

# **COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

## **August 10, 2018**

Present Committee Members

Dr. Merrill White-Fears, Patrina Johnson, Audrey Wilburn, Lynice Muhammad,  
Reverend Sandra Brown

### PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

Our mission is to seek out, find, and coordinate opportunities for members at Lou Walker Senior Center to volunteer by performing various services throughout the community.

Met with Lou Walker Director, Ms. Betty Davis, and Volunteer Services Department Chair, Ms. Mary McCray, on July 10, 2018. They suggested adding the following partnerships/programs: Meals On Wheels, RSVP, Volunteer Nursing, County Sponsored Events, and Veterans Partnership.

Ms. Davis assigned the committee to report the names of all COE Board members, including committee chairs and committee members so they can be included in the data base as volunteers. I spoke with Ms. Hill to help secure the names of the COE volunteers. The names of all COE officers, Committee Chairs and Committee Members in the COE records were submitted to Ms. McCray.

Met with Ms. McCray on July 11, to give her information on a grant that is available from the South Dekalb Improvement Association and the United Way. She stated that she was not available to attend the meeting on July 12 and I agreed to represent Lou Walker. I spoke with Ms. Hunter of Dekalb for Seniors, Inc. to discuss the United Way grant also.

At the meeting on July 12, I had to write a proposal and select a project that Lou Walker would participate in. I signed up for the intergenerational program between Lou

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Walker seniors and the students from Redan High School). Our goal is to help the students attain an advanced knowledge of drama skills leading to higher academic performance. The seniors will continue to sharpen their own skills resulting in increased memory, reading and writing skills.

The CBI grant program that the United Way offers is a six-week program that requires a person to attend sessions of 2.5 hours per week. The grant available is \$500. I must advise that I am writing several proposals and became confused and thought that I submitted a proposal for the Volunteer Nurses Program that I had written. As a member of one of the funding agencies, I will attend the first work session on August 18 and can assist the Health and Wellness Committee with submitting a proper proposal for the Nurses Program if such assistance is needed.

Met with the Senior Vice Commander of Chapter 91 of the Decatur DAV. On August 25, 2018 at 2pm the State of Georgia will salute all Vietnam Veterans. A certificate of honor and lapel pin will be awarded to all Vietnam Veterans. We will meet with Mr. Lloyd Alderman of the Lou Walker Veterans Association on August 13, to arrange plans for informing Lou Walker Veterans and Veterans from the community about the ceremony. We are arranging transportation for Veterans who can not provide their own and will be visiting homeless shelters to make arrangements for community veterans to attend. We will distribute flyers in the community to inform veterans of the event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk and flyers should be placed in the kiosk. Our volunteer service to community veterans and honoring them will be an especially memorable event for the Community Service Projects Committee.

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