

CHILD & FAMILY OUTREACH NEWS

October 2019

CONGREGATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE IS ON OCTOBER 20TH

On October 20th, FPC will host our 2nd annual Congregational Day of Service. This event, which culminates our stewardship campaign, reminds us that we serve God not only with our monetary gifts, but with our time and our talents. Similar to last year, there will be brunch at 10:00, followed by one service at 11:00. Following the service there will be many opportunities to serve, including opportunities that benefit our partners Lakewood Preschool, Westerly Hills Academy, and Promising Pages. You may learn more and sign up [here](#).



CURRICULUM NIGHT OCTOBER 17TH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Westerly Hills Academy's Curriculum night will be on Thursday, October 17th at 5:30. Three volunteers are needed to assist with dinner from 5:00 until 6:15. During this parent night, school administration will survey parents to learn how the school can best support them to establish and maintain successful homework and home reading routines. Feedback from this survey will be used to determine how our church will support the school and its families. If you can help with this important night, [please contact Heather Herring](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS & SIGNUPS

Upcoming Events

10/17 – Westerly Hills
Curriculum/Literacy
Night – 5:30pm

10/20 – Congregational
Day of Service 10 -3pm

11/3 – Charlotte 2040 –
5:30pm

11/21 – Partner Family
Holiday party – 6pm

Sign up for:

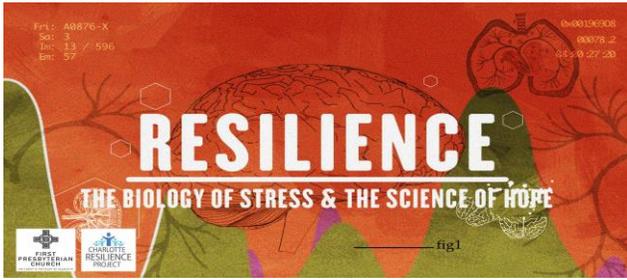
[HELPS](#)

[Heart](#)

[Shop to Share](#)

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TUTOR!

There are children waitlisted for both Heart and HELPS tutoring, who will continue to fall behind without the benefit of individual attention. You may learn more and sign up using the links above.



On Sunday, September 22nd, FPC hosted a free showing of the documentary Resilience. This important film shows the impact of trauma on the body, as well as the hopeful message that community and support can reverse its impact. If you were unable to attend, you can learn more about being trauma-informed by watching [Nadine Burke-Harris's TED talk](#).

This film is incredibly powerful and its message is relevant to all – as we think about our own lives and social circles, as well as those in our city that we serve. After taking the ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) test, 67% of our attendees had an ACE score of 1 or more and 24% had an ACE score of 4 or more. Adverse childhood experiences on the test included physical, emotional and sexual abuse, mental illness, addiction, divorce, suicide, hunger and incarceration.

Please look for continued programming and conversation around this topic.

STAY INFORMED: LAKE ARBOR

171 residents are being displaced from Lake Arbor apartments, located in west Charlotte. Given the affordable housing crisis in Charlotte, finding alternative housing is extremely difficult for tenants. There are 35 families at Westerly Hills Academy who are impacted (including two BellXcel scholars), and we are working with school counselors and Communities in Schools to determine how best to support them. [Session already approved a \\$5,000 contribution](#) to support a collaborative effort by 6 nonprofits to secure housing, but look for additional opportunities to come. Learn more [here](#).



Project Backpack becomes Shop to Share!

In working with our partners at Communities in Schools, we received feedback that the students at the school would be better served if we channeled our energy into responding to specific needs rather than consistent weekend food bags (as many other resources are available to provide hunger relief). We know there is a desire to support children, families and staff at our partner schools (Lakewood Preschool and Westerly Hills Academy), but not everyone has the flexibility to make it to the school during the day. Shop to Share will allow you to purchase items for our partners while you are doing your regular shopping, then bring them to the church to be delivered to the school. Items should be placed in the shopping cart in the hallway behind the sanctuary. A shopping signup will be created every 2 to 3 months to reflect most needed items. The current [signup can be found here](#) (and will be posted on the church website.)



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