

# A Tribute to Sixty Years



207 WILSON STREET,  
IFC's early home



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## IFC celebrates a milestone birthday in 2023!



**Jackie Jenks**  
President and CEO

It's been 60 remarkable years of joining together to alleviate poverty, advance equity, and build community!

This newsletter is a tribute to IFC's past and future of supporting our Chapel Hill - Carrboro neighbors with access to nutritious food, dignified housing, and emergency financial assistance while joining together to confront the

systems that make these programs necessary.

As I have had the opportunity to spend quality hands-on time in the Community Kitchen and Community Market this year, **I am struck by how each of you connects to IFC's mission.** As I talk with neighbors who express their gratitude for a safe place to lay their heads nightly at HomeStart, Community House, and the Permanent Supportive House Program, **I am constantly reminded that this work is saving lives.** And as I witness Activate! IFC members register people to vote, serve on advisory boards, and elevate their lived experience in places where decisions are being made, **I am hopeful for the future.**

**We must continue our dedication to the hard work** because COVID, inflation, the skyrocketing cost of housing, growing mental health needs - and the disproportionate impact of these realities on our neighbors of color - are forces that can only be mitigated when we link arms, open our hearts, share resources, and get real about what really matters and what needs to be done to truly make an impact.

**Collaborative communities like IFC help this community thrive.** Thank you to all our shelter residents, community members, volunteers, donors, congregations, businesses, fellow nonprofits, local governments, schools, and more whose dedication to equity and accessibility is a testament to our shared vision of a community where everyone has what they need. **I am thrilled to work alongside you as we Imagine our Future Community.**

I hope you enjoy this reflection on our past as we invite you to join us in envisioning a future where true collaboration unlocks new possibilities.

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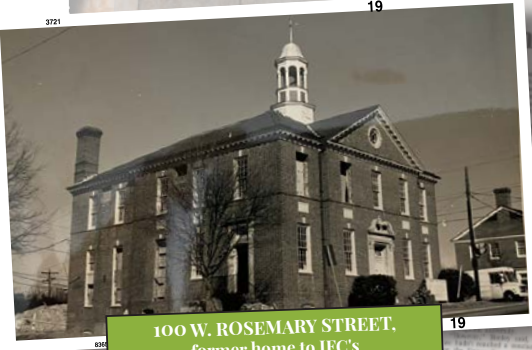
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# The Early Years 1960s



MILDREN RINGWALT "Mother of IFC"

**IFC initiates multiple programs that eventually evolve into independent, self-sustaining initiatives**



100 W. ROSEMARY STREET, former home to IFC's Community Kitchen and men's shelter

## Steps Begun To End Housing Bias

By W. H. SCARBOROUGH  
Like a lot of organizations, the Inter-Church Council for Social Service has been...  
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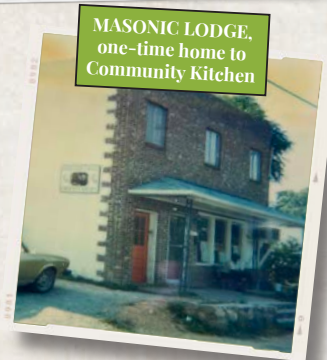
**1963 IFC forms as Inter-Church Council to respond to the conditions of poverty community members were experiencing**

• Clothing distribution begins – turned over to PTA Thrift, now CommunityWorx

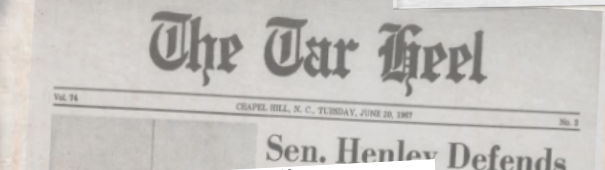
• School lunch program begins – later absorbed by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity

• Pre-school readiness program begins, now HeadStart  
• IFC helps family build a house, this work now done by Habitat for Humanity

• Tutorial program for elementary schools begins, now at UNC Campus Y



MASONIC LODGE, one-time home to Community Kitchen



## Sen. Henley Defends Universities

CHapel Hill, N. C., Tuesday, June 23, 1967  
The Senate of the State of North Carolina today...  
The Senate of the State of North Carolina today...

## Racial Discussion To Be Held Sunday

A discussion of Chapel Hill's racial situation will be held Sunday at 2:30 in the parish house of the Chapel of the Cross on Franklin Street.  
The meeting is being sponsored by the Inter-Church Council on Social Service.  
The Rev. Robert Seymour, pastor of St. Joseph's Baptist Church and chairman of the Inter-Church Council, will preside.  
Those invited to take part in a panel which will discuss the situation and answer questions include Roland Gilder, member of the Board of Aldermen; Police Chief William Blake; Mrs. George Taylor, chairman of the Inter-Church Council; and...

## Weather Report

High	Low
Sunday	30 15
Monday	33 20
Tuesday	40 25
Wednesday	50 35

# 1970s



**ROBERT SEYMOUR,**  
President 1963 - 1970

## INFO fills people-services gap

by Laura Toler  
Staff Writer

Since its beginning on Aug. 26, the new community information referral service (INFO) has answered calls about everything from where to get a car to how to get a job.

**1970 IFC incorporates as a 501 (c) 3**

**1970 Food Pantry is established at Wilson Street**

**1973 Chase Park and Elliott Woods low-income apartments are completed after a 5-year planning process.**

**1974 INFO, a county-wide information and referral service is established.**

**1976 IFC develops Friends of Nursing Home Patients, which later becomes a County responsibility**

**1978 IFC Housing Committee forms to build housing for the elderly and disabled**



**INFO Director Frank Dodoni**  
**INFO tells all**  
Over 1,000 telephone requests, ranging from where to get pregnancy information to where to buy football tickets, have been received by INFO, Chapel Hill's new telephone information and referral service. Established as a service of the Inter-Church Council (ICC) to provide ready access to community resources, INFO began operation Aug. 26.



**CROP WALK**



**PEGGY POLITZER & BILL FRIDAY**

## Local legal aid service to start

by Robert Petersen  
Staff Writer

Pending approval by the Orange County Bar Association at its meeting next week, UNC law students, the Inter-Church Council and area attorneys plan to begin a community legal aid service for Orange County by early December.

The project, according to a "study" by the Association of the Bar, is a "study" of the needs of the community. The project will be a part of the Inter-Church Council's legal aid project, which is a part of the Inter-Church Council's legal aid project, which is a part of the Inter-Church Council's legal aid project.

**LISA PRICE**  
Social Worker

**JO ANN HAGGERTY**  
Social Worker



**IRENE BRIGGAMAN**  
Founder of RSVVP Fundraiser

# 1980s

## Number of welfare recipients on rise in Chapel Hill

By HELLE NIELSEN  
Staff Writer

While the number of people living in poverty but holding jobs has remained stable over the decade, area

pay minimum or near-minimum wages, she said.

"Even if two people work, if they are at minimum wage, it is still expensive to pay rent and utilities,"

time jobs to make ends meet.

People who approach agencies for help often make enough to pay for daily expenses, welfare workers say, but unexpected expenses cause a

Christian Community in Action.

"They get behind in their rent. The sad thing is statistics show that within a three-year period, the

the Orange County Department of Social Services (DSS). But many

DSS programs are available only to those whose income is below the

Dependent Children (AFDC) are generally low," Whitt said.

"You could be over the (income level) and have unexpected expenses and get in these programs."

What is not taken into account is who do qualify for AFDC or not."

**1982 Community Kitchen opens at Mason Lodge, later moves to Merritt Mill Road, and then to Rosemary Street, until settling at 110 W. Main Street in Carrboro**

**1984 Adelaide Walters Apartments is built and dedicated by Community Housing Alternatives, an organization created by IFC**

**1985 Shelter program begins at churches, then moves to 100 W. Rosemary Street, the site of the old town hall**



**MARGIE MCCARTHY CLARK**  
First Resident, Adelaide Walters Apts.



**1988 KICKOFF CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN SHELTER/KITCHEN**  
Sandy McClamroch-Village Co. Foundation, Rick Edens-IFC President, Bob Seymour-Mayor's Task Force

# 1990s

**1992 Legal Clinic opens at Community House**

**1995 IFC hires first executive director**

**1996 Contracted with the Piedmont Consortium to administer Ryan White funds to assist people living with HIV and AIDS, later became the AIDS Service Agency of Orange County.**

**1998 Opening of Project HomeStart for homeless families**



**SUE KREBS & WESLEY NORWOOD**

## Volunteers needed

The campus YM-YWCA is starting a nursing home volunteer program. Interchurch Council, and volunteer needed to supplement the efforts of the area

# 2000-2015

**2007 Congregational Liaisons structure forms to strengthen partnerships with congregations**

**2008 Volunteer health professionals establish new mental health services at Community House**

**2015 Community House shelter for men opens at 1315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard**



**COMMUNITY HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING**

# 2016-2023



COMMUNITY KITCHEN



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SHELTER STAFF

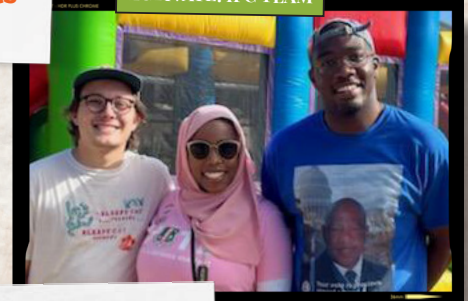
**2017 IFC adds Permanent Supportive Housing program**

**2017 Capital Campaign for IFC Commons kicks off.**

**2017 IFC re-establishes its social justice efforts, rewrites its mission, vision, and values, and forms Racial Equity Team**

**2017 IFC teams up with Orange County Justice United and Community Empowerment Fund's Meeting of the Minds to work on affordable housing advocacy**

ACTIVATE! IFC TEAM



**2019 IFC receives seed funding to establish Activate! IFC to promote voting, advocacy, and leadership development**

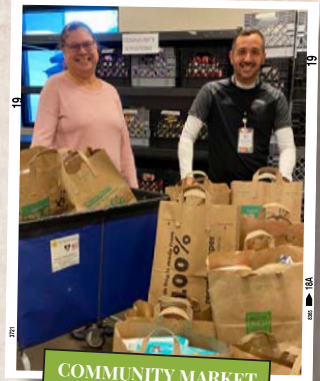
**2020 Services continue 24/7 during the global COVID pandemic, including moving shelter services to a local hotel**



SHELTER STAFF

**2021 IFC adds Activate!'s Training for Action Progress BIPOC Leadership development project**

**2021 IFC moves all non-shelter programs to 110 W. Main Street in Carrboro and holds grand opening of IFC Commons**



COMMUNITY MARKET

**2022 Safety Vanguard is established as part of Activate! IFC and holds its first community safety cypher**

**2022 IFC formalizes Resource Navigation services, initially established in response to the pandemic**



RESOURCE NAVIGATION TEAM

**2022 Community Market opens under its new name and offers in-person shopping after two years of social distanced service during the pandemic**

**2023 Community Kitchen opens for in-person dining at IFC Commons following the pandemic**

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## PROGRAMS @ IFC COMMONS

### LOCATED AT

110 W. Main Street, Carrboro NC 27510  
919.929.6380  
J Bus Line

### Community Kitchen

Free hot balanced meals daily  
M-F 11:15a-12:30p and 5:15-6p  
Sat, Sun, and Holidays 11:15a-Noon

### Community Navigation

Drop-in access to computers, phones, and community resource support  
Showers available on a first come, first served basis M-F

Call the number below for locker availability  
M-F 10a-6p  
919.929.6380 x2025

### Community Market

Fresh food, pantry staples, and hygiene items  
M-F by appointment  
919.929.6380 x2000

### Emergency Financial Assistance

Tuesdays leave a message at 9am to schedule an appointment during the week, as available.  
919.929.6380 x2024

### Activate! IFC

Voter Engagement, Advocacy, and Leadership Development  
919.929.6380 x2065

## SHELTER & HOUSING PROGRAMS

Contact the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness to explore housing options, including shelter. M-F 10a-4p at 919.245.2655 or housinghelp@orangecountync.gov.

### Community House Shelter for Men

1315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill  
NS, HS, and T Bus Lines  
919.929.6380 x3000

### HomeStart Shelter for Women and Families

2505 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill  
HS Bus Line  
919.929.6380 x4000

### Permanent Supportive Housing

Housing and case management support in units throughout the community. Access by waiting list only.

## In Memoriam

Timothy Alston  
Alfonso Burnett  
Jo Coe  
Al Green  
John Holman  
Jackie Huff

Betty Kenan  
Frank Norwood  
Daishi Tanabe  
Pat Taylor  
Dan Textoris  
Carolyn Van Sant

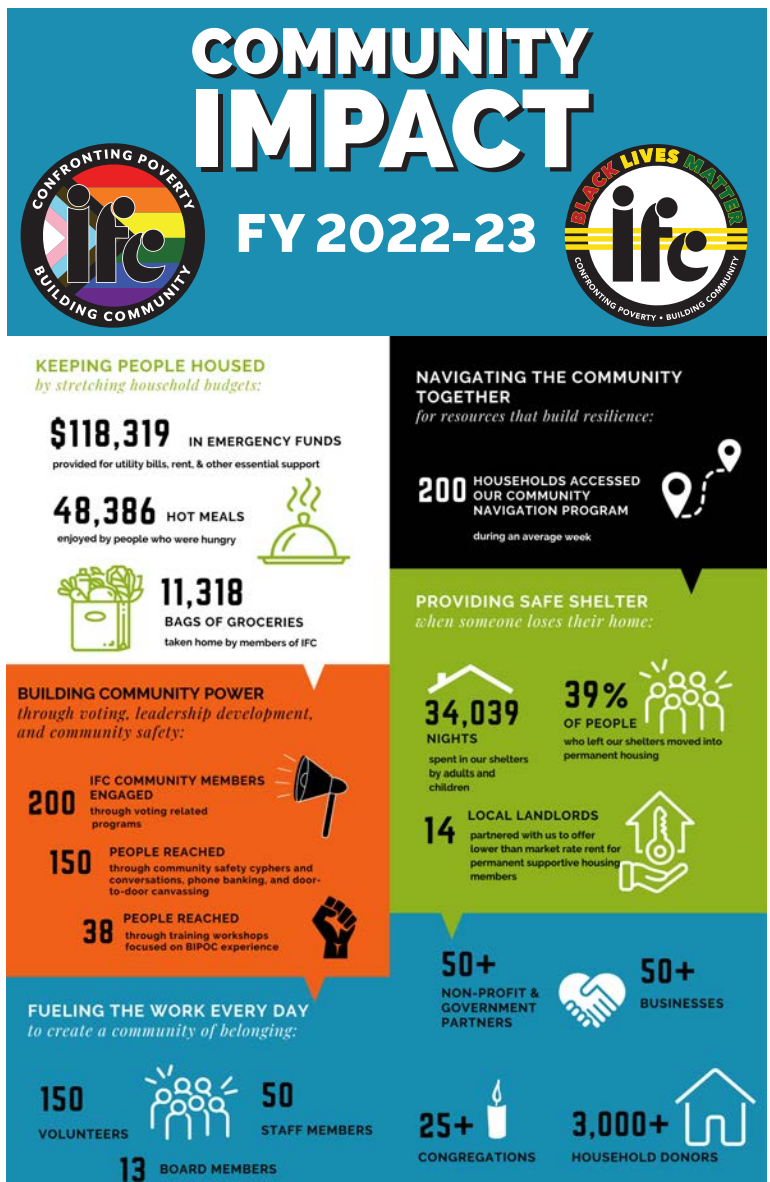
# IFC Board of Directors

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Tom Fenn, Treasurer  
Dow Williamson, Secretary

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Dow Williamson





# GIVE TODAY

and help IFC support our community



## ONLINE

Use your credit card at [ifcweb.org](http://ifcweb.org) and schedule a recurring gift.



## DONOR-ADVISED FUND

Recommend a grant to IFC on a timeline that is comfortable for you.

## QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

If you are 70 1/2 years old, designate all or part of your RMD to IFC with the use of a Qualified Charitable Distribution.



## STOCKS or SECURITIES

Complete a transfer electronically by contacting Jennifer Gill at [jgill@ifcmailbox.org](mailto:jgill@ifcmailbox.org) or 919.929.6380 x2031.

## PLANNED GIFTS:

### Will, Trust, Life Insurance Policy or Retirement Account

Name IFC as beneficiary of a planned gift and ensure a lasting legacy. Contact Jennifer Gill at [jgill@ifcmailbox.org](mailto:jgill@ifcmailbox.org) or 919.929.6380 x2031 to discuss.



## CHECK

Mail a check made out to IFC to the address below.

Donations are tax-deductible. IFC's EIN is 59-1224041.

**I believe in a community that meets everyone's basic needs. Please complete, detach coupon, and enclose with your check made out to IFC.**

**Mail to: IFC • 110 W. Main Street • Carrboro NC 27510**

You may also make a secure donation at [www.ifcweb.org](http://www.ifcweb.org) or by calling 919-929-6380 x2031.

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Here is my one-time gift.

\$1000  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in  honor  memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send news of this gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

### I want to be a sustaining donor.

Please charge my card  quarterly  monthly in the amount of:  \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer not to be listed publicly as an IFC donor

My employer will match my gift: contact me

IFC is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

**THANK YOU!**

FN2023



Eating together  
because I ate in my  
room all the time.

- DH, Resident &  
Volunteer

When the staff  
danced outside.

- Anonymous  
Member

Getting my housing voucher.

-Tracy Harris,  
Resident

One of my favorite memory  
connected with IFC is when  
I got a bed. Another favorite  
memory is the food.

- J, Resident

A place  
to stay.

- James, Resident

OUR  
*Fondest*  
MEMORIES



## vision

A community that meets everyone's basic needs, including dignified and affordable housing, an abundance of healthy food, and meaningful social connection.

## mission

To confront the causes and respond to the effects of poverty in our community.

## values

**Mutual Respect** We all have equal value and are worthy of honor, dignity, and security. Respect for one another is both a right and a responsibility.

**Social Justice** We advocate within political, economic, and social systems to promote justice as to the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges in society.

**Community Power** Everyone benefits when those experiencing the problem lead us toward solutions.

**Self-Determination** People have a right to make choices about how to live their lives and work toward their goals.

**Integrity** We are authentic, ethical, and transparent.