



# Waccamaw Review

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## Georgetown SC Works Opens New Office



WRCOG Chairman Randal Wallace and Johnny Morant had the honor of participating in a ribbon cutting, along with other Board members and Sarah Smith, Executive Director.

Georgetown SC Works Office relocated to 1105 Church Street in July of 2017. SC Works employees are excited to continue serving employers and job seekers in a new and more convenient location.

WRCOG staff and Board members met before the Board meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> for a dedication and tour of the new SC Works Office.

Please stop by and see the new facility!

### Workforce Success Story

Brandon Brown, Chronic Care Supervisor

Brandon Brown was referred to the WRCOG's Workforce program for assistance with employment by a friend. He was working part-time for a local furniture company, but

he wanted to pursue a career that would allow him opportunities for future advancement and financial stability.

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## SC Works welcomes Ross Innovative Employment Solutions as One Stop Operator

WRCOG contracted with Ross Innovative Employment Solutions Inc. as the Operator of its three SC Works Centers. Todd Gurley has been hired through Ross to coordinate the Centers' activities.

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## Workforce Success Story

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*Pictured above is the proud employee of Coastal Urgent Care!*

After completing career exploration with his Career Coach, Sherell Robinson, he decided that he wanted to pursue a career in the medical field. Unfortunately, Brandon did not have reliable transportation, so his employment options were limited. He knew that if he could establish a successful career, he could then purchase a vehicle. Brandon's motivation to secure a job, coupled with the help of his career coach and WRCOG's Business Service Representative (Kerri Kellahan), resulted in an On-The-

Job Training (OJT) contract with Coastal Urgent Care in Pawleys Island. There he was trained as a Lab Technician to hone his existing skills and learn new techniques. Upon completion of his OJT contract, he was offered a full-time position. He has been employed with Coastal Urgent Care since 2015 and has since been trained and promoted to other positions. He currently serves as their Chronic Care Manager. **WRCOG is proud that it could play a part in Brandon's success!**

# SC WORKS

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AND JOB SEEKERS TOGETHER

## One Stop Operator

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Todd is originally from Utica, NY and moved to the Grand Strand area to attend Coastal Carolina University. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing. Todd brings a multitude of customer service experience that will be extremely beneficial in helping ensure SC Works clients are served in the most efficient and effective manner.

A few of his responsibilities include coordinating reception and initial services for all customers, implementing cooperative agreements with partners, and performing continuous improvement activities to achieve high level quality customer service.

WRCOG looks forward to working with Todd to continue to improve the experience of our job seekers and employers.

## Congratulations Tom!



*Pictured is Randal Wallace (right) presenting Tom Britton (left) with his award*

This year is a significant year for Tom Britton as he is celebrating ten years with WRCOG. Tom, who serves as WRCOG's Planning Director, was presented with a plaque at the June Board Meeting by Chairman Randal Wallace to commemorate his ten years of

service. In his time with WRCOG, Tom has taken on increasing responsibility and now heads the Planning Department, which includes CDBG, HOME, local planning and rural transportation and transit. Tom is both an asset and resource to our local governments as he assists in the day to day implementation of planning programs.

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## Aging Assessment Team

On July 3, 2017 a new assessment team hit the road. Katrina Everett, Ashley Dobbins, and Willis Broughton are the new assessors who will be out in the region meeting with seniors. They will conduct the client assessment process for all aging clients who receive in home and community services. Each of these assessors has their own unique background, yet all share a strong passion for serving the aging community. Katrina Everett comes into her new role from the finance department at WRCOG.

Mrs. Everett enjoys her new position, and finds her work with clients very rewarding. Ashley Dobbins is a former Administrative Assistant with WRCOG. Prior to working for WRCOG, Ms. Dobbins was a Certified Nursing Assistant. She is excited to be back in the field working with seniors. Willis Broughton joins the new assessment team from SC Works in Kingstree. Ms. Broughton also has extensive experience working with the elderly as a Hospice Chaplain.

WRCOG is lucky to have three talented assessors who have strengths that are invaluable to the core mission of the program: Improving the quality of

life for seniors by helping them achieve optimal health, independence and productivity.



*Pictured from left to right: Ashley Dobbins, Katrina Everett, and Willis Broughton.*



# Welcome Waccamaw Regional's Newest Staff Members



**Katie Kellahan,**  
Communications  
Manager

Katie is employed in our Main Office as our Communications Manager. She is from Kingstree and recently received her Bachelor's Degree from College of Charleston, where she majored in Business Administration and Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Katie is very happy to have returned home to help serve her community.

**Elizabeth Tucker,**  
Planner

Elizabeth has years of experience working in planning and WRCOG is lucky to have her on staff. She moved here from Charlotte, NC originally in 2007 to work for the Georgetown County Planning Department. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work from UNC-Wilmington and Masters in Public Administration from UNC-Charlotte. Elizabeth will assist the Planning Department with Transit, CDBG and local planning activities.



**Brett Morgan,**  
Planner

Brett joined WRCOG's Planning Department as a Planner in June. He will provide planning technical assistance to communities in the region. He is originally from Pittsburgh, PA, where he attended the University of Pittsburgh. There he received both his Bachelors of Arts degree in 2015, majoring in History and Political Science, and his Master of Public Administration Degree in 2017, studying Urban Affairs and Planning.



**Willis Broughton,**  
Aging Assessor

Willis earned her Associates degree in Contemporary Music and Voice from Capitol University and her Bachelor's Degree in Education from the USC Columbia-Conway branch. She later earned her Master's Degree in Theology. Willis has served as a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Director for Barton Memorial Hospital, of South Lake Tahoe, CA and worked with SC Works Kingstree before joining the WRCOG team.



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