



# Monthly Newsletter

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## *January 2019*

Welcome to the new Pathways newsletter! With the beginning of a new year, the beginning of resolutions, and the promises of a fresh start, it is always nice to take time to reflect. December was a busy month at Pathways, coming off the heels of a successful Harvest Fest we began the preparation for the YouthBuild graduation.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> we honored the graduates from our 2018 YouthBuild program at the Third Baptist Church. Through speeches and song, we celebrated the achievements of the graduates and wished them well on their next endeavors, noting that Pathways will always be part of their journey and support system. As we look ahead to the new year, we hope to honor those who have been part of our organization's past, while looking to the future. From all of us at Pathways, have a happy New Year!

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Check out our 2018 YouthBuild graduates!

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Learn about the goings on of Pathways, our staff, and ways you can make a difference in your community.



## Celebrating Our Graduates

On a chilly December evening at the Third Baptist Church in Petersburg, Pathways was honored to host our YouthBuild graduation. Celebrating 31 graduates with honored guest Delegate Lashrecse Aird (VA 63), the evening was filled with song, speeches, and inspiration. As the 31 graduates processed across the stage, they received their diplomas from the program, and had their certifications and achievements announced.

YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program designed to provide services to young people. Our goal is to provide mentorship, life skills, and career development. YouthBuild's various programs focus on high school diploma attainment, vocational training in health care, construction, and logistics. Furthermore, our teachers provide opportunities to build professional skills through customer service training, career coaching, and paths through post-secondary education.

**“It is important for programs like YouthBuild to exist, because there are many youths around my age who are struggling, that need a little extra help, tough love, and guidance. Attending this program provided me with the opportunity to see things that I may not have been exposed to outside of the program.” – Olaysha King**

### YouthBuild Graduate and Student Speaker



## Graduates by the Numbers:

31 Graduates

25 High School Diplomas

7 Fork Lift Operator Certifications

14 are Currently Employed

4 are Beginning College Programs

25 Electronics Technicians Association Customer Service Certifications

2 Certified Logistics Associate Certifications

5 Personal Care Aide Certifications

5 National Center for Construction Education & Research Certifications



Student Speaker Olaysha King '18 inspires her fellow graduates



Delegate Lashrecse Aird addresses graduates as the keynote speaker





## Meet Our Staff

**Who:** Carol Newman

**What She Does:** Finance Manager, assists in all financial transactions.

**Time at Pathways:** 9 years

**Favorite Pathways Event:** Celebration of Gifts

**Favorite Movie:** The Notebook

**Favorite Food:** Macaroni and Cheese

**Favorite Local Spot:** Lake Gaston

## Pathways Programs, Dates to Know



Pathways Works Financial Opportunity Center **ORIENTATION:**

January 9, 2019 10 am -12 pm

January 23, 2019 10am - 12pm



APPNA Mental Health Clinic

February 2, 2019 10am-11am



Chronic Care Clinic Every Thursday

January 10, 17, 24, 31 2019 12 pm-1:30 pm



Cardiology Clinic

January 10, 2019 1 pm - 4pm

January 24, 2019 1pm -4 pm

## How Do I Get Involved in Pathways?

Becoming a donor and/or volunteering are great ways to get involved in the work done at Pathways. It's as easy as...

1

Visit our website – [www.pathways-va.org](http://www.pathways-va.org)

2

Select how you want to contribute. Click either **DONATE NOW** to donate

OR click **GET INVOLVED** and select **VOLUNTEER** ([www.pathways-va.org/volunteer](http://www.pathways-va.org/volunteer)) for volunteer options!

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Fill out our easy to use online forms. We appreciate your help, thank you for being part of the Pathways family!