

Community Resource Development

Function:

The function of the Community Resource Development Program is to connect WCHS clients with community-based resources. To accomplish this, Community Resource Development partners with local FBOs and NGOs to host a variety of seasonal and ongoing programs designed to meet the specific needs of WCHS client populations.

Outreach Program Descriptions

- [Medical Equipment Loans](#) (year round) – supplies donated durable medical equipment to low-resource adults on a temporary or permanent basis. Equipment includes items like wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, bedside commode, etc.
- [Send a Kid to Camp](#) (Mar – June) – Creates scholarship awards so that children in need can benefit from a summer camp experience. Partners include the Triangle Community Foundation and the News & Observer, and the Making Magic Alliance.
- [Cool for Wake](#) (May – Sept) - Provides free fans and donated window unit air conditioners to the elderly, adults who are disabled and/or have chronic respiratory ailments, and families with young children. Recipients have no other way to cool their homes during hot summer months. Partners include the Triangle J Council of Governments and the Progress Energy Good Neighbor Fund
- [School Buddies](#) (Jun – Aug) - Matches low-income students with adult sponsors who help prepare them for academic success by purchasing needed school supplies. Sponsors include Cary Towne Center and Triangle Town Center.
- [Warmth for Wake](#) (Oct – March) - Provides energy assistance to low-income seniors and families who are unable to afford heat. Volunteers also donate and distribute firewood. Contributions can be made at any participating local bank branches. Our community partners include the NC Bankers Association, Everett's Tree Service, and about 10 churches that provide wood delivery.
- [Holiday Cheer](#) (Oct – December) - Includes both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Matches families in need with sponsors who want to brighten someone's holiday by providing gifts and/or food items.
- [Other programs not sponsored by Community Resource Development](#) (seasonal) - These programs are not hosted by Community Resources, but their services are made available to WCHS clients through the generosity of our community partners and:
 - Take a Kid Fishing Day (June) – Take a Kid Fishing Foundation of NC
 - M25 Foundation Food Drives (periodic) – M25 Foundation, Inc.

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