



# Team Bladen

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## Bladen County Prison Project

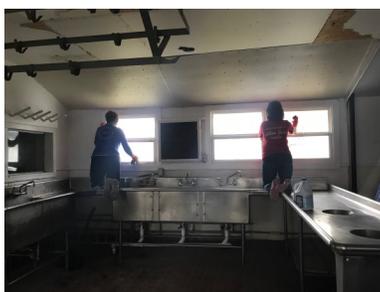
Team Rubicon (TR) has graciously offered to head up a construction project to convert Dorm C, the old prison dorm, to house responders, students and volunteer work teams for Bladen County. TR members will also make the prison kitchen functional as part of this endeavor. During Florence, the roof was heavily damaged, and it was replaced a few weeks ago.

At this time, TR members are coming to work at the old prison on weekends. Many of these volunteers work during the week and drive to Bladen County on Fridays, work all day Saturday and Sunday, and then return home for another work week on Sunday evenings. They have been working like this since the end of January.

During Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, many disaster responders, relief and recovery volunteers were



directed to other counties because there was not sufficient housing for large groups of volunteers. Baptists on Mission volunteers are generally hosted by Bladen County families and area churches. Residents were already suffering from burnout after two years of hosting volunteers following Hurricane Matthew. Other groups must drive long distances to get to



some of our hardest hit areas of the County. Work team housing is an issue, and converting the prison dorm is a great solution.

The rebuild process is expected to take at least five years in Bladen County. Of the 39 homes rebuilt after Hurricane Matthew by Baptists on Mission, 38 were flooded again after Hurricane Florence.



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Many residents were still waiting to return to their homes only to be flooded a second time within two years. With the dorms being made available, groups like UMCOR, other church and civic groups, etc, will not only have a place to sleep, eat and shower, they will also have a secure location to keep their tools, supplies and equipment.

We at Bladen County Emergency Services envision hosting utility workers during future ice storms and housing first responder students from all over the eastern part of the state after the rebuild process has been completed.

Any churches, residents and organizations interested in volunteering with this worthwhile project should contact Tammy Keshler at 910-862-6761. We need to know who is coming to help so we can plan accordingly.

## Terri Duncan Named Health and Human Services Agency Director



Terri Duncan was appointed as the Health and Human Services Agency Director. She began her new duties on February 4, 2019.

As the Health and Human Services Agency Director, Duncan is responsible for overseeing all the functions of the Health Department, Social Services, and the Division of Aging including BARTS.

Duncan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Pembroke State University as well as a Masters in Nursing Science-Nurse Education from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She will complete her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at Gardner-Webb University

in August 2019. Duncan is certified as a Nurse Executive and in Nursing Staff Development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She is also a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality. Duncan served as a member of the Bladen Health and Human Services Advisory Board since 2011. She comes to us from Bladen County Hospital where she has been employed for 30 years. Her most recent role was the Coordinator for Continuous Quality Improvement and Infection Prevention.

“I am honored for the opportunity to lead the consolidated Health and Human Services teams as we serve the Bladen community. I am passionate about the health of Bladen County,” stated Duncan.

“We are pleased to welcome Terri Duncan as Bladen County’s new Health and Human Services Director,” said County Manager Greg Martin. “Terri brings a strong background in healthcare as well as an understanding of the community and the Health and Human Services Agency. She has a track record of success in previous positions and she has demonstrated a commitment to professional development and lifelong learning. We are confident that Bladen County will be well served by Terri’s leadership and we are pleased that she will transition into this important role.”

Duncan is a lifelong resident of Bladen County where she loves making memories with her mother Carolyn, adult children (Trey and Caroline) and their families, especially her five grandchildren.



Bladen DSS' Child Support Unit was recently awarded a certificate from the Division of Social Services - Child Support for passing all of their incentive goals for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. This was only achieved by three (3) Counties in North Carolina. Bladen County's Child Support Unit collected a total of \$3,577,377.00 for the children of Bladen County. Way to go Bladen DSS Child Support Unit!

East Bladen Keyettes' donation to the Angel Tree at DSS, December 2018



**November 30, 2018**  
**Employee Appreciation Luncheon**

Please welcome the following employees to “Team Bladen”



**Division on Aging-** Joseph Ramsey

**Health and Human Services–** Terri Duncan

**Water Department-** Mr. Jaquan Jones

### Bladen County Public Library Offers Access to Online Tutoring

Did you know that with your Bladen County Public Library card you have access to online tutoring? Your Bladen County library card gives you access to Brainfuse – on demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning for all ages and levels. Brainfuse eLearning suite consists of HelpNow and JobNow. HelpNow offers a personalized, state standards aligned live homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including the SAT preparation. Adult Learning Center is included in the HelpNow suite. Brainfuse is available to all library patrons from the public computers at their local library or from any computer with internet connection. The service is accessed by going to the library’s website, [www.bladencountypubliclibrary.com](http://www.bladencountypubliclibrary.com), and clicking on the link for HelpNow. You will then be prompted to sign in with your library card. **Live help/tutors are available from 2pm-11pm everyday (with the exception of some holidays). An app is also available for individuals to use the service on their tablets or smart phones.**



#### HelpNow

HelpNow provides differentiated learning solutions for users of diverse needs and background. Students communicate with live tutors using an interactive whiteboard to chat, write, draw, copy/paste text or images and graph homework problems. HelpNow offers live tutor access for homework help, skills building and test preparation where after taking a quiz, the user can connect directly to a live tutor from the test center without having to return to the main page.

The Writing Lab and the 24/7 Center options give users the freedom to receive assistance at any time of the day without connecting with a live tutor. Users can submit papers through the Writing Lab for a detailed feedback. 24/7 Center is for non-writing assignments such as math or science. All reviews and comments from our tutors are found and stored in the Message Center which is found on the student homepage.

#### Adult Learning Center

Adult Learning Center is the adult learners’ version of HelpNow where patrons can access GED prep, U.S citizenship test prep, resume assistance, Microsoft Office support, and Career Resources which lists popular job search links. Microsoft Office support allows patrons to ask questions about Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Writing Lab (which includes resume review), 24/7 Center and the Skills Building are also included in the Adult Learning Center suite.

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