

## You're invited to our Grand Opening!

WILMINGTON – Join us for the official opening of the new <u>Communities In Schools of Cape Fear</u> headquarters!

We will celebrate the move to our new location, next to New Hanover High School, with lunch, and officially cut the ribbon on our new home!

"We're very excited to settle into our new office! The larger facility will provide our New Hanover County staff the space they need to collaborate on how to best serve our region's students," said Executive Director Louise Hicks. "Having started in a tiny office with a two-person staff back in 2005, it's been incredibly rewarding to see our programs and staff grow to where we are today."

The newest location is just two blocks away from CIS's youth center, WIRE, and the space at 1209 Market Street is shared with <u>the Trauma Institute and Child Trauma Institute (TICTI)</u>, an organization providing free, intensive trauma therapy in Wilmington to promote the healing and healthy development of children, and adults who have experienced trauma or loss.

"We help troubled students put their trauma behind them and move on with their lives," said TICTI founder, psychologist Ricky Greenwald. "Trauma and loss can cause school under-performance as well as behavioral issues, substance abuse, anger, anxiety, and depression."

Students meet one on one with a skilled and caring trauma therapist for up to six hours a day for up to five consecutive days at a time. TICTI utilizes the best of the well-researched trauma healing methods, including EMDR.

"TICTI looks forward to the opportunity to serve the Wilmington community and to positively impact the lives of struggling youth and teens," said the Director of Wilmington Satellite Office, Kymberly Lasser-Chere.

## <u>WHAT:</u> Ribbon cutting for Communities In Schools of Cape Fear & The Trauma Institute and Child Trauma Institute

WHEN: Wednesday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m.

## WHERE: 1209 Market Street, Wilmington NC

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Communities In Schools Cape Fear is an independent affiliate of a national organization that ensures every student, regardless of race, zip code, or socioeconomic background, has what they need to realize their potential in school and beyond. Working directly inside 27 schools across the region, we connect students to caring adults and community resources that help them see, confront, and overcome the barriers that stand between them and a brighter future.