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Able to Serve

a news digest published by the Able to Serve team in Garner, NC

HELPING KIDS IN NEED

Partnering with the Garner Mid-Day Rotary and the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Able to Serve helps kids enrolled in the *Backpack Buddy* program in their school. In addition to their valuable service, participants learn important life skills such as shopping for groceries, counting inventory, and assembling bags.



SERVING WEEKLY:

- Over 100 kids
- 7 Local Elementary Schools

MEET OUR STAFF

Carlton McDaniel Jr *Founder and Executive Director*

For almost 20 years Carlton has believed “People with cognitive/physical disabilities are *Able to Serve*”; long before it became the name of the organization he founded in 2003.

Ellen Beene *Program Coordinator*

A heart for people who sometimes fall between the cracks led Ellen to a 27 career designing/developing Bible studies for adults who have special needs which included training Bible study leaders.

Brenda Hammond *Program Coordinator*

Beginning her career teaching students with special needs, Brenda would later move into the regular elementary classroom where she would devote 37 1/2 years as a public school educator.

Anne Safrit *Program Coordinator*

A true love for learning has always driven Anne's life. As a public school educator, mentor, colleague and team member for 28 years, she feels blessed to continue that passion now at Able to Serve.

SUMMIT AWARDS WINNER!

On Thursday evening, September 29, 2016, the Garner Chamber of Commerce held its seventh annual *Summit Awards* Banquet honoring the “Best in Business” in Wake and Johnston Counties. Awards are given in six categories, one specifically recognizing the accomplishments of nonprofit organizations.

Applications for the awards are submitted to the Garner Chamber, but judged by chamber members in another state. *Able to Serve* has been a finalist for the past 3 years. And this year, *Able to Serve* was again one of the three finalists along with Community of Hope and the YMCA. **And guess what— this year Able to Serve WON!!**

This is a very prestigious award and Carlton McDaniel accepted the award with much humility and great pride. “I am very honored and grateful, I don’t know much else I can say”, said Carlton. This statement coming from a guy that is never lost for words!

Congratulations Carlton and all of the Able to Serve participants! This recognition is well deserved for the many ways you serve our community.



National Pawn Nonprofit Achievement Award

This award recognizes nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated excellence by effectively addressing a problem within the community, and efficiently using available resources to achieve maximum positive impact



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Able to Serve™ is a faith-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2003. Our mission is to get involved in the lives of individuals who have intellectual and physical disabilities and help them get involved in our community.

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