

Cabarrus County Newsmaker of the Year Wilma King Means



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CONCORD, NC – There are a plethora of adjectives one could use to describe Wilma King Means yet still does not complete who she really is, nor share all that she has done in 2016 to receive the “Newsmaker of the Year” designation. But I will give it my best shot:

Determined to put shoes on each child’s feet, Means has collaborated with the Samaritans Feet Organization to sponsor six successful shoe give-aways and to raise finances for the organization.

For forty plus years Wilma King Means has always been an advocate for children ensuring that each child in all communities were exposed to a meaningful and exciting learning experience; those she taught, as well as those that crossed her path via her extreme volunteerism.

As a Phazack volunteer, Means works with students and parents from low income housing with life skills, and also organizes basketball and cheerleading programs for the children and youth within the program.

This retired educator remains committed, as she volunteers her time, knowledge and personal resources to assist Cabarrus County EC students to find community service opportunities during and after graduation. She also attends IEP meetings to ensure that the EC students obtain the most benefits from the program.

Dedicated to success, Means works with the Smart Start Program director of the “More at 4” program to assist in placing 3 and 4-year-old students in schools and daycares.

One of the organizers of “National Night Out,” a community activity partnering with the Police Department and local churches, the teams’ goal is to foster