

## CharlotteSaves Sites Audience Overviews

These CharlotteSaves Site descriptions are an overview of who will usually be in attendance at Motivational Workshops and Seminars.

**Bridge Jobs-** This is a group of young people (16-19 years old), and adults that dropped out of school, but is in this program to get their GEDs and get back on track. CharlotteSaves offers Motivational Workshops and seminars. Their scheduling changes from month to month. They have moved again and are located at 7701 Sharon Lakes Rd. Suite W

**Camp Green-** This is part of the Mecklenburg County criminal justice system. They are located at 4100 Meadow Oak Drive. CharlotteSaves is a part of their GED classes. It is a Motivational Workshop and Credit seminar.

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**The Center for Community Transitions-** (formerly ECO, Inc.) a non profit organization with a mission to strengthen our community by helping people with criminal records find a healthier and more productive way of living. Our work provides employment and transition services; supports alternatives to incarceration; and restores and strengthens family bonds. They have a pre-employment program that meets every week and CharlotteSaves is on their schedule at 10am every other Thursday. They are located at 2226 North Davidson Street.

**Changed Choices-** provides a range of counseling and support services to female jail and prison inmates in local, state and federal systems. Inmates who continue as clients of Changed Choices throughout their incarceration, and who demonstrate a high capacity for complete rehabilitation, will be offered additional services upon release, including assistance with housing and other transitional needs. Scheduling and location change.

**Charlotte Emergency Housing**, a homeless shelter for families and single women, offers residents programs and supportive services to help them move back into their own home.

Charlotte Emergency Housing offers services including social work case management, nursing services, family counseling and life skills training for our residents. Social workers also provide transitional services to families for one year after they leave Plaza Place. They are located at 2410 The Plaza. While coming down The Plaza, take a right on to Marguerite Avenue to enter their parking lot.

**Charlotte Housing Authority**, includes First Ward, Rivermere, South Oak, Nia Point, Springfield Gardens, Stonehaven and Montgomery Gardens. Participants in the FSS program have a case manager. The case manager assists the participant with goals, such as returning to school, increasing job training, budgeting skills. In addition, the FSS participants are required to attend the monthly workshops provided by the CHA and partner agencies.

The Housing Authority's offices for First Ward Place are located in the Carole A. Hoefener Community Services Center building on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and North Davidson Street. The physical address is 610 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The parking entrance to the building is off of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, there is no access from any other street.

**Community Culinary School-** is a private not-for-profit organization that provides training and job search assistance in the food service industry for people who are chronically unemployed or underemployed. They work in conjunction with Friendship Trays. The students are learning to prepare food, it is in turn delivered by Friendship Trays to elderly, handicapped, and convalescing people who are unable or greatly restricted in their ability to prepare or secure meals and who reside within the area

The students attend for 3 months and CharlotteSaves will have a 3-month cycle of presentations (Month 1-Motivational Workshop, Month 2-Credit Reports, Month 3- Student Choice). They are located at 2401-A Distribution Street. When you come down Distribution, you will see written

on the side of the building "Friendship Trays" with an arrow. There is a narrow road leading to the parking lot and entrance of the school.

**Crisis Assistance Ministry**- This is an agency in Charlotte that helps people with various immediate needs; rent, utilities, furniture, clothing, groceries, long-term case work and mentoring. Case workers determine if someone needs to attend a budgeting class. CharlotteSaves has a curriculum we follow and we'll share that with all of our volunteers. The first part of the presentation will be for budgeting and the remainder will be for CharlotteSaves sign-ups. The classes are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30am. They are located at 500-A Spratt Street. Parking can be difficult, so it is suggested you arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled class time.

**DSS Youth and Family Services**- The Phoenix Project was developed in 1992 in response to the growing need for better preparation of foster children transitioning out of custody into the community. The Phoenix Project focuses on youth who are at least 13 years of age and are in the custody of Youth and Family Services. The Phoenix Project has evolved into a full continuum of services including assessment, case planning, educational and growth groups, experiential training, a residential component, and aftercare services for youth who have aged out of foster care. They are located at 3205 Freedom Drive (in the old Target building--corner of Tuckaseegee and freedom). The entrance to the building is on the Freedom Drive side, towards the right. The group will be meeting in conference room 1004 "WALL B."

**Family Dollar**- was opened in Charlotte, NC, in 1959. It was a relatively small, self-service operation located in a neighborhood convenient to low and middle income consumers. The merchandise assortment featured basic goods for family and home needs. A department manager heard about CharlotteSaves on the radio and wanted additional financial education for their distribution center staff. They are located at 10401 Old Monroe Road Matthews.

**Friendship Community Development Corporation** has developed a new employment program for people. The program Re-Entry to Employment is designed with a holistic approach to job search. Classes are two weeks long

and CharlotteSaves will present on scheduled Tuesday mornings. They are located at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road, and Room 360. They have now launched a summer youth program. Events will be listed as Friendship CDC-Youth on the calendar.

**Goodwill Industries, Inc.** - Life Skills is a month-long program teaching people job skills, nutrition, parenting skills and financial literacy. CharlotteSaves usually presents one Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm at 2122 Freedom Drive. We have a Motivational Workshop and a Credit Report session.

**Goodwill Industries, Inc.** - Overcoming Criminal Barriers is a weekly introductory program introducing the necessary tools someone needs to get a job. CharlotteSaves will have workshops with them every Thursday at 3:30pm, 2122 Freedom Drive. During the month of September, they will meet at 11am at the State Probation office at 5701 Executive Center Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**Habitat for Humanity Homeowner-in-Process (HIP)** - Throughout their homeownership program they hope to build financially successful homeowners. Habitat provides homeowner-in-Process classes that teach the fundamentals of finances and owning your our home. CharlotteSaves is a vital part of this stable financial foundation. The meetings are at 3815 Latrobe Drive, 6pm.

**Hope Haven, Inc.** - This site is a drug rehabilitation facility from men, women and families. They have a very intensive program that has three distinct levels; Level 1 is for people coming out of a 28-Day program, Level 2 is teaching life skills and getting employment and Level 3 is the final stage where people are readying to go on their own. CharlotteSaves works with the Level 3. They are located at 3815 North Tryon Street. We meet with residents in their computer lab/library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6pm.

**Jacob's Ladder**- Provides a four-step program of assistance in managing the job search, assessing strengths and weaknesses and building skills in interviewing and networking. Specific program features include one-on-one assessment interviews, strategy sessions to set short- intermediate- and

long-term goals, mock interviewing, and job leads through our job bank of more than 100 companies. They are located at Plaza Presbyterian (corner of Plaza and Parkwood) on The Plaza.

**Jail North**- This is part of the Mecklenburg County criminal justice system. They are located at 5235 Spector Drive. There are two different programs we work with; Youthful offenders on most Fridays and Life Skills class participants with the scheduling to vary. For the adults, it is a Motivational Workshop and Credit seminar. For the youth, there is a different curriculum for their age group.

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**Lutheran Family Services WISH** is a non-profit program, led by the faith community and established at the Foundation for the Carolinas, which provides holistic and intensive case management, supportive services and rental subsidies to working families who earn 20% to 30% of Area Median Income (\$12,500 to \$18,500). The subsidy is based on what WISH families can afford and the discounted market value of an existing decent vacant apartment.

They are located at 4822 Albemarle Rd, Suite 200. CharlotteSaves will be meeting with clients monthly.

**McCreesh Place**- Charlotte's first single-room-occupancy (SRO) apartment community, designed to serve sixty-four (64) formerly homeless disabled men with permanent housing and supportive services. CharlotteSaves has a varying schedule to speak with their residents. They are located at 2120 North Davidson Street.

**McLeod Center Residential Center**- is a 20-bed residential treatment facility for men and women who are addicted to drugs or alcohol. The program is designed to be 28 days, however, individual needs are assessed and the length of stay adjusted accordingly. The program includes addictive disease education, individual and group counseling, and family counseling; followed by 6 weeks of Aftercare. They are located at 145 Remount Road.

**Salvation Army Women's Shelter:** The Center of Hope is located at 534 Spratt Street. The Center provides childcare services for residents to enable them to find and keep work. Parenting and computer classes help add to life skills. Substance abuse treatment is offered so that their guests will depart with a better knowledge of the issues they are facing and to enable them to reach their highest potential. CharlotteSaves will be meeting with the residents on a monthly basis.

**SocialServe-** is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization highly experienced in, and dedicated to, developing leading-edge, easy-to-use Web applications that give agencies, municipalities and the general public access to tools and information that make it easier to find affordable housing and program information pertaining to the affordable housing continuum. Management at SocialServe wanted more services for the staff there and invited CharlotteSaves partner with them. They are located at 920 Pecan Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**The Uptown Shelter-** Charlotte's only permanent year-round shelter for homeless men, located at 1210 North Tryon Street. Homeless adult men who are clean and sober and able to take care of their personal needs are eligible for admission to the program. CharlotteSaves will be meeting with residents on a monthly basis.

**Summit House-** Summit House is an alternative to incarceration for female felons who are pregnant or have young children. They are located at 10929 Bonnie Cone Lane, Charlotte, NC 28262.