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Seafood Buffet & Menu Items
Friday & Saturday 4:30-10

Sunday Country Lunch
Buffet 11:30-4

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Ministry to Help People Get Out of Poverty Called NETworX Begins Operations in Anson County

Anson NETworX for Hope invites the community to participate in an informative meeting Saturday, February 18, at First United Methodist Church, located at 118 East Morgan Street in Wadesboro. The meeting is from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

NETworX, formerly Circles, is a program designed to build relationships across lines of socioeconomic class, culture and race with the goal of helping organize people for a better life. NETworX strategy is not to end poverty through the well-doing for others but through the well-being together. It is individuals and communities seeking together to build intentional relationships through education and love of neighbor as well as love of self.

Under the leadership of Pastor Norma Villagrana, the new ministry will help people move from poverty to self-sufficiency. Villagrana believes that NETworX will bring a new and fresh start to our community.

"Anson County was one of the 64 Circles sites across America that made a positive impact in this community. Circles empowered families with the knowledge and social capital they need to overcome the barriers of life in poverty and become self-sustaining," Villagrana said. "NETworX is a faith-based program committed to the core values of love for the neighbor and transforming lives."

Villagrana said that NETworX brings together members of the community who are middle class (called "Allies") and members of the community (called "Champions of Change"). An Ally is an individual working with Champions to overcome obstacles and reach their goals, and a Champion of Change is an individual who wants to improve his/her life and to make changes to move toward greater well-being. "This is what NETworX does," she said.

Villagrana was born and raised in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico. She graduated from the School of Law in Mexico.

For several years she worked in a law firm and later became Director of Technical School in her native town. She and her family moved to the United States in 2002, and along with her husband, Hector, they become missionaries for the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. They started a new Hispanic Ministry in the Springfield, Mo. area, and since then she has been involved with initiatives that help people to end poverty in Missouri and assisting families that have domestic conflicts, sometimes involving neglected/abused children and substance abuse.

Last June, she and her family moved to North Carolina where her in-laws reside. She strongly believes that families need to be together. She is serving as pastor at the Polkton Charge in the Uwharrie District of the United Methodist Church. Her call to ministry and her passion has moved her to serve also as the director of NETworX for Hope in Anson County.

NETworX will meet every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. A meal, childcare and transportation will be provided by NETworX at no cost to the participants. To find out more information about participating in this program email Norma Villagrana at nvansonnetworx@gmail.com or call/text at 816-351-4232.



Pastor Norma Villagrana

2017 Barn Blast Generosity Provides Opportunities for Reaching All Children

Anson County Partnership for Children held its 11th annual Barn Blast on Friday, January 27, 2017. Supporters of young children filled the Ingram Room at South Piedmont's Lockhart Taylor Center. The night was filled with games, silent and live auctions, dinner, and dancing.

Poisson, Poisson, & Bower and Uwharrie Bank once again served as presenting sponsors of Barn Blast. Their continued support has helped fulfill the Partnership's mission of "helping make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child."

Guests enjoyed trying their hand at the new wine-pull game, sponsored by Kiker Resource Management and Anson Family Optometric. Not only were there chances to win a rare, fine bottle of wine, but scattered among 150 bottles of wine were valuable gift certificates and gift cards.



It's dusty out there on the range, and you work up a powerful thirst rounding up cattle and little dogies. The cowboy themed Barn Blast's new Wine Pull Game solved that problem! Participants Pat Forbes and John Witherspoon are shown here enjoying the game.

Proceeds from this game exceeded \$2,500 and will be used to help fund early education programs through the Partnership for Children.

Each year is a surprise to see what children's book Cynthia Little will choose to use as the focus for her handmade quilt. This year's book was based on a favorite, "Llama Llama Red Pajama," and created a lively bidding exchange.

Programs provided by Anson County Partnership for Children include Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, where 1,459 children in Anson County under the age of five received age-appropriate books in the mail free of charge during the past year. Sponsor A Child is a way that community members and Barn Blast guests can give back by sponsoring children for \$25 per child for one year. If you were unable to attend Barn Blast and would like to give back to the community in this way, please notify the Partnership for Children. There are many communities who do not provide this opportunity for young children and families, so your support will help continue to provide this for children in the years to come.

Barn Blast is the primary reason that Anson County Partnership for Children is able to provide four programs that were listed by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading as contributing to the efforts of their commitment to "level the playing field so that zip codes will not decide our children's future and fate." In addition to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, other programs include First Book, Raising A Reader, and Reach out and Read. ACPC uses these programs in combination to reach children at all levels to identify successful literacy initiatives.

For additional information please contact Caroline M. Goins, Executive Director, at 704-694-4036.

Family Support Group Meets February 21

Connections Family Support Program hosts a monthly support group on the third Tuesday of each month with Anson Connecting Families. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 21. The group meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Center, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Dinner and materials are provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or by email at connectionsfsf@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is Friday, February 17.

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Anson
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Invites you to a community presentation

Saturday, February 18 9:00am to 11:45am
First Methodist Church

118 East Morgan Street in Wadesboro

Learn about the great program beginning in Anson County to help our citizens move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Speakers are

The Rev. Dr. Alan Rice Director of RFD Community Development Corporation
Crystal Imes NETworX Yadkin Administrator & Children's Facilitator

Refreshments will be served.