



# Stories OF IMPACT

## ALAMANCE COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS

“LW is a 64 year old disabled man. He is unable to walk and uses an electric wheelchair. His wife of 37 years has been placed in a nursing facility. Prior to coming into contact with Meals on Wheels , LW was not able to provide daily meals for himself and was going without hot meals. LW now receives one hot meal every day and receives food he can easily prepare from the Meals on Wheels food pantry. In addition to the food, Meals on Wheels was able to help him secure transportation to see his wife at the nursing facility. Another barrier for LW was yard work. A local church, who volunteers for Meals on Wheels, has decided to do yard work for LW monthly.”



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## PRE- KINDERS - BURLINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

"We currently serve two non-verbal students that have learned to communicate in their own way. Parents indicated that they were not having success with effective communication before entering our Pre-Kinders Program. They explained that prior to entering the program the child would throw tantrums as a form of communication. Since entering our program, the parents of these students have noticed their children using more words and using other ways to communicate such as pointing and/or touching the items they may want or need. This is a huge accomplishment for these two students. We are currently working on sights and sounds with the students now."





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## ALLIED CHURCHES OF ALAMANCE COUNTY

**“Working with clients can be a journey. Having the ability to take a person who is having anxiety is quite a task. We encountered a young lady that was going through this exact same scenario. The young lady was homeless, after being asked to leave her family home. Being faced with homelessness and the pressures that come with that, she literally shut down and felt that all was lost. Through case management and some empowerment sessions the young lady was able to renew her CNA license and start working with-in a week of being at the shelter. Once the client started working, her self-confidence and outlook on life changed. What were statements of hopelessness now were statements of resiliency and determination. With-in her 45th day at the shelter, she was able to be housed and now she is now stable and volunteering here at the shelter when she can.”**



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## ELON ACADEMY

**An Elon Academy Scholar has returned to the program in a new and unprecedented way! Martha Lopez Lavias graduated from Graham High School in 2017 and later graduated from Georgetown University in 2021. In the fall of 2021, she began the Masters in Higher Education Program at Elon University. This proximity to the Elon Academy allowed Martha to return to the Elon Academy in a new role as a mentor and instructor to our high school juniors! Martha planned Saturday Program workshops and taught our college planning course in the 2022 Summer Program. Our scholars have benefited tremendously from having the guidance of Martha, someone who has epitomized what it means to be an Elon Academy Scholar. We look forward to future opportunities for Elon Academy college graduates to have such full circle moments!**





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## ACC ACADEMIC & CAREER READINESS

**"Academic & Career Readiness has many student successes every day; however, NB stands out as one of our most outstanding, successful students. After NB dropped out of a North Carolina high school, he learned about an online program to obtain his high school equivalency. Being highly motivated, he completed the program. Afterwards, he learned that it was not valid in North Carolina. NB felt defeated, but he was then introduced to the high school equivalency program at ACC. NB enrolled, worked hard, and was able to pass all four required GED tests in eleven months to earn his high school equivalency. All of his practice and official GED tests were paid for by the United Way grant that ACC is a recipient of. In January 2023, NB began his first college curriculum classes in ACC's college transfer program with plans to major in English and become a teacher. NB is the first member of his immediate or extended family to graduate from high school. He is both an advocate and an example for others to follow because of his dedication to learning and his incredible work ethic. He has worked a full-time job throughout his time in school and will continue to do so as he pursues his bachelor's degree. NB's character is admirable and honorable."**



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