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Schedule of Events

6:30 PM Doors open; jazz music provided by DJ Dusk Till Dawn

6:55 PM Guests take their seat. MC John Adams welcomes Bonnie Peggs, Board President.

7:15 PM Dinner starts!

8:30 PM REACH Royalty voting ends

8:45 PM Champagne toast by Jennifer Greenwood and Announcement of REACH Royalty winners

9 PM Silent Auction Closes

9:50 PM Pick up silent auction at cash register

Look for more information about our REACH Royals!



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A big thank you to Franklin High Schools Foods class - "Ms. Vitale's Food & Nutrition students participate in kitchen labs each week where they are developing confidence with the tools and techniques needed to make both healthy and creative foods. Students explore local Appalachian food culture and international cuisine through new recipes. Students are also familiarizing themselves with strategies and practical skills including (but not limited to) meal planning, budgeting, and nutritional analysis. We are excited to use our new baking skills to contribute cupcakes for the REACH Mardi Gras benefit as Macon County's CTE programs encourage students to serve our local community. Thank you for letting us participate!"

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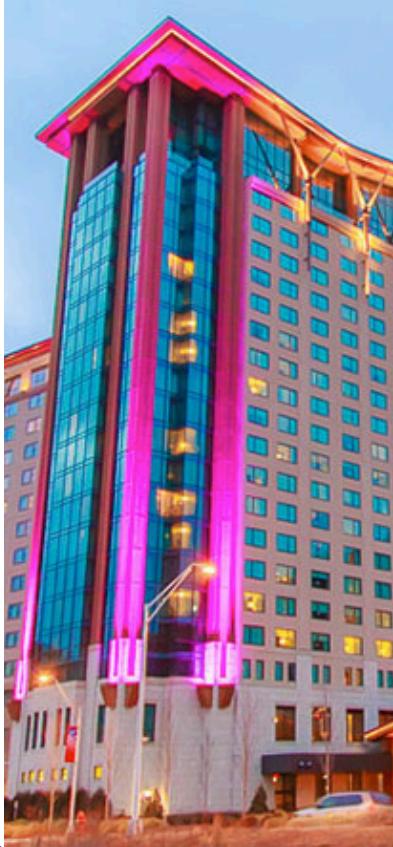
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Our mission...

The Mission of REACH of Macon County is to eradicate domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking crimes in Macon County through prevention, intervention, and educational services.

Our services...

Our services include a 24-hour crisis line, textline, safety planning, crisis counseling, emergency shelter, animal kennel, court advocacy, medical accompaniment, and educational services to support victims through the process of physical, mental, and emotional recovery.

Our results...

In the last year, REACH provided services to 298 unduplicated domestic violence victims, 25 unduplicated sexual assault victims, and 31 unduplicated human trafficking victims. We provided shelter for 78 victims for a cumulative 3,235 nights, supported 528 services through court advocacy, assisted in 571 instances of housing crisis services, and took 376 24/7 hotline crisis calls.

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Ashleigh and Brinkley

Hello Everyone! It is nice to meet you. We are the sister duo, Ashleigh Holland and Brinkley Culpepper. We currently reside in the beautiful mountains of our hometown, Franklin, NC. After graduating from Franklin High School, we both attended the University of Mississippi, where Ashleigh graduated with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and Brinkley with a degree in Political Science. After college, we moved back to Franklin, and Ashleigh married a native, Matthew Holland. Matt and Ashleigh now have two children, and Brinkley has a cat named Sebastian. Ashleigh owns and operates Holland Metal and Parrish Contracting alongside her husband, while Brinkley is a contractor for Duke Energy.

We are best friends, and we do almost everything together! Although we enjoy many things, our favorite activity is laughing until we cry. Our favorite movie is "The Color Purple."

Life is pretty busy for the both of us, we tend to center our time around family, friends, game nights, and participating in several fundraising events around the community.

Like many women and families, we have had personal experiences with domestic violence. We want to be advocates for women and children experiencing domestic violence and to help eradicate it along with sexual assault and human trafficking. Please join our [#REACHOUT](#) campaign and spread awareness, and if possible, donate!

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The Mashburn Sisters

Lindsay Wright and Katy Huscusson are sisters, born and raised here in Franklin. Both ladies wear many hats and are small business owners in the community. Her older sister, Lindsay, is a mom of three kids and wife to Travis Wright. She owns and operates MoveMore Fitness, a functional training gym located behind the Ingles on Georgia Road, and is an NASM-certified personal trainer.

Lindsay spends her free time teaching fitness classes, reading, homeschooling her kids, and coaching the MMS Cross Country team.

Katy has been a math teacher in Franklin for 16 years and was honored this year to be named Macon County's Teacher of the Year. She has two children and is married to Adam Huscusson. Together, they own H&H Farms, located in the Cartoogechaye Community, where Adam grows a variety of crops and Katy runs the family produce stand.

The "Mashburn sisters" are excited to partner with REACH this year in an effort to raise as many funds as possible for this great cause!

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Alicia and Miranda Teague

Meet Alicia and Miranda Teague, a mother-daughter duo behind a thriving spa in their hometown. With deep-seated roots in Franklin, their bond and shared passion for self-care and beauty radiate through every service they offer. Making their spa a beloved sanctuary for locals and visitors alike. Alicia, mother of Savannah, and Miranda, grandmother of Ivy, enjoy time with family and friends. Most of her career was spent as a dental assistant, but with Miranda's encouragement, Alicia went back to school to become an esthetician. Once she graduated, she and Miranda opened up the new location for Rose Room Spa.

Miranda, born and raised in Franklin, has been passionate about health and beauty from a very young age. After graduating from esthetics school, she opened up the first Rose Room Spa at the age of 19. She continued to expand her services and now specializes in permanent makeup, where she enhances natural beauty and uplifts her clients confidence. Together, their dedication to their community fuels their passion for giving back through this fundraiser.



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Ashley Burnett and Julia Johnson

We are Ashley Burnett and Julia Johnson, devoted sisters, mothers, advocates, and champions for change. Together as sisters, we are thrilled to stand before you as compassionate candidates for the coveted titles of Queens in the upcoming REACH of Macon County Mardi Gras Gala.

Ashley and Julia were both born and raised in Macon County, NC and are now raising their own families here as well. Ashley has been married to her husband, Teddy, for 20 years and has 4 daughters, ages 19, 16, 14, and 12.

Julia has been married to her husband, Matt, for 7 years and has 1 daughter, age 5, and another little girl on the way. As mothers to girls we are acutely aware of the importance of fostering a safe and nurturing environment for our children. Unfortunately, not all families have the privilege of living without fear. Domestic violence remains a harsh reality for many, and we believe it is our duty to take a stand against it.

Ashley, a dedicated school teacher and homemaker for the past 19 years, has spent nearly two decades shaping the minds and hearts of the next generation. Her commitment to education goes beyond the classroom, as she has dedicated her life to creating a nurturing and supportive environment for her family. As a mother, she understands the profound impact a safe and loving home has on a child's development. Now, Ashley is ready to extend that care and support to families facing the challenges of domestic violence.

Julia, with a rich background in social work, served as a child welfare social worker for 10 years and has now been a school counselor for 5 years. Her professional journey has been marked by tireless advocacy for vulnerable children and families.

Julia has witnessed firsthand the effects of domestic violence on children and the importance of providing a haven where families can heal and rebuild their lives. Her experiences have fueled a passion for social justice, and she is determined to use her expertise to make a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

Our goal in participating is not just about winning a title; it's about raising awareness and funds for those who need it the most. The domestic violence shelter in our community is a beacon of hope, offering refuge and support to those seeking safety and a new beginning. By participating in this fundraising event, we aim to make a lasting impact on the lives of survivors and their children.

Why vote for us? We bring the strength of sisterhood, the resilience of motherhood, and the passion for positive change. Our joint commitment as sisters is a testament to the power of unity and collective action. Together, we can create a ripple effect of kindness, understanding, and empowerment that extends far beyond the confines of this campaign.

Join us in our mission to break the silence, raise funds, and stand against domestic violence. Your support means more than just votes; it means providing comfort, security, and hope for families who have experienced the unimaginable.

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Casey and Kayla Schulte

We are Casey and Kayla Schulte, and we are honored to have been nominated to run as your 2024 King and Queen of Mardi Gras. Casey works as a tax development manager for Tax Act, and I work as a first grade teacher at Cartoogechaye Elementary School. We have a 7-year-old daughter (Harper) and a 4-year-old son (Jace). We are members of Biltmore Church of Franklin and enjoy serving in the Pre-K classroom. We also enjoy serving our community. Casey and I have been involved in coaching little league softball and baseball for the past three years. One of my greatest joys has been my involvement with Night to Shine over the last few years. As locals of Franklin, NC, we understand the impact that a group of individuals can have on a small community when their goals and purpose align. As nominees for King and Queen of Mardi Gras, our goal is to raise as much funds as we can to support REACH of Macon County. What a great way to give back to our community that we're blessed to call "home."

If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause, we would be honored if you would donate in our name. We appreciate your support.



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Jennifer and Stacy

Jennifer and Stacy have been part of each other's lives for over 20 years. They dated years ago, but parted ways and went about their lives. Both divorced the same year, and fate brought them back together for a second chance at life and love.

Both born and raised in Franklin, Jennifer and Stacy are happy to have the chance to help raise money to give back to the community they have always called home.

Jennifer works for Tryon Distributing as Sales Representative and Sommelier for the far Western part of the state, covering Balsam to Murphy.

Stacy is a carpenter and painting contractor for Mincey Construction. He has three children that are his pride and joy, Skyler, Ariel, and Caden. After spending the last 15 years in Charlotte working in commercial construction, Stacy is glad to be back in the mountains.

During their free time, they enjoy spending time with the kids and their dogs, Smokey, Luna, Phantom, Piper, and Granddog Koda. They also enjoy going to concerts and working on projects around the house. Since winter has arrived, you will most likely find them hitting the slopes.



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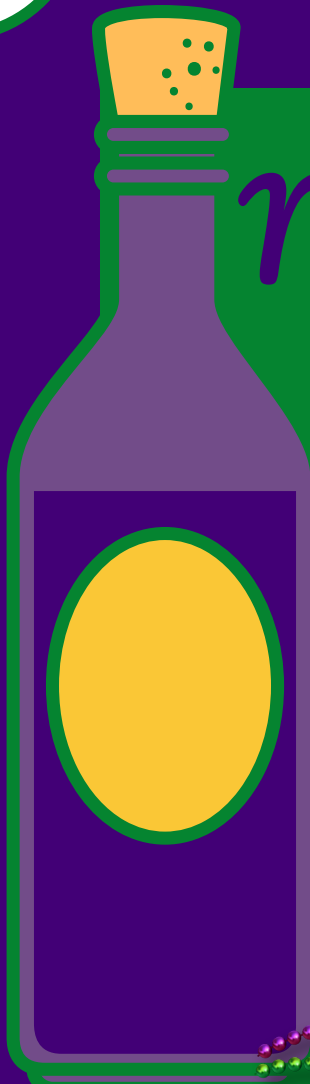


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