

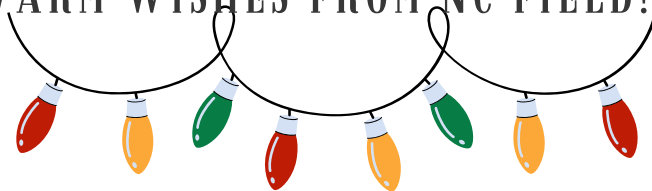
Newsletter

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North Carolina Focus on Increasing Education, Leadership, & Dignity



EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: WARM WISHES FROM NC FIELD!



Wishing you and your loved ones a Christmas filled with the warmth of home, the love of family, and the laughter of friends. During this season of giving, may your hearts be as full as your dinner tables, and may the spirit of kindness and joy surround you.

As we celebrate, let's remember the words of Roy L. Smith: 'He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.' Let the spirit of Christmas dwell within us, inspiring us to spread love, generosity, and goodwill to all. Merry Christmas from NC FIELD! 🎄 ✨

'Baby, It's Cold Outside' Winter Drive Seeks Equitable Access to Heaters



Yesenia Cuello 
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Access to warmth is crucial for a healthy winter. Many families, especially those headed by single parents, struggle to keep warm during the cold months. Our 'Baby, It's Cold Outside' winter drive aims to address this issue by providing portable heaters to those in need.

This initiative is more than just about warmth; it's about ensuring fair access to a basic necessity that is crucial for community health and safety, especially in rural and underserved areas. At NC FIELD, we advocate for warmth as a preventive measure for better health.

For us, this issue is about equity. The absence of heat, especially when temperatures drop below freezing, can pose severe risks, particularly for children and the elderly.

You can support our cause by purchasing heaters that we can pick up or by donating through Cash App or our website portal. Your contribution directly impacts the comfort and safety of our workforce during the colder months.

By donating to the 'Baby, It's Cold Outside' winter drive, you're not just providing warmth; you're promoting equity and ensuring that no farmworker or family is left out in the cold.

Join us in this mission to keep our communities warm and safe. Your support means everything. Together, let's make a difference! #BabyItsColdOutside #CommunitySupport

We believe that warmth is not a luxury but a necessity.

YESENIA CUELLO



NI UNA VIDA MAS



Farmworker advocates have called for immediate action from the North Carolina Growers Association and NC Department of Labor, following the tragic passing of Jose Arturo Gonzalez, who is believed to have died due to heat-related illness. To highlight and address workers' rights issues, the Farmworker Advocacy Network organized a vigil and rally in Raleigh on November 3. NC FIELD, which is deeply involved in advocating for these rights, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Farmworker Advocacy Network for hosting the "Ni Una Vida Más" Farmworker Vigil & Press Conference. Yesenia Cuello, the Executive Director, received specific commendation for her exceptional leadership and pivotal role as MC.

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FARM AND FOOD WORKERS RELIEF PROGRAM (FFWR) ✨



Our NC FIELD team remains dedicated to processing applications for the Farm and Food Worker Relief (FFWR Program, ensuring support for all qualifying agricultural workers. We are steadily progressing toward our goal of processing 4,000 applications and plan to handle an additional 4,000 in 2024. In November, we successfully processed 242 applications, distributing a total of \$145,200 for the month to aid farmworkers. Our commitment to providing crucial assistance to the agricultural workforce, who tirelessly ensured our sustenance throughout the pandemic, remains a top priority. Angel and his team have seamlessly shifted their focus to the seasonal agricultural workforce as planned and are preparing to resume accepting H2A migrant worker applications in early spring 2024.

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Health Marketplace & and Medicaid

Health Marketplace enrollment is now OPEN!

At NC FIELD, we're passionate about ensuring everyone has access to essential healthcare options. Our certified FFM Navigators are here to guide individuals toward available healthcare solutions. We offer application support in both English and Spanish, specializing in aiding with the Medicaid Unwinding process, preparing for Medicaid Expansion, and navigating the complexities of Medicaid. Our team is dedicated to demystifying the Medicaid enrollment process, making it easier for you to access the care you need.

Find us at Brightleaf Flea Market in Smithfield every Saturday and Sunday from 9 AM to 2 PM starting November 1, 2023. And, understanding the need for flexibility, we go beyond traditional business hours. Our commitment to you extends to being available outside these hours, meeting you wherever you are.

FEATURING

- 1 **Obamacare/ACA Information**
- 2 **Application Assistance for Affordable prescription Drugs**
- 3 **Drug and Alcohol Counseling**
- 4 **Relief for farmworkers affected by COVID-19**

**And much more!
Stop by and visit us**

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MEET THE TEAM.

ANGEL GAONA

My parents are my ultimate role models, instilling in me the values of discipline and consistency, urging me to wholeheartedly pursue my chosen career path. Their guidance never imposed a specific profession but emphasized excelling in whatever I chose. My first job experience involved working on a farm, igniting my love for the outdoors and exposing me to the resilient and hardworking farmworker community. This encounter fueled my commitment to remain in agriculture and contribute back to this incredible group. Daily interactions with the community serve as my main source of energy, as their smiles and happiness keep me motivated throughout the day. Born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, I proudly cherish my Mexican heritage passed down from both my parents. If I could possess one superpower, it would be the ability to control time, ensuring its flow aligns with the needs of the moment. The best advice I've ever received is to 'Aim at the stars, but always keep your feet on the ground,' a guiding principle I hold dear in life.

HIGHLIGHTS

★ North Carolina Community Health Center Association's 36th Annual East Coast Migrant Stream Forum! 🎉

NC FIELD had the honor of presenting the impactful CHW Impact Model at Sembrando Salud, ensuring tangible results and meaningful impact on community health through Plan, Action, Evaluate, and Improve. It was a pleasure to be invited to present and connect with familiar faces and new allies!



Community Health Worker Summit

Grateful to join the CHW Summit, Activators of Legacy! Honored to champion community health and be part of this impactful event! #NCCHWSummit #CommunityHealthWorkers #PromotoresDeSalud @NCHWA



NC Latinx Health Equity Network

Excited to join the inaugural NC Latinx Health Equity Network at the Seeds of Resilience Retreat! Explored art, storytelling, and healing at the Grandover Resort, discussing health equity challenges. A meaningful space for empowerment and connections! ★★



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HIGHLIGHTS

A Collaborative Adventure with Toxic Free and Ana Flores!

Big thanks to Toxic Free NC and Ana Flores for choosing our office space to host their incredible educational workshop! Your workshop isn't just about education; it's a transformative tool that reshapes our reality together. Grateful to be part of this journey to teach and transform! ★



Vaccine Event

🥁 Drumroll, please! 🎉 NC FIELD, alongside Walmart, proudly provided 70 flu vaccines and 36 Tdap vaccines, all free of charge! Making health accessible, one shot at a time. 💉 🌟

NC COUNTS SOIREE

We celebrated at the Soiree! Five years of progress, COUNT-less possibilities ahead! 🎉🌟 NC FIELD was honored to have been part of this milestone event, marking incredible progress and envisioning endless possibilities for our communities. Congratulations to the NC COUNTS COALITION for such impactful work! Thank you for bringing us together to celebrate and inspire positive change! ★ #NCCounts #CommunityProgress



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HIGHLIGHTS

Hispanic Federation- Encuentro

Earlier this month, the Hispanic Federation began the EncuentroNC2023 event with an inspiring speech by Lariza Garzon, who serves as the Director of the organization. The day was packed with enlightening workshops, learning sessions, creative activities, and much more. We were thrilled to be a part of it and witness our sister organizations come together in one place. It was an amazing experience that we will always cherish.



Protecting Immigrant Families

The organization's vision embraces equity and recognizes immigration as a strength, advocating for inclusive policies and uniting immigrant communities. With over 500 member organizations, their work spans education, diverse partnerships, engagement with officials, and impactful communication to create an inclusive future for immigrant families and the nation.



Meet Our Newest CHW Superstars!

👏🌟 Huge congrats to Jacqueline Barbour, Maricela Bonilla, Esmeralda Juarez, and Ashley Gonzalez, our newest CHW graduates! 🌟👏

Their dedication shines bright as they join our NC FIELD team, ready to make a positive impact in our communities. Let's give them a warm welcome! 🙌

💙 #CHWGraduates #CommunityHealthWorkers



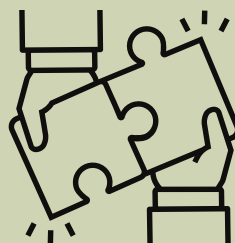
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thank you to all our partners for your incredible support and collaboration. together; we've achieved remarkable milestones and made a meaningful impact. your dedication and partnership are invaluable to our success; and we deeply appreciate it.



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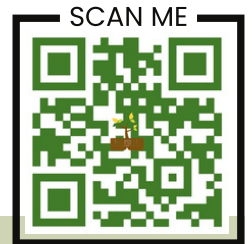
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Thank You

Dear NC FIELD Supporters, Thank you for supporting NC FIELD and farmworkers everywhere. We hope you will enjoy some updates on the amazing work that we have been doing thanks to supporters like you!

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