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### CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. WALTER McALHANEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2023-2024 GRADUATES!!!



Madj Abdallah received a Bachelor's of Science from Clemson University



Jade Tylor Mattress received a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Coastal Carolina University



Sierra Burns received a Bachelor's of Science from Winthrop University

We are extremely proud of each one of you. Each student maintained a 3.0 GPA and received \$3,000 annually

## **WHOH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

In 2016, WHOH established the Dr. Walter McAlhaney Scholarship for academic excellence. The scholarship was created in memory of research biochemists Dr. Walter McAlhaney, the devoted husband of WHOH's Board Chair, Kathleen McAlhaney. Every summer since 2016 your generous donations to our scholarship fund have allowed WHOH to help college students to fund their education. On August 1<sup>st</sup> each year, WHOH awards one (or more) scholarships of \$3000 (\$1500 a semester).

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Special congratulations go out to PJ Lugo, one of our forever "bonus" daughters! In 2017, PJ received the second Walter McAlhaney scholarship. PJ has been an avid student ever since and loves working with behaviorally challenged people. She has an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts and Humanities, a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology from New York State University, and in May 2024 we had the pleasure of joining her in NY to celebrate with her as she received a Master's of Science degree in Applied Behavioral Analysis from Russell Sage College. She's employed by the State of NY, working with adults who are challenged in many ways, but specifically with behavior issues.

We are extremely proud of PJ. She has achieved the goal of obtaining her Master's degree, as she wrote in her original Walter McAlhaney scholarship application.



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## <u>JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY – COASTAL EVALUATION CENTER</u>

We continue to minister to the Young Ladies at the Coastal Evaluation Center (CEC). This year we've been intentional about teaching on lessons that build upon each other to help the girls to grow and develop a deeper dependance and trust in God, our Father. As we engaged in conversations with the girls, we noticed that they were experiencing various kinds of issues, but at the root of the issues was fear.

The first of three lessons on fear was "The Fear or the Awe of God" from Exodus 1:1-21. We talked about how the two Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, must have heard and believed stories about the goodness of God from their parents because when they were summoned by the new Pharoah, who was not the Pharoah who made Joseph second in charge, they were not afraid to disobey him. But this Pharoah was growing afraid, because the Hebrews were growing in number and multiplying so much that the Israelites outnumbered the Egyptians even though they were being harshly treated as slaves. The Pharoah gave an order to the midwives to kill all the Hebrew baby boys as they were delivered, but Shiphrah and Puah feared (honored) God more than Pharoah and let the baby boys live.

In verse twenty-one the Bible says God favored the midwives with families of their own because they feared Him instead of Pharoah. So, one of the discussion questions was, can you think of a time when you had the courage to do the right thing despite the pressure that others (even leaders) were trying to put on you to do something you knew in your heart wasn't right? There were many responses, but the one that made my heart sad was from a girl who was crying so much she had no words to tell me what happened, but on her paper was her answer: Yes, when someone told me to steal out of Walmart...I did not want to...

Please continue to pray for wisdom for us as we serve and share God's word in relevant ways that help the girls to look to God first.

### **WHAT'S NEW?**

The link below will connect you with our Amazon WHOH Supply list to assist us as we offset the cost of supplies needed at CEC, and for request for assistance from young ladies we help in the local community.

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/257F3MRDDNDVS

# Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

And yes, we are still a 100% VOLUNTEER, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION!

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