

GCDP NEWSLETTER

NEW PROJECTS

2020 GOTV SUMMER CAMPAIGN

"Instead of letting your hardships and failures discourage or exhaust you, let them inspire you."
-Michelle Obama

Multiple prong approach to reach Gaston County voters. A virtual phone banking campaign targeting inactive and active voters and a texting campaign all with the same message: Absentee Ballots.



WILLIAM YOUNG
NC SENATE 43

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William Young 4 District 43



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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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MEET THE GCDP LEADERS

Josie Polhemus
Treasurer



Josie Polhemus was Valedictorian for Bessemer City High School, member of the Rho Chi Honor Society and Phi Lambda Sigma Pharmacy Society at UNC Chapel Hill. She is currently a member of All Saints Episcopal Church. Josie maintains a close relationship with her community as a volunteer of the Gaston County Controlled Substance Abuse Coalition, participate in the Gaston County Triologue community bible study and a bright new member of the Gaston County Freedom Fighters.

Josie has worked with the party for several years to support and promote candidates and get out the vote, from Gastonia to Gaston County all the way up to the State Party. She is the treasurer and work with fundraising, finance, and regulatory adherence with the State Board of Elections.

ABSENTEE VOTING



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PERSPECTIVE POLITICS

Kimberley Hallas

Pew Research shows that independent voters are 39% of the populous. Of that, only 7% of politically unaffiliated Americans overall do not have a political leaning, the rest lean heavily to one side or the other, but the psychology of the unaffiliated voter is a bit more complex than that and enough to sway an election. They value their own reasoning over “group think” and are more demanding in their expectations. Therefore, they so often hear the idea of “compromise” as a dirty word. Yes, a practiced partisan can call this naive, but there is an elitism to being politically informed and knowledgeable. Most learn to understand the US game of politics from hearing it discussed in the home. Less informed parents learn from their union halls and sometimes church groups IF they have such. No one learns the detailed application of politics actually from school.

In addition to many Dems possessing the privilege of an understanding of the inter-workings of our government, there is also the issue of “quick logic” in the unaffiliated. The simplistic natural assumptions of logic that we humans make when lacking the full information. Canadian psychologist Steven Pinker has written about this in spades. By offering educational/informative talks on these issues, Democrats can enlighten and inform their communities, hence building a coalition out of the unaffiliated voters.

A word of caution would be advised here, however. Do not push a non-joiner to join the Party. Explain why it's important they vote, ask them to work for issues they care about. But do not expect an independent thinker to fall in line. Yes, this will cause problems in national elections where an out-of- touch national party calls the shots. Individuals that vote for the “person over the party” are less willing to compromise on the issues they value and are more easily frustrated by partisanship. But they have the power to effect huge changes in state and local government. Be smart and utilize it.

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SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Katy Johnson

Katy left a career as an elementary school teacher to work with dogs and their owners. Honors Graduate of Animal Behavior College, the ONLY CPDT-KSA certified trainer in Charlotte through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers, an AKC Canine Good Citizen and S.T.A.R. Puppy Evaluator, and a member of the Pet Professional Guild and the International Association of Animal Behaviorist Consultants. Most recently, she became a Fear Free Certified Professional through Fear Free Pets. These certifications are for trainers who use force-free methods only-NO shock or pinch collars and no handling that will harm or scare the dog. Katy's compassion and rigorous dedication to her clients make her an ideal recruit for the GCDP!

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- Bethesda United Methodist
- Bradley Memorial United Methodist
- Christ United Methodist
- Covenant Baptist
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- Crowder's Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian
- Davis Memorial Baptist
- East Baptist
- Eastside Church of the Nazarene
- Elevation Church
- Firestone Wesleyan
- First Associate Reformed Presbyterian
- First Baptist
- First Presbyterian
- First United Methodist
- First Wesleyan
- Gaston Community Church
- Gastonia First Assembly of God
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- Holy Trinity Lutheran
- Landmark Baptist
- Linden Associate Reformed Presbyterian
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- Lutheran Chapel
- Maylo United Methodist
- Myers Memorial United Methodist
- Myrtle United Methodist
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- Providence Presbyterian
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- Robinson Memorial Presbyterian
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- St. Michael's Catholic
- Southminster Presbyterian
- Temple Emanuel
- Third Street Presbyterian
- Trinity United Methodist
- Union Presbyterian
- Zion Baptist

May 19, 2020

Mr. Danny Caudill
Gaston County Democratic Party
Post Office Box1001
Gastonia, NC 28053

Dear Danny,

Thank you so very much for Gaston County Democrat's generous contribution to CAM during this crisis. We are thankful for your support of our ministry. Your gift will help us address the essential needs of rent, utilities, food, and medicine for families and individuals who are dealing with a financial crisis caused by the current pandemic or those struggling under the on-going burden of poverty.

CAM plays a critical part in our community's assistance network and requests for assistance are year-round. Thanks to the support of many generous people, we are fortunate to be able to continually offer assistance.

We are grateful to you and others in our community who believe in CAM's mission and enable us to help others. Thank you for thinking of us.

Warm Regards,

Kimberly S. Wheeler
Executive Director

*It was
great meeting
you!
Thanks so
much!*

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