

Communities In Schools of Brunswick County

Surrounding students with a community of support,
empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

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Staff Spotlight

Margaret Roseman

Margaret Roseman, Parenting Education Director, has worked with CIS of Brunswick County for 22 years. Her first position was operating the Family Resource Center in Leland for 18 years. It was a one-stop resource center where residents could come to receive assistance. During the years that the Family Resource Center was operating, CIS partnered with many agencies to bring services to the Leland area. Brunswick Family Assistance started out serving clients through the Family Resource Center.

The CIS Parenting Program provides four sessions of the Incredible Years Parenting Program every year in Shallotte, Southport, and Leland. In addition, Circle of Parents support groups are provided for Single Parents in Supply and Waccamaw and a group for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Leland since 2001.

When not working, Margaret enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and scrapbooking.

Look who's talking:

CIS helps me with a computer learning program Moby Max. It's fun and CIS helps me be better with my schoolwork!

- CIS student

It's important to have someone working with a focus on kids that need extra help. CIS does whatever it takes to make sure students will be successful.

- Beverly Marlowe,
Waccamaw Principal

CIS makes you feel very included. I love CIS Peer Court and helping students with a second chance not hurting their permanent record.

- CIS Peer Court
student volunteer

CIS Action for Success Program expands to Supply Elementary



Homework session at Supply Elementary with CIS mentors

Communities In Schools in partnership with Brunswick County Schools announces the expansion of the CIS Action for Success Program to Supply Elementary School through funding from the NC Dept. of Public Instruction. CIS currently has a 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Afterschool Program at Supply Elementary and these new funds will expand CIS support to include both school day and afterschool hours.

The addition of a CIS Success Coach at Supply Elementary School reflects CIS' ongoing commitment to reach as many students as possible, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Drew Jordan, CIS Success Coach and 21st CCLC Afterschool elementary Site Coordinator, will work with students at Supply Elementary implementing both the CIS Action for Success Program and 21st CCLC Afterschool Program.

"I have worked with the school community at Supply Elementary with the 21st CCLC Afterschool Program, but am excited to extend my services into the school day to further help students achieve their goals," says Jordan. "Working in cooperation with Supply Elementary as a Success Coach is a wonderful opportunity for me to deliver individualized, evidenced-based services to students and families."

The unique aspect of the CIS Action for Success Program is the placement of CIS Success Coaches in each school served to provide evidence-based interventions focused on students' behavioral, academic, attendance, and social-emotional learning needs.

Tracy Coston, Supply Elementary School Principal, says, "We started a student/adult mentor program for students this year as part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) interventions. The CIS Success Coach will allow us to expand the mentoring program through CIS resources to help more at risk students."

CIS has worked together with Brunswick County Schools for 23 years to provide dropout prevention services, with Action for Success programs located in Cedar Grove Middle School, Leland Middle School, Shallotte Middle School, South Brunswick Middle School, Waccamaw School serving K-8, and now Supply Elementary.

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Thank you for changing students' lives: Stories of CIS student success

Christopher, and other students like him, struggle every day just to keep up with daily classwork and homework. It can be hard for a student who struggles to remain positive. He was dealing with issues at home, often tired, and reserved. At the beginning of the school year, Christopher became even more frustrated, as he struggled to keep up in Reading. In an effort to help him, Christopher's teacher referred him to the CIS Action for Success program at Waccamaw. He was then paired with a CIS Success Coach and started after school small group tutoring immediately.



Christopher and a peer working with a Home Depot volunteer at Friends of Rachel Club event.

Over the course of a few weeks, he became more confident and began forming positive relationships with other students in the tutoring group. Christopher also began to open up and talk with Mr. Reardon, an after school CIS volunteer tutor. Christopher started participating in the Friends of Rachel anti-bullying program once a week and continued to meet with Mr. Reardon one to two times each week. Although he still struggles from time to time, Christopher has formed positive relationships with students and volunteers, gained confidence, and continues to work hard toward his goals.



Juliana, CIS student

Juliana is a Leland Middle School student in the CIS program. She has been in the CIS program for three years and wants to go into the medical field. Juliana is excited about her educational future and has applied to the Brunswick County Early College program. "CIS gives you extra help. I feel like it will give me a head start on the medical field. My most rewarding experience in the program would be just getting the help I need," said Juliana.

Throughout the school year Eduardo struggled with spelling, and was recently moved down from third to second grade to help him catch up academically. Eduardo worked every day in CIS 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool programming to improve his spelling and other classes. Each week Eduardo would look forward to afterschool with CIS in hopes of improving his spelling and practice for spelling tests. He was paired with a volunteer Reading Buddy to provide the extra support he needed to try and reach his goal.

After months of hard work, Eduardo began scoring 90's and 95's on spelling tests. Each week he would run to CIS Afterschool with a big smile on his face and share his spelling test for the week with staff. Recently Eduardo came into the library with a larger than usual grin. He had a perfect 100% on his spelling test! All of Eduardo's hard work and determination to improve his spelling had paid off. Not only did he achieve a perfect score of 100 on his test to prove his hard work, but the proud grin he wore sharing his story was the biggest prize of all!



Brunswick County Teen Court ready to compete in NC Mock Trial competition

The Brunswick County Teen Court Mock Trial Team will participate in the North Carolina Teen Court Association State Mock Trial Competition on April 14 in Charlotte. Student volunteers will compete as attorneys, clerks, and bailiffs against other county teams from around the state. The Brunswick County team has been training for the last five months to prepare for this year's competition. Teen Court attorney mentors Nancy Adelis and John Kelso are helping the students prepare for the competition.

Teen Court provides "hands on" educational experience for student volunteers as attorneys, jurors, bailiffs, and clerks in real cases involving first-time juvenile offenders. Brunswick County Teen Court is a partnership program between Communities In Schools and the Brunswick County District Attorney's Office, made possible through financial support provided by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and Brunswick County. Juvenile offenders participating in this diversion program saves the county at least \$2,000 per case. Last year, January – December 2017, 81 defendants were served and student volunteers donated 1,000 hours of their time to participate in the program.



Brunswick County Teen Court in action

If you have questions about Teen Court or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie Duesing, Teen Court Director at 910-253-4087 or teen.court@brunswickcountync.gov. Visit Brunswick County Teen Court on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for more information and updates.

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Another magical year for the Little Princess Ball



The Annual Little Princess Ball sponsored by Communities In Schools and Brunswick County Parks and Recreation gets better every year. Each February the Little Princess Ball is held for girls in kindergarten through fifth grade accompanied by an adult male role model.

Little princesses came dressed in their prettiest dresses, ball gowns, and favorite princess costumes. Little girls in sparkly shoes, princess slippers with tiaras and with bright smiling faces filled the Brunswick Center in Southport, the Brunswick Center at Stone Chimney Place in Supply, and the Leland Cultural Arts Center in Leland. It was a special afternoon filled with dancing, balloons, face painting, games, and merry-making.

Hundreds of girls and their male role models danced, laughed and made memories. Refreshments were provided and every girl took home their very own tiara with streamers. "This year over 300 tickets were sold between the three Little Princess Ball locations, with the Southport site selling out completely," said Michele Johann, CIS Development Assistant.

"The Little Princess Ball is a chance for the little girls to feel magical, and spend quality time with their knight in shining armor, whether that knight is her father, grandad, uncle, older brother, or friend. The mentors step up, participating in games, dancing and even having their face painted to match their princess. It's definitely impressive," said Johann. The Little Princess Ball would not be possible without support from partners including Brunswick County Parks and Recreation, Brunswick Senior Resources, and the Leland Cultural Arts Center. More than 65 volunteers including CIS and Brunswick County Parks and Recreation staff, families, and friends, worked hard to make sure the event was a success. The Little Princess Ball is sponsored by CIS and Brunswick County Parks and Recreation.

Photographs and videos from this year's Little Princess Ball may be viewed on the Communities In Schools of Brunswick County [Facebook page](#).

CIS Parenting Education Incredible Years Parenting Classes

CIS Parenting Education is a comprehensive program designed to meet the specific needs of parents and their children. CIS parenting program relies on the Incredible Years model, which is an evidence-based program. This program is offered to anyone in a parenting role who has children 5-12 years of age. The Incredible Years Parenting Class is a fourteen week program focusing on "what you pay more attention to is what you get more of." The first seven weeks of classes focus on paying attention to the positive behaviors of your child such as Parental Attention, Coaching, Praise, Tangible Rewards, and Clear Limit Setting. The last seven weeks of classes focus on negative behaviors of children that you want to reduce by using Ignoring, Time Out, and Logical and Natural Consequences.

Classes are free to attend with light meals and free child care provided for each session. Incredible Years Parenting Classes meet Tuesdays monthly from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a pre-meeting meal at 5 p.m. Sessions are held in Leland, Shallotte, and soon Bolivia.



Incredible Years class

Facebook News Feed changes: Stay connected with CIS on social media

Facebook News Feed will be granting less priority to posts from business and organization pages. It now favors posts that the new Facebook algorithm finds to be more engaging, spark action, comments, shares, and discussion among a user's friends and family. We encourage all CIS supporters and followers to adjust Facebook News Feed settings granting CIS posts priority so you never miss a post. Fans can always visit our page to see latest posts. When individuals with followers on Facebook repost and share information from the CIS Facebook page it shows the content is engaging and Facebook ranks it higher for news feed displaying. **The new Facebook algorithm loves posts with lots of likes, comments, and shares and finds them of value to users and more likely to be shown on news feeds.**

How to prioritize certain friend and page posts in your news feed? On your Facebook home page, go to the top right hand corner and click on the down triangle shape. Then select News Feed Preferences in the drop down menu.

Click Prioritize who to see first.

Select a person or Page to see first.

Click the social media icon to visit CIS social sites.



CIS page



CIS Thrift Shop page



CIS Twitter



CIS Instagram

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Volunteer Spotlight



*Randy Gans, Leland
Middle School
volunteer*

1. Tell us about your volunteer work with CIS. I'm a third year volunteer tutoring math with seventh and eighth graders at Leland Middle School.

2. What is your favorite thing about CIS? Everyone involved with CIS is so dedicated, whether tutoring, lunch buddy, etc. The CIS people I have met truly enjoy being there, because they really care.

3. What is your favorite thing to do in Brunswick County?

I enjoy pier fishing. Growing up in Ohio, I never had the chance to frequent the ocean. Each time fishing on the piers is a learning experience for me.

4. What inspires you to continue giving back to CIS and the students of Brunswick County? Being able to help a student gain confidence and shape the direction of their life is incredibly rewarding.

5. Tell us one of your most rewarding experiences as a CIS volunteer. As a math tutor, seeing the "light" go on in students' eyes when you know they "got it" and see the confidence beaming in them.



*Marsha Grissett,
Southport Thrift
Shop volunteer*

1. Tell us about your volunteer work with CIS. I volunteer at the Southport Thrift Shop weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, five hours each day (and additional days if needed.)

2. What is your favorite thing about CIS? CIS is giving help to support our children. But my most favorite thing is that they are always looking for ways to improve, to do things better, and to help even more students.

3. What is your favorite thing to do in Brunswick County? Spending time with my children and grandchildren.

4. What inspires you to continue giving back to CIS and the students of Brunswick County? Growing up I didn't have much support, other than my mother. She inspired me with a giving, loving heart, to always support good causes. Children in this county and surrounding counties need our support. One way to help is donating your time and items to CIS Thrift Shops.

5. Tell us one of your most rewarding experiences as a CIS volunteer. Meeting some of the students and parents that CIS supports and listening to their stories.

Spring Cleaning makes you feel better and Helps Students



Spring is here and there is no better time to clean out your garage or home. Spring brings about feelings of renewal because everyone is refreshing their surroundings. What better place to start with spring cleaning than in your home, attic or garage? You'll feel better, your home and surroundings will look better, and students will benefit from your efforts. Studies show taking the time to clean and maintain a tidy home makes people happier. Cleaning doesn't just clear away the physical stuff, it provides a sense of satisfaction, which puts you in a good mood, feeling more relaxed, and relieving stress.

After you've cleaned out your home, attic or garage and uncovered many new found treasures, remember to donate your surplus items to CIS Thrift Shops. Donating and shopping at CIS Thrift Shops supports the local economy, gives customers great deals, and supports a good cause all at the same time. Every donation is rewarded with a tax receipt to benefit the donor's income taxes and the money from shop purchases goes to CIS programs helping students in Brunswick County stay in school. **Eighty six cents of every dollar raised goes into student programs.** Thrifting should be a regular hobby – both donating and shopping!

"Donate with a purpose. Customers support students with their donations and purchases. It's not only a fun way to shop, but a win-win-win. Customers who donate goods get a tax receipt, save money shopping at CIS Thrift Shops, and support students in Brunswick County through purchases. The money raised by CIS Thrift Shops support CIS Action for Success Dropout Prevention programs in four middle schools, Waccamaw School (k-8), and Supply Elementary School right here in Brunswick County," said Todd Beane, CIS Communications and Thrift Shop Operations Manager.

CIS Thrift Shops strive to deliver the best customer experience around. CIS shop staff know their customers and spend the time to help find that treasured item they are seeking. CIS operates four thrift shops in Brunswick County for your donating and shopping convenience: Boiling Spring Lakes, Leland, Southport, and Sunset Beach. For more information about CIS of Brunswick County, our thrift shops or student programs, visit www.cisbrunswick.org. Follow CIS Thrift Shops on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates.

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