



## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 31ST ANNIVERSARY



### NCC IN THE MEDIA

Check out our CEO Patricia Browne's interview with Black Press USA where she discusses how she sees the work of NCC being a catalyst for change in historically excluded communities.

She spoke about the work we do from the Early Learning and Early Intervention Center to the Baby Bloomers Garden to Community Support Services in front of a national audience. This interview truly underscores how the work NCC does is a national model.



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It's not enough to give. We must empower, and, in order to empower, we must teach.  
- Patricia Browne, NCC CEO

On July 26, 2021, we celebrated the 31st anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA prohibits discrimination against those with differing abilities and advances equity in key areas like employment, housing, and equal access to public accommodations. We spoke with NCC Board Member and Self-Advocate Robert Kennedy as well as Joy Ojiribe, Assistant Director of NCC's Community Support Services, to reflect on the meaning of the ADA and the work NCC has done for the past 63 years.

Watch the video now to learn more about the ADA and the work we do at NCC.



## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 7th is the last day to register for our **2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament**. Not an expert golfer? No worries! You can sign up for our morning Golf Clinic hosted by Terry Shaffer, Quarter Century PGA Golf Professional. He'll help those new to the game or those who wish to brush up on skills. Make sure to sign-up now before our event tees-off on September 14th at the beautiful Renditions Golf Course. Sign up now!



## LATEST ADDITION TO OUR URBAN GARDEN - CATERPILLAR AND BUTTERFLY HABITATS

With its wonderfully diverse and nutrient-rich plant life, NCC's Baby Bloomer Urban Farm is the ideal environment to breed pollinators, i.e. caterpillars and butterflies. Butterflies are important pollinators and last April, ELC students created caterpillar and butterfly habitats to provide vital nutrients for the urban garden as well as provide a lush atmosphere for these critical creatures to live and grow.

Our Urban Garden will help protect the environment and the addition of the Caterpillar and Butterfly habitats will certainly add

beauty and vibrancy to the local community. In addition, the garden makes a difference for the butterflies by providing them food, water, shelter and a place to raise their young. Our caterpillar and butterfly habitats can also bring the community together and raise awareness of the fragility of these important pollinators and the vital role they play in the ecosystem. Learn more about our Urban Garden.



## BATTLING FOOD INSECURITY IN WARDS 7 & 8

As of today, only three of the 49 full-service grocery stores in the District are located in Wards 7 and 8.

Wards 7 & 8 are considered “food deserts,” urban regions where a significant proportion of the population is more than one mile from the nearest grocery store. There is an overabundance of convenience stores and fast-food chains offering unhealthy food options. The combination of these geographic and socioeconomic factors has left many in Wards 7 and 8 food insecure, creating a public health crisis.

According to Mayor Muriel Bowser’s recent “Report on the Current State of Food Access and Food Security in the District”, the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects have led to increased food insecurity rates nationally and in the District of Columbia.

NCC seeks to be a part of the solution. Our Baby Bloomers Urban Farm & Fruit Orchard was

founded in 2017 with the goal of providing access to healthy food options and nutrition education to the children and families of Ward 8. We provide fresh and nutritious food and ingredients for our children and families. Our babies eat farm to table during the garden season. Plus, we show our families how to cook healthy meals in classes led by Chef Nelson and accompanied by garden coordinator and bee keeper Sylvia “Rosie” Williams). We understand wellness requires a holistic approach which is why we will continue to tackle food security and addressing the needs of our community.

Join us in the fight to end hunger and food insecurity. Help support our Urban Garden today!



### NCC IS HIRING!

Good news! NCC is hiring. Come join us in our mission to enhance the lives of all people. NCC offers competitive compensation, generous benefits, extensive professional development, and a nurturing environment that allows for personal and professional growth. If you are interested in the below positions, scan the QR code and apply today. If not, please pass along this information to your network to help spread the word.

Open Positions Include:

- Education Coordinator
- Pre-K Teacher
- Pre-K Teacher Assistant
- Office Manager
- Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- Health Coordinator
- Direct Support Professional
- Program Coordinator

## MOBILE HEALTH SCREENINGS AVAILABLE THROUGH OCTOBER 2021



We're excited to offer Mobile Screening Days at our Early Learning & Early Intervention Center (ELC) the third Friday of each month beginning in July through October. This is made possible by our partnership with Children's National Medical Center and Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Inc. HSCSN enrollees and community residents can receive school required immunizations, dental hygiene resources, as well as \$25 worth of fresh produce from Martha's Table. Each attendee will be required to wear a mask and check-in prior to participating. Social distancing practices will be in effect. To register and learn more, visit <https://hscsnhealthplan.org/mobile-screening-day>



## DONATE TO NCC

We could not do all the work we do without you. We know many of you have supported us in the past, but every dollar counts in our mission to help everyone regardless of age, background, or differing ability to *Live. Grow. Work. Thrive.*



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