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Let's All Work Together, an Independent, Non-Profit, Community-Based Organization, will Provide Companionship to Residents of Local Extended Care Facilities

MORGANTON, N.C. -- Let's All Work Together, a new, non-profit community-based organization focused on providing companionship to residents of long-term care and extended care living facilities in Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties, is scheduled to launch on September 12th.

The mission of the volunteer-based organization is to help enrich the lives of the elderly by providing companionship through regular visitation. The goal is to form groups of volunteers to visit extended care facilities in Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties six times each week. Noting that regular visits and conversation are important for mental stimulation, volunteers will spend two hours (on average) simply giving their time and conversation as they interact with residents by reading to them, telling stories, discussing current events, or just listening. There is no charge for the service.

President and founder Robert Cavanaugh began conceptualizing an idea for a nonprofit when his own parents were in assisted living facilities over 8 years ago. He saw first-hand many residents who had no visitors, or anyone with whom to spend quality time. After his parents were deceased, Cavanaugh continued visiting many of those residents and realized that he was benefiting from the experience just as much – or maybe more – than his senior companions.

“I began looking forward to visitation day more than the elderly residents I was visiting,” he said. “I can honestly say that with each visit, I learned something new. Our seniors have so much life experience, and therefore so many interesting stories to share, and lessons to teach us if we will just take the time to listen. And some of them have no visitors at all, so they are grateful for the time you spend with them.”

To volunteer with Let's All Work Together, you must be age 18 or older, complete 3 hours of free training and spend four hours per week at an extended care facility close to your home. However, interested students seeking education credit hours are welcome to volunteer. All volunteers are subject to background screening.

Volunteers, extended and long-term care facilities that would like to partner with Let's All Work Together should contact Robert Cavanaugh at 800.854.5298 ext. 1 or email at info@letsallworktogether.org.

Let's All Work Together is designated as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service (*web address: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/exemption-requirements-section-501-c-3-organizations>*).

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