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## Za'Kiyah Zyei Hixson Crowned Little Miss HOLLA!

On Saturday, April 8 Sheriff Landric Reid did the honors of crowning Za'Kiyah Zyei Hixson as Little Miss HOLLA! She is the daughter of Shaun and Falecha Hixson of Morven.

The First Runner Up was Siyanna Juanelle Webster, Sa'Layah Faith Simons placed as the Second Runner Up. Talent was provided by Alfonzo Rembert, a 13 year old Ansonian who sang moving renditions of "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "Step Aside."

Inspired by the success of the US Olympics Gymnastics Team in Rio, the pageant's theme was "The World's Greatest."

'We are all born with greatness inside of us; it is just waiting for us to allow it to show and develop," said Johnie Pettiford, Pageant Director.

HOLLA! took a break from the action to recognize Angela Catina Caraway of the Caraway Foundation, the Shaundasia T. Smith Foundation and Deborah Davis, Director of the Youth Career Connect Program at Anson High School for their unselfish and innovative contributions toward the betterment of the Anson County community, especially as it relates to motivating youth to succeed.

Proceeds from the Little Miss HOLLA! Pageant go toward support of HOLLA! Literacy Projects and the Mary E. Little Scholarship. Want to donate? Send donations to: HOLLA! P.O. Box 88 Wadesboro, NC 28170. Or visit www.HOLLA.ws.





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#### **Over the Counter Medicine** Give Away to Anson County Residents

NC MedAssist is a statewide non-profit pharmacy that gives free prescription medicine to low-income and uninsured people. They will hold a free Over the Counter (OTC) Medicine Give Away Day in Wadesboro on Thursday, May 4. The event, which is sponsored by Carolinas HealthCare System, is open to any individual or family needing OTC medication. The give away will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center. located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Identification is not needed to participate.

"Carolinas HealthCare System is proud to sponsor the over-the-counter medicine give away in Wadesboro," said Mike Lutes, president of Carolinas HealthCare System Union. "The OTC Give Away Day is expected to have a huge impact on the community. Our mission at Carolinas HealthCare System is to bring health, hope and healing to all, and what better way than to partner with NC MedAssist to do so. We know that even with insurance, many people cannot afford OTC products.

This will be the first OTC event held in Wadesboro. Individuals will receive \$100 worth of OTC product, which includes items such as allergy relief, pain relief, indigestion relief, cold medicine, first-aid and vitamins. NC MedAssist's overall goal is to help ease the cost for those who are making the choice between buying food or purchasing medication.

The OTC program relies on community volunteers. Serving over 1,000 individuals in one day takes many hands to make sure the program runs smoothly and that all patients are served before the door closes. NC MedAssist is partnering with Carolinas HealthCare System to have volunteers serve in roles such as pharmacy consultation, client 'personal shoppers,' and OTC sorters. If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.medassist.org/volunteer to sign up.

"We are honored to bring an OTC Give Away Day to Anson and Union Counties, thanks to Carolinas HealthCare System," said Executive Director Lori Giang. "NC MedAssist is excited to work with the community to give back to our neighbors in need. Through the OTC Give Away we will be able to reach more and more individuals and educate them on our free pharmacy program resources. No one should go without medicine, and this program is enabling us to reach those who are unaware of our services." Last year NC MedAssist gave away more than \$1.9 million dollars of donated OTC medication to North Carolina individuals and clinic partners. This year, the organization plans to give away more than \$2 million.

There are currently more than 11,700 adults in both Anson and Union County who live below the federal poverty level and do not qualify for insurance. For more in-



formation on the OTC Program and NC MedAssist. please visit

www.medassist.org. About NC MedAssist: Founded in 1997, NC MedAssist is a statewide non-profit pharmacy that provides free prescription medicines to low-income. uninsured North Carolini-MedAssist offers ans. three programs that address the needs of children and adults: the Free Pharmacy program, the Over The Counter (OTC) Medicine program, and the Senior Care program. MedAssist dispenses more than \$39 million worth of free prescription medication to 14,000 low-income North Carolinians each year. To learn more about NC MedAssist and find out how to get involved, visit www.medassist.org, like them on Facebook or follow them on Twitter.

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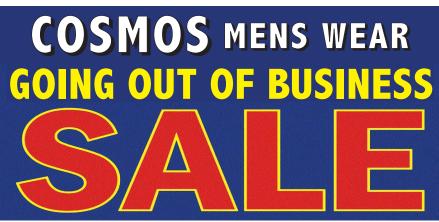
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