

# Inside Connection



## Harvest Season: God's Abundance at CRCI

Fall is here, and with it comes a fresh season of growth and excitement for CRCI! In this month's update, we're celebrating all that God is doing in our ministry—new campuses, new thrift stores, awesome business upgrades, exciting features, and meaningful advancements. We keep growing, and God keeps blessing our ministry. The difference is in the outcome! Inside this edition, you'll find updates on our programs, news from the team, a Testimony Spotlight featuring Dwane Richardson, and a look ahead at upcoming events you won't want to miss. Be sure to read on and join us in giving thanks for all that God is doing through CRCI!

## Upcoming Events

Bryant's Orchard Tours

Charity Gala: November 15th

Lighting the Way: December 6th

## Looking for a CRCI logo?

Whether you're preparing a presentation, adding our logo to a flyer, or just need to confirm the right shade of blue—we've got you covered! Click here to access our CRCI Branding Kit, available on our website for all your design needs.



# Updates

## Bryant's Orchard Tours

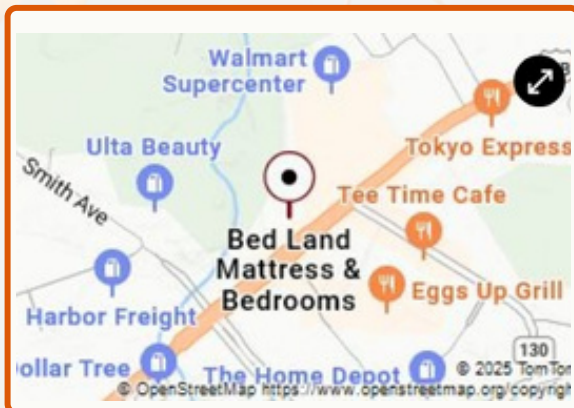
We're excited to invite you, friends and family to explore our new Bryant's Orchard campus! Public tours will be offered on the first Friday of each month in September, October, November, and December.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to see the new space and learn more about the vision moving forward.



## New Thrift Store

We're thrilled to announce that the Bedland Thrift Store in Shallotte will be the new home of our third thrift store location! This has been a vision in the works, and it's exciting to see it becoming a reality. The new store will expand our reach in the community, create fresh opportunities to connect with people, share our mission, and continue supporting the work we do together.



CHRISTIAN  
RECOVERY  
CENTERS INC  
THRIFT STORE

**NEW LOCATION!**

4536 Main Street, Shallotte, NC 28470

**COMING NOVEMBER 2025**

This is just the beginning—more details will be coming soon. For now, we wanted to send out this initial update to get everyone on the same page and share in the excitement

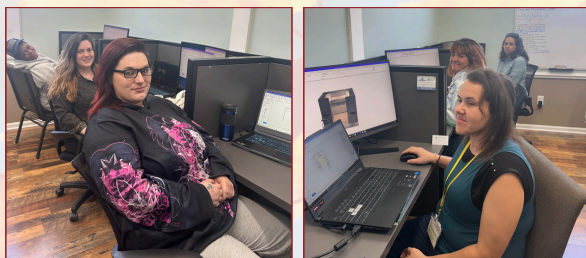
**Coming Soon!**

## WORKFORCE REDEVELOPMENT



### Landscaping

We have some exciting news to share with you. CRCI Landscaping has been selected by Heartsease - Calabash to take on several large projects including sod replacement, fertilization of all grounds and hopefully maintaining the grounds monthly. This opportunity will shift public perspective from a small residential financial support arm of the ministry to a viable commercial business perspective that delivers quality service while staying on the same mission and offers job placement to our graduates.



### Cabinets & Countertops

The first official AutoCAD 2020 Cabinetry Design class through Brunswick Community College wrapped up on August 6th, with all participants earning completion certificates and accredited college hours. A new class, fully occupied by Rose House ladies, began on August 14th and will run for six weeks, ending with certificates and accreditation as well. Applications for the next scholarship group are now open, with the next class starting the last full week of September. A new countertop replacement project has also kicked off in St. James!

### Sunset Beach - CRCI Thrift

Congratulations to the TMOM in August, Tina! She is the current Assistant Manager at Sunset Beach and will be the manager of the new Thrift Store location in Shallotte! Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who serve daily in Sunset Beach, not only with their time, but with their cooking as well!

THRIFT

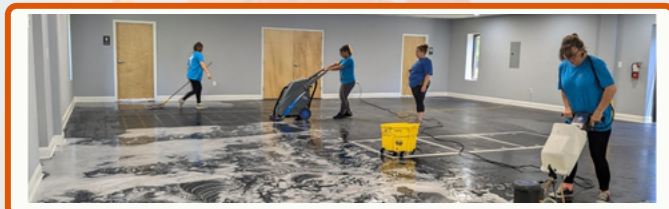


### Holden Beach Rd. - CRCI Thrift

Our thrift store team has been pouring their heart and soul into creating beautiful new wall displays throughout the store. Each display is thoughtfully designed to inspire, encourage, and remind our shoppers of the hope found in recovery



STORE



### Cleaning & Sanitation

We are now the exclusive cleaners for both Heartsease in Calabash, Shallotte and (soon-to-be) Ocean Isle thanks to the performance and dedication of our cleaners and Richard's ability to cultivate relationships with key Corporate partners.

# Program Services

## Rose HOUSE



Thank you Dr. Paula DeSilva for your non-profit, *quilts2heal.org*. The team of quilters you have built is truly appreciated and your willingness to show love and compassion to the women we have been called to serve is amazing. We love the quilts and cannot wait to gift them to our graduates.



## Out of this World

The Rose House supporting each other and their families! Ellis has a cousin launching into space on August 1<sup>st</sup> and she will be there for 9 months. Congratulations to Zena on her space travels!



## Bridge of Life

We were blessed by powerful testimonies from Cierra Bryant and Tara Register, and inspired by the leadership of Melissa Hill and Steven Inman, who guided the services with such heart.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share in worship and fellowship—and for the partnerships that continue to strengthen our mission.

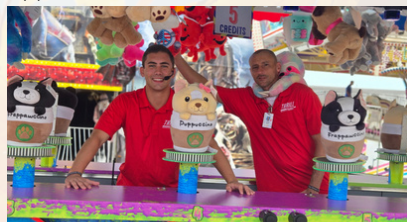
## Grant's HARBOR



## Men on A Mission

The guys have been active in the community through several outreach efforts. They helped A Second Helping with food donations in Ocean Isle Beach, attended Cars and Coffee at First Baptist Church of Shallotte, and joined the Brunswick County Coffee Collaboration for connection and engagement.

Grant's Harbor residents took part in Brunswick County Safe Babies, a job fair at the Wilmington Treatment Center, and supported the CRCI Golf Tournament—making the most of valuable volunteering and learning opportunities.



## Iowa State Fair

Each August, the Iowa State Fair transforms the capital's fairgrounds into a bustling showcase of food, rides, entertainment, agriculture, and community delight. In 2025, the fair runs from August 7 to August 17 under the theme "Fair Sweet Fair", promising 11 unforgettable days of tradition, innovation, and heartwarming fun.

The CRCI men recently took a fundraiser trip to the Iowa State Fair to help raise money for our program, which is crucial for keeping it free for all participants. Our residents worked the water games there, and it was a fantastic opportunity for them to give back and support future residents. Eric Machado led the trip, and he was accompanied by Kevin Norris, Jacob Sharpe, Jeremy Soles, Lucas Cordon, Joshua Snyder, James Thompson, and Corbin Talbert.

## CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS INC New LONDON

## Red Truck Event

Residents had the chance to attend the Red Truck Event, an all-men's breakfast, followed by a small group Bible study. It's amazing to see the fellowship and connections being built among all the men in the community. These gatherings provide residents with opportunities for spiritual growth, mentorship, and meaningful relationships that extend beyond CRCI.



## CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS INC

## Bryant's ORCHARD

## VIP Tours

We've had VIP tour groups visit our new campus, and they've been met with nothing but love, enthusiasm, and a willingness to support our newest addition! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped bring the campus to life through your hard work and dedication to our mission!



# TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

## Patrick Pierce

### ADMISSIONS

Patrick embodies the spirit of teamwork at CRCI. He works exceptionally well with others, demonstrating strong communication skills, a collaborative mindset, and a consistent focus on the team's success over individual recognition. His commitment to seeing the whole team win makes him a valued and respected part of our ministry.

He is also truly remarkable in his role in Admissions—not only serving as the first face or voice that most of our residents encounter, but also approaching each interaction with deep compassion and care. Patrick goes above and beyond to ensure that every individual is thoughtfully assessed and that we find the right fit for their needs. His heart for people is evident in how he welcomes, listens, and guides with empathy and discernment. Living out CRCI's mission in all that he does, Patrick brings a cheerful, encouraging presence wherever he goes. His positive, can-do spirit and servant-hearted attitude inspire those around him, and his willingness to step in wherever needed reflects his deep dedication to both the ministry and his peers.



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

## Carl Geiger

### MEN'S PROGRAM/EVENTS

Carl joined CRCI in February and his excitement for serving has been felt by everyone around him. He has quickly built strong connections with residents, staff, and the wider community. Carl was a huge help with our golf tournament, securing raffle items and offering valuable input in meetings. He is always looking for ways to support the ministry—bringing not just ideas, but the initiative to see them through. Carl was also proud to wear his volunteer shirt out in the community, joyfully representing CRCI wherever he went. We are grateful for his dedication, heart, and willingness to serve. Thank you, Carl, for being such a blessing to CRCI!

## TEAM WITH A *Testimony*

### DWANE RICHARDSON



For years, Dwane Richardson's life was defined by chaos—addiction, crime, and the revolving door of jail cells. He was in and out of his family's life, absent during the moments that mattered most. The bridges he burned with his loved ones, especially his son, Mikey, felt impossible to rebuild.

But in sobriety, Dwane discovered something deeper than recovery alone: the calling of fatherhood.

When Dwane began rebuilding his life, he realized the immense weight of what had been lost—his connection to his son, Mikey. With little hope but a heart determined to change, Dwane started small. He wrote letters. Week after week, month after month, he reached out—even when there was silence on the other side.

For six long months, Dwane poured his heart onto paper and trusted that one day, it would matter. That persistence paid off. Eventually, Mikey's mother opened up to the idea of inviting Dwane into his son's life with one small gesture: giving Dwane his son's football schedule. This created a huge spark. Imagining himself sitting in the stands that day, no longer felt like a dream. Dwane felt something shift. This wasn't just about watching a game—this was the first step in reclaiming his role as a father.

The road was far from easy. Rebuilding trust after years of absence required patience, humility, and unwavering consistency. Dwane committed to weekly two-hour phone calls and showed up for every opportunity to be present in Mikey's life. At first, there was hesitation. Mikey's mother didn't know if he could fully trust the man who had been gone for so long.

But Dwane didn't give up. He listened. He encouraged. He proved through actions, not just words, that this time was different. Slowly, the walls came down, and a real relationship began to form.

***YOU CAN'T FOCUS ON WHAT IS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL. YOU HAVE TO FOCUS ON WHAT IS IN YOUR CONTROL- YOUR PART. YOUR DECISIONS. "***

What started as a father fighting for his son began to ripple outward. Mikey's siblings noticed the change. Family members who once doubted Dwane saw his sincerity. Even within the neighborhood, people began to take notice of the man he was becoming. His recovery wasn't just about staying sober—it was about becoming a steady light in the lives of others.

Today, Dwane isn't just "back" in his son's life. He's a role model, a source of stability, and a safe place to lean on. For Mikey, he's not just a father by name, but a father in action—present, dependable, and full of love.

Dwane's journey of fatherhood is ongoing. He knows that trust is something continually built, not earned once and forgotten. He's committed to growing as a man, a father, and a member of his community. His story is a powerful reminder that while addiction steals, recovery restores—and that perseverance, love, and consistency can rebuild even the most broken of relationships.

As Dwane himself says, "It's not about where you've been—it's about where you're going." And where Dwane is going, he's not going alone. He's walking hand in hand with his son. Today, Dwane is not only sober—he is a father in action: dependable, supportive, and a light for his family. He says the best part of being in Mikey's life again is "seeing me through him—even after all the time I was absent." It's a daily reminder that redemption is real, and that the love between a father and son can outlast even the darkest seasons.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Michael Gerard Goodwin**

September 07

**Jonathan Long**

September 10

**Clyde Vincent Lamm Jr**

September 20

**Tammy Underwood**

September 20

**Eric Daniel Machado**

September 23

**Melissa Hill**

September 26

**Timothy Allen Long**

September 29

## WORK ANNIVERSARIES

**Michael Gerard Goodwin**

Facilities &amp; Maintenance

9/6/2024

**Jacob Starr**

Programs &amp; Services

9/9/2024

**Jo Ann Johnson**

Workforce Redevelopment Program

9/16/2024

**Kristen Edwards**

Workforce Redevelopment Program

9/17/2024

**Johnathan Russell Austin**

Programs &amp; Services

9/23/2024

**NATIONAL  
RECOVERY  
MONTH**

September is National Recovery Month, a time to honor the strength of individuals in recovery and the communities that support them. We're looking forward to upcoming events that highlight hope, healing, and second chances—stay tuned for ways to get involved. You can help spread awareness by sharing recovery resources, inviting friends to community events, and standing with us in support of lasting change