	\$2,719
5	\$3,187
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SoCon, Joins Eblen's Hoops Against Hunger March 7th - 11th Volunteers Needed

We are excited once again to be part of the Southern Conference Basketball Championships and that they will help shine a spotlight on our Hoops Against Hunger program as the Tournament comes back to Asheville March 2nd-5th. Along with the teams, cheerleaders, and fans that will be arriving, each team will be bringing food that they have collected during their seasons to be distributed to students through our Arby's JoyFull Holidays at Home and our Ingles Food for Thought programs. Shifts are :

Thursday, March 7th: Friday, March 8th, Saturday, March 9th: Sunday, March 10th:

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Second Annual Ingles SOCON Hoops Against Hunger Hotel Challenge Readies for March Championships in Asheville

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We are happy to be announce that all nine of the SOCON Team Host Hotels are joining Hoops Against Hunger in participating in the Hotel Challenge this year as they collect food from their employees and guests. Participating host hotels are the Biltmore Hilton, Biltmore Double Tree, the AC Hotel, the Renaissance, the Cambria, Four Points, Hyatt Place, Crowne Plaza, Hampton Inn % Suites, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Two winners will be announced and trophies will be awarded for the total amount of pounds of food collected and food collected per pound per hotel room. Each winning hotel receives 30 tickets for staff to the SoCon Men's Championship Game Monday, March 5th 9PM

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We have to sell 300 of them before we can turn in our application to the state legislation for approval. Once approved the new license plates will be mailed.

The cost is \$20 (donation to Eblen) in addition to your normal license fee but will be an ongoing revenue stream to Eblen. We have sold more than 200 so far thanks to our project chairman Matt Wright and our generous board members and friends. Our deadline is the end of this month. We will be contacting you all to see if you will join us in this project. I have also attached the information at the end of the newsletter.

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Martin Luther



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HUNGER HOTEL
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SECOND ANNUAL HOOPS AGAINST HUNGER HOTEL
CHALLENGE ADDS EXCITING OUTREACH TO 2019
INGLES SOCON BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

When you are hungry nothing else matters.

That is a simple message that the Heroes vs Hunger programs of Eblen Charities and our wonderful partners have been sharing with our community for more than three years. In that brief time, and in partnership with Arby's, Ingles, the Brumit Restaurant Group,

SECOND ANNUAL
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Pepsi, and others, more than one million meals have been distributed to area children so they would not have to face hunger at home while away from school.

One of Eblen's strongest and flagship programs, Hoops Against Hunger began at the Southern Conference Basketball Championships in 2015 and have grown to lead the fight against children's hunger in western North Carolina. Each year additional outreach has been added to the Ingles SOCON Championship weekend and this year we are honored to announce a new program of Hoops Against Hunger that will help feed thousands of children in our community.

We are happy to be announce that all nine of the SOCON Team Host Hotels are joining Hoops Against Hunger in participating in the Hotel Challenge this year as they collect food from their employees and guests. Participating host hotels are the Biltmore Hilton, Biltmore Double Tree, the AC Hotel, the Renaissance, the Cambria, Four Points, Hyatt Place, Crowne Plaza, Hampton Inn % Suites, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

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The collection bins will remain in the hotels through the tournament – Monday March 5th. Anyone who donates a food item will receive a \$5 voucher for SoCon game tickets. Hotels are encouraged to promote food donation to guests. Vouchers will be provided to the hotels before 2/15.

SUGGESTED FOOD LIST

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Can Fruit,
Shelf Stable Dinners, (like frozen dinners but found on shelves)
Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, etc.) Cheese Crackers, Ramen Noodles,
Instant Oatmeal, Granola Bars, Quick Mac & Cheese, Pudding Cups, Pop-Tarts

One out of five children do not have enough food at home, many times the only meals they receive at school is the only food they will have to eat and when the holidays or other times away from school arrive, far too many face the chance of going hungry until they are back in class. Hoops Against Hunger along with Headlock on Hunger, Huddle Against Hunger, and Heroes vs Hunger help ensure that no child in our community has to face hunger while away from school.

"The Southern Conference Basketball Championships bring so much excitement to town and have brought our community together in many ways over the years. We are so proud of our hotel partners for accepting the Hoops Against Hunger Hotel Challenge to help fight hunger in western North Carolina," states Carli Adams of Explore Asheville.

"We can't begin to thank everyone who has helped Hoops Against Hunger begin and grow these past few years," adds Bill Murdock, executive director of Eblen Charities. "We are honored and most grateful to the Southern Conference and our host hotels for their great kindness in not only bringing the championships to Asheville but to reach out to so many of our families who are facing hunger here at home."

For more information on Eblen Charities Hoops Against Hunger or the Hoops Against Hunger Hotel Challenge, please contact Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848 or via email at wmurdock@eblencharities.org.

INGLES DELIVERS AGAIN

INGLES FOOD FOR THOUGHT DELIVERS SNACKS TO AREA SCHOOLS



As the school year continues, the staff and volunteers of Eblen Charities have been working tirelessly to make sure students in our community who may not be able to afford to bring snacks to school would not be left hungry during the day.

Each year more than 100,000 snacks are delivered to area schools in six counties to make sure that no child will be without a daily snack while their classmates were able to bring theirs from home.

The Ingles / Eblen Food for Thought program began with one little boy in one classroom at Woodfin Elementary School, when kindergarten teacher Vickie Hensley called to seek help for one of

her students. This particular little boy looked on as his classmates ate at snack time while he would have gone without, except for the kindness of his teacher who brought something from home each day for him.

Now, thanks to this small beginning, hundreds of classrooms across six counties have joined the program in partnership with Ingles Markets, Arby's, the Brumit Restaurant Group, Pepsi, and other partners. The Food for Thought Snack Program provides food for children who cannot afford to bring snacks to school each day. Operating under the premise that children cannot learn if they are hungry, this partnership serves tens of thousands of children each year at no cost, ensuring that they will not have to face the day hungry.

Last July, the Ingles Fourth Annual Headlock on Hunger Food Drive in partnership with iHeart Radio, WLOS-TV and the Asheville Citizen-Times collected more than 25,000 pounds of food and delivered to local schools to help ensure that no student would have to face hunger while at home. This past summer more than 30,000 meals were distributed through Ingles Markets, Headlock on Hunger, and the Arby's / Eblen JoyFull Home for the Holidays.

If you would like to join us in providing snacks to area students who may otherwise go hungry throughout the day or for more information on the Ingles Food for Thought, please contact Susan Riddle at sriddle@eblencharities.org.

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EPILOGUE: Looking at Lincoln

"If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what's said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."



As many of you know, the Andrew Institute for Leadership and Public Service and Keller Williams Realty, and Avadim will be presenting Leadercast - Asheville on Friday, May 5th at Biltmore Church.

And there is no one better to look to for leadership than our 16th President. On February 12th we celebrated Abraham Lincoln's 210th birthday and once again are reminded of the compelling character of the man and whose leadership saved our country and changed the world for the better and forever.

It was far from easy for Abraham Lincoln at any time, he faced failure after failure both personally and professionally for decades, and met each one with the resolve to press on to accomplish what he thought was the path he was to travel and to accomplish what he thought he was meant to do. Looking back, if anyone had reason to throw in the towel, it was Lincoln. Here is a quick

snapshot at an amazing life.

* At seven years old his family was forced out of their home. He had to work to support them.

* At nine years old his mother died.

* At 22 he failed in business.

* At 23 he ran for state legislature and lost, he also lost his job and applied to law school and was rejected.

* At 24 he borrowed some money from a friend to begin a business and by the end of the year he was bankrupt. He spent the next 17 years of his life paying off this debt.

* At 27 his party declined to give him the nomination for re-election and they turned him out of office.

* At 27 he had a total nervous breakdown and was in bed for six months.

* At 29 he sought to become speaker of the state legislature - and was defeated.

* At 31 he sought to become elector and was defeated.

* At 35 he ran for Congress and once again lost.

* At 36 he became a lawyer, studying for years at night alone from a set of law books he bought for less than \$2.

* At 37 he ran for Congress and won.

* At 39 he ran for re-election to Congress and lost.

* At 40 he sought the job of land officer in his home state and was rejected.

* At 45 he ran for Senate of the United States and lost.

* At 47 he sought the Vice-Presidential nomination and received less than 100 votes.

* At 48 he ran for U.S. Senate and once again lost.

* At 51 he was elected President of the United States.

* At 53 he freed the slaves.

* At 56 he preserved the Union of the United States.

In the face of each defeat Lincoln's resolve lead him to a higher goal and his subsequent victories saved the Union, freed the slaves and set the course for our country that still resonates more than a century and a half later.

HOOPS AGAINST HUNGER HOTEL CHALLENGE 2019

SOCON BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ASHEVILLE, NC

As a SoCon Team Host Hotel we invite you to participate in Eblen Charities Hoops Against Hunger food collection competition leading up to the Southern Conference Basketball Championships.

Competition Dates:

Thursday Feb 21st through Wednesday March 6th

Ticket Vouchers and Collection Bins will remain in the hotels through the tournament (Ending March 11th)

2 PRIZES AWARDED

Each Winning Hotel receives **30 TICKETS** to the SoCon Men's Championship Game And a trophy that will be presented at half time of the Men's Championship! (Monday, March 11th)

2 WAYS TO WIN

Winner #1
Total Amount of Pounds Collected
Winner #2
Per Pound - Per Hotel Room

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS


Easy For Children To Prepare By Themselves:

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Can Fruit, Pudding Cups
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NEED HELP HEATING YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

STAY WARM WITH LIEAP



WHAT IS LIEAP?
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

WHO CAN APPLY?
* Buncombe County households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability may apply **December 1, 2018 through March 31st 2019** as long as there are funds available.
* Open for all Buncombe County residents **January 2nd through March 31st** as long as there are funds available.

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HOW TO APPLY?
Apply in person at Eblen Charities, 50 Westgate Parkway, Asheville NC 28806 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. *

WHAT TO BRING:
Picture ID
Social Security Cards
Verification of all income in the home (Savings account limit \$2,250)
Verification of Primary Heat source
Heat source Bill (for account information purposes)
If power bill not in applicants name please bring a note from the account holder stating applicant is responsible for bill payment.

INCOME LIMITS FOR BENEFITS

Number In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,315
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,251
4	\$2,719
5	\$3,187
6	\$3,655
7	\$4,123

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT
Benefit amount will be based on household size and income at time of application and will be \$200,300 or \$400. Wood or coal benefits are \$200 per year regardless of family size.

* Mail in applications will be available for people unable to apply in person by calling 255-3066 and requesting an application. Please be aware these applications will take longer to process due to the mailing process.

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Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 4:01:29 PM Eastern Standard Time

"Silence often says much more than trying to say what's been said before." George Harrison (1943-2001) English musician, singer, songwriter, author, film producer, philanthropist, iconoclast

SoCon / Hoops Against Hunger Begins Next Wednesday March 7th - 11th Volunteers Needed

We are just a week away from our fifth year in partnering with the Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships and as we once again shine a spotlight on our Hoops Against Hunger program. Tournament runs from March 7th -11th. Along with the teams, cheerleaders, and fans that will be arriving, each team will be bringing food that they have collected during their seasons to be distributed to students through our Arby's JoyFull Holidays at Home and our Ingles Food for Thought programs. Shifts are :

Thursday, March 7th: Friday, March 8th, Saturday, March 9th: Sunday, March 10th:

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

3:00 PM-5:00 PM 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday, March 11th: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Arby's, Ingles Hoops Against Hunger Live Remotes Next Week

We are once again beginning the busy Ingles SoCon Tournament week with four exciting live remotes at tow of our main partners of Hoops Against Hunger.

Thanks to long-time friend and board member Joe Brumit, Arby's, the Brumit Restaurant Group, Ingles Markets, and iHeart Radio, we will be holding live remotes next week at two of our local Arby's and Ingles Markets to benefit Hoops Against Hunger.

The first two will be Monday March 4th from 5-7 pm at the Ingles in Skyland on Hendersonville Road, the second Tuesday, March 4th, from 11 am to 1 pm at the Arby's in Weaverville. The third live remote will be held on Wednesday, March 5th th from 5-7 pm at Ingles on Tunnel Road, and the final remote will be on Thursday, March 7th form 11 am to 1:00 pm at Arby's on Smoky Park Highway. We will be collecting food and donations for Hoops Against Hunger promoting the program and our partnership with the Southern Conference. Everyone who drops and donates food or makes a cash donation will receive a coupon for \$5 off a single ticket for the tournament.

FanFest Set to Add New and Exciting Experience to Ingles Southern Conference Tournament

Once again Ingles Markets has raised the level of excitement and entertainment as they will be presenting the inaugural Ingles FanFest to the list of special activities surrounding this year's Ingles' Southern Conference Basketball Championships. But once again this year Ingles Markets raises the level of excitement and entertainment as they will be presenting the inaugural Ingles FanFest to the list of special activities surrounding this year's Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships.

Ingles FanFest, will feature concerts, live broadcasts, pep rallies, and a host of other exciting events will take place outside the U.S. Cellular center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 8th-10th.

Performing will be Asheville natives and rising music stars LYRIC and Joe Lasher, Jr. as they bring their unique sound once again to the Ingles Southern Conference Championships in a free outdoor concerts that will not only delight new and long-time fans but will also help children in our area facing hunger.

Joe Lasher Jr, will be kicking off FanFest in a tip-off concert beginning at 6:15 on Friday night and LRYIC will be performing Sunday afternoon at 2 pm.

Also appearing at the Ingles FanFest will be popular and award winning Eddie Foxx of KISS-Country, live broadcasts from KISS Country, ESPN, the Extreme Sports Monster with Don Helman, Rock 105.1, the Brew 97.7, Star 104.3, WSSL, the New Alt 101.1 with Josh Michael and Mark Starling, and Boogie Therapi, Ryan Barber, Carolina Lowdown, and many other events and surprises.

Come and Join Us:

[Ingles FanFest](#)

When: March 8th - 10th

Time:

Friday, March 8th - 1-7 pm

Saturday, March 9th - 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, March 10th - 2 pm-6:30 pm

Where: US Cellular Center

Admission: Free

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Second Annual Ingles SOCON Hoops Against Hunger Hotel Challenge is Underway

The 2019 Ingle's SoCon Hoops Against Hunger Hotel Challenge is underway. Last Thursday we spent the day visiting all nine of the SOCON Team Host Hotels that are joining Hoops Against Hunger in participating in the Hotel Challenge, thanking them and setting up the banners, collection barrels and hearing their excitement about being part of this great event as they collect food from their employees and guests. Participating host hotels are the Biltmore Hilton, Biltmore Double Tree, the AC Hotel, the Renaissance, the Cambria, Four Points, Hyatt Place, Crowne Plaza, Hampton Inn & Suites, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

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Thirtieth Annual Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Teams Filling Up

We have just a four slots left for the morning and afternoon rounds for our 30th Annual Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic to be held on Tuesday, May 21st at the Cliffs at Walnut Cove. We will again have an 8:00 AM and a 2:00 PM shotgun start and will begin the festivities with our Celebrity / Sponsor Reception at Hickory Tavern on Monday, May 20th beginning at 5:30 PM. We are still looking for board members and volunteers to join us on this year's committee to once again make one of our flagship events a success this year. Please call me at 242-2848 or email me at chelenfound@aol.com if you would like to join us in putting together this year's event

Spring Clean Coat Drive Thursday, April 25th - Main Location Change

Our Ninth Annual WLOS / Eblen "Spring Clean Coat Drive" has been set for Thursday, April 25th as we look to a new location this year. *This year we will be located at the Davis Furniture Warehouse on Fairview Road* from 4:30 AM to 7:00 pm and at the Ingles Toy Store at Westgate from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

In the past six years we have collected and distributed more than 40,000 coats thanks to Jack Connors, Joe Fishleigh, and Hillary Parham of WLOS; Todd Campbell of Two Men and a Truck; Cindy Estes, Mary Ann McMinn, Susan Riddle, Amanda Putnam, and all the staff and volunteers at Eblen who make this such a great event and for keeping so many warm.

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There is still time to get your Eblen License Plate

We have to sell 300 of them before we can turn in our application to the state legislation for approval. Once approved the new license plates will be mailed.

The cost is \$20 (donation to Eblen) in addition to your normal license fee but will be an ongoing revenue stream fo Eblen. We have sold more than 200 so far thanks to our project chairman Matt Wright and our generous board members and friends. Our deadline is the end of this month. We will be contacting you all to see if you will join us in this project. I have also attached the information at the end of the newsletter.

What's Coming Up...

With a new year upon us, we are already setting course for our events and programs for 2019. We have a lot going on this year and here is the latest list. We are looking for volunteers as always, so please come and join us. [New Events and Changes in Red.](#)

This Week:

Eblen Sealant Program - Thursday - Friday, February 28th- March 1st -A-B Tech

What's Next:

March:

Hoops Against Hunger Live Remote: Monday, March 4th- 5-7 pm Ingles Hendersonville Road (Skyland)

Hoops Against Hunger Live Remote: Tuesday, March 4th -11 am - 1 pm Arby's Weaverville.

Hoops Against Hunger Live Remote: Wednesday, March 5th - 5-7 pm

Hoops Against Hunger Live Remote: Thursday, March 7th 11 am - 1:00 pm Arby's Smoky Park Highway.

Hoops Against Hunger / Ingles SOCON Basketball Championships - Thursday - Monday, March 7-11th - US Cellular Center

April:

WLOS / Eblen Spring Clean Coat Drive - Thursday, April 25th- Davis Furniture Warehouse (Fairview Road) / Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

May:

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Sponsor Reception - Monday, May 20th - TBA

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic - Tuesday, May 21st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

July:

Waddell Client Service Center Closed-July 4th

Ingles/Eblen Headlock on Hunger Food Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

August:

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Distribution / Health Fair-TBA - Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

September:

Walk Kick-Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA- Outback- Tunnel Road

Pumpkin Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback-Tunnel Road

BOOster Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback Tunnel Road

Eblen Dinner / Auction - 5:30 PM - Monday, September 30, A-B Tech

October:

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Begin - Tuesday, October 1st

Avadim Technologies / Heath Shuler Fall Golf Invitational - 9:00 AM - Tuesday, October 1st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Registration Begins - Tuesday, October 2nd - Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate

The Walk - 9:00 AM- Saturday, October 12th, A-B Tech

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Ends - Thursday, October 31st

November:

Smoky Mountain Toy Run - 10:00 AM - Saturday, November 2nd - Kearfott (Swannanoa)

Crisis Intervention Heating Assistance Sign Ups Begin - 8:00 AM - Friday, November 1st, Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate

Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 AM - Saturday, November 9th - Fatz Cafe

Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Distribution - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Wednesday, November 27th - Ingles South Forrest Shopping Center

Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday-Friday, November 28-29th

December:

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Magical Christmas Toy Drive- Thursday,- Saturday, December 5-7th - Ingles Tunnel Rd

Low Income Energy Assistance Sign Ups Begin (Sixty and Older) - 8:00 AM-Monday, December 2nd- Waddell Client Services Center- Westgate

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Reception - TBA Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Opens - TBA - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Toy Store Last Day Shopping - Monday, December 23rd - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate

Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Christmas Holiday - Tuesday-Wednesday, December 24-25th

Waddell Client Service Center Reopens - Thursday, December 26th

Graduates of Distinction Meeting This Monday

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Friday, February 15, 2019 at 11:09:24 AM Eastern Standard Time

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All the best

Bill

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Monday, February 18, 2019 at 11:15:42 AM Eastern Standard Time

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Next Monday is the TCR Open House and Curriculum Fair, so I have to be there. I could do next Tuesday or Thursday.

thanks,
Linnea

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That works better for me. I will be back in town on Saturday.

Emilee

On Mon, Feb 18, 2019 at 6:44 AM Linnea Linton <linnea.linton@gmail.com> wrote:

Next Monday is the TCR Open House and Curriculum Fair, so I have to be there. I could do next Tuesday or Thursday.

thanks,
Linnea

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We have open house today from 4:30 until 7:00...someone may need to make sure the media center is going to be available.

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Save the Date for Leadercast 2019 Friday, May 10th

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Good Morning,

Eblen Charities is excited to have the opportunity to host Leadercast Live again this year. The date is set for Friday, May 10th.

We will be once again be extending an invitation to the Buncombe County high schools, to bring up to six students to attend this event. We have a student sponsor who will cover the cost for these students and one teacher/chaperone. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to hear some amazing speakers. This year's theme is Leading Healthy Teams. We will be sending a packet, which will include the tickets and more information about the event next month, but wanted you to have this date ahead of time for planning purposes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Amanda Putnam

Project Coordinator

Eblen Charities

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Meeting the Challenge

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Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:58:57 AM Eastern Standard Time

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"Silence often says much more than trying to say what's been said before."
George Harrison



INGLES JAMFEST SET TO ROCK SOCON ON MARCH 4TH



SOCON BASKETBALL RETURNS FOR HOOPS AGAINST HUNGER



EPILOGUE: WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

EBLEN CHARITIES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



FanFest Set to Rock Ingles Southern Conference Tournament March 8-10 for Hoops Against Hunger

Just when the fans, teams, sponsors, and supporters of the Southern Conference thought that the most anticipated sporting event of the year couldn't get any better, well... it does - again.

The Asheville-Buncombe community will once again open its doors to the Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships beginning this Thursday, March 7th and running through the championship finals on Monday, March 11th. And as they say... "March Madness Begins Here."

But once again this year Ingles Markets raises the level of excitement and entertainment as they will be presenting the inaugural Ingles FanFest to the list of special activities surrounding this year's Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships.

NEW EVENT
TAKES THE STAGE
TO ADD
EXCITEMENT TO
INGLES SOCON
BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENTS



PRESENTED BY General Stable

Ingle FanFest, will feature concerts, live broadcasts, pep rallies, and a host of other exciting events will take place outside the U.S. Cellular center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 8th-10th.

Performing will be Asheville natives and rising music stars LYRIC and Joe Lasher, Jr. as they bring their unique sound once again to the Ingle Southern Conference Championships in a free outdoor concerts that will not only delight new and long-time fans but will also help children in our area facing hunger.

Joe Lasher Jr. will be kicking off FanFest in a tip-off concert beginning at 6:15 on Friday night and LYRIC will be performing Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. Also appearing at the Ingle FanFest will be popular and award winning Eddie Foxx of KISS Country, live broadcasts from KISS Country, ESPN, the Extreme Sports Monster with Don Helman, Rock 105.1, the Brew 97.7, Star 104.3, WSSL, the New Alt 101.1 with Josh Michael and Mark Starling, and Boogie Therapi, Ryan Barber, Carolina Lowdown, and many other events and surprises.

Ingle FanFest benefits Eblen Charities Hoops Against Hunger program. Hoops Against Hunger helps to provide snacks and meals to school age children who are without enough food at home. Fans attending Ingle FanFest are encouraged to bring donations of ready to eat or easy to serve food items. Anyone donating food items at Ingle FanFest can receive a voucher for \$5 off a general admission session ticket to the Southern Conference Basketball Championships.

Come and Join Us:

[Ingle FanFest](#)

When: March 8th - 10th

Time:

Friday, March 8th - 1-7 pm

Saturday, March 9th - 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, March 10th - 2 pm-6:30 pm

Where: US Cellular Center

Admission: Free

Fans attending Ingle FanFest are encouraged to bring donations of ready to eat or easy to serve food items and they will receive a voucher for \$5 off a general admission session ticket to the Southern Conference Basketball Championships.

Suggested Food Items - Peanut Butter, Crackers, Instant Oatmeal, Cereal, Quick Mac and Cheese, Pop Top Ravioli or Spaghetti, Soup, Shelf Stable Dinners (like frozen dinners but on shelves), Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Can Fruit, Pudding Cups, Cheese Crackers.

Ingles SoCon Basketball Championships Return to Asheville to Help Benefit Hoops Against Hunger



The Southern Conference has been known for decades for their high academic standards, tremendous faculty, staff, and their nationally recognized athletic teams.

And once again, SOCON is bringing their highly contested conference basketball championships to Asheville this March, not only to bring excitement and a top level of competition of the men's and women's to the US Cellular Center and eventually crowning their respective champions, but to also show what true champions they truly are.

For the fifth consecutive year, Southern Conference Basketball will be joining Ehlen Charities, Ingles Markets, Arby's, and the Brumit Restaurant Group in collecting food for the Hoops Against Hunger program.

Teams throughout the conference will be collecting food during their games this season with the food being brought to the tournaments to thank our community for hosting the championships.

Food will also be collected during the tournament on March 1st-5th at the US Cellular Center with a \$5 discount per ticket being given for anyone bringing food to the sessions.

The food will then be distributed to area schools through the Arby's JoyFull Holidays at Home and the Ingles Food for Thought programs.

Founded in 2014, and led by Hoops Against Hunger National Chairman NBA All-Star, broadcaster, and NASCAR team owner, Brad Daugherty has provided nearly 400,000 meals to area students who may be without food at home while away from school along with its companion programs Headlock on Hunger and Huddle Against Hunger.

"We are honored to once again be working with the Southern Conference, Ingles, Arby's, the Brumit Restaurant Group, the Biltmore Hilton, the Asheville-Buncombe Regional Sports Commission, Buffalo Wild Wings, and everyone who has joined us in making sure that no child in our community goes hungry," states Bill Murdock, executive director of Ehlen Charities.

"We know that when you're hungry, nothing else matters. You're not able to study. You're not able to think. You're not able to have a regular academic career because you have a secret; you know you're different from some of the other students who do have enough food at home."

For more information on Hoops Against Hunger please visit www.hoopsagainsthunger.net. For more information on the upcoming Ingles Southern Conference Tournaments please visit www.socoinsports.com

EPILOGUE: With a Grateful Heart



On several occasions I have come to Eblen Charities seeking aid. My requests for help have always been handled in a courteous and efficient manner. Other organizations could learn a thing from Eblen.

I want to begin by telling you all that you are amazing! I had my second open heart surgery last March, unable to work due to this. Previously I worked at Mission Hospital for three years as a nurse. I was so very thankful for your help getting some firewood to heat my house for me and my 7 year old son, and two times you came to our rescue! God Bless You All.

I would like to replace the wood that you so graciously gave to me...I can't tell you just how much we needed it. My fiancée is returning to town the end of next week and we don't have any money to donate but we would like to donate a full cord of wood delivered to you where it is needed as a small token of thanks. Thank You for all you are and all you do.

It is my intention to hopefully secure employment so I can pay it forward. I never dreamed that I would end up in such dire financial straights. Without your organization I would not have electricity at this moment. May God Bless you richly for your generosity.

Just a note to say a very special "thank you" to all of you wonderful people who so graciously assisted me with the cost of my electric bill. I was very troubled and didn't know where to turn. It was then that I remembered your kind help from before and when I called, you were more than willing to help again. This has been like a breath of fresh air during some very hard times. Again, Thank you to each and every one. May God bless you for all you do for the needy in our area.

I never had to use Eblen's services before and I was a little shy about it but Miss Sandy made me feel comfortable and assured me that everyone needs help sometimes. I think that yogs are great and my family and I truly appreciate what you guys do for the community and when I get back on my feet I fully intend to donate to your organization each and overtime that I possibly can. Again, thank you guys so much for what you do in the community. It is greatly appreciated.

HOOPS AGAINST HUNGER HOTEL CHALLENGE 2019

SOCON BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ASHEVILLE, NC

As a SoCon Team Host Hotel we invite you to participate in Eblen Charities Hoops Against Hunger food collection competition leading up to the Southern Conference Basketball Championships.

Competition Dates:

Thursday Feb 21st through Wednesday March 6th

Ticket Vouchers and Collection Bins will remain in the hotels through the tournament (Ending March 11th)

2 PRIZES AWARDED

Each Winning Hotel receives 30 TICKETS
to the SoCon Men's Championship Game
And a trophy that will be presented at
half time of the Men's Championship!
(Monday, March 11th)

2 WAYS TO WIN

Winner #1
Total Amount of Pounds Collected
Winner #2
Per Pound - Per Hotel Room
(Monday, March 11th)

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS

Easy For Children To Prepare By Themselves:

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Can Fruit, Pudding Cups
Shelf Stable Dinners, (like frozen dinners but found on shelves)

Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, etc.) Cheese Crackers,

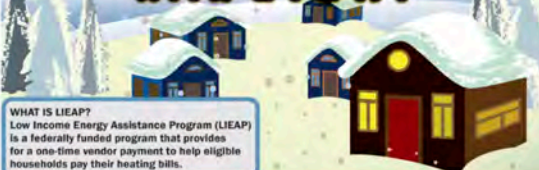
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The SoCon Hoops Against Hunger Food Collection Bin

NEED HELP HEATING YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

STAY WARM WITH LIEAP



WHAT IS LIEAP?
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

WHO CAN APPLY?
* Buncombe County households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability may apply **December 1, 2018 through March 31st 2019** as long as there are funds available.
* Open for all Buncombe County residents **January 2nd through March 31st** as long as there are funds available.

WHEN TO APPLY?
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HOW TO APPLY?
Apply in person at Eblen Charities, 50 Westgate Parkway, Asheville NC 28806 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. *

WHAT TO BRING:
Picture ID
Social Security Cards
Verification of all income in the home (Savings account limit \$2,250)
Verification of Primary Heat source
Heat source Bill (for account information purposes)
If power bill not in applicants name please bring a note from the account holder stating applicant is responsible for bill payment.

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT
Benefit amount will be based on household size and income at time of application and will be \$200,300 or \$400. Wood or coal benefits are \$200 per year regardless of family size.

* Mail in applications will be available for people unable to apply in person by calling 255-3066 and requesting an application. Please be aware these applications will take longer to process due to the mailing process.

Number In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,315
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,251
4	\$2,719
5	\$3,187
6	\$3,655
7	\$4,123

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Please see the updated nomination form for Bill Crout. yep my first one I didn't get all the information I needed. it ready at this time.

and please let me know you got this

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Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 4:55:08 PM Eastern Standard Time

"Not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die." Anne Lamott (1954-) American novelist, writer, educator, iconoclast

CIP Funds Exhausted- LIEAP Funds Remain

Last Friday we distributed the last of our Crisis Intervention Program Low Income Energy Assistance Program funds, We distributed more than \$900,000 since December to a record number of clients.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

We still have less than \$2000,000 left in our Low Income Energy Assistance Program The challenge, of course still remains as we still have a month a of cold weather and families coming to us for heating assistance.

We received about \$150,000 more this year for each program than last year.

Once again, a great many thanks to our wonderful intake staff and volunteers for the amazing job they are doing again this year with our LIEAP program. They have been staying as late as 8 pm on many nights seeing everyone seeking our help before they leave for the day. I will certainly will keep everyone up-to-date as we move along.

SoCon / Hoops Against Hunger Begins This Wednesday March 7th - 11th Volunteer Slots Full

We are ready to go for our 5th Annual Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships and as we once again shine a spotlight on our Hoops Against Hunger program. Tournament runs from March 7th -11th. Along with the teams, cheerleaders, and fans that will be arriving, each team will be bringing food that they have collected during their seasons to be distributed to students through our Arby's JoyFull Holidays at Home and our Ingles Food for Thought programs. Thank you to everyone who has signed up and to Mary Ann and Amanda for all their amazing work once again.

Thursday, March 7th: Friday, March 8th, Saturday, March 9th: Sunday, March 10th:

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Monday, March 11th: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Arby's, Ingles Hoops Against Hunger Live Remotes This Week

We are once again beginning the busy Ingles SoCon Tournament week with four exciting live remotes at tow of our main partners of Hoops Against Hunger. Thanks to long-time friend and board member Joe Brumit, Arby's, the Brumit Restaurant Group, Ingles Markets, and iHeart Radio, we will be holding live remotes this week at two of our local Arby's and Ingles Markets to benefit Hoops Against Hunger.

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Come and Join Us:

Ingles FanFest

When: March 8th - 10th

Time:

Friday, March 8th - 1-7 pm

Saturday, March 9th - 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, March 10th - 2 pm-6:30 pm

Where: US Cellular Center

Admission: Free

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Second Annual Ingles SOCON Hoops Against Hunger Hotel Challenge Continues

The 2019 Ingles' SoCon Hoops Against Hunger Hotel Challenge is underway. Last Thursday we spent the day visiting all nine of the SOCON Team Host Hotels that are joining Hoops Against Hunger in participating in the Hotel Challenge, thanking them and setting up the banners, collection barrels and hearing their excitement about being part of this great event as they collect food from their employees and guests. Participating host hotels are the Biltmore Hilton, Biltmore Double Tree, the AC Hotel, the Renaissance, the Cambria, Four Points, Hyatt Place, Crowne Plaza, Hampton Inn & Suites, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Two winners will be announced and trophies will be awarded for the total amount of pounds of food collected and food collected per pound per hotel room. Each winning hotel receives 30 tickets for staff to the SoCon Men's Championship Game Monday, March 11th at 7PM

The collection bins will remain in the hotels through the tournament – Monday March 11th. Anyone who donates a food item will receive a \$5 voucher for SoCon game tickets. Hotels are encouraged to promote food donation to guests. Vouchers will be provided to the hotels before 2/15.

Thirtieth Annual Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Teams Filling Up

We have just a four slots left for the morning and afternoon rounds for our 30th Annual Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic to be held on Tuesday, May 21st at the Cliffs at Walnut Cove. We will again have an 8:00 AM and a 2:00 PM shotgun start and will begin the festivities with our Celebrity / Sponsor Reception at Hickory Tavern on Monday, May 20th beginning at 5:30 PM. We are still looking for board members and volunteers to join us on this year's committee to once again make one of our flagship events a success this year. Please call me at 242-2848 or email me at eblenfound@aol.com if you would like to join us in putting together this year's event.

Spring Clean Coat Drive Thursday, April 25th - Main Location Change

Our Ninth Annual WLOS / Eblen "Spring Clean Coat Drive" has been set for Thursday, April 25th as we look to a new location this year. ***This year we will be located at the Davis Furniture Warehouse on Fairview Road*** from 4:30 AM to 7:00 pm and at the Ingles Toy Store at Westgate from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

In the past six years we have collected and distributed more than 40,000 coats thanks to Jack Connors, Joe Fishleigh, and Hillary Parham of WLOS; Todd Campbell of Two Men and a Truck; Cindy Estes, Mary Ann McMinn, Susan Riddle, Amanda Putnam, and all the staff and volunteers at Eblen who make this such a great event and for keeping so many warm.

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We have to sell 300 of them before we can turn in our application to the state legislation for approval. Once approved the new license plates will be mailed.

The cost is \$20 (donation to Eblen) in addition to your normal license fee but will be an ongoing revenue stream to Eblen. We have sold more than 200 so far thanks to our project chairman Matt Wright and our generous board members and friends. Our deadline is the end of this month. We will be contacting you all to see if you will join us in this project. I have also attached the information at the end of the newsletter.

What's Coming Up...

With a new year upon us, we are already setting course for our events and programs for 2019. We have a lot going on this year and here is the latest list. We are looking for volunteers as always, so please come and join us. ***New Events and Changes in Red.***

This Week:

Eblen Sealant Program - Thursday - Friday, February 28th- March 1st -A-B Tech

What's Next:

March:

Hoops Against Hunger Live Remote: Monday, March 4th- 5-7 pm	Ingles Hendersonville Road (Skyland)
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Hoops Against Hunger / Ingles SOCON Basketball Championships -	Thursday - Monday, March 7-11th - US Cellular Center

April:

WLOS / Eblen Spring Clean Coat Drive - Thursday, April 25th- Davis Furniture Warehouse (Fairview Road) / Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

May:

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Sponsor Reception -	Monday, May 20th - TBA
Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic - Tuesday, May 21st -	Cliffs at Walnut Cove

July:

Waddell Client Service Center Closed-July 4th

Ingles/Eblen Headlock on Hunger Food Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

August:

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Distribution / Health Fair-TBA - Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

September:

Walk Kick-Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA- Outback- Tunnel Road
Pumpkin Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback-Tunnel Road
BOOster Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback Tunnel Road
Eblen Dinner / Auction - 5:30 PM - Monday, September 30, A-B Tech

October:

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Begin - Tuesday, October 1st
Avadim Technologies / Heath Shuler Fall Golf Invitational - 9:00 AM - Tuesday, October 1st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Registration Begins - Tuesday, October 2nd - Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate
The Walk - 9:00 AM- Saturday, October 12th, A-B Tech
BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Ends - Thursday, October 31st
WLOS Spring Clean Coat Distribution - Monday - Thursday - October 28th - 31st - Ingles Toy Store

November:

Smoky Mountain Toy Run - 10:00 AM - Saturday, November 2nd - Kearfott (Swannanoa)
Crisis Intervention Heating Assistance Sign Ups Begin - 8:00 AM - Friday day, November 1st, Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate
Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 AM - Saturday, November 9th - Fatz Cafe
Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Distribution - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Wednesday, November 27th - Ingles South Forrest Shopping Center
Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday-Friday, November 28-29th

December:

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Magical Christmas Toy Drive- Thursday,- Saturday, December 5-7th - Ingles Tunnel Rd
Low Income Energy Assistance Sign Ups Begin (Sixty and Older) - 8:00 AM-Monday, December 2nd- Waddell Client Services Center- Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Reception - TBA Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Opens - TBA - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Toy Store Last Day Shopping - Monday, December 23rd - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Christmas Holiday - Tuesday-Wednesday, December 24-25th

Meeting the Challenge

email: "eblenfound@aol.com The Eblen Charities Group"
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Monday, March 4, 2019 at 10:19:18 AM Eastern Standard Time

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MARCH 4, 2019

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"Not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die."

Anne LaMott



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by donating to the
Eblen Heating Assistance Fund.

Support the Eblen Chairities
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EPILOGUE: In the Final Analysis

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered...
forgive them anyway

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives...
be kind anyway

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies...
succeed anyway

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you...
be honest and frank anyway

What you may spend years building, someone may destroy overnight...
build anyway

If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous...
be happy anyway

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow...
do good anyway

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough...
give the world the best you have anyway

You see, in the final analysis, it's all between you and God...
it was never between you and them anyway



HOOPS AGAINST HUNGER HOTEL CHALLENGE 2019

SOCON BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ASHEVILLE, NC

As a SoCon Team Host Hotel we invite you to participate in Eblen Charities Hoops Against Hunger food collection competition leading up to the Southern Conference Basketball Championships.

Competition Dates:

Thursday Feb 21st through Wednesday March 6th

Ticket Vouchers and Collection Bins will remain in the hotels through the tournament (Ending March 11th)

2 PRIZES AWARDED

Each Winning Hotel receives **30 TICKETS** to the SoCon Men's Championship Game And a trophy that will be presented at half time of the Men's Championship! (Monday, March 11th)

2 WAYS TO WIN

Winner #1
Total Amount of Pounds Collected
Winner #2
Per Pound - Per Hotel Room

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS


Easy For Children To Prepare By Themselves:

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Can Fruit, Pudding Cups
Shelf Stable Dinners, (like frozen dinners but found on shelves)
Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, etc.) Cheese Crackers,
Ramen Noodles, Instant Oatmeal, Granola Bars, Quick Mac & Cheese, Pop-Tarts



NEED HELP HEATING YOUR HOME THIS WINTER?

STAY WARM WITH LIEAP



WHAT IS LIEAP?
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

WHO CAN APPLY?
* Buncombe County households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability may apply **December 1, 2018** through **March 31st 2019** as long as there are funds available.
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HOW TO APPLY?
Apply in person at Eblen Charities, 50 Westgate Parkway, Asheville NC 28806 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. *

WHAT TO BRING:
Picture ID
Social Security Cards
Verification of all income in the home (Savings account limit \$2,250)
Verification of Primary Heat source
Heat source Bill (for account information purposes)
If power bill not in applicants name please bring a note from the account holder stating applicant is responsible for bill payment.

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT
Benefit amount will be based on household size and income at time of application and will be \$200,300 or \$400. Wood or coal benefits are \$200 per year regardless of family size.

* Mail in applications will be available for people unable to apply in person by calling 255-3066 and requesting an application. Please be aware these applications will take longer to process due to the mailing process.

Number In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,315
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,251
4	\$2,719
5	\$3,187
6	\$3,655
7	\$4,123

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Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 8:16:19 AM Eastern Standard Time

Press Release
For Immediate Release: 3-4-19

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Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 1:13:18 PM Eastern Standard Time

Mr. Baldwin -

I'm a reporter with CNN working on a story about Bill Murdock and his 1988 conviction for a sex offense involving a child. My reporting partner, Sally Kestin, is CC'd.

We'd like to speak with you as soon as possible. To meet our deadline, we need to hear from you by tomorrow. I'm at 347-443-5178. Sally is at 954-802-9578.

Thank you.

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Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 1:58:18 PM Eastern Standard Time

Superintendent Baldwin,

I'm a reporter working with Ashley Fantz of CNN, who emailed you yesterday. We are going to be reporting that Buncombe County schools nominated Bill Murdock to the AB Tech Board of Trustees and named the Community High media center after him despite his 1988 conviction for a sex offense with a child. We've interviewed the victim and family at length, as well as others outside the family who corroborate her account. Were you aware the victim was Mr. Murdock's eighth-grade student when he was her teacher at Erwin Middle? We have additional questions and information we'd like to share so that you can respond. When is a good time for you to talk? I live in Asheville and would be happy to meet you in person today, tonight or tomorrow morning. Our deadline is noon tomorrow.

Sally
Kestin

Investigative reporter and writer

2013 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service

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Fwd: CNN records request

email: "cynthia.lopez@bcsemail.org Cynthia Lopez"
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Monday, January 14, 2019 at 12:02:18 PM Eastern Standard Time

I am forwarding the request we received from CNN.

Cynthia



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Hi Ms. Jackson –

Thanks for taking my call. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

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Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 12:51:02 PM Eastern Standard Time

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Hello Ms. Fantz-

My name is Stacia Harris. I am the public records officer for Buncombe Co. Schools. Below is the information you requested-

Thank you!

William Joseph Murdock was employed by Buncombe County Schools as follows:

8-13-84 to 6-12-86 Math Teacher at Clyde A. Erwin Middle School

8-15-86 to 8-9-88 Math Teacher at Clyde A. Erwin High School

Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation effective 8-9-88.

A former employees' personnel record is not a public record and cannot be released without the former employee's consent, unless there is a court order or properly issued subpoena. The applicable law is copied below:

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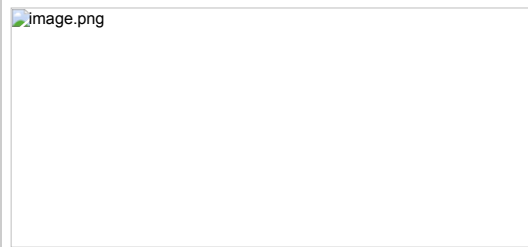
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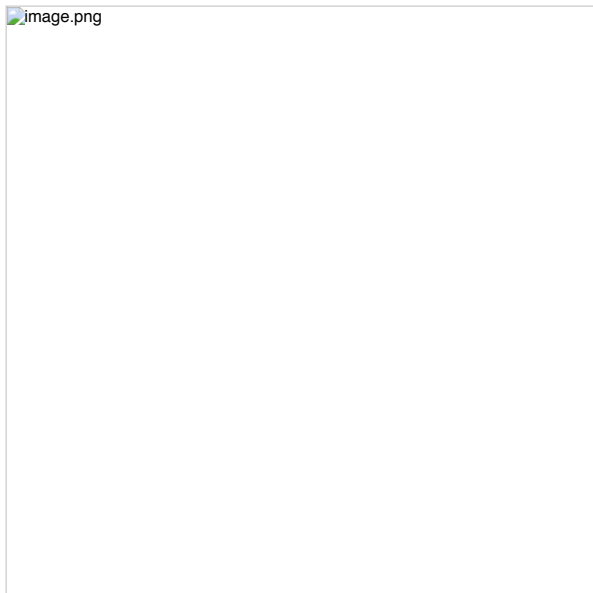
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Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 8:24:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time

**"Sometimes my life just don't make sense at all when the mountains look so big and my faith just seems so small."
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In Memoriam

Please remember our very dear friend and board member Bob Roberts and his family in your thoughts and prayers as his father passed away the week before last. As you know Bob is a founding member of Eblen and has been one of our most kind, supportive, and guiding voices of our work in the community.

Hoops Against Hunger / SOCON Tournament Concludes with Title Game Monday Night

Our gratitude to all our wonderful volunteers who joined us at Southern Conference Basketball Tournament this past weekend to help collect food and pass out information on our Hoops Against Hunger Program. The Southern Conference will hold its championship finals Monday night giving us one more day to collect food for students in our community.

Eblen Board Meeting Next Thursday

Please don't forget the first board meeting of the year next Thursday, May 21st at 5:30 pm in the Abledinger Board Room in the Waddell Client Service Center at Westgate. We have a lot of news and some great new opportunities to talk about and need to have everyone there. We are off to a tremendous start for the year and looking forward to having everyone working with us again this year as we continue to serve those in need during difficult times.

CIP Funds Exhausted- LIEAP Funds Remain

A week ago Friday we distributed the last of our Crisis Intervention Program Low Income Energy Assistance Program funds. We distributed more than \$900,000 since December to a record number of clients.

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RESTAURANTS JOIN EBLEN IN HELPING IN TIMES OF NEED

Two popular area restaurants are serving more than delicious food this month as they join Eblen in helping those in our community in times of need.

Culvers on Airport Road and all area Jersey Mike's will be donating part of their proceeds during the month of March to help make sure that families in our community can breathe easier during difficult times. Culvers' Month of Giving has selected Eblen for January through March for our Eblen Energy Project to help our families keep warm this winter. Jersey Mike's is having a coupon special each week (available on our facebook page) leading up to March 27th where 100% of the sales that day go to Eblen.

"Eblen Charities is so grateful for the support Culver's Restaurant and Jersey Mike's is providing to help our community in times of needs by giving back with their generosity to our local community. Every dollar raised provides necessary assistance to families and individuals who come to Eblen seeking help."

For more information on these wonderful events please contact Amanda Putnam at aputnam@eblencharities.org or please visit www.eblencharities.org

Thirtieth Annual Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Teams Filling Up

We have just a four slots left for the morning and afternoon rounds for our 30th Annual Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic to be held on Tuesday, May 21st at the Cliffs at Walnut Cove. We will again have an 8:00 AM and a 2:00 PM shotgun start and will begin the festivities with our Celebrity / Sponsor Reception at Hickory Tavern on Monday, May 20th beginning at 5:30 PM. We are still looking for board members and volunteers to join us on this year's committee to once again make one of our flagship events a success this year. Please call me at 242-2848 or email me at eblenfound@aol.com if you would like to join us in putting together this year's event.

Spring Clean Coat Drive Thursday, April 25th - Main Location Change

Our Ninth Annual WLOS / Eblen "Spring Clean Coat Drive" has been set for Thursday, April 25th as we look to a new location this year. *This year we will be located at the Davis Furniture Warehouse on Fairview Road* from 4:30 AM to 7:00 pm and at the Ingles Toy Store at Westgate from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

In the past six years we have collected and distributed more than 40,000 coats thanks to Jack Connors, Joe Fishleigh, and Hillary Parham of WLOS; Todd Campbell of Two Men and a Truck; Cindy Estes, Mary Ann McMinn, Susan Riddle, Amanda Putnam, and all the staff and volunteers at Eblen who make this such a great event and for keeping so many warm.

Andrew Institute Leadercast Set for May 10th as We Welcome a New Site / Partner

We will again be hosting Leadercast this spring at our new site at Lake Hills Church in Enka. This will be our 9th year for hosting the event. We are looking forward to another great event this year. Please see Leadercast flyer at the end of the newsletter for the Leadercast Asheville 2019 speakers.

What's Coming Up...

With a new year upon us, we are already setting course for our events and programs for 2019. We have a lot going on this year and here is the latest list. We are looking for volunteers as always, so please come and join us. [New Events and Changes in Red.](#)

This Week:

Hoops Against Hunger / Ingles SOCON Basketball Championships - Monday, March 11th - US Cellular Center

Eblen Sealant Program - Thursday - Friday, March 14th - March 15th - A-B Tech

What's Next:

March:

Eblen Charities Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, May 21st - 5:30 pm - Abledinger Board Room - Waddell Client Service Center

WLOS / Eblen Spring Clean Coat Drive - Thursday, April 25th - 4:30 am - 7:00 pm Davis Furniture Warehouse (Fairview Road) / Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

May:

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Sponsor Reception - Monday, May 20th - TBA

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic - Tuesday, May 21st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

July:

Waddell Client Service Center Closed-July 4th

Ingles/Eblen Headlock on Hunger Food Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

August:

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Distribution / Health Fair-TBA - Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

September:

Walk Kick-Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA- Outback- Tunnel Road

Pumpkin Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback-Tunnel Road

BOOster Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback Tunnel Road

Eblen Dinner / Auction - 5:30 PM - Monday, September 30, A-B Tech

October:

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Begin - Tuesday, October 1st

Avadim Technologies / Heath Shuler Fall Golf Invitational - 9:00 AM - Tuesday, October 1st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Registration Begins - Tuesday, October 2nd - Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate

The Walk - 9:00 AM- Saturday, October 12th, A-B Tech

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Ends - Thursday, October 31st

WLOS Spring Clean Coat Distribution - Monday - Thursday - October 28th - 31st - Ingles Toy Store

November:

Smoky Mountain Toy Run - 10:00 AM - Saturday, November 2nd - Kearfott (Swannanoa)

Crisis Intervention Heating Assistance Sign Ups Begin - 8:00 AM - Friday day, November 1st, Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate

Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 AM - Saturday, November 9th - Fatz Cafe

Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Distribution - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Wednesday, November 27th - Ingles South Forrest Shopping Center

Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday-Friday, November 28-29th

December:

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Magical Christmas Toy Drive- Thursday,- Saturday, December 5-7th - Ingles Tunnel Rd	
Low Income Energy Assistance Sign Ups Begin (Sixty and Older) - 8:00 AM-Monday, December 2nd- Waddell Client Services Center- Westgate	
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Reception - TBA	Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Opens - TBA -	Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Toy Store Last Day Shopping -	Monday, December 23rd - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate
Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Christmas Holiday -	Tuesday-Wednesday, December 24-25th
Waddell Client Service Center Reopens - Thursday, December 26th	

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Good morning-
The following information and the attached PDF were requested by CNN-
Thank you!

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Mr. Murdock submitted his resignation effective 8-9-88.

A former employees' personnel record is not a public record and cannot be released without the former employee's consent, unless there is a court order or properly issued subpoena. The applicable law is copied below:

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Hope you're well.

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- Please provide me any Buncombe County Schools records request filed by Sally Kestin and anyone affiliated with CNN, as well as the records that were subsequently provided under the request(s).

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Thanks much,

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EPILOGUE:
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EBLEN CHARITIES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



BESTSELLING LEADERSHIP AUTHOR - ANDY STANLEY TO SPEAK AT NINTH ANNUAL LEADERCAST - ASHEVILLE MAY 10TH

The world is looking for great leaders to follow.

In order to become those leaders who can lead others, we have to lead ourselves first. We must walk the walk. It's like the flight attendants tell us:

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"Please remember to wear your own oxygen mask before helping others."

Leadercast-Asheville will once again return to the mountains this spring to focus on in order to lead others, you must first be able to lead yourself. How do you lead yourself effectively? How do you develop your core principles and values so that your leadership is an outpouring of your innermost self? And how much more will those who follow you benefit from your leadership when you lead yourself well?

The speakers who will take the stage will inspire you to lead yourself well first so you can better lead your families, organizations and communities after.

As in years past, Keller Williams Realty, the Andrew Institute of Leadership and Public Service, and Avadim Health will bring the finest voices of leadership in the world, broadcasting from Atlanta, to western North Carolina for the Ninth Annual Leadercast Event Series as we welcome our new partner and event site Lake Hills Church on Friday, May 10th.

Leadercast-Asheville will help provide the tools that will empower you with life-changing insights from world-renowned leaders. This unique day-long event will be broadcast live from Atlanta and simulcast into communities across the globe. Through the world renowned speakers, Leadercast-Asheville will again give you the tools to improve your leadership skills and also have the opportunity to network with other leaders in our community. This is one event you don't want to miss.

All proceeds will benefit Eblen Charities. Join more than 125,000 leaders from around the world and begin making choices that matter. Hundreds of community leaders, executives, board members, educators, students, and others from every aspect of our community have come together for the past seven years to be challenged, inspired, and encouraged.

"This is a tremendous opportunity not only for the Andrew Institute, Eblen Charities and the Center for Social Enterprise, but for our entire community," states Dewey Andrew, founder of the Andrew Institute for Leadership and Public Service. "To be asked to host this event is a great honor and will not only once again bring the utmost in leadership training to the mountains but will also touch tens of thousands of lives that Eblen Charities serves each year."

The Andrew Institute for Leadership and Public Service

Founded by respected businessman and community leader Dewey Andrew, the Andrew Institute for Leadership and Public Service offers to the public and private sector alike, the opportunity to participate in cutting edge career development from the world's most recognized experts from the areas of business, entertainment, and sports. Providing access to the top business and thought leaders as well as best selling authors, the Andrew Institute for Leadership and Public Service brings to western North Carolina corporate training and motivational leadership that has been seen across the world. In a unique partnership, the Andrew Institute not only benefits those seeking business training and leadership development but also serves to benefit those that Eblen Charities serves through direct assistance programs.

Corporate sponsorships are still available and can be reserved by contacting Bill Murdock at 828-242-2848 and individual tickets are available for \$55, groups of 10 or more are \$45 each at www.leadercastavl.com or www.eblencharities.org. For more information on the Andrew Institute for Leadership and Public Service please contact Bill Murdock at Eblen Charities at 828-242-2848 or via email at eblenfound@aol.com.

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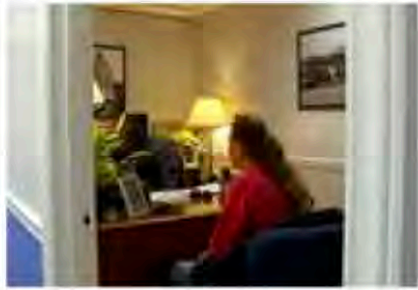
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High Heating Costs This Winter Drive Many to a Non-Profit for Help



ASHEVILLE, N.C. (WLOS) — This especially cold winter has put folks on a tight budget on edge. Heating expenses are soaring, which has many looking for a lifeline to get through the rest of the season. Eblen Charities says they are giving the public heating assistance at a pace way ahead of last year. Since November, Eblen has helped 5,000 families, which is up 1,200 from this time last year.

The consistently crowded non-profit's office is the latest sign that winter is taking its toll. Betty King said her heating bill jumped to \$400 this month. more than a month the tremendous staff and volunteers of Eblen Charities has been staying far into

the evening providing heating and other assistance to those who seek our help in difficult times.

"It's been real cold, and I had to use more heat than I usually do so I needed help for it," King explained. The distribution of federally-funded heating assistance means the world to folks like Donna Culbertson of Leicester.

"Blessings from heaven," Culbertson said in the office of Intake Supervisor Brenda Wheeler. "I have about two or three inches of oil. My oil's about to run out!"

Culbertson and her disabled husband are desperately low on heating oil and completely out of firewood.

"When we had that really bad cold snap, I used a whole winter's worth of wood," she said.

In November, Eblen had about \$2 million to provide heating assistance, but the higher demand has gobbled up much of that cash. That is no surprise to Betty.

"It's went sky high because of the snow. It's been cold," she said.

By midday Thursday, there was only about \$300,000 of federal money left. Regardless of the numbers, Wheeler's determined to help.

"Eblen is never going to let anyone leave this office cold. It's not going to happen," Wheeler said. "If you get in here, you're not going to leave without something."

Culbertson is one of the lucky ones to get assistance, receiving more than \$600 worth of heating oil. "If it weren't for them, I don't know what we'd do," she said.

EPILOGUE: Aye and Begorrah



This Sunday we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and in honor of all of our friends of Irish decent (and those who wish they were) here are a few facts about St. Patrick's Day we thought you might enjoy.

St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is believed that he died on March 17 in the year 461 AD. It is also a worldwide celebration of Irish culture and history.

In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, people traditionally wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or caps. Children wear orange, white and green badges, and women and girls wear green ribbons in their hair.

Many cities have a St. Patrick's Day Parade. Dublin, the capital of Ireland, has a huge St. Patrick's Day festival from March 15-19, that features a parade, family carnivals, treasure hunt, dance, theatre and more. In North American, parades are often held on the Sunday before March 17.

Some paint the yellow street lines green for the day! In Chicago, the Chicago River is dyed green with a special dye that only lasts a few hours.

There has been a St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston, Massachusetts since 1737. Montreal is home to Canada's longest running St. Patrick's Day parade, which began in 1824.

St. Patrick was born in 385 AD somewhere along the west coast of Britain, possibly in the Welsh town of Banwen. At age 16, he was captured and sold into slavery to a sheep farmer. He escaped when he was 22 and spent the next 12 years in a monastery. In his 30s he returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He died at Saul in 461 AD and is buried at Downpatrick.

34 million Americans have Irish ancestry, according to the 2003 US Census. That's almost nine times the population of Ireland, which has 4.1 million people.

Some American towns have "Irish" names. You could visit: Mount Gay-Shamrock, West Virginia; Shamrock Lakes, Indiana; Shamrock, Oklahoma; Shamrock, Texas; Dublin, California; and Dublin, Ohio.

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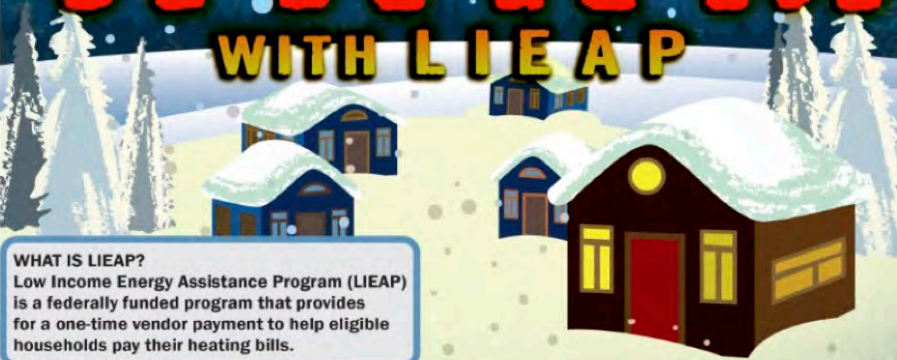
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WHAT IS LIEAP?
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

WHO CAN APPLY?
* Buncombe County households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability may apply **December 1, 2018** through **March 31st 2019** as long as there are funds available.
* Open for all Buncombe County residents **January 2nd** through **March 31st** as long as there are funds available.

WHEN TO APPLY?
* **December 1st through December 31st - 2018**
Households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving SSI, SSA, or VA disability.
* **January 2nd through March 31st 2019** - Open for all ages.



HOW TO APPLY?
Apply in person at Eblen Charities,
50 Westgate Parkway, Asheville NC 28806
between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. *

WHAT TO BRING:
Picture ID
Social Security Cards
Verification of all income in the home (Savings account limit \$2,250)
Verification of Primary Heat source
Heat source Bill (for account information purposes)
If power bill not in applicants name please bring a note from the account holder stating applicant is responsible for bill payment.

HOW MUCH CAN I EXPECT
Benefit amount will be based on household size and income at time of application and will be \$200,300 or \$400. Wood or coal benefits are \$200 per year regardless of family size.

* Mail in applications will be available for people unable to apply in person by calling 255-3066 and requesting an application. Please be aware these applications will take longer to process due to the mailing process.

Number In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,315
2	\$1,783
3	\$2,251
4	\$2,719
5	\$3,187
6	\$3,655
7	\$4,123

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Daily Top 5

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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**Champa has closed in downtown
Asheville; The Wine and Oyster
restaurant to move in**



The property at 3 Biltmore Ave. has been at the center of a legal dispute. Now it seems like all has been resolved.

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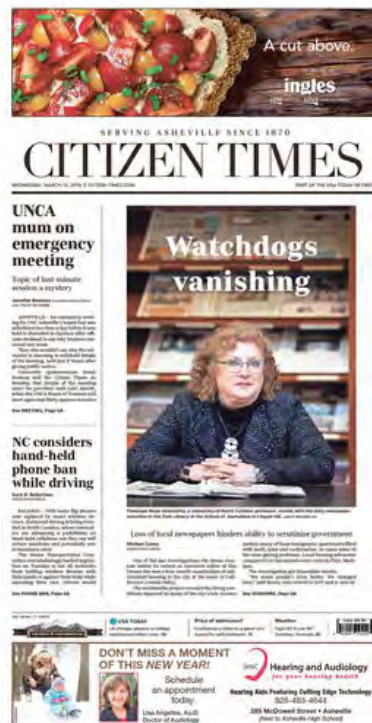
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Inside dish: Bomba reopens with another new menu and rotisserie chicken as the centerpiece



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**Eblen Charities' Bill Murdock
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concern over criminal history**



Murdock acknowledges pleading guilty in 1988 to taking indecent liberties with a child, but denies any kind of sexual relationship.

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Don't Miss Gayle King Fri., May 10th at Leadercast 2019

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Gayle King is a co-host of CBS This Morning and editor-at-large of the award-winning O, the Oprah Magazine. King previously hosted The Gayle King Show, a live, weekday television interview program on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network. The program, which featured a discussion of a broad variety of topics that include politics, cultural developments, was also broadcast on XM Satellite Radio, where it premiered in 2006.

Before moving into print and radio, King worked for 18 years (1982-2000) as a television news anchor for CBS affiliate WFSB-TV in Hartford, Conn., during which period, she also hosted her own syndicated daytime program. Prior to joining WFSB, King worked at several other television stations, including WDAF-TV in Kansas City, Mo. (1978-1981), WJZ-TV in Baltimore, Md. (1976), and WTOP-TV in Washington, D.C. (1975).

King has received numerous awards for her extensive work as a journalist. In

addition to three Emmys, she was honored in 2008 with the American Women in Radio & Television Gracie Award for Outstanding Radio Talk Show and in 2010 with both the Individual Achievement Award for Host-Entertainment/Information and the New York Women in Communications' Matrix Award recipient.

King spent several years of her childhood in Ankara, Turkey, before returning with her family to the United States. She graduated from the University of Maryland in 1976 with a degree in psychology.
The mother of a daughter, Kirby, and a son, Will, she currently resides in New York City.

Individuals - \$55 Groups (5+) \$45 (Includes Chick-fil-A lunch)

Purchase tickets on line at www.leadercastavl.com

Local ticket sales benefit Eblen Charities.

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Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 2:15:02 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Hi John-

Earlier this week, I sent Jennifer Bowman some documents that she requested related to Bill Murdoch's appointment to the A.B. Tech Board of Trustees. The statement below relates to that and is the only statement we are giving to media outlets who make an inquiry.

Please know that Dr. Baldwin was not employed with Buncombe County Schools until 1990 and he is not giving interviews since he had no involvement in Mr. Murdoch's prior employment.

Per general statute and BCS Board Policy 2240, both the Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools appoint trustees to the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Board. Each Board appoints two trustees with the agreement of the other Board. In 2016, Mr. Murdoch completed an application for appointment by the Buncombe County Schools. The School Board does not conduct a background check on applicants for appointment. The entire process to select and appoint trustees is conducted in public meetings in sessions open to the public. The appointment of Mr. Murdoch was not discussed or reviewed in closed session. All records relating to Mr. Murdoch's appointment to the AB Tech Board in 2016 have been provided to the Asheville Citizen-Times. The Buncombe County Schools will not have any further comment regarding this matter.

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"Wisdom begins in wonder." -- Socrates

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On Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 12:29 PM Boyle, John <jboyle@citizentimes.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, Stacia.

I'd like to do a phone interview with Dr. Baldwin regarding the Bill Murdock issue and Mr. Murdock's time as a teacher in Buncombe County. I'm hoping to speak with him today if at all possible. Can you relay this request to him quickly?

Thanks,

John

John Boyle

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Daily Top 5

Friday, March 15, 2019

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Eblen Charities Board of Directors Weekly Briefing 3/18/19

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Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 11:42:59 AM Eastern Daylight Time

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." Muhammad Ali (1942-2016) American prize fighter, Olympic champion, activist, author, philanthropist, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, Hall of Fame Inductee, heavyweight champion of the world, iconoclast

RESTAURANTS JOIN EBLEN IN HELPING IN TIMES OF NEED

Two popular area restaurants are serving more than delicious food this month as they join Eblen in helping those in our community in times of need.

Culvers on Airport Road and all area Jersey Mike's are continuing to donate part of their proceeds during the month of March to help make sure that families in our community can breathe easier during difficult times. Culvers' Month of Giving has selected Eblen for January through March for our Eblen Energy Project to help our families keep warm this winter. Jersey Mike's is having a coupon special each week (available on our facebook page) leading up to March 27th where 100% of the sales that day go to Eblen.

"Eblen Charities is so grateful for the support Culver's Restaurant and Jersey Mikes is providing to help our community in times of needs by giving back with their generosity to our local community. Every dollar raised provides necessary assistance to families and individuals who come to Eblen seeking help."

On Wednesday, March 27th All local locations of Jersey Mike's Subs will be donating 100% of all their proceeds to Eblen. So please work up a great appetite and visit our friends at Jersey Mike's on the 27th.

For more information on these wonderful events please contact Amanda Putnam at aputnam@eblencharities.org or please visit www.eblencharities.org

Thirtieth Annual Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Adds Another Team

We have just added an additional team with only three slots left for the morning and afternoon rounds for our 30th Annual Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic to be held on Tuesday, May 21st at the Cliffs at Walnut Cove. We will again have an 8:00 AM and a 2:00 PM shotgun start and will begin the festivities with our Celebrity / Sponsor Reception at Hickory Tavern on Monday, May 20th beginning at 5:30 PM. We are still looking for board members and volunteers to join us on this year's committee to once again make one of our flagship events a success this year. Please call me at 242-2848 or email me at eblenfound@aol.com if you would like to join us in putting together this year's event.

Eblen Board Meeting This Thursday

Please don't forget the first board meeting of the year this Thursday, May 21st at 5:30 pm in the Abledinger Board Room in the Waddell Client Service Center at Westgate. We have a lot of news and some great new opportunities to talk about and need to have everyone there. We are off to a tremendous start for the year and looking forward to having everyone working with us again this year as we continue to serve those in need during difficult times.

Spring Clean Coat Drive Thursday, April 25th - Main Location Change

Our Ninth Annual WLOS / Eblen "Spring Clean Coat Drive" has been set for Thursday, April 25th as we look to a new location this year. ***This year we will be located at the Davis Furniture Warehouse on Fairview Road*** from 4:30 AM to 7:00 pm and at the Ingles Toy Store at Westgate from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

In the past six years we have collected and distributed more than 40,000 coats thanks to Jack Connors, Joe Fishleigh, and Hillary Parham of WLOS; Todd Campbell of Two Men and a Truck; Cindy Estes, Mary Ann McMinn, Susan Riddle, Amanda Putnam, and all the staff and volunteers at Eblen who make this such a great event and for keeping so many warm.

LIEAP Funds Dwindle as Two Weeks Remain

We are down to a little more than \$100,000 in LIEAP as of Friday as we are heading into our last two weeks for the year.

As always, I have to thank our wonderful intake staff and volunteers for the amazing job they are doing again this year with our LIEAP program. They have been staying as late as 8 pm on many nights seeing everyone seeking our help before they leave for the day. I will certainly will keep everyone up-to-date as we move along.

Andrew Institute Leadercast Set for May 10th as We Welcome a New Site / Partner

We will again be hosting Leadercast this spring at our new site at Lake Hills Church in Enka. This will be our 9th year for hosting the event. We are looking forward to another great event this year. Please see Leadercast flyer at the end of the newsletter for the Leadercast Asheville 2019 speakers.

What's Coming Up...

With a new year upon us, we are already setting course for our events and programs for 2019. We have a lot going on this year and here is the latest list. We are looking for volunteers as always, so please come and join us. **New Events and Changes in Red.**

This Week:

Eblen Sealant Program -Friday, March 22nd -A-B Tech

Eblen Charities Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, May 21st - 5:30 pm Abledinger Board Room - Waddell Client Service Center

What's Next:

March:

Jersey Mike's Eblen Charities 100% Proceeds to Eblen Day - Wednesday, March 27th- All Local Locations

April:

WLOS / Eblen Spring Clean Coat Drive - Thursday, April 25th- 4:30 am - 7:00 pm Davis Furniture Warehouse (Fairview Road) / Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

May:

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic Sponsor Reception - Monday, May 20th - TBA

Wicked Weed / Brad Johnson Celebrity Golf Classic - Tuesday, May 21st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

July:

Waddell Client Service Center Closed-July 4th

Ingles/Eblen Headlock on Hunger Food Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

August:

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Drive-TBA - Ingles Tunnel Rd.

Ingles/Eblen Tools for Schools Distribution / Health Fair-TBA -

Ingles Toy Store (Westgate)

September:

Walk Kick-Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA- Outback- Tunnel Road

Pumpkin Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback-Tunnel Road

BOOster Kick Off Luncheon - 11:30 AM - TBA - Outback Tunnel Road

Eblen Dinner / Auction - 5:30 PM - Monday, September 30, A-B Tech

October:

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Begin - Tuesday, October 1st

Avadim Technologies / Heath Shuler Fall Golf Invitational - 9:00 AM - Tuesday, October 1st - Cliffs at Walnut Cove

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Registration Begins -
Westgate

Tuesday, October 2nd - Waddell Client Service Center -

The Walk - 9:00 AM- Saturday, October 12th, A-B Tech

BOOster / Pumpkin Sales Ends - Thursday, October 31st

WLOS Spring Clean Coat Distribution - Monday - Thursday - October 28th - 31st - Ingles Toy Store

November:

Smoky Mountain Toy Run - 10:00 AM - Saturday, November 2nd - Kearfott (Swannanoa)

Crisis Intervention Heating Assistance Sign Ups Begin - 8:00 AM - Friday, November 1st, Waddell Client Service Center - Westgate

Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 AM - Saturday, November 9th - Fatz Cafe

Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Distribution - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Wednesday, November 27th - Ingles South Forrest

Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday-Friday, November 28-29th

December:

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Magical Christmas Toy Drive- Thursday,- Saturday, December 5-7th - Ingles Tunnel Rd

Low Income Energy Assistance Sign Ups Begin (Sixty and Older) - 8:00 AM-Monday, December 2nd- Waddell Client Services Center- Westgate

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Reception - TBA

Ingles / Eblen Toy Store - Westgate

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Project Toy Store Opens - TBA -

Ingles / Eblen St Nicholas Toy Store Last Day Shopping - Westgate	Monday, December 23rd - Ingles / Eblen Toy Store -
Waddell Client Service Center Closed - Christmas Holiday -	Tuesday-Wednesday, December 24-25th
Waddell Client Service Center Reopens - Thursday, December 26th	

Meeting the Challenge

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Monday, March 18, 2019 at 9:57:50 AM Eastern Daylight Time

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EBLEN CHARITIES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



EBLEN CHARITIES OPERATION PROM DRESS RETURNS IN STYLE April 6th

Springtime is certainly a welcome sight after some of the record cold days we have seen this year. But along with the warmer weather, budding flowers, and spring break comes a high school tradition that is anticipated since school began last August.

Along with the warm spring breezes also comes the proms and military balls that can easily be the highlight of their academic year. But for many young women those memories will never happen for one very simple reason - the

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price of the dress they would wear to their formal is just out of reach.

But now for the seventh year Operation Prom Dress provides dresses to every young lady in our community who may not be able to afford one at no cost and helps provide the memories that so many of their friends will be experiencing as well.

Since Operation Prom Dress began, hundreds of girls who may have not had the chance to go to the prom have chosen from hundreds upon hundreds of gently used and new dresses.

Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of people throughout our community a great many of the girls who thought they may be sitting at home will now be joining their friends and classmates on prom night.

On Saturday, April 6th, hundreds of formal dresses will again fill the racks at the former Bon Marche' and current Ingles Toy Store in the Westgate Shopping Center.

Operation Prom Dress will open its doors from 10 AM to 1 PM, on Saturday, March 24th and the prom dresses are available to any young lady in need of one at no cost. The remaining dresses will be kept at the Eblen Charities Waddell Client Service Center office at Westgate for anyone who may miss the event.

Long-time friend and partner Guy Roberts of Asheville Cleaners has been cleaning the dresses since the beginning of Operation Prom Dress.

"Each year we clean hundreds of dresses that have been dropped off for cleaning," Roberts said. "People are dropping off absolutely beautiful dresses. We clean every one of them and bag them, and I take them to Eblen where they are distributed."

Sharon Fish, graduation specialist for Buncombe County Schools, said the dresses mean so much to the young women who will be wearing them on prom night "The prom dresses make a huge difference," she said. "Some of these girls may be parents, who are working to support a child. The prom may otherwise be out of reach financially without this program. When we walk into the Bon Marche building, and they see the vast selection, you can see their faces light up. It becomes a reality that just for that one special night they can be Cinderella at the ball, and it doesn't cost them anything."

If you know of any young lady in need of a prom dress, or have one you would like to donate, please contact Amanda Putnam at Eblen Charities at 828-255-3066 or via email at aputnam@eblencharities.org

Andy Stanley to Speak at Keller Williams -Avadim Health -Andrew Institute Leadercast May 10th



On Friday, May 10th Keller Williams Realty, Avadim Health, Campbell Shatley PLLC, and the Andrew Institute for Leadership and Public Service will again be bringing some of the finest voices of leadership in the world to western North Carolina for the Ninth Annual Leadercast at Lake Hills Church in Candler. This year, the day long event will again be broadcast from Atlanta and will feature ten of the world's most influential leaders. This year's speakers include:

Andy Stanley - Leadership Author and Communicator

Communicator, author and pastor, Andy Stanley founded Atlanta-based North Point Ministries (NPM) in 1995. Today, NPM is comprised of six churches in the Atlanta area, serving more than 60,000 people weekly, as well as a network to churches around the globe.

As host of NBC's Your Move with Andy Stanley, reaching over 36 million viewers in less than two years on the air, and author of 20-plus books including "Ask It", "How to Be Rich, Deep & Wide", "Visioneering" and "Next Generation Leader", he is considered one of the most influential living pastors in America.

Other speakers for the Leadercast -Asheville include: Gale King, Patrick Lencioni, Marcus Samuelson, Dr. Caroline Leaf, Juliet Funt, Ginger Hardage, Craig Springer, and Carla Harris

"Leaders who don't listen will eventually be surrounded by people who have nothing to say." Andy Stanley

For more information and to purchase tickets please contact Amanda Putnam at 828-242-2848, ext 15 or via email at aputnam@eblencharities.org or visit www.leadercastavl.com

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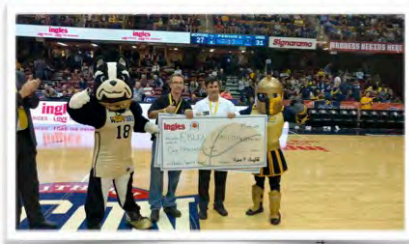
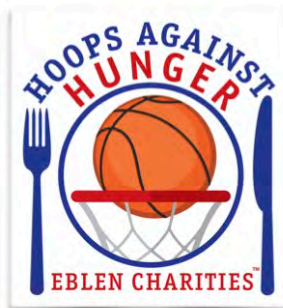
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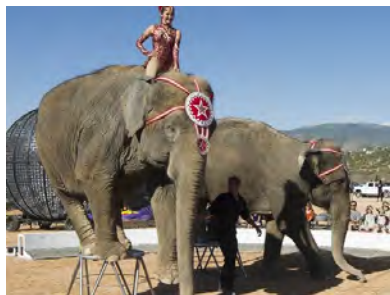


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Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 12:26:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Hi Kim-

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Kim

*Just thank my Iphone, for any typos in my email to you!

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A SERVANT TO THE POOR: WAS HE 'A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING'?

He was a teacher charged with a sex crime involving a teenage girl. He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge but says he's innocent. Now he leads a prominent charity. And she's telling her story for the first time.

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Asheville, North Carolina (CNN)A congressman paid tribute to him, the county school system dedicated a library in his name and a state university awarded him an honorary degree, calling him a source of inspiration and emulation.

Bill Murdock has led Eblen Charities, one of western North Carolina's largest nonprofits, for nearly three decades, cultivating a reputation as a humble servant to the poor and a disciple of Mother Teresa.

But a CNN investigation into his background paints a different picture. Murdock was charged with a felony sex crime with a child in 1988 and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor in a deal that one prosecutor initially involved in the case now considers an injustice. And he earned prestige with a resume built on exaggerated and dubious achievements.

One award that has burnished his image, the Mother Teresa Prize for Global Peace and Leadership, sounds impressive but came from a company he incorporated out of his home. He claims an educational background from some of the country's most prestigious universities -- Harvard and Stanford, where his attendance consisted of one-week courses in nonprofit management.

A familiar face in Asheville, frequently appearing in the local media, Murdock, 63, has risen to prominence in this tourist mecca nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains while his criminal record has remained largely unknown.

When his conviction has surfaced, as it did last year after the University of North Carolina at Asheville chose him for an honorary degree and to be its commencement speaker, Murdock offered this explanation: A woman came on to him, he rebuffed her and she retaliated by falsely accusing him of sexual misconduct with her teenage daughter.

That account satisfied the UNCA Board of Trustees at the time. It also has satisfied the Eblen Charities board and an influential group of Asheville powerbrokers.

But CNN tracked down the victim from that case, who has silently watched Murdock's stature grow. The Murdock she knew was her eighth-grade teacher, the 30-year-old married man who she says rubbed his body against hers, promised a future together and sexually abused her throughout her freshman year in high school.

"He would go into very elaborate stories about our dating, our wedding, and he always played himself as the hero," said Shelley Love Baldwin, now 47. "My family was struggling financially. I was struggling. I just felt like he targeted us.... He saw vulnerability, and he swept in."

The abuse left Baldwin suicidal and in therapy much of her adult life, she said, and traumatized her entire family.

"It's been painful for years, and it just comes in waves of emotion for all of us," said her brother, Scott Love, a pediatrician in Asheville. "And my family, I think we've all learned how to deal with it in some ways and never learned how to deal with it in others."

Murdock maintains his innocence and denies ever abusing Baldwin. He said he became close to the Loves while separated from his first wife and that the family was unhappy when the couple reunited.

Murdock gave a 90-minute interview to CNN and refuted the allegations of the victim and her family. "There's a whole lot more to this," he said. "I don't mind telling you the whole story....I just want to make sure I'm doing it the correct way." Murdock said he needed to consult his lawyer first but never explained further, despite reporters' follow-up phone calls and another visit to his office. The lawyer who Murdock mentioned told CNN he did not represent him. He referred questions to Murdock's defense attorney from the 1988 case, who did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

CNN interviewed Baldwin's parents, a former classmate and two medical professionals who said Baldwin told them years ago that she was sexually abused by Murdock. In addition, her siblings and a couple who worshipped with the family said they witnessed interactions between Shelley and her teacher that concerned them. Murdock himself admitted to an inappropriate emotional relationship with the girl in an audiotaped confrontation surreptitiously recorded by her father in 1988.

After learning the details of CNN's investigation, the UNCA Board of Trustees rescinded Murdock's honorary degree on March 8, citing questions about his background, awards and academic credentials.

Other organizations affiliated with Murdock refused to answer questions, including the Buncombe County schools. The same school district that accepted Murdock's resignation the day before his arrest nominated him to a community college board in 2016 and named a school media center in his honor in 2018.

Many in Asheville see Murdock as the head of a charity that helps the destitute, a man whose awards and accolades are testimony to his character. How could he be capable of abusing a child?

"This is a cautionary tale about how we deny our suspicions and how we don't listen to victims and how we're willing to look at the good someone has done when they have done very bad things in their past," said Wiley Cash, a New York Times best-selling author and writer-in-residence at UNCA.

But attitudes are changing. Decades-old accounts of sexual abuse are being re-examined in many cases.

More than 30 years after a young girl said she fell prey to her teacher, Baldwin, like many victims, is speaking out publicly for the first time.

Her abuse -- and his denial

In an exclusive interview with CNN, Baldwin, her parents and siblings recounted what the family described as calculated grooming and sexual abuse by a teacher they trusted. Reporters shared those details with Murdock, who acknowledged a closeness with the family but provided a different recollection of events.

This is the Loves' account:

Shelley was a shy, bookish eighth grader in 1985. Placed in the gifted program at Clyde A. Erwin Middle School, she felt excited to learn Bill Murdock would be her math and science teacher. A gregarious guy and chummy with students, Murdock was popular. He kept her after class, working on math problems.

"The uncomfortable stuff started pretty early on with him bringing me to his desk," she recalled. "His whole leg would be against my leg. His whole upper body would be against my body. [I'd] feel his breath on [my] face. I mean, he would just be all over me right there."

During P.E., as Murdock played sports with the boys, Shelley said, he gave her his jacket, watch, college ring and tie to wear. It was kind of flattering, she recalled. It was also mortifying.

"I already felt awkward. I spent most of my middle school years trying to be invisible and not get attention. I just remember just wanting to melt away into the bleachers."

One evening, the eighth-grader told her mom, "I think Mr. Murdock likes me."

Carolyn Love remembers that moment and wishes now that she'd responded differently.

It's probably okay, she said.

The touching continued throughout the school year, Shelley said, including holding her hand just moments before her mother was to pick her up. She felt trapped, pressured and confused. She was relieved when middle school ended. Erwin High School would be her escape, she thought -- until she learned Murdock had taken a teaching job there.

Just before freshman year began, Carolyn said, Murdock showed up at the Loves' home while she was working in the yard. He told her he liked teaching Shelley and could help their introverted daughter. He was going to coach soccer at Erwin High and suggested to Carolyn that Shelley become the team statistician.

Carolyn appreciated his gesture and encouraged her daughter.

"I thought, 'Won't that be good?' with the kids, 'cause she was shy," she remembered. "You could see that she was unhappy...Bill was saying, 'I will look after her.'"

Murdock and Shelley spent a lot of time together. "All the kids seemed to know or think we had this relationship, which was humiliating."

At a home football game one evening, girls began to taunt Shelley about him. Crying, she took off, walking fast toward home.

Murdock drove up alongside her, offered her a ride. She got in. They drove, then stopped at an intersection.

"He reached over, and he grabbed my hand, interlaced his fingers," she recounted. "He's like, 'I want to pray with you....' He tells me how special I am."

Then, she said, Murdock kissed her forehead. "He kissed my cheek, kissed my ear, started kissing, like, all over my face."

Shelley shook her head, trying to back away but their lips made contact. "He said, 'Well, you kissed me.' That was his thing forever after that...." "You kissed me."

When he stopped, Shelley slid back into her seat. Carolyn remembers Murdock explaining that he drove her daughter home because she was getting picked on at the game.

Carolyn and Doug Love sometimes worked past the time that Shelley and her younger siblings Heather and Scott arrived home from school. Carolyn had a job at a department store. Doug, a pastor, was working full-time at the Red Cross and trying to start a church.

They were raising their kids in a time before the sex offender registry, when Asheville was a small town and seemed like a safe place for children. Their faith was at the center of their lives. They saw the good in people.

When their daughter's teacher told them he was having marital problems, they responded with compassion, inviting him for meals and visits. Murdock spoke with them about God, attended Bible study in their home and played Christian songs on his guitar. And he spent more and more time around Shelley, who said she had become convinced they were in love.

Gaile and Ed Peavler came by the Loves' home to worship and noticed a closeness between Shelley and her teacher that they found worrisome.

"I remember them sitting on the floor together, the looks passing between them. I just knew there wasn't something right there," Gaile Peavler recalls. "She just had a big crush on him, and he was encouraging that.... Their behavior, to me, was just like a couple that were flirting with each other and sharing secrets."

By this time, Shelley said, Murdock was stoking a fantasy in her imagination late at night in phone calls after her parents went to sleep.

"I didn't speak very much. I mean, he mostly wanted me to be quiet, 'cause he didn't want me to be caught." She said Murdock told her they would get married when she turned 16 in a state where it was legal. He described dates they would go on, she said, and the children they would bring into the world and name Clayton Joseph and Rebecca Lee.

"This was night after night after night....I had gone from hating him...to now I'm totally, utterly dependent."

Shelley felt that her teacher, who was now 31, had isolated her from her peers. She and Murdock, she said, were engaging in masturbation and oral sex.

Shelley shared a bedroom with her 11-year-old sister Heather, who remembers Shelley tucked under her desk late at night, ear pressed to the phone. She and her brother, Scott, who was 12, also remember Murdock being at their home when their parents were away and insisting that they leave him and Shelley alone, sometimes in a bedroom.

"The door would always be shut," recalled Scott. "It was always some private project. It was like, 'Oh, no, no, you guys need to stay out here. This is top secret.'"

They said Murdock would tell them the two were working on special presents for them -- for Christmas, or their birthdays.

In tears, Heather recounted Murdock sending her to their dark, dirt-floor basement. "He would shut the door behind me," she said. "I remember being able to hear my sister and Bill. They sounded playful, they sounded in love.

"It certainly didn't feel like it was about a Christmas present or a birthday present," she continued. "I began to feel like I had to protect my sister, that I had to figure out what was going on...I had to expose him for who he really was to my parents."

Heather thought she had the proof she needed when she witnessed Murdock kissing her sister on the lips. She immediately told her mother.

Carolyn confronted Murdock.

He told her that Heather got it wrong; Shelley was upset, and he was consoling her with a simple kiss on the cheek. Carolyn believed him.

"There was just a really good story behind it, and Shelley backed him up," Carolyn recalled.

But she couldn't help but worry. "Sometimes, I'd come home from work, and he would be there. But he would always tell me he just got there....And I was always careful to tell him, 'Don't be here when I'm not here.'"

Scott remembers playing in the woods near their house and seeing Murdock pick Shelley up or drop her off on a road around the bend from their home.

"I definitely remember him coming up and not actually driving all the way to our house, which I always thought was weird as a kid," he said.

Shelley told CNN that in the midst of the sexual abuse, she told her parents that men in a van took her into the woods but she escaped unharmed. The couple said they reported the incident to authorities and soon after, Shelley admitted she'd made it up.

Carolyn recalls the detective warning them that someone might be abusing Shelley and the story was her cry for help. It's a scenario generally supported by child psychologists. Children who are being sexually abused, they say, sometimes invent stories as a way to alert adults without disclosing the real source of their pain.

"This was happening, and it was hurting," Shelley says now. "It just wasn't happening with the guys in the van."

The false report and Shelley's increasingly withdrawn demeanor deepened her mother's suspicion of Murdock. One day, Carolyn sat on a hilly area overlooking the road to their home, watching for Murdock's car. She saw him drop Shelley off away from the house.

Murdock arrived at the home first, Carolyn said, and Shelley walked slowly behind him to appear as though they'd traveled separately.

"I walked in there, got their alibi, got their story, which was completely false and I knew it," Carolyn said. "And I tore into him and told him never ever be in our house again."

The Loves believed they were done with Murdock. A short time later, they received a note from his wife Dana, thanking them for the kindness they'd shown her husband. The couple had reunited.

Carolyn and Doug thought nothing of it.

Shelley was devastated. That night, she said, she walked to a nearby bridge and contemplated jumping.

"We wouldn't have known why, if she had done it," her father said, weeping at the memory.

Shelley's grades plummeted, and she refused to return to Erwin High. Her parents enrolled her in a private school. One of her new friends, Michael Hayes, sensed right away that something deeply bothered her. He gently asked what was wrong.

"She told me that she had been having sex with her teacher," he told CNN. "I told her, 'You have to tell your parents. You have to tell them.'"

Emboldened, she did.

Doug Love was livid. He wanted answers. He confronted Murdock in a school parking lot in February 1988 and recorded the conversation. Murdock declined to hear the entire recording but listened to parts of it and confirmed it was authentic.

The father asked Murdock if he had "a physical relationship" with Shelley.

"Oh no. No, no," Murdock said.

"You're denying that?" Doug asked.

"I mean, outside of a hug, you know, she'd hug me and stuff like that," Murdock replied.

"She's told us more than that, Bill. She's told us more than that, Bill. She's told me about, about your having her masturbate her (sic). And, and she's told Carolyn that."

"No," he said.

"And not only once but numerous times, Bill."

"No sir, no sir."

The father pressed on. "This girl has been an emotional wreck. She's had counseling. She's had a hard time. She, she's never had any type of a sexual relationship, hasn't even dated before. And then she comes up with this, and she's having a heck of a hard time with it all, Bill."

Murdock continued his denial but said, "I'm not calling her a liar... Her emotions and probably mine are getting a little bit out of hand."

He brought up Shelley's false report about the men in the van, said he talked to her about "trouble" with a boy. "And I tried to help. And I'm not a threat to anybody."

He apologized and said he might have made mistakes.

"If I did, like I said, I'm very sorry and I never meant for it to happen and all I can do is ask your forgiveness."

He said he "broke it off" because "the whole thing was wrong. Emotions that were building up and stuff like that was wrong."

He offered twice to resign his teaching job and nervously asked, "What are you planning to do?"

"I'm not sure, Bill."

In his interview with CNN, Murdock denied some allegations and said he could not recall other scenarios the Loves described.

He did remember the conversation with Doug Love. He said he did not know it had been recorded but confirmed it was his voice on the tape.

"I think I probably asked his forgiveness," he told reporters, "just because if, if he thought there was anything inappropriate and if emotions were getting out of hand, it was about the whole family. And thinking that, you know, if, if he, if this is going to be a big thing and, you know, all of this, you know, I mean, it'd be just as easy to, to resign."

In the conversation with Doug, Murdock never mentioned accusations he has repeated over the years: that Carolyn Love made up the abuse because he rejected her advances.

He acknowledged being at the Loves' home during Shelley's freshman year. "We were close, at their invitation, I mean, we were, we were certainly friends during that time."

He said the family became incensed when he reunited with his wife. "They weren't happy about the fact that we were getting back together....They just said they didn't feel it was the right thing to do and they were, they felt that, you know, that God didn't want us to, to get back together.... They, I guess, thought I was more part of their family. And again, they wanted, you know, me to, you know, to stay."

Murdock acknowledged to CNN that he drove Shelley home from the football game but said he didn't kiss her. He denied putting Heather in the basement, late-night phone calls with Shelley and conversations about marriage and children.

He denied touching her in class in middle school, giving her his clothes to wear or coming by the house suggesting that she be his soccer team statistician. He couldn't remember being in the house with Shelley when her parents weren't home or the confrontation with Carolyn after Heather said she saw them kissing.

He said he only dropped Shelley off away from her house once.

"One time she was walking down the road, you know, and fairly far away," he said. "And so I picked her up, and she said, 'Well, why don't you just drop me off here?'"

And he said it wasn't Carolyn's accusations that made him stop visiting.

"I felt it was time to stop coming around the house, being uncomfortable Dana and I were getting back together," he said. "And, you know, those-- it just wasn't-- you know, you know, it was, was not good for, for the marriage, not good for, for Dana and I."

Murdock said Doug and Carolyn Love suggested being the couple's marriage counselors but declined to explain why they would make such an offer if they were unhappy that the Murdocks had reunited.

The Loves and Murdock agree there was a confrontation at his apartment. It occurred after the recorded encounter. Both Dana and Shelley were there. Murdock again denied abusing the girl and told CNN his wife believed him.

The Loves say Dana later called and asked to meet with Carolyn. Dana wanted to know, Was the couple planning to go to authorities? Carolyn said they were.

Would they be willing to meet with Dana's friend in the Buncombe County District Attorney's Office? Yes, the Loves said.

They felt sorry for Dana, who suffered from cystic fibrosis, and didn't think prison was the answer for Murdock but wanted him to pay some price and get counseling.

Dana's friend, Assistant District Attorney Bert Neal, recalled meeting with the Loves and their teenage daughter. He found Shelley "totally credible," he told CNN.

"She was a normal little girl, and it was a good family," Neal said. "And I just didn't see that things would be made up."

As Neal recalls, he worked on the case initially but his boss, District Attorney Bob Fisher, took it over. Fisher is dead, as is the judge. Because the case is so old, the District Attorney and Buncombe County Sheriff's Office said they no longer have records.

Neal said that Dana, who he would represent in her divorce in 1992, told him "she could easily believe the accusations."

Her second husband, journalist Keith Jarrett, told CNN that Dana had been disturbed by the attention Murdock showed Shelley and "came to believe he was guilty." Dana died in 2000.

The Loves wanted Murdock prosecuted but were unwilling to allow their emotionally fragile daughter to testify in court. Carolyn and Shelley said they were interviewed by a sheriff's investigator.

On August 9, 1988, a warrant was issued for Murdock's arrest for felony indecent liberties with children -- taking "immoral, improper and indecent liberties with Shelly (sic) Love" and committing a "lewd and lascivious act" on her. He immediately resigned from Erwin High.

Sixteen days later, Murdock pleaded guilty to what is listed on the official court record as "misdemeanor liberties with children."

A law professor and three former Buncombe County assistant district attorneys called the quick disposition highly unusual for such a case, which normally would take months or years to resolve. Even more unusual was the charge, misdemeanor liberties with children.

There was no such charge, Neal and other legal experts told CNN.

"It appears that they just decided to call a felony offense a misdemeanor. How you get there from here, I have no idea," said Rebecca Knight, a former Buncombe County sex crimes prosecutor and retired district court judge.

Fisher arranged the plea agreement, said Neal, who was censured by the State Bar in 2006 for missing court appearances and had his license inactivated in 2012 because of a disability. Murdock spent no time in jail and received unsupervised probation. He was ordered to "remain in counseling until such time that [the] counseling agency feels he has rec'd maximum benefit."

Murdock had been seeing a marriage therapist for four months by then, according to the therapist's notes, because of "accusations by a high school student of sexual impropriety and ensuing marital problems." He continued seeing her for his court-ordered treatment. She observed him to be "a 33 year old attractive male who was neatly dressed and well-mannered." He'd been a "model citizen," she wrote, and she commended his "problem-solving techniques."

The therapist determined that Murdock "does not fit the personality profile of a sexual abuser." A little more than two months after his conviction, she concluded the treatment was no longer necessary.

Neal now says he thinks Murdock got off light. "I don't agree with the disposition," he said. "I thought he should have paid more of a price than he did."

So do the Loves. They said they were unaware of the plea deal and learned of it in court.

Asked what misdemeanor charge he pleaded to, Murdock told CNN, "I'm not even sure what, what, what it was."

He said he wasn't questioned by law enforcement. Shelley's siblings said they were never interviewed either.

Murdock said his attorney, Brent O'Conner, advised him to plead guilty. "He said that, first of all, it would cost about \$20,000 to defend," he said. "And even though he knew it wasn't true, he said, 'How do you prove a negative? How do you prove that you didn't do something?'"

O'Conner did not respond to numerous requests for comment. But he has written a letter in defense of Murdock, which one former Eblen board member read to Wiley Cash during a telephone call last year. In the letter, according to Cash's notes, O'Conner said Murdock vehemently denied the allegations and shared none of the traits of the sex offenders he'd represented.

The Loves, disappointed in the outcome of his criminal charge, left Asheville. "We moved away...specifically to get [Shelley] out of here and to get our family back on track," Carolyn said.

A few years later, while watching Scott compete in a state wrestling match, the Loves were stunned to see the coach of an opposing team: Bill Murdock, a new employee at Asheville High School.

Carolyn said she and Shelley then drove two hours to the school and shared their story with administrators. Murdock resigned on March 30, 1992. He told CNN he had been hired as a temporary teacher.

"This had come up again," he said. "I just decided that...this isn't worth going through all of this again."

Outraged that Murdock had been allowed to continue teaching, the Loves contacted the District Attorney and the school superintendent at the time, according to documents CNN obtained. An attorney for the school district concluded that Murdock's conviction was grounds for his educational license to be revoked but that since he was no longer teaching and because of "the passage of time," no action would be taken.

At a minimum, the Loves had wanted Murdock to receive sex offender treatment and be barred from working with children. They got neither.

The birth of a charity -- and an image

During the time the Loves say Murdock abused their daughter, he taught gifted middle school students at Super Saturday, a program on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Asheville, according to job applications he submitted to UNCA. He taught there through 2001. A statement by the university said background checks were not required until after Murdock left.

Murdock's job at Eblen Charities puts him in regular contact with low-income children and families. The board has known about his conviction for years and stood by him.

"This thing has been gone over so many times," said Dewey Andrew, a board member who has been involved with the charity since the beginning.

He said he did not know the details of the case. "I know what I've heard and what his attorney has said and all those kind of things. So I think that the, the, whatever it is that someone's bringing up is a bunch of bull."

"I will take up for Mr. Murdock to the very end," Andrew said before abruptly ending the interview.

Lou Bissette, a former Asheville mayor and ex-Eblen board member, said that after he left the charity several years ago "the board or the chairperson looked at it, looked at all that they could find, and, and determined that there was not enough evidence there to do anything about it."

Bissette said he's known Murdock more than 20 years and never heard of any other allegations, noting that "he's had access to hundreds of children and families, thousands over the years....I think what Eblen has done has been really incredible for our community."

A statement by the Eblen board, released last week to Asheville media outlets, said it had long been aware of "an allegation" in Murdock's past, investigated it and "determined that no further action was necessary."

"We believe in helping people and giving people a second chance," the statement said. "Bill has proven himself worthy of continued employment as our executive director. He has done good work here and has improved the lives of the people of western North Carolina. We continue to stand in support of Bill Murdock."

It's unclear who wrote the statement or whether it represented a consensus of the board. Two board members declined to answer questions, and others did not return messages seeking comment.

The genesis of Eblen Charities was a 1990 golf tournament Murdock helped conceive to benefit a foundation for cystic fibrosis, according to Eblen's web site and Murdock's writings. Murdock and his co-organizers needed a sponsor and approached Joe Eblen, who ran the family-owned Biltmore Oil Co., a wholesale gasoline supplier and operator of retail convenience stores.

A wrestling aficionado since elementary school, Murdock recruited professional wrestlers and the tournament became an annual event. In 1991, the family of a young girl with cystic fibrosis needed help paying for transportation to take their daughter for treatment at Duke University. The parents worked and did not qualify for financial assistance.

"I called Joe and he, out of his own pocket, paid for the family to go, and then we decided, you know, there's needs in our community," Murdock told CNN. "I had a yard sale. We raised \$400 and we started Eblen."

Murdock, who had been working at a real estate company, became its first employee, initially working out of Biltmore Oil. The charity stood apart from other aid organizations, offering assistance without rigid guidelines.

"Everything went through him," said Leslie Anderson, an Asheville-based consultant to nonprofits. "I remember him standing up at any number of meetings and saying, 'Here's my phone number. All you need to do is call me and I will make it all happen.'"

Eblen Charities went on to contract with the county government, disbursing money for heating and utility assistance and overdue bills for rent, power, gas and water. Local businesses helped provide turkey dinners at Thanksgiving, back-to-school supplies, and shoes and clothing for needy students. The annual budget grew to \$5 million, according to its 2016 financial statement, the most recent available.

To Joe Eblen, Murdock was "like a son," Anderson said. Raised by grandparents, Murdock said his own father had little presence in his life and his mother died when he was a toddler.

Joe Eblen died in 2013. The Eblen family declined to comment for this story.

As the charity grew, so too did Murdock's renown. He became its public face, garnering positive news coverage and penning books and op-ed pieces that read like Sunday sermons.

"We all would do well to follow Mother Teresa's example and not only see the need but to act without delay," he wrote in his book "Find Your Own Calcutta: Living a Life of Service and Meaning in a Selfish World." A framed letter from Mother Teresa, one of a half dozen he said he received after finding her address in Parade magazine, hangs in his office.

"I think some people think of him as, you know, Mr. Do Good or Do Great, almost saintly," Anderson said

Murdock lives in a \$1.1 million, 4,500-square-foot house in a gated community. The land, he said, was given to him by Joe Eblen. "We were able to, to build the house for a lot less than we were able to buy one," Murdock told CNN. He said he makes \$65,000 a year and has turned down raises.

The charity's increasing visibility earned Murdock a seat on the boards of numerous organizations, including Children First, a nonprofit Anderson helped found to advocate for children. Background checks were not required for nonprofit boards, she said.

In 2001, Murdock summoned three Eblen employees to a meeting, concerned that his criminal history might become public, according to two of the attendees.

"He said, 'I need for you to know my side,'" recalled Liz Robinson, who said she worked for Eblen for 17 years. "The mother of [Shelley Love], and this is his story, wanted to sleep with him and he refused.... She said, 'If you don't have an affair with me, I'm going to tell everybody you violated [Shelley].' I remember asking him, 'Why would a mother do that to her daughter?'"

Karen Brinson Bell recalled Murdock saying he "had been taken in by this family when he and his wife were having marriage problems...When the wife or mother made advances and he rejected her, she then accused him of being inappropriate with the daughter."

Brinson Bell didn't believe him. "I went home, told my husband, and said, 'I'm done.'"

She said she left the charity several months later.

Dubious awards and exaggerations

Murdock continued to polish his public persona, adding to his resume dubious honors that were readily accepted by university boards and reported in the local media.

At the UNCA graduation last May, the interim chancellor introduced Murdock, the commencement speaker, as a recipient of the Mother Teresa Prize for Global Peace and Leadership. The award was given by the Luminary Leadership Network, a limited liability company created by Murdock using his home address, CNN discovered.

An Eblen Charities announcement said "laureates" were selected by a committee led by inspirational speaker Jamie Minton of Atlanta and Heath Shuler, a former Congressman, Eblen board member and long-time Murdock supporter.

Shuler introduced a 2007 tribute to Murdock in Congress, calling him "a most distinguished constituent," and is quoted on Murdock's author website as saying "Murdock is the essence of affection without limitations." Shuler did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Minton said he created the Luminary Leadership Network with Murdock to host "Lead through Change," a 2014 event in Asheville that featured speakers including Shuler and John Maxwell, a self-described leadership expert.

Minton said he'd known Murdock for years and admired the charity's work. "I wanted to, wanted to honor Eblen, honor Bill," he said. Maxwell also received the Mother Teresa award. It was the only year the prize was given.

Even though the award came from his own company, Murdock told CNN he was surprised to receive it. He acknowledged the prize was not affiliated with Mother Teresa. "But there's a lot, there's quite a number of awards in Mother's name that aren't affiliated."

Eblen's website and Murdock's book covers and bio claim the Eblen Children's Pharmacy won the Peter F. Drucker Award in 2001 for being "the most innovative nonprofit program in the country."

Laura Roach, who administers the prize, told CNN she could find no record of Eblen winning.

"There were some years during the prize or award where there were runners up and second or third place," she said. "But I can tell you that it is inaccurate for him to say on his website that his organization was the most innovative program in America."

Murdock told reporters he had an email "and some correspondence from them at the time.... I'll have to dig it up." He has yet to produce the documents.

In his book bios, Murdock exaggerates his educational background, saying he was "educated at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Mars Hill College, Duke, Harvard and Stanford Universities." He is a graduate of the community college and Mars Hill University, a private liberal arts school near Asheville. He completed one-week courses in non-profit management at Harvard and Stanford and a 50-hour program at Duke, spokespersons said.

Murdock said he did not think his claim was misleading.

"I don't think so. I think it might be misinterpreted and actually-- I'll make sure those are, are deleted 'cause, you know, I certainly didn't want to, you know, mislead anyone...."

Murdock's credentials impressed three Asheville-area institutions of higher learning and the county school system.

Mars Hill appointed Murdock to its board in 2017. Shortly after the appointment, a university employee who was the sheriff's investigator in Murdock's 1988 case alerted her supervisor, Laura Whitaker-Lea, to his conviction. Whitaker-Lea, now at a college in Georgia, told CNN she went to the Mars Hill president, and a short time later, Murdock resigned.

Mars Hill did not respond to questions. Murdock told reporters he left because he was too busy.

Buncombe County schools in 2016 appointed Murdock to the board of his alma mater, the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, where he had also served on the foundation and been a commencement speaker. The school district declined to answer questions about the appointment or its December dedication in Murdock's name of a library at Community High School. Superintendent Tony Baldwin serves on the Eblen Charities board, according to the charity's web site. He did not respond to requests for an interview.

An A-B Tech spokeswoman said college administrators, including President Dennis King, did not know of Murdock's criminal record. But a foundation board member told CNN she informed King more than a year ago. He declined to be interviewed, and a statement from the college said the board plays no role in appointments, which are made by the governor, county commission and local school boards. Contacted by CNN, four board members who were unaware of Murdock's conviction said they were alarmed to learn of it.

Board member Jacquelyn Hallum said the school district should look into revoking his appointment.

Brinson Bell, the former Eblen employee, thought she could stop her alma-mater, UNCA, from bestowing an honorary degree upon Murdock. She spoke to the chancellor's chief of staff. "She said, 'Can I ask you some questions so I have notes to turn over for our investigation?'" Brinson Bell recalled. "The next time they were back in touch with me, I think was about a week. They'd already done their investigation, and they were going to move forward. I was speechless."

So was Wiley Cash, the writer-in-residence at UNCA. He learned of Murdock's background six months after then interim Chancellor Joe Urgo introduced Murdock to the May 2018 graduating class as a "visionary" and "community leader."

Fearing UNCA had made "an egregious error," Cash began a series of phone calls to top university officials. He took detailed notes, which he shared with CNN.

The notes show that Urgo told Cash, "rescinding the invitation after making the announcement would be a shitshow. We thought it was best to believe that he was telling the truth and that nothing else would come to light."

Urgo did not return messages seeking comment.

Cash said the chairman of the UNCA Board of Trustees, Kennon Briggs, told him Murdock was chosen for his "body of work" and that "all of us misstep," but his service to the poor outweighed an old conviction. Briggs mentioned the Mother Teresa and Drucker awards and said the university had interviewed Lou Bissette and Dewey Andrew.

"Both of those people had served on Eblen's board," Cash said. "I knew the investigation couldn't have been too thorough."

Briggs did not respond to requests for comment.

Cash said he has asked the acting university provost to rescind Murdock's degree three times since November. The board did so in an emergency meeting this month, after CNN outlined its findings.

Murdock voluntarily handed in his degree before the meeting, but the board still voted to rescind it.

UNCA said in a statement that honorary degrees are "based on lifetime achievements" and that the board confirmed Murdock after Urgo twice spoke to him about the 1988 case. The current chancellor is now reviewing the honorary degree selection process, the statement said, and is considering "full background checks" on candidates.

Cash believes the reckoning has been a long time coming.

He asks how Asheville -- "a small southern town that is known as one of the most progressive in the Southeast" -- could also be a place where a crime against a child is "buried, overlooked, willfully ignored and ultimately uncovered after 30 years."

"My story is important"

Murdock's abuse of Shelley, her father said, was as if someone set off a bomb in the family. Each member bares shrapnel wounds.

"It's the biggest regret we have had in our lives," Doug said.

Looking back, he sees Murdock "as a wolf in sheep's clothing...coming into my family under the guise of friendship and fellowship."

He and Carolyn's marriage has weathered years of strain from the guilt they carry.

"How could have this have happened to us? How could we have been fooled? How could we have been so stupid? How could we have been so naive?" he said. "If you're a caring, loving parent you're going to ask yourselves those questions and many, many more."

For years, Carolyn focused on keeping her suicidal daughter alive, leaving less time for Scott and Heather. "They lost their mom and dad at that point," she said.

Learning from CNN that Murdock put the blame for his charge on her, calling her a scorned woman, infuriated Carolyn.

"That is absolutely not true," she said.

"It was nothing romantic. It was nothing but friendship, and he wanted a close friendship, and we allowed that to happen."

The Loves had roots in Asheville, and one by one they returned. Shelley married Mark Baldwin and came back so the couple could help care for his mother. Doug and Carolyn soon followed.

Only Heather stayed away. She has journaled for years, at times writing about her memories of Murdock as a symbol of darkness and loss of innocence. In an argument with her husband last year, she said she inadvertently blurted out: "Don't put me in the basement."

For Scott Love, whose job is to care for children, the present is a reminder of the past. He has treated kids of ardent Murdock supporters and remained silent about his family's experience.

"I've always felt like I've had to walk a tightrope with that," he said

Shelley felt she couldn't escape Murdock.

"I've watched him enjoy a whole lot of success in the community, and it's hard," she said.

"There would be times I would hear his voice come on the radio. I would see his face on the news, and I would just start to shake from head to toe."

Dr. David Rogers, a general practitioner, diagnosed Shelley with panic attacks in her 30s, suspecting she had been abused, he told CNN. He said she was defensive, untrusting and "very fragile." She told him about Murdock, and he said he found her credible. He referred her to psychologist Judith Pohl.

When Pohl began treating Shelley in 2006, she was severely depressed, anxious and exhibiting symptoms of PTSD, Pohl said. Shelley told Pohl, and later CNN, that she has been sexually assaulted by others in her life, but never reported those incidents. Pohl noted that victims who are abused once are often violated again.

"Shelley has been consistent in the way she has described her abuse and trauma," Pohl said, speaking to CNN with Shelley's permission. "I have absolutely no reason to ever question or doubt anything that she said."

Shelley resigned herself to accepting that her story would never be heard. But when reporters asked, a sense of relief rushed over her and her family. They wanted to speak, they said, not just for themselves but for the community, for anyone who assumes that abuse could not happen in their own families, for those who choose to disbelieve and look away.

"This is the day we want to say, 'It ends. It ends here. Here is our story,'" Doug said, his voice cracking. "People can choose to believe it as they see it and hear it or they can choose not to."

"And it's got to resound with some other people out there. And they're going to say, 'Yeah, Mr. Love was fooled. His family was fooled. 'I hope to God our family wouldn't be fooled like this,' they might say to themselves, 'but maybe we could have been.'"

The Love family believes Eblen Charities does good and important work and should continue. They just want Asheville to see the Bill Murdock they knew.

"I don't feel vengeful toward him," Shelley said. "But I feel like the truth is important. And I feel like my story is important. And I feel like people don't know who he truly is."

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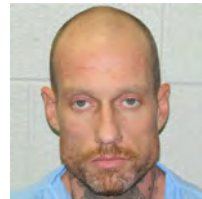
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I hope you will reconsider your decision to limit your response to CNN to the statement the school board provided to us prior to the publication of our investigation.

We need to hear from you today or we will again report that you did not return our efforts to speak with you. You can reach me at 347-443-5178 or my reporting partner Sally Kestin at 954-802-9578

Thank you -

Ashley.
Fantz

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Leadercast Sponsorship Information

email: "aputnam@eblencharities.org Amanda Putnam"
To: email: "aputnam@eblencharities.org Amanda Putnam"
Cc: email: "jjohnson@eblencharities.org Julie Johnson"

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 2:27:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Dear friends of Eblen,

I would like to thank you for your past support of Eblen Charities through the Leadercast Event. This year's event is coming up, Friday, May 10th at our new location, Lake Hills Church in Candler. We would love to have your support once again for this important fundraiser for Eblen Charities. Leadercast has been a huge success in the past because of sponsors like you. We are in the process of putting together this year's Leadercast Sponsor packets. The sponsorships of \$1200

include ten tickets to Leadercast, which we will send to you. Your prompt response to this email will confirm your participation this year, and allow us plenty time to get your tickets to you. If for some reason you are unable to support Leadercast through sponsorship, you can purchase individual or group tickets online at www.leadercastavl.com. Please email me back with any questions you may have regarding this event.

Thank you,

Amanda Putnam

Project Coordinator

Eblen Charities

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(o) 828-255-3066 ext. 15

(f) 828-255-3775

Re: BCSD Murdock library December question

email: "stacia.harris@bcsemail.org Stacia Harris"

To: email: "kmking@sbgvtv.com Kimberly King"

Bcc: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org"

Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 3:10:17 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Good afternoon, and thank you for your email. At this time, we have no further information to release.

On Thu, Mar 21, 2019 at 12:25 PM Kimberly King <kmking@sbgvtv.com> wrote:

Hi Stacia,

I know you emailed BCSD has no comment. But we do have this question we'd request you please pass on for comment. Why would BCSD name a library in Bill's honor in December, when surely someone with the school district had knowledge or knew Murdock's plea from 88 involving liberties with a BCSD HS student. We'd like to know the sequence of how his nomination and approval for the library's name in his honor came to be.

Also, is there any current discussion about pulling his name in light of the CNN story.

Thanks very much.

Kim

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Best,
Stacia

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*This message is being sent via my iPhone. Please ignore any typos.

A-B Tech Board of Trustees Seat

email: "wmurdock55@gmail.com William Murdock"
To: email: "maryann.rice@ncsecu.org RICE, MARY ANN"
Cc: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org Tony Baldwin"

Friday, March 22, 2019 at 1:26:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Hi Mary Ann:

Please find the attached letter regarding my board seat.

All the best

Bill

Attachments:

A-B Tech Board Resignation.docx 61k



3/21/19

Mary Ann Rice
Chair
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

Mary Ann:

I can't begin to find the words to express what a great honor it has been to have serve on the board of trustees at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and to be part of the work of the college and the countless lives it touches.

I have been thinking for some time about what direction to go regarding the board seat that I currently hold and have decided to relinquish my seat as I don't want the distractions of the past few weeks to interfere with the tremendous work of the board of trustees and that of the college.

Please know how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board and wish only the best to each member of the board and the remarkable work of A-B Tech.

With kindest regards.

Bill Murdock

Fwd: Budget Chat and Mini-Session

email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org Tony Baldwin"
To: email: "stacia.harris@bcsemail.org Stacia Harris"

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 2:32:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time

FYI

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Tony Baldwin** <tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org>

Date: Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 9:43 AM

Subject: Budget Chat and Mini-Session

To: pat bryant <pat.bryant@bcsemail.org>, Amy Churchill <Amy.Churchill@bcsemail.org>, Ann Franklin <ann.franklin@bcsemail.org>, Campbell Shatley <chris@csedlaw.com>, Cindy McMahon <cindy.mcmahon@bcsemail.org>, Dean Shatley <dean@csedlaw.com>, donna pate <donna.pate@bcsemail.org>, Joseph Hough <joseph.hough@bcsemail.org>, Max Queen <max.queen@bcsemail.org>, Peggy Buchanan <peggy.buchanan@bcsemail.org>, Susanne swanger <susanne.swanger@bcsemail.org>, Tony Baldwin <tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org>, Kimberly Matthews <kimberly.matthews@bcsemail.org>

Good afternoon all. Our BCS Finance Department met with County Finance staff Monday afternoon and shared dollar projections as well as planning information for the upcoming 2019-2020 local budget request. All in all, I believe it was a very positive exchange of ideas and information especially in lieu of this sharing session being quite unique to past budget planning processes. From the county's standpoint, there is an estimated 4.2% increase in FY2020 revenues. Ms. Frisby and I spent a considerable amount of time communicating the significant dependence that we have on the county's commitment to fully fund local dollars within the three non-negotiable areas: 1) state salary increases; 2) health insurance rate hikes; and 3) elevated rates impacting retirement contributions. The dollar differential between the two estimates (BCS and County) was around \$750,000 to the negative. That said, our numbers were based on the Governor's proposed budget and historically have proven to be higher than those ending up in the finalized budget. We were also able to discuss a strategy that has been brought up previously - adjusting dollars both higher and lower after the final state budget is approved. Beyond the "non-negotiables" we addressed a desire to increase the number of behavioral specialists (7) and shared that this request was a joint priority with both the city and county. We projected the cost of the seven certified positions would be slightly in excess of \$500,000.

We have a 60 day window of time to submit a replacement for Bill Murdock to the AB Tech Board of Trustees. The advertisement for candidates to apply could be initially announced during our regularly scheduled public board meeting. Dean and Chris have suggested that a mini-session be provided for you to have a review of the current process and allow discussion regarding additions and/or changes to both the application form and required procedures. We would like to schedule the session to begin at 5:00 next Thursday to coincide with the public pre-closed segment of our regularly scheduled board meeting. Just a reminder that next Thursday also coincides with the Teacher of the Year recognition dinner in the Nesbitt Discovery Academy starting at 4:30. I will be proposing two additions to the application process for your consideration. At that time I will also be bringing to you a decision by the Community High School's School Improvement Team, in light of recent media revelations, to accept Mr. Murdock's voluntary rescission of his name on their media center.

Lastly, a couple of legislative bills we are keeping an eye on include: Senate Bill 350 sponsored by Senator Tillman which would eliminate a majority of funds being placed in Fund 8 that are currently protected from having to be shared with charter schools. A second bill that is not yet defined by number is being sponsored by Senator Chuck Edwards and is focused on local accountability and transparency. While upon passage the bill would not go into effect until July 2020, it would essentially require a documented comparison between budgeted and actual local money expenditures on the basis of program report and object codes. The LEA would also be responsible for reporting the results of an annual independent audit to the State Board of Education within sixty days of being completed. Tony

Board members please do not respond to this email. All school business must be conducted in an official board meeting and all electronic communications are subject to public inspection in accordance with the Public Records Law. If you have thoughts or comments you would like to share with me or with other board members please do so in person or at a board meeting.

Re: CNN request

email: "stacia.harris@bcsemail.org Stacia Harris"

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 2:54:10 PM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "skestin@hotmail.com Sally Kestin"

Cc: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org" , email: "Ashley.Fantz@turner.com Fantz, Ashley"

Hello Ms. Kestin-

BCS will send out one comprehensive statement after our next school board meeting where the board will be discussing the process for making nominations to the AB Tech Board of Trustees. We will surely inform the media of any new developments.

Thanks!

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On Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 9:10 AM Sally Kestin <skestin@hotmail.com> wrote:

Good morning, Stacia.

Can you please update us on the new statement? When will that be released?

Thank you,

Sally Kestin

From: Stacia Harris <stacia.harris@bcsemail.org>

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 6:07 PM

To: Sally Kestin

Cc: tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org; Fantz, Ashley

Subject: Re: CNN request

Hello Ms. Kestin-

We have a follow-up statement we are working on. It will not be ready until early next week. We will email it to you then.

Thank you.

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On Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 12:59 PM Sally Kestin <skestin@hotmail.com> wrote:

Stacia/Dr. Baldwin,

In light of Bill Murdock's resignation from Eblen Charities, we are again asking Buncombe County Schools whether his name will remain on the library of Community High School. Also, will the School Board begin background checks on appointees to the A-B Tech board?

Here's our latest story on Mr. Murdock: https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/22/us/bill-murdock-eblen-charities-invs/index.html?fbclid=IwAR2FAqmyxgRhR0JwPI2sechGyoXwXPXK3CGdeb1i5nEoQYogS4_92wCQDms

Please get back to me as soon as possible today. I can be reached at 954-802-9578.

Sally Kestin

Investigative reporter and writer

2013 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service

From: Stacia Harris <stacia.harris@bcsemail.org>

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 9:29 PM

To: Fantz, Ashley

Cc: Sally Kestin

Subject: Re: CNN wants to talk today

Hello, and thank you for your email. The documents and statement that we previously sent you are all that we will be able to provide. Thank you.

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On Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 12:16 PM Fantz, Ashley <Ashley.Fantz@turner.com> wrote:

Hi Stacia -

I'll call you to discuss my email today to Superintendent Tony Baldwin. You can see my questions below for him. I need to speak with him today.

My reporting partner Sally Kestin and I have questions that relate directly to his job at superintendent. You will see that I also need to talk to him concerning his role on the board at Eblen Charities.

If you did not see our investigation that published yesterday about Bill Murdock, please give it a read. <https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/19/us/ebelen-charity-bill-murdock-invs/index.html>

I look forward to speaking with you. Thanks.

[Ashley Fantz](#)

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From: Fantz, Ashley

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:04 PM

To: tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org

Cc: Sally Kestin

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Thank you -

[Ashley Fantz](#)

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Re: New CNN records request

email: "stacia.harris@bcsemail.org Stacia Harris"

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10:39:02 AM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "Ashley.Fantz@turner.com Fantz, Ashley"

Cc: email: "lee.williams@turner.com Williams, Lee (CNN)" , email: "skestin@hotmail.com Sally Kestin" , email: "Johnita.Due@turner.com Due, Johnita"

Bcc: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org"

Please see below:

Personnel Records – only certain information is public per N.C.G.S. 115C-320.

Student Records – not public per Family Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) 20 U.S.C. 1232g and N.C.G.S. 115C-402(e).

School District must redact confidential information and provide what is not confidential – N.C.G.S. 132-6(c).

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On Fri, Apr 5, 2019 at 12:53 PM Fantz, Ashley <Ashley.Fantz@turner.com> wrote:

Hi Stacia -

Our lawyers are asking that you please justify the redactions by citing public records law.

When can I expect emails today?

Thank you -

Ashley and Sally

From: Stacia Harris <stacia.harris@bcsemail.org>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 11:31:13 AM

To: Fantz, Ashley

Cc: Williams, Lee (CNN); Sally Kestin; Due, Johnita

Subject: Re: New CNN records request

Ms. Fantz-

Please see the attached documents in partial fulfillment of your most recent records request. You will find phone records, expense information, and calendars from Dr. Baldwin during the requested timeframe.

Please note that personal phone calls/numbers and personal calendar events have been redacted.

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On Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 2:11 PM Stacia Harris <stacia.harris@bcsemail.org> wrote:

We have received this request and will begin compiling the information.

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On Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 6:01 PM Fantz, Ashley <Ashley.Fantz@turner.com> wrote:

Hi Stacia -

Please see our new records request. I look forward to hearing from you about that soon.

Thank you -

[Ashley](#)
[Fantz](#)

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April 4th BCS Public Work Session and Board Meeting

email: "stacia.harris@bcsemail.org Stacia Harris"
Bcc: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org"

Friday, April 5, 2019 at 5:14:18 PM Eastern Daylight Time

At the April 4, 2019, BCS Board of Education public work session, Board Members adopted a revised application that will be used to make nominations to the AB Tech Board of Trustees (The revised application is linked [HERE](#)).

The key changes adopted are:

- Candidates will be asked on the application if they have ever been convicted or pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to any violation of the law.
- Candidates must agree to a background check through "Volunteer Tracker", a service that BCS uses to screen school volunteers and employees.

The Board will proceed with another nomination to the AB Tech Board of Trustees. A preliminary timeline to complete that process is attached.

Key dates include:

- The application window is Monday, April 8 through April 21.
- At the April 24 Special Called Work Session, the AB Tech Board of Trustees Appointment will be on the agenda to review the applications. All of this will be completed in the Open Work Session, but no action will be taken.
- The Board will then take action to nominate an applicant and vote during the Regular Open Session that evening of May 2 during the Action Agenda.
- The nominee's information will then be sent to the Asheville City School board for their approval.
- Finally, if both boards are in agreement, AB Tech will be notified of the candidate and he/she can be approved and begin serving on the Board of Trustees.

Also, during the April 4th public work session, the superintendent and board supported a request to rescind the naming of Community High School's new library. The school's Improvement Team provided the following statement to the school board:

"We would like to inform you that it is the decision of the Community High School Improvement Team that, considering recent media revelations, the Media Center dedication to Mr. Bill Murdock be formally rescinded and that the Media Center remain unnamed. We remain extremely appreciative of the ongoing support of Eblen Charities and accept Mr. Murdock's voluntary rescission."

To be clear, the media center name decision was based on Mr. Murdock's role as an author of several books and Eblen Charities' positive impact on the community under his leadership.

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Attachments:

AB Tech Appt. Process_Time Line.pdf 56k



AB Technical Community College Board of Trustees Appointment

Process & Timeline

- Board reviews/approves revisions to application on April 4 during work session/updates at 5 p.m.
- At the April 4 BOE meeting, during the Information Agenda, Ms. Franklin will announce the application to fulfill the vacated seat. Stating that it will be posted on April 5 and applications accepted through April 21, 2019.
- The application will be posted on the BCS website on Friday, April 5 pending BOE approval of the revisions. The application, along with Policy 2240 and information for interested applicants, will be posted on the homepage of our site under “Announcements”.
- Candidates will send in their application to Kim Matthews and complete the Volunteer Tracker Background Check process. There will set up a special “check box” specifically for AB Tech Trustee applicants that will expire after the April 21 closing date.
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- The Board will then take action to nominate an applicant and vote during the Regular Open Session that evening of May 2 during the Action Agenda.
- On Friday, May 3, Ms. Matthews will email the Asheville City Schools Board Assistant of our approved recommendation and ask that they place this person’s nomination for approval on their May 6 BOE meeting. (Ms. Matthews will email them before hand that we will have an applicant for approval so that they can set their agenda, and then we will supply the name of the applicant that next morning.)
- Once ACS approves our recommendation, the AB Tech Board of Trustees will be notified and then can be approved at their next meeting and the appointee can begin serving.

Re: A-B Tech Board Appointment

email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org Tony Baldwin"

To: email: "heatherpackis@gmail.com Heather Pack"

Cc: email: "ann.franklin@bcsemail.org Ann Franklin"

Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 11:10:15 AM Eastern Daylight Time

Heather - While I will not be a part of the decision making process, I will be happy to forward your email to our board chair, Ann Franklin. The appointment is certainly an important decision and based upon the years past, a challenging one relative to the quantity and quality of applicants. Tony

On Thu, May 2, 2019 at 10:56 AM Heather Pack <heatherpackis@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Dr. Baldwin,

I'm writing to encourage the Buncombe County School Board to carefully consider who they appoint to the A-B Tech Board of Trustees. The current make up of the board only boast three women. Personally, I feel a more balanced representation of male and female trustee members is needed. With the upcoming search for a new president to replace Dr. King, a balanced and equitable view of candidates is very much needed and important to the employees of the college.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Pack

Fwd: Citizen Times: A-B Tech board appointment

email: "ann.franklin@bcsemail.org Ann Franklin"
To: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org Tony Baldwin"

Friday, May 3, 2019 at 9:38:26 AM Eastern Daylight Time

FYI
SHE DOES NOT GIVE UP.

Ann Franklin

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From: **Bowman, Jennifer** <jbowman@citizentimes.com>

Date: Fri, May 3, 2019 at 8:31 AM

Subject: Citizen Times: A-B Tech board appointment

To: pat.bryant@bcsemail.org <pat.bryant@bcsemail.org>, amy.churchill@bcsemail.org <amy.churchill@bcsemail.org>, max.queen@bcsemail.org <max.queen@bcsemail.org>, peggy.buchanan@bcsemail.org <peggy.buchanan@bcsemail.org>, donna.pate@bcsemail.org <donna.pate@bcsemail.org>

CC: Stacia Harris <stacia.harris@bcsemail.org>, ann.franklin@bcsemail.org <ann.franklin@bcsemail.org>

Hello all,

Jennifer Bowman from the Asheville Citizen Times here. I hope this message finds you well.

Contacting you because I wanted to give the rest of the board the chance to comment if you wish, as I already spoke with Chair Ann Franklin after the meeting last night.

I'm writing a story about the board's decision to recommend the appointment of K. Ray Bailey to Bill Murdock's former A-B Tech board seat. That story will include both Bailey's well-known accomplishments as the college president and as a county commissioner, as well as his ties to the scandal surrounding Murdock.

As you may know, Bailey served on the Eblen Charities board and continues to serve on the A-B Tech Foundation board. The Eblen board's current members first stood by Murdock after his criminal history resurfaced, saying they have long been aware and pointed to an internal investigation previously conducted into the matter. Bailey also is said to have been in a meeting with A-B Tech President Dennis King and foundation board Chair Shelia Elingburg in which Murdock's past was discussed. (For what it's worth, there is a dispute on how much was discussed in specific detail:

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2019/03/28/ab-tech-president-dennis-king-says-unaware-eblen-charities-bill-murdock-criminal-history/3289155002/>)

That's all to say that it appears Bailey had some knowledge of Murdock's conviction and now is poised to fill that seat. Meanwhile, we have seen public scrutiny of institutions, including Buncombe County Schools, for their decision to continue to support Murdock despite knowledge of his guilty plea.

I'm interested in knowing if any of this was considered by you when you cast your vote in favor of appointing Bailey to the seat, and if not, why. Also, while I know multiple agencies play a role in appointing A-B Tech trustees, the board as it is now has three women among 15 seats. Have you taken note of this and do you believe any efforts should be made to increase that number?

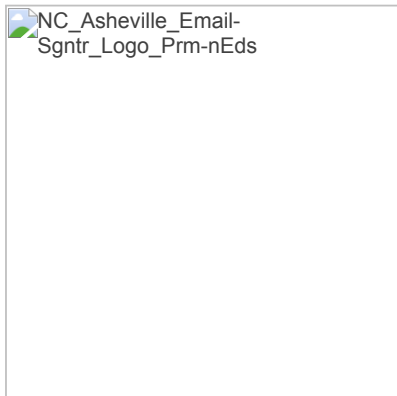
Please feel free to contact me. I'm available by phone – 828-273-3480 or by email.

Thank you very much,

Jennifer

Jennifer Bowman

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my response to Jennifer Bowman

email: "pat.bryant@bcsemail.org pat bryant"
To: email: "ann.franklin@bcsemail.org Franklin/Ann"

Friday, May 3, 2019 at 12:10:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Jennifer

I can only speak to what I know. I have read and followed all of the stories, both locally and by CNN, related to the issues with Mr Murdock. I will attempt to answer your questions below.

Your emailed question discussed much of Ray Bailey's service to this community, and service is your word. You mention his service on the Eblen Charities Board, his service as President of AB Tech, his service as a County Commissioner, and his service on AB Tech's foundation board. You also mention an alleged conversation with he, Mr King, and Ms. Eliingburg in which Mr Murdock's past was discussed.

What I did was weigh all of Mr. Bailey's positive attributes, the positive attributes of the other 3 candidates, and all of their negatives as well. I have to make the best decision that I can on what I know, not on things that I do not know. In weighing all of the pros and cons of all 4 candidates, in my mind the best candidate for the position, slightly, was Mr Bailey. I would also note that I could have supported all 4 candidates - they would all have made good representatives of Buncombe County Schools on the AB Tech Board of Trustees.

You also made a statement in your email...."meanwhile, we have seen public scrutiny of institutions, including Buncombe County Schools, for their decision to continue to support Murdock despite knowledge of his guilty pleas". I had no knowledge, nor did this Board, until the story hit, of any past issues with Mr Murdock. My interactions as a School Board member with Mr Murdock (for many years), and more specifically with Eblen Charities, has been nothing but positive. I will continue to support Eblen Charities, their staff and volunteers, and their many positive programs and the many connections we at Buncombe County Schools have with them and our children and families. They have, and I am sure will continue to provide much needed support of the people in this community who struggle on a daily basis to make ends meet, and you and I should feel fortunate to have such a wonderful partner in our community helping those who need assistance. I know that I appreciate them daily.

Thanks for your inquiry, and best of luck with your story.

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Pat Bryant

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Buncombe County Board of Education

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RE: Citizen Times: A-B Tech board appointment

email: "jbowman@citizentimes.com Bowman, Jennifer"

Friday, May 3, 2019 at 5:04:23 PM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "stacia.harris@bcsemail.org Stacia Harris"

Cc: email: "pat.bryant@bcsemail.org pat.bryant@bcsemail.org" , email: "amy.churchill@bcsemail.org amy.churchill@bcsemail.org" , email: "max.queen@bcsemail.org max.queen@bcsemail.org" , email: "peggy.buchanan@bcsemail.org peggy.buchanan@bcsemail.org" , email: "donna.pate@bcsemail.org donna.pate@bcsemail.org" , email: "ann.franklin@bcsemail.org ann.franklin@bcsemail.org"

Thank you very much, all, for the information.

Have a good weekend,

Jennifer

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From: Stacia Harris <stacia.harris@bcsemail.org>

Sent: Friday, May 3, 2019 3:36 PM

To: Bowman, Jennifer <jbowman@citizentimes.com>

Cc: pat.bryant@bcsemail.org; amy.churchill@bcsemail.org; max.queen@bcsemail.org; peggy.buchanan@bcsemail.org; donna.pate@bcsemail.org; ann.franklin@bcsemail.org

Subject: Re: Citizen Times: A-B Tech board appointment

Please see message below being sent on behalf of Ann Franklin:

As we briefly discussed last night, the Board of Education reviewed and evaluated the applications of four candidates for the AB Tech Board of Trustees position before the May 2 Board Meeting. We did not formally interview any of the candidates. The full discussion about the applicants occurred during the open meeting. There was no discussion during any closed sessions.

Last evening, I was speaking to you as the board chairperson. At this time, I am happy to share my personal conversation with Mr. Bailey that occurred prior to the meeting. My call was to better understand his involvement with Bill Murdock as an Eblen Board Member. He told me that he was not aware of any investigation, did not attend any meetings where an investigation was discussed, and he was not told about any investigation. In fact, he did not attend very many Eblen Board meetings at all.

At the time of Mr. Murdock's appointment, we were not aware of his criminal past. Our appointment was based on the extremely positive interactions between Eblen Charities and Buncombe County Schools. Eblen Charities provides much needed support for the people in this community who struggle on a daily basis. Buncombe County Schools is fortunate to have such a wonderful partner in this community.

I've known Ray Bailey for over 40 years in a professional and personal capacity. He was my choice for the Board of Trustees because he is a competent, caring, and intelligent person who will take this appointment seriously and work to do the right thing. Also, his experience at AB Tech will benefit the board as they search for a new president.

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"Wisdom begins in wonder." -- Socrates

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On Fri, May 3, 2019 at 8:31 AM Bowman, Jennifer <jbowman@citizentimes.com> wrote:

Hello all,

Jennifer Bowman from the Asheville Citizen Times here. I hope this message finds you well.

Contacting you because I wanted to give the rest of the board the chance to comment if you wish, as I already spoke with Chair Ann Franklin after the meeting last night.

I'm writing a story about the board's decision to recommend the appointment of K. Ray Bailey to Bill Murdock's former A-B Tech board seat. That story will include both Bailey's well-known accomplishments as the college president and as a county commissioner, as well as his ties to the scandal surrounding Murdock.

As you may know, Bailey served on the Eblen Charities board and continues to serve on the A-B Tech Foundation board. The Eblen board's current members first stood by Murdock after his criminal history resurfaced, saying they have long been aware and pointed to an internal investigation previously conducted into the matter. Bailey also is said to have been in a meeting with A-B Tech President Dennis King and foundation board Chair Shelia Elingburg in which Murdock's past was discussed. (For what it's worth, there is a dispute on how much was discussed in specific detail:

<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2019/03/28/ab-tech-president-dennis-king-says-unaware-eblen-charities-bill-murdock-criminal-history/3289155002/>)

That's all to say that it appears Bailey had some knowledge of Murdock's conviction and now is poised to fill that seat. Meanwhile, we have seen public scrutiny of institutions, including Buncombe County Schools, for their decision to continue to support Murdock despite knowledge of his guilty plea.

I'm interested in knowing if any of this was considered by you when you cast your vote in favor of appointing Bailey to the seat, and if not, why. Also, while I know multiple agencies play a role in appointing A-B Tech trustees, the board as it is now has three women among 15 seats. Have you taken note of this and do you believe any efforts should be made to increase that number?

Please feel free to contact me. I'm available by phone – 828-273-3480 or by email.

Thank you very much,

Jennifer

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Re: Your Support

email: "leanna.delph@bcsemail.org LeAnna Delph"

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:08:51 PM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "pat.bryant@bcsemail.org pat bryant"

Cc: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org Tony Baldwin" , email: "bcaewnc@gmail.com Paula Dinga" , email: "robyn.gross@bcsemail.org Robyn Pass"

Dear Pat,

Thank you so much for your quick response. It makes me feel a lot better to know that you are free to email openly and that you would resist any efforts to the contrary. I hope you know that if you were seeing things on social media that you would have liked to discuss with me, you certainly could have!

It was my personal wish to close schools to show our strength against the privatizers and others who would fail our public schools, mostly because that would have allowed more to go to Raleigh, more to interact with our legislators, and more to defeat the narrative that we were not as serious this year as we were last year. I really kept it pretty low key this year because I was told that Dr. Baldwin announced to principals there was "no way" we would close this year and that he and school board members were concerned about the county commissioners. I followed Paula's lead and didn't encourage people to put in the day simply to shut down schools. I am super thankful to Paula for being the "politically correct" one as our BCAE president as she handled all the meetings with you guys. In the world I live in, I just speak my truth with as much passion as I can and hope for the best out of others. Paula can handle the "poli-tickin'" so beautifully. Of the 14 or so systems that shut down last year but not this year, all but one (that would be US) are in districts with very little pro-public schools support in terms of elected officials, so I just really couldn't fathom why we would falter in the way we did. That's why I say it was a step backwards.

I heard personally from several of the county commissioners that they were very much in support of teacher advocacy and even shutting down schools, so that argument no longer made sense to me. Plus, my understanding of what happened last year with the budget was more to do with Wanda Green than anything else. (Should I copy her on this email now that I mention her, LOL? I hope you get that I am joking because I feel comfortable with you and my tone in this email is friendly.) After reading the very well stated press releases from the systems that did shut down, the other arguments against shutting down also didn't make much sense to me. As I said in my original email, I understand the reasons you had to not close school for the day. I just don't think they are good reasons, especially since we were fighting for those very support staff members you mentioned to get better pay and more benefits. No, I wasn't prepared to pay them for the lost day, but I did personally pay \$50 to advocate for them and I did fight to get them better pay overall. Everyone was supportive towards me advocating for them, but in a southern state like NC that is not used to collective action I also understand how scary it is for folks to participate in something as simple as putting in a personal day or leave without pay to march on issues like this. The other thing I really didn't understand about the county commissioners argument is that if our collective action succeeded in winning the five demands, we would have much less of a need to go to the county for funds lacking from the state. It would be a risk, but that is what people power does. That is democracy at work. I was raised to believe in that, and I understand y'all weren't quite there. I hear you when you say there are things I don't understand about it. My main concern is how my day-to-day goes in my classroom and I know we need more, especially in the Erwin district. Sure you represent Buncombe County, but essentially you represent Erwin and I'd love to see you push for more in our district. I know you have talked about it at the school board meetings, and I was very pleased to hear you bring it up. You and I have talked about this, so I have faith we'll do more work for our district. I don't know if you know this, but Anne Franklin told me there isn't any difference between the districts, so I was very pleased to hear the county commissioners asked for a breakdown of data from district to district. (Feel free to send her my email, too! I told her I think her assessment is incorrect.)

As for the Dr. Baldwin issue, I am surprised to hear it has had no impact. That is concerning because the lapse in judgement to support a known sex offender (Mr. Murdoch) is very upsetting to me. People are talking about it, so it may have effects that are not apparent at this time. I hope for the best in this situation.

Again, thank you for your response. One last thing is that when I said I am not "permanently mad" at you I meant I am not MAD at all. I was just disappointed, and you get me some more staff in the Erwin district and all will be forgiven! Just peel off one or two from all the other districts and we'll be moving in the right direction. (I am only half joking.) I know the Erwin district doesn't have the same kind of parents who have the bandwidth to be squeaky wheels for their kids like some other districts, so that is a huge reason I fight so hard for my community. You know we joke about Erwin years of service being like "dog years" and every one of our students counting as one-and-a-half. These are my people (and your people) and I DO want to make a difference for public schools. That's why I bleed red for ed, don't you know!

Thanks again for your time. I really, truly appreciate it.

Love,
LeAnna

On Wed, May 8, 2019 at 5:19 PM pat bryant <pat.bryant@bcsemail.org> wrote:

LeAnna

I have read your email of today and will attempt to answer your concerns, offer my thoughts, and some other items below. As you referenced Dr Baldwin, Paula Dinga, and Robyn Pass in your email to me, I have copied them as well here.

I received your email prior to the May 1st march, and did read **it in it's entirety**, not just the first paragraph. I did email Robyn back about something else entirely, and did say something to the effect "I have found out in the past week that I don't support educators". I received several emails and saw several social media posts along that vein. It is inaccurate to state that I was hurt by your email nor was I referring to your lone email in what I said by email to Robyn. I do not know what you are referencing to in relation to Paula, as I have not heard from her about smoothing things over.

I understood you were trying to convey in your email how some, not all, teachers felt in getting the phone message from BCS. But as you noted later in your email from today, we do represent you and your fellow educators, along with approximately 250,000 people who live in Buncombe County. You created a false choice, in your mind, that if BCS did not close schools we in some way did not support what you were planning for May 1st. You promoted and invited fellow educators from BCS to join you in Raleigh for many weeks and maybe months. You were able to have some 170+/- put in for the personal day to go to Raleigh - of approximately 1650 total teachers who are employed in BCS. Do I not represent those other teachers as well?

Had the situation been the same as it was a year ago that we could not cover the affected classes due to a lack of substitutes, then I would have advocated strongly for having a no school day. I also represent the many support staff, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, etc who would have lost a day's pay if we had closed, and would not have been able to make that day up. Were you prepared to pay them for that? There are many other instances of others who are affected in so many ways on a school closing day, too numerous to mention here. So we on the Board of BCS, and our support of teachers, staff, and students did not, as you put it, "take a step backwards" in any way shape or form. In short, I can support both teachers doing what they feel strongly about in going to Raleigh, and also in keeping schools open for so many reasons, mostly for the good of our students.

As to your comments about Dr. Baldwin and being obstinate or weirdly unsupportive because of his "unfounded" fear of the county commissioners - you have no idea of what you reference. We have gone through, are going through, and went through a lot last year (and in past years), in trying to keep the level of funding support from our County Commissioners at a recurring level - so as not to have to lay off personnel. Those are on going and fluid situations, and the feedback we got a year ago from more than a majority of the Commissioners was their unhappiness with the closing of school in May of 2018. Those concerns may not matter to you, or you may not find them to be real, but I can assure you they are real and something that we as Board members wrestle with endlessly, as does Dr. Baldwin. And you can know with certainty that Dr. Baldwin works **FOR** the Board of Education as we work through these and many issues. You should be happy that we do so, because Board members who do not view this in the way we do so would not be a comforting place for our educators to work.

The Bill Murdock scandal, as you put it, has had no impact on myself, the rest of the Board, or Dr. Baldwin.

I am sorry you were disappointed in not hearing back from me in regards to your earlier email prior to the march. My response would not have been pleasant, and I didn't want to do anything to dampen your and your cohorts spirits as you headed to Raleigh. You and others excitement and energy is appreciated and needed. I have no idea who told you Stacia Harris encouraged any of us to not respond by email. No such thing occurred to my knowledge, and if it happened with me I would address it in no uncertain terms with Ms Harris that anything along those lines directed to me would be entirely inappropriate.

In referencing the County Commission meeting yesterday, I was there from 2:00 to 3:35 when I had to leave to get to a 4:00 appointment. There was no reason to be at the 7:00 meeting as I was there for most of our presentation to them with our budget request.

I am glad you are not "permanently mad" at me, but really don't understand why you would be mad at me. You never asked for or offered to meet and discuss any plans for the march in Raleigh, to understand what concerns I and others may have had and have to consider - asking for my thoughts, sharing of ideas, etc. You simply made a decision that because we didn't close school we somehow did not support you and others. You did that, and you did that without asking me about it in any way. You state that we don't have to agree on everything, and that is in fact, true.

You do not have to spare my feelings (as you mention not doing in the email), but in most instances after today I will still probably spare yours. For many times that is what leadership is about, thinking through things, and in many cases thinking about how things will work out based upon ones actions, and in all cases, ones words. You state you weren't happy with how the "May 1st thing went" in reference to not closing schools - was the main goal to close schools, or was it in fact to go to Raleigh and work to make a difference for public schools in NC? I hope the answer was the latter.

Thanks for all you do for BCS students every day.

On Wed, May 8, 2019 at 9:02 AM LeAnna Delph <leanna.delph@bcsemail.org> wrote:

Dear Pat,

It has come to my attention that you were hurt by my email I sent about May 1st. Robyn shared with me the email you sent where you said something like, "I have found out in the last week that I don't support educators." It seems like you were referring to my email and that maybe you didn't read beyond the first paragraph. I also think we have a misunderstanding. Paula also indicated that she was trying to smooth things over with you after May 1st.

I was trying to convey how teachers FELT when they got the phone message from BCS. I continued to feel saddened by our step backwards during the march in Raleigh on May 1st. (Maybe you read my Facebook post about it.) I held onto hope that it was just Dr. Baldwin who was being obstinate and weirdly unsupportive because of his unfounded fear of the county commissioners or because of the black eye he has gotten over the Bill Murdoch scandal.

That hope evaporated after I didn't hear back from you with an explanation or words of encouragement or apology or frankly, anything. That was especially disappointing. Last night I was told that Stacia Harris encouraged you guys not to respond on emails so that public records would never get out. I find it unsettling that the democratic process of communication between elected officials and constituents would be hampered in that way, but it won't stop me from telling my truth and believing you do listen.

I thought I would see you at the County Commissioners' meeting yesterday and that we could clear this up, shake hands and know it was OK. I am not permanently mad at you, just really sad and disappointed that the board didn't make the decision that I personally thought was clearly the right one. We don't have to agree on everything, but I'm not going to spare your feelings when it comes to sharing how it affected me, my fellow educators, and

my students, who you represent. I don't think it was fair of you to respond to Robyn in the way you did, but I understand. I understand that after all you have done over the years on the school board and as a community leader that it stung to read my email (and maybe some other ones too).

You have done so much for the Erwin district and even for me personally over the years. I appreciate that no matter what! One really bad mistake (LOL) isn't going to ruin the relationship you have with the Erwin district. I always hope for a brave and bold representative, and I wasn't happy with how the May 1st thing went, but I think you are a big enough man to take it. You have my number and my Facebook, so feel free to respond there if you please.

Thank you for your time and for all you have done to support students and educators in the Erwin district.

Sincerely and with love,
LeAnna

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Pat Bryant

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Buncombe County Board of Education

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Re: Shared Email

email: "leanna.delph@bcsemail.org LeAnna Delph"

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 8:32:54 AM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org Tony Baldwin"

Cc: email: "pat.bryant@bcsemail.org pat bryant" , email: "bcaewnc@gmail.com Paula Dinga" , email: "Robyn.Pass@bcsemail.org Robyn Pass"

Dr. Baldwin,

I appreciate your taking the time to respond to my email. I believe we both understand the reasoning behind the decisions we made and although they cannot be reconciled, the dialogue is healthy. We must agree to disagree and continue to progress. You are correct to point out that the educators who chose to advocate on May 1st were free to do so and respected for it. I am aware of what you have publicly stated regarding Mr. Murdoch, although it is common knowledge in the Erwin district and among Buncombe County natives that the events occurred. Obviously, we agree that Eblen Charities is an important, positive, and much needed resource for our community despite the unfortunate blemish Mr. Murdoch brought to its name. My main concern moving forward is that we don't allow nepotism, favoritism, and the "good ole boy network" to cloud the decision making process for the good of our schools and community.

Sincerely,

LeAnna Delph

On Fri, May 10, 2019 at 8:03 AM Tony Baldwin <tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org> wrote:

Ms. Delph - I appreciate Mr. Bryant sharing with me your email in addition to his response. While I appreciate and agree with his thoughts regarding your concerns, I cannot help but voice a few comments of my own. In an earlier email you noted that the recorded phone message sent out from our district office "struck a wrong chord" and left you believing that county leaders had "abandoned our educators, our students and our community". While I regret that you felt such negative feelings, from my perspective, the message communicated balance in supporting the needs and best interests of educators, students and parent stakeholders within our school communities. The decision of employees, such as yourself, that opted to participate in the rally held in Raleigh in conjunction with a personal day of leave was respected, to my knowledge, throughout the district without question. For those of your peers who elected to remain at work but wished to exercise an opportunity for advocacy, the early dismissal of students coinciding with staff release from campus duties allowed them to later participate in similarly structured events of advocacy. For our shared colleagues that provide valuable support functions such as bus driving, preparing nutritious breakfasts and lunches, cleaning and maintaining our facilities and assisting instruction in the classrooms an open school represents the reality of a full day's pay. I fully agree with your recognition of the "tumultuous" challenges many of the students in your classroom face. An open school door represents for these students not only a quality instructional and educational environment but a stable and safe environment where physical, social and emotional sustenance is provided. For many of their parents, I believe the negative impact of a school closure far exceeds an "annoyance with a disruption in the routine school day".

I appreciate your acknowledgement of a "personal wish to close schools to show our strength against the privatizers and others who would fail our public schools". My desire to open the school doors on May 1st was based, as referenced above, on a concern for our students, parents, and support staff. I fail to believe they advocate for privatization or act in a manner to fail us in public schools. At no time did I receive any communication from commissioners regarding opening or closing schools on May 1. At no time in discussions did I make any reference to our principals regarding the county commissioners' potential reactions. That said, I strongly believe that maintaining a positive relationship with a commission that supports us in local allocations and supplements in such a dedicated manner is important (local allocations currently rank us 15th out of 115 systems).

As to your comment regarding a "lapse in judgement to support a known sex offender (Mr. Murdoch)" I have publicly stated that prior to March 15th of this year I never attended an Eblen Board of Directors meeting where Mr. Murdoch's past incident was discussed nor was I privy to (or participated in) an investigation of the incident by the Eblen board. What I have continued to say and commit to is my clear support of the Eblen organization as a highly positive resource for life changing enhancements to hundreds of individuals in our school communities.

As I stated at our most recent board meeting, expanding medicaid; increasing the minimum wage, increasing certified support staff in schools and reinstating state retiree health benefits (post 2021 new employees) are certainly worthy goals to advocate for. While I did not approve of certain actions of individuals in association with the advocacy day such as texting and directly calling substitutes not to report to work that morning, the decision you and your peers made to participate in the Raleigh event that morning from my standpoint was respected. TB

Ms. Delph - Thank you for your communication. I regret that as one of our 1650 classroom teachers in Buncombe County Schools you felt the phone message "struck a wrong chord" and left you believing that county leaders had "abandoned our educators, our students and our community". In my opinion, t
In closing, I again thank you for your communication.

t was my personal wish to c, mostly because that would have allowed more to go to Raleigh, more to interact with our legislators, and more to defeat the narrative that we were not as serious this year as we were last year. I really kept it pretty low key this year because I was told that Dr. Baldwin announced to principals there was "no way" we would close this year and that he and school board members were concerned about the county commissioners. I followed Paula's lead and didn't encourage people to put in the day simply to shut down schools.

Fwd: Records Request: Tony Baldwin emails (Buncombe County Schools)

email: "stacia.harris@bcsemail.org Stacia Harris"

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 1:48:06 PM Eastern Daylight Time

To: email: "chris@csedlaw.com Chris Campbell" , email: "tony.baldwin@bcsemail.org Tony Baldwin"

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From: **Sunshine Request** <records@sunshinerequest.com>

Date: Tue, May 14, 2019 at 1:39 PM

Subject: Records Request: Tony Baldwin emails (Buncombe County Schools)

To: <communications@bcsemail.org>

CC: Stacia Harris <stacia.harris@bcsemail.org>

Good Afternoon Buncombe County Schools,

We've received a new request via www.sunshinerequest.com for information that may be available in your office.

Here are the details of the request:

Subject: Tony Baldwin emails (Buncombe County Schools)

Message:

"Hello! I would like to respectfully request emails between Tony Baldwin, Stacia Harris, the attorney, and the Buncombe County School Board concerning two separate issues between January 1, 2019 and today. The first is specifically related to Bill Murdock and his position on the A-B Tech Trustees and removing his name from the school library. The second is related to filling the vacancy on the A-B Tech Trustees.

Thank you for your assistance."

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Thank you,
Sunshine Request

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Best,
Stacia

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