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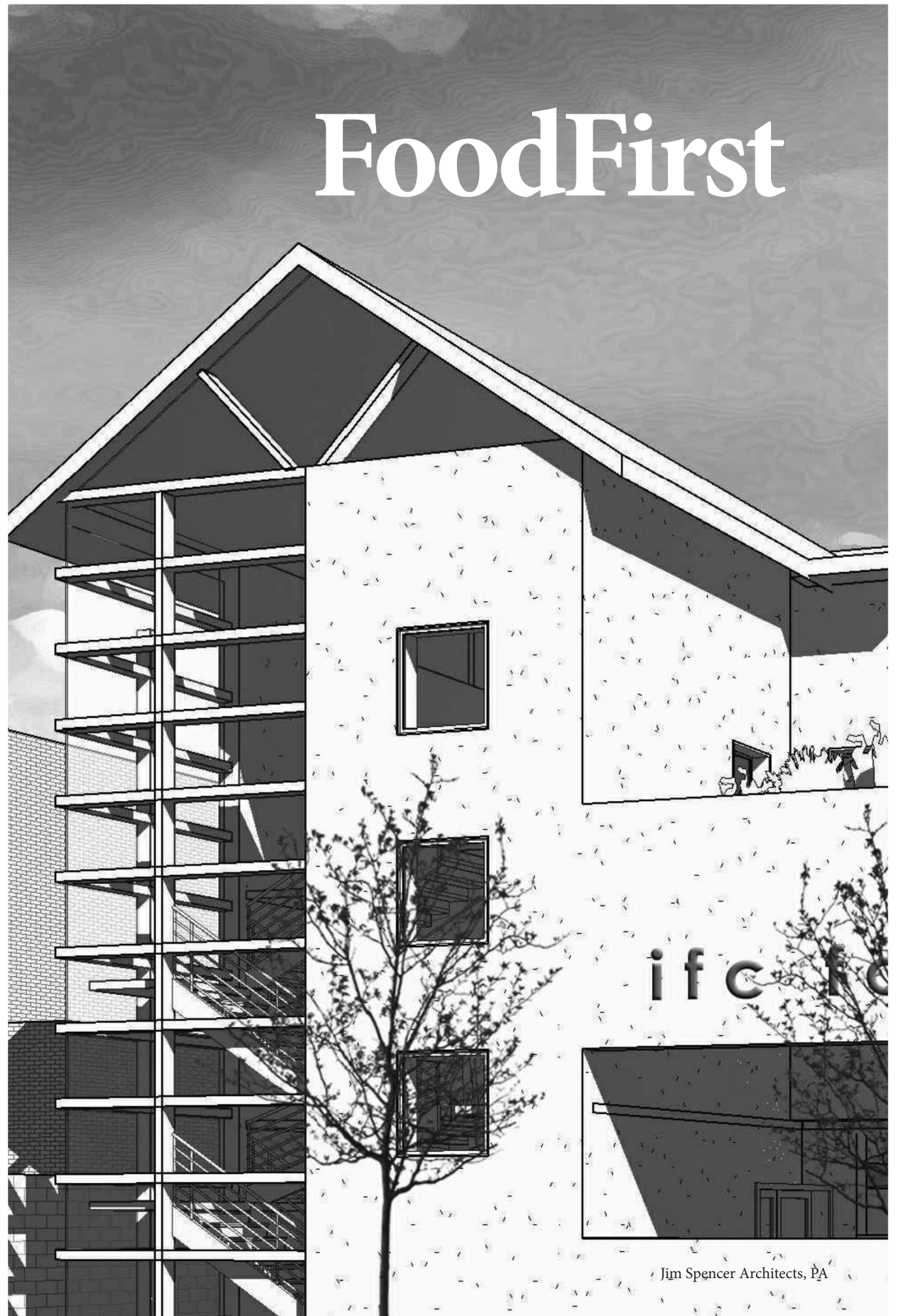
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About the IFC

In 1963, a group of seven local women united their volunteer efforts to address the conditions of poverty in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The Inter-Faith Council was created “to discover unmet needs and to respond through the coordinated efforts of volunteers.”

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INTER-FAITH COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

IFC @ SECU Community House: Housing for Homeless Men

1315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Phone: 919-967-1086

IFC @ SECU Community House is a community of residents, staff, and volunteers working cooperatively. The Community House is a three-stage housing program designed to assist homeless men transitioning from homelessness to living independently in the community. Community House offers medical, dental, and mental health treatment; social worker support; job coaching; and referrals to community agencies; as well as referrals for substance abuse education and counseling. The new Community House serves breakfast and dinner for residents. Volunteers currently work as job coaches, social workers who provide case management, in data entry, as administrative assistants, as receptionists, and for Orange Literacy doing literacy tutoring and writing workshops.

HOMESTART:

Residential Facility for Homeless Women and Children

Phone: 919-932-6025

HomeStart provides 24-hour emergency and longer-term housing and services to homeless women and children. HomeStart's mission is to provide "a safe, structured home for homeless women and children, helping them to access community resources and offering everyone ongoing support to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness."

Volunteers at HomeStart perform: maintenance; act as receptionists; provide clerical assistance; process belongings; stock bedrooms; receive, process, organize, and store donations; purchase and prepare meals; are kitchen assistants; evening floaters; part of recreation groups; work in the garden; lead writing workshops as part of Orange Literacy .

FOODFIRST:

Community Kitchen

100 W. Rosemary Street,
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Phone: 919-967-0643

The Community Kitchen serves two hot meals a day, Monday-Friday and serves one mid-day meal on weekends, free of charge for anyone who is hungry. It provides about 40,000 meals to hungry persons every year. Nearly all of the food is donated, and volunteers/volunteer groups prepare and serve meals, clean up afterward, and help pick up, receive, sort, and store food.

FOODFIRST:

Food Pantry

110 W. Main Street
Carrboro, NC 27510
Phone: 919-929-6380

The Food Pantry provides around 1,100 bags of groceries to those in need every month. Households in Chapel Hill or Carrboro, or adults who work in those communities, may become members of the Pantry and receive groceries once a month.

Volunteers act as receptionists and give out, pick up, unload, and organize food as well as stock shelves.

CRISIS INTERVENTION:

Homelessness Prevention and Meeting Basic Needs

110 W. Main Street
Carrboro, NC 27510
Phone: 919-929-6380

The Crisis Intervention program exists to help people stay in their homes. It serves anyone who lives or works in Chapel Hill or Carrboro and who is facing economic uncertainty, illness, or hardship by providing food, clothing, rent, utility assistance, transportation, information, and referrals.

ROBERT NIXON CLINIC

(Services Provided by Piedmont
Health Services, Sponsored by UNC
Health Care):

IFC @ SECU Community House

1315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

With the opening of the new IFC @ SECU Community House, Piedmont Health Services is providing medical, dental services and mental health assessments at no cost to residents of both shelters. The pharmacy at

Carrboro Community Health Center fills prescriptions written by clinic providers. The clinic operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is staffed by PHS employees. There are three exam rooms and two dental chairs in the medical clinic. Lab work and immunizations are provided. Psychologists conduct mental health assessments.

SUPPORT CIRCLES:

Phone: 919-929-6380 ext.16

Support Circles provide support to individuals and families who are experiencing — or at risk of — homelessness and who are transitioning into permanent housing. In 2012 the Support Circles program began as a completely volunteer-led program with two support circles. Currently five support circles can be sustained at any given time throughout the year. IFC is happy to report that the families who have completed the Support Circles program since 2012 are all still housed.

From moving to transportation, goal setting to problem solving, volunteer Support Circle teams provide material, practical, financial, and relational support.

IFC Fiscal Years 2012-2016

- Bags of Food Distributed: 80,573
- Meals Served: 329, 890
- Holiday Meals: 4,348
- Bed Nights for Men: 83, 879
- Bed Nights for Women and Children: 66,043
- Distributed by Crisis Unit: \$780,672
- Volunteer Hours: 205,235

*The UNC Hospital sponsored Robert
Nixon Clinic transitioned
over to our partner*

Piedmont Health Services in 2015.

July 2016- January 2017

- Medical visits: 364
- Mental health visits: 102
- Dental visits: 145
- Prescriptions written and dispensed: 1,047

July 2016- January 2017

- 15 men moved from IFC @ SECU Community House to permanent housing.
- 11 women with children and 2 single women moved from HomeStart to permanent housing.

IFC Staff Roster

Co-Director: John Dorward

**Co-Director & Community
Services Director:** Kristin Lavergne

Finance & Operations Director:
Jeff Causey

Residential Services Director:
Stephani Kilpatrick

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Shannon Gigliotti

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Rex Mercer, Gwynne Pomeroy

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Case Manager:** Debra Vestal

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Wesley Norwood, Sylvester Bethea

Bookkeeper: Tara Stephenson

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In Love and Community - Welcome Home Jackie



San Francisco Board Supervisor Jane Kim and Jackie

54 years ago a group of seven local women created the Inter-Faith Council as a way to help “address the conditions of poverty” in this community. In 2017 a woman steps up to lead the Inter-Faith Council into its future. It is with delight that the IFC welcomes Jackie Jenks as our new Executive Director.

Jackie was chosen as IFC’s Executive Director from a field of 72 candidates after a long and rather arduous process that John Dorward has said was “not for the faint of heart.” But as Keith Taylor says, “ IFC was very fortunate to have such a strong field of candidates. That made for a difficult decision, but was a great problem to have. We are looking forward to having Jackie lead us as we move forward. She brings with her an abundance of knowledge and experience as well as tremendous passion.”

The difficult search process is ultimately meant to answer these questions: Who will be the next leader? Who will help support organizational growth and stability? Who will help meet the needs of the community and who will do so with heart, compassion, wisdom, and pragmatism?

At the end of the search process, the search team and the IFC Board had answered these questions. They had found Jackie. For the rest of the IFC family we learn about Jackie through her own words and the words of others.

How does she see life and work? “My high school principal once started an assembly by saying, “Integrity is what you do when no one else is looking.” I have always remembered that and have committed to conduct myself accordingly. I think it is important to be honest and transparent with people, even if it is difficult sometimes. I’m upfront and trustworthy; I really don’t know any other way to be.

Honesty and integrity are also on my short list of the most important values I look for in staff and in people in my life in general. If I can trust a person, I’m certain we can work almost anything out.”

How does she weave pragmatism, vision and meeting critical needs together?

“I think we always need to dream. We need to hope every day that things will someday be different, that we will make them different. The vision comes from our hopes and dreams and the belief in our collective power. But while we’re dreaming, people are still suffering. So we need to meet the critical needs that folks have now - that can’t wait. We can manage both at the same time, though - I have seen that work very successfully. I guess I’m a pragmatic visionary!”

For the last 22 years Jackie has been a pragmatic visionary in her work at Hospitality House. On March 14, 2017 Supervisor Jane Kim of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, presented Jackie with a commendation from the City and County of San Francisco. At IFC’s request, Supervisor Kim was happy to send us the words that she spoke to honor Jackie.

“These are the words most associated with the person that I am honoring here today, Jackie Jenks: Incredibly smart. Fearless. Dedicated to community-rooted work. Cool-headed. Unflappable. Eternally optimistic. Courageous. Jackie is a 22-year Hospitality House veteran who began her employment with the agency in 1995 as an Employment Counselor just a year after she graduated the University of Dayton. She has held many positions during her tenure at Hospitality House and was promoted to her current position as the Executive Director in 2001 after a five-year post as director for the Shelter Program. Jackie has over 20 years of experience working in the field and earned her Master’s in Social Work degree from San Francisco State University in 2002.

For anyone unfamiliar with Hospitality House, this is an organization that began as a drop-in, gathering space for people who flooded the Haight-Ashbury during 1967’s summer of love. It was one of the first nonprofit human services organizations providing free services to those in dire straits or just in need of an ear and a helping hand. Today, it continues to be deeply rooted in the heart of the Tenderloin but has expanded to the mid-Market and Sixth Street corridor and includes programs that are designed to build both the individual’s and the community’s strength,

self-sufficiency, and self-esteem – the Community Arts Program is the only free fine arts studio and gallery space for artists and neighborhood residents whose socioeconomic struggles would otherwise prevent them from being a part of the rich artistic and cultural ecosystem of our City; Community Building Program that provides a way for residents to learn about policies and laws being proposed that are of concern and to be a part of the civic and political process by engaging with policymakers; their Employment Program, which helps connect individuals to gainful employment that is critical to stabilizing their lives; their on-site Shelter Program, which was the City’s first overnight shelter, born in 1982, when the country sustained severe cuts to the federal housing program, which continues to provide intensive case managed shelter stays for veterans, immigrants and refugees, people with mental health issues, seniors, and ex-offenders.

Last but not least, the drop-in centers of Hospitality House – these centers are its heart. Almost 20,000 people, many people deeply scarred from trauma and many of them homeless, visited in one year alone, to use the free phones, bathrooms, and the lounge to just be themselves, rest their feet, and talk with people, staff hired from the neighborhood, who, like Jackie, are not there to force people into programs or to judge what may be an individual’s lowest moment – but instead, are there to listen & relate with their own ups and downs.

...As her good friend and colleague puts it (thank you Jenny): “Jackie always works for the collective good - not just for herself or her own agency, but for all destitute people. This feminine quality- to do tough work humbly without regards for self - is somewhat common. But Jackie, as a mother, a director and a mentor, was a master at it and made it an art form.”

... Jackie, we are so sad to be saying farewell to you. But we wish you all the best as you begin on a new adventure in North Carolina with your partner, Jay, and your 3 beautiful children, Jaden, Jacob and James.

There really are no words to express the thanks and the respect that we have for you – you’ve built an organization and a community that truly reflect your life of integrity, respect, and love for others and we have been so incredibly lucky to have had you in the heart of the Tenderloin for over 22 years.”

For Jackie, she leaves the home of “half her life” and looks towards IFC and North Carolina this way: “I am pulled to the Triangle Area because my sister and her family live here and really love the area. Living closer to family has always been a dream of mine, and now that dream is coming true. One of the things I love the most about working at Hospitality House is the true sense of community. That is definitely something that struck me right away about the IFC. Being founded by volunteers and still having such a committed volunteer force more than 50 years later is incredibly impressive.” In the way of things so different and yet so much the same she says, “The issues of poverty and homelessness are structural, and they are very similar regardless of what community you live in. I have found that people largely are not living poor or without a stable living situation because of a personal failing. We have very broken education, workforce, and housing systems in this country that perpetuate the very problems we say we are trying to solve. That is true everywhere, and I can certainly see the similarities between San Francisco and Chapel Hill-Carrboro, just on a different scale.”

In this excerpt from Jackie’s good-bye to Hospitality House we see a little of the IFC’s future and just who our humble “just-jackie” leader will be. And, we feel it in her closing. It is only fitting that we use her words... **“Jackie, it is in Love and Community we welcome you home to IFC.”**

EXCERPT

March 6, 2017

Dear Friends,

For the past 22 years, I have had the honor of walking up Leavenworth Street every day into the heart of the Tenderloin and through the doors of the most incredible organization I have ever known. Hospitality House stole my heart the day I walked in, and I have spent half of my life here.

Hospitality House and I have had a remarkable journey. We’ve had our struggles and our growing pains. We’ve loved each other passionately, and we’ve wanted to give up at times, too. It was here that I made my first public testimony at City Hall, wrote my first grant, developed my first budget, and supervised my first staff team. It was Hospitality House that taught me the true meaning of social justice and showed me the power of community.

... As I bid farewell to you, my beloved community, I know this isn’t really goodbye. I will always hold Hospitality House and this community in my heart, and I will stay connected. Thank you all for being on this journey with me, for teaching and mentoring me, for supporting me during the difficult times, and for helping me become a better person. Let us not be strangers. Our work continues, only in a different way.

**In Love and Community,
just-jackie
Jackie Jenks**

No Water...

Letter to the Editor
News and Observer
February 10, 2017

IFC Says Thanks Everyone

We couldn't have done it without you: I write today to say thank you to all the different individuals and groups who stepped up and helped the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) during the recent water emergency. After speaking with local officials, it was decided we should shelter those people staying in the men's and women's shelters in place and we would continue to offer meals at the community kitchen. This is easier said than done when housing and feeding approximately 100-150 people without relying on public water supplies. However, I need not have worried as the phones started ringing almost immediately with offers of water, paper plates, plastic utensils and antiseptic wipes. While we had some emergency supplies of water, paper plates and utensils to draw upon, those disappeared fairly quickly without any water coming from the taps.

I would like to thank everyone who brought us items we needed, but most people came by one of our facilities, dropped off their supplies and left before we could get any identifying information. I do have a partial list: Orange County Literacy Council, the Carrboro Police Department, Greenleaf Vineyard Church, United Church, Summit Church, Orange United Methodist Church, Elizabeth Waugh-Duford family and the Orange County Emergency Management team. I was helping to haul water from Carrboro to our women and children's shelter, HomeStart, when one of the women staying with us told me how overwhelmed she was with the outpouring of help. She saw all of these people worrying about her when they didn't have water at their own homes. She thought it said a lot about this area and the quality of the people who live here. I couldn't agree more.

So, thank you to everyone who took the time to help us out, even as you were trying to take care of yourselves through a difficult time.

John W. Dorward - IFC Co-Director

On February 2, 2017 a water main break flooded out residents of some apartments in Chapel Hill. On February 3-4, OWASA customers were advised to avoid drinking or using the public water supply. This advisory impacted Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC-Chapel Hill.

With the help of IFC's friends, the shelters and Community Kitchen remained open. The next week IFC and OWASA set up the Water Emergency Relief Fund to help those impacted financially by the emergency.

On October 12, 2016 the IFC @ SECU Community House was honored to receive the Housing North Carolina Award.



Pictured left to right: Orange County Board of Commissioners Chair, Mark Dorosin; IFC Co-Director, Kristin Lavergne; Pam Hemminger, Mayor of Chapel Hill; Tom Maltais, Manager, Community Relations at UNC Health Care; Keith Taylor, IFC Board President; Bernadine Cobb, Vice President/City Executive at North Carolina State Employees' Credit Union; Mary Beth Koza, Past President, IFC Board; Jennifer Player, IFC Board member and Audrey Spencer-Horsley, former Orange County Housing, Community Development & Human Rights Department Director.

This award is given for "excellence in affordable housing" by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. The award is a statewide award and each of the last 27 years, has recognized "outstanding home ownership, rental and supportive housing developments that can serve as models for other communities. Winning developments were selected for affordability, design, sustainability, community contribution, resident services and creative partnerships. The award winners were honored during the N.C. Affordable Housing Conference at the Raleigh Convention Center. The conference hosted approximately 1,000 housing industry professionals."

"The N.C. Housing Finance Agency is a self-supporting public agency that has financed more than 242,000 affordable homes and apartments. The Agency hosts the N.C. Affordable Housing Conference, in partnership with the Community Investment Corporation of the Carolinas and the N.C. Housing Coalition."

The IFC is grateful for this recognition and for the confirmation given to all our partners who worked so hard with us to make our IFC @ SECU Community House a reality.

The IFC Capital Campaign for Community House set a goal of \$5,760,000 and actually raised \$5,900,000. The building nor the IFC have any debt. The IFC @ SECU Community House has been open 1.5 years.



A Letter from John Dorward & Kristin Lavergne

Kristin and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and your understanding as the IFC has rebounded and adapted to the loss of Michael back in August. We are delighted to see Jackie Jenks coming on board April 10. She is an outstanding addition to our team and we are excited to see where she will lead us in the years to come.

The last few months have been busy ones for the IFC as we tackled a variety of projects. While the search for our new leader took up a fair amount of time, much of that work was shouldered by our search firm, moss+ross, and the Search Committee. Both of these groups did yeoman's work and the results will bear fruit for years to come. Jackie was chosen after meeting with a variety of local stakeholders on a very long day of interviewing.

We have also submitted our application for re-zoning of the Douglas Building property so we can combine our community kitchen with our community pantry. This combination will put all of our food programs under one roof, meaning any food being used by our feeding programs will come to one spot. We have met with a variety of staff and advisory boards for the Town of Carrboro over the last few months and expect to have a public hearing scheduled soon. If all goes well, we should have a yes or no from the Board of Aldermen before they break for the summer at the end of June.

We continue to see very strong demand for our services, throughout our various programs. In particular, we are seeing numbers being fed at the Community Kitchen that rival those when the men's shelter was still housed in the same building on Rosemary Street. The numbers dropped quite a bit when the 50 or so men who lived on site moved to 1315 MLK, Jr. Blvd. and the IFC @ SECU Community House. Since that time the numbers have rebounded and we are now serving virtually the same number of meals as we were before the switch. Our two shelters are continuing to see waiting lists and are running at capacity almost all of the time. While the number of bags of groceries being

distributed through the Community Pantry were down a bit last year, the drop still reflects much higher numbers going out the door than what we distributed before the Great Recession.

We simply cannot continue to do this work without your support, both monetarily and through your donations of food. We are well aware of the many demands placed on your disposable income by any number of worthwhile programs, many in our local community. However, there are very few safety net agencies left, and if we aren't able to help our most struggling neighbors, then who will? ***Please help us continue doing the work you have relied on us to do for our community for almost 54 years now.***

The Dedicated Duo

Rebecca McCulloh had so much fun planning John Dorward's retirement party in August of 2015. But it was not until the last detail was done and the ribbon was cut at the new Community House that John left. Then, he and his Lovely Pat were off and running on a real retirement adventure. They went on two fabulous extended trips...second honeymoon? There were the small trips and day trips, apple picking and Segway rides, and neighborhood strolls. But in the never-say-never way that life changes things, John ended up taking a "vacation from his retirement" and returning to IFC.

Kristin Lavergne's quiet dedication to IFC is known by the many clients, volunteers and staff who have witnessed her hard work and broad smile at IFC. In the last 23 years, she has worn many hats, and in the last two years, multiple hats at one time.

Over the last eight months John and Kristin have led IFC during the E.D. search. As Board President Keith Taylor says, "The Board of Directors owes a great deal of gratitude to John Dorward and Kristin Lavergne for all they have done as co-Executive Directors these last several months. Kristin stepped up well beyond her comfort zone and did an amazing job. John agreed to come back from his well deserved retirement and kept everything running. He has been instrumental in moving FoodFirst forward. Kristin and John have made it easier to be able to hand over the reins to Jackie when she arrives. Their dedication to IFC and the clientele serve as an inspiration to us all."

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SHARED VISION by Brenda Camp

Shoppers entering a Weaver Street Market (WSM) store are immediately greeted by bins mounded high with colorful, vibrant fruits and vegetables. Our natural, organic, and local produce is a big draw for our shoppers—15% of our sales come from produce. For us that’s an important measure of success. Connecting our owners and shoppers with food that is healthy, tasty, and fun is one of our 2020 Goals. Two years ago, Mary Carey, a WSM owner and community volunteer, came to us with a very different vision of success. She and leaders from four local hunger-relief organizations reminded us that there are many, many in our community who do not have enough food for their families.

A number of reasons for the shortage were identified, all related to insufficient resources, both money and time. Debbie Horwitz from PORCH explained that the families her organization serves are working families, but most have little money for food toward the end of the month after covering basic living expenses and depleting their SNAP dollars, which do not adequately cover the cost of food, especially healthy food choices. Kay Stagner from Orange Congregation in Missions (OCIM) noted that many clients come to the food banks when they have emergency needs, such as a loss of income or sudden medical bills. Kristin Lavergne from the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) added that even an unplanned expense, like replacing a tire, can drain away funds needed for food. Ashton Tippins observed that the food in weekend backpacks that children receive from TABLE needs to be easy to prepare because the parents often work multiple jobs and the children fix the food themselves or with the help of an older sibling.

The leaders from these hunger-relief organizations asked if we’d allow them to collect food in our stores for the kids and families served by their programs. It was a simple, modest request. They each had a list of non-perishable foods that the families needed each month, and they hoped we’d sell them at discounted prices for our shoppers to purchase and donate. For us, it struck a chord far deeper. It reminded us that we’re a co-op—community owned, community supported—but only part of our community had access to the fresh food we sell every day.

In January 2015, WSM formed the Community Food Partnerships PORCH, TABLE, the IFC, and Orange Congregations in Mission (OCIM)—as a sustainable way for the WSM community to help the organizations provide healthy food for those in need in our communities, particularly children, low-income families, and families in crisis. Rather than donate packaged and canned food, we asked our shoppers to donate the fresh vegetables, fruit, and eggs they value for their own families.

We hosted three 2-week long campaigns for our new partners: a “Bags of Produce” campaign for PORCH’s families, a “Fill Me Up Backpacks” campaign for

TABLE’s kids, and a “Bags of Apples” campaign for the families served by IFC’s and OCIM’s food pantries. A significant piece of each campaign was educating our shoppers about the issue of food insecurity in our community. Volunteers from the organizations and our front-end staff talked to shoppers about the critical need for healthy food for these families. The fresh food campaigns resonated deeply with our community-oriented shoppers. Donations exceeded \$83,000 for the three 2015 campaigns.

Many told us that it’s easy to forget about those in need and that they appreciated having a way to donate fresh foods. For our three 2016 campaigns, we promoted the campaigns more broadly, switched the “Bags of Apples” campaign to our first Round Up to test the appeal of small donations from numerous shoppers, and hoped to raise 20% more than the first year. Our community of owners, workers, and shoppers raised \$133,000 in the three campaigns, an increase of 60%.

In two years, WSM’s Community Food Partnerships has raised \$216,000 for fresh groceries for our food partners—TABLE, PORCH, IFC, and OCIM. WSM used 100% of the funds to source more than 200,900 pounds of fresh food for our partners. For PORCH, the fresh groceries filled more than 2,500 40-pound boxes of produce for the refugee families from Burma. For TABLE, the fresh groceries filled more than 5,300 backpacks for the kids in the summer backpack program.

Our pilot “Round Up!” food campaign asked shoppers to round up their total bill to the nearest dollar, donating the extra to the IFC and OCIM food pantries. More than 82,500 times our shoppers rounded up for donations surpassing \$43,500. We loved the Round Up! campaign because it made a big impact with small donations that anyone can make.

We checked in with our food partners at the beginning of the year as we prepared for our 2017 food campaigns. What we heard was much gratitude for the WSM community that continues to support the hunger-relief programs. As our relationships with our community food partners grow, so does our understanding of the challenges they face—the most critical is having a sustainable, predictable flow of food for the families and kids in need. We’re discovering new ways to collaborate and draw upon our resources and experience as a food retailer with three stores and a warehouse.

Our third campaign for PORCH’s Food for Families program is coming to an end in a few days. It has produced record-breaking donations exceeding \$48,000. At the end of each campaign we wonder just how far we can reach into the community with our fresh food campaigns. With a shared vision and the commitment of WSM, our community, and our community partners, we’ll continue until everyone in our community has enough good food to eat.



The IFC thanks Weaver Street Market for all that they do as our partner in feeding the hungry of our community. Their weekly deliveries of fruits and vegetables, the deli items we pick up 4 times a week from them go a long way in supporting the IFC Food Pantry.



**INTER-FAITH COUNCIL
FOR SOCIAL SERVICE**

2016 IFC Annual Fund Donors

Dear IFC Friends,

As many of you may know, but in case you didn't, the IFC has experienced a great deal of change and challenge over the past year. Familiar faces have moved on to new paths while new people have taken up the mantle of supporting the IFC in providing food, housing, medical, and financial assistance for those in need. Amidst this change some things remain constant and thankfully, one of those is the generosity of our community of supporters who continue to provide time, food and money to support the mission of the IFC.

We would like to thank everyone who has responded to our appeals for support during the past year. The process of assembling these lists reveals the depth and breadth of support IFC is blessed with in this community. Compiling the lists borders on overwhelming and has been a challenge in trying to ensure they are as accurate and complete as possible. Should errors or omissions be discovered, please contact me at (919) 929-6380 ext. 12 and I hope you will accept my apologies in advance.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,
Jeff Causey,
Finance & Operations Director

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The IFC thanks Farmer's Foodshare, Fresh Market, Panera Bread, Weaver Street Market, for their ongoing donations of food to the FoodFirst Pantry, Community Kitchen, Community House and HomeStart.

To Trader Joe's: as noted in our last edition, we could not make the difference we make nor feed the hungry without your help. Your donations of produce and proteins, make up 75% of the meals served at the Community Kitchen and 80% of meals served at Community House.

The Children Give

Feeling Loved - Sarah Zink and 13 of her Holy Trinity's Joyful Servants Youth Group had a plan. They would make "birthday-in-a-bag" kits for families in need. Their goal? To make others feel special and loved. 10 birthday bags were made with party necessities from cake mix and frosting to party plates, hats, noisemakers; each contained a small gift. The "best" item in the bag was a very special heartfelt hand-made, card. The Joyful Servants now look at birthdays and giving in a whole new light and thanks to them 10 children will feel a little more loved, a little more special and this year have a brighter birthday.



Making cards is fun!



"You are Special" heartfelt card



Holy Trinity's Joyful Servants Youth Group Birthday Bag Complete!

Keep Inspiring Us Avery and Jacob Brancu!

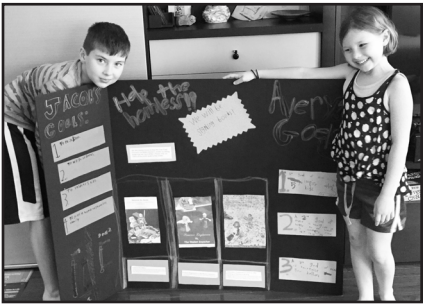
The last time we checked in on Jacob Brancu he had written one book and was writing his second. Books were on sale at Amazon and proceeds were going to the IFC for A Lotta Love's transformation of HomeStart. He had raised \$70.00 and was still writing. His younger sister Avery had also gotten the bug, she was six at the time and decided she and a friend of hers should write their own book because they wanted to help too. Avery and Jacob took their interest and heart and connected with Small Hands, Big Hearts United (SHBHU) a group which "nurtures and supports children's innate desires to do good in the world." Through SHBHU they got clear on their goals and defined them: "to donate at least \$700 for a room, to give at least 1 family a home, make at least 10 books, and inspire 5 kids".

Jacob with his co-author has written two more books (a trilogy!) and he, Avery and their co-authors have worked at different fundraising events to meet their goals. They have also made trips to HomeStart and those visits have kept them inspired and focused. In the last year they have raised and donated \$800.00 to A Lotta Love and in the process have inspired not only five children but the adults around them too.

Jacob says, "Honestly I didn't expect to meet any goal and I ended up going past it!" Avery says, "We are selling books to earn money for homeless people so that they could get a better life."



Avery, Mira and Jacob Brancu



Jacob and Avery setting up for a fund-raising event.

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Ways to Give

IFC's annual budget is approximately \$1.9 million, with only about 10% of revenues coming from public sources. It is the generosity of individuals, congregations, businesses, foundations and other friends that help IFC continue its work and maintain our current level of services.

IFC was a top-rated 2014 GREATNONPROFITS and is a GuideStar Exchange Gold Participant. IFC is a public charity eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our EIN is 59-1224041.

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You may contribute financially online, by mail, or via phone call to Jeff Causey at 919-929-6380, ext.12. All account information is kept confidential. Cash or check can be mailed to: IFC, 110 W. Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510

Duke Energy Share the Warmth/Cooling Assistance

You can help provide low-income families with financial assistance for their energy bills. Customers complete a "Customer Contribution" form with Duke Energy.

The Furniture Project

By donating your gently used, apartment sized furniture you can be part of this community-wide outreach. Between 05/12-03/17, 600 Orange County families and individuals have been the recipients of fully or partially furnished homes. (In 2016, 77 families were helped and 76 children who were previously sleeping on the floor.) To donate or learn more, contact: Jane Hathaway at jhathaway1@nc.rr.com, cell 919-612-2759 or Jeff Hathaway cell 919-612-0922.

Gift Card Giving

The IFC offers an array of gift cards, including Mother's Day for HomeStart cards. Whether you make a contribution to IFC as a gesture of sympathy, in the spirit of holiday giving, or to honor someone, the IFC will send the designated recipient(s) a gift card selected by the donor stating that their gift will be used to help those in need.

Network for Good

Visit Network for Good online and donate to IFC through debit, credit cards or Paypal. <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/IFC>



OWASA Care to Share Program

By donating to the Care to Share program, you can help families in need pay their water bills. Round up your bill to the nearest dollar, or select any whole dollar amount to add as a donation to your OWASA bills.

Planned Giving

You can plan gifts today that will benefit IFC tomorrow. Your planned gift of a bequest, life insurance policy, gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust is an important investment in the life of the IFC. To discuss how you can be a part of strengthening our future, please call Jeff Causey at 919-929-6380, ext.12.

Vehicle Donations

If you have a car you no longer need, you may donate it to IFC as a charitable contribution made through CARS. Please call 877-537-5277 for more information.

Workplace Giving

You may designate IFC to receive a recurring payroll deduction or a one-time gift through these charitable-giving campaigns: **State Employees Combined Campaign**, #1475-029; **United Way of the Greater Triangle**, #540.



These fantastic ladies - Anne, Janice, Wendy and Cheryl from Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill visited HomeStart this week. Together with their Church they created a gift closet for children staying at the shelter in Chapel Hill. Tons of wrapped gifts will now be given out to children during the year. When they have a birthday, are sick or just need an encouragement.

They also raised funds to do a bedroom makeover! We can't thank you enough for this wonderful and thoughtful gift and we are so grateful for your support of A Lotta Love. Thanks to them, it was a Happy New 2017!

Grateful Thanks

Pete Warshaw: For the many months of donated time, energy and effort he has given to IFC and the IFC Board. He has brought his decades of knowledge and world-class professional skills, advice and guidance to us. We could not be more grateful.

Wells Fargo Financial Advisors: For their 100% office participation drive that supplied critical shelter needs to HomeStart and Community House.

Jon Shain and his many friends: For hosting his annual Post Turkey Day Jam, which was held this year as a Pre Turkey Day Jam. They raised \$665 for the IFC.

Bethany Stauber and The Summit Church: For Christmas trees and craft time at Homestart.

Michele, Sydney and Eli Melet: For helping the HomeStart kids make gifts for their moms and for their continuing efforts to raise funds for HomeStart through "Mother's Day for HomeStart!"

Katy O'Leary of Rishi Salon in Chapel Hill: For her beautiful and festive event at the salon. Ornaments on the Angel Tree represented a "wish list" gift for the children of HomeStart that attendees could purchase.

Ms. Helen (a beloved regular HomeStart volunteer), & her fellow church members: For the families and single women adventure to Chuck E. Cheese.

Lotta Sjoelin and her volunteers: For the fantasy, magical Christmas party for the children, which included visits from Santa, Elsa from the movie Frozen and gifts for children and moms; and for their continuing transformation of HomeStart.

Belk at Southpoint: For gift bags for the single women of HomeStart and donated items for the men's wishlists.

Community donors: For holiday contributions to the women's and men's wishlists and ensuring that every Community House resident received a \$30 gift card.

Hunter Levinsohn and Beth-El Synagogue, Tom O'Dwyer: For their donations of holiday items for the men including: gloves, toiletries and underwear.

Volunteer Social Worker Olivia and her mother, as well as long-time card volunteer Miriam Fahrner: For their Christmas cards to the men and their blank Christmas card gifts for the men to be able to give to others.

Sallie Moore and Church of the Advocate: Shared carols and cookies with the men at dinnertime one December evening, as well as donated gift cards.

United Church: For another marvelous and fun filled New Year's Eve concert. The Bradshaw Quartet along with special guest singers who provided the music. They raised \$5,000 for the IFC---such a great way to send the year out in style.

The Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Women On Mission: Donated Valentine's gifts to HomeStart.

Pot Kettle Farm: For egg donations to HomeStart.

Maggie Mraz from Love Chapel Hill: Brought a clothing truck to HomeStart. Residents were able to pick out clothing and get free hot chocolate.

Soltys Adult Day Health Program: Donated blankets to HomeStart.

The volunteers on the Support Circles Advisory Committee: Nancy Farmer, April Cooper, Amy Chambless, Kathy Millika, Karin Foarde, Donna Carrington, Jon Young, Jane Hathaway.

Willis and Pat Brooks: For the idea and the gift of IFC bumperstickers!

Anna Setzer and DeVaughn Swanson: for their service to the FoodFirst team and their work on the FoodFirst campaign last summer as interns.

Nancy Hudspeth: For providing a Resiliency Group for HomeStart residents.

Margaret Stumpf: Who has been writing our thank you postcards for over thirty years. We can never say thank you enough. Ever.

Tracy Oliver, Susie Martinelli and Kroger customers at Patterson Place in Durham: For their continuing drive to supply cosmetic & personal need supplies for HomeStart and Community House.

Jan Bolick and her Blanket Orange County volunteers: For the 352 blankets collected this winter and the 3010 they have collected and distributed since 2004.

Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life and Community Involvement and Tim Wu: For donating the \$1,237.00 prize of the cooking contest that Tim won to the IFC.

Kathy Lopez: We aren't sure what we would have done without you over the last few months. You have singlehandedly helped us dig out from under a ton of data entry work that built up when our Finance Director left us. You have helped Shannon with the new data base and have written the lovely gift cards. You are a dynamo and one of the most pleasant people anyone could encounter. We hope you will stay forever.

We Are IFC - You Are IFC

CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

Jackie Jenks our new Executive
Director's first day at IFC.
We are looking forward to this day!

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

CROP Hunger Walk, Carrboro
Commons
Registration begins at 1:30 and the walk
kicks off at 2:30.

APRIL-MAY, 2017

Mother's Day for HomeStart
You may buy cards through the IFC
website or Weaver Street Market.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017

Food For the Summer will deliver the
first lunches of the summer to our
Chapel Hill-Carrboro School District
children.

To learn more about *Food for the
Summer* or
to volunteer to help this summer,
please visit the
website: [http://www.
foodforthesummer.org/](http://www.foodforthesummer.org/)

CROP Hunger Walk

The 2017 Chapel Hill/Carrboro
CROP Hunger Walk will be held on
April 23rd. The walk is a 3.7 mile stroll
along the streets of Chapel Hill and
Carrboro and through the UNC cam-
pus. A mini-walk that is .8 miles is also
available. Registration begins at 1:30
and the walk kicks off from Carrboro
Town Commons at 2:30. A celebration
with food and music will follow the
walk's successful completion.

The Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP
Hunger Walk supports hunger relief
efforts globally and locally. Church
World Service, established in 1946, dis-
tributes 75% of the money to hunger
programs, refugees, disaster relief,
and self-help projects in more than 80
countries. The remaining 25% stays in
Carrboro and Chapel Hill to support
the IFC's food programs. During the
past 25 years, over \$1 million has been
raised by the Chapel Hill/Carrboro
CROP Hunger Walk to support IFC's
hunger relief efforts.

Contact the Chapel Hill/Carrboro
CROP Hunger Walk Coordinator Jo
Wyrick at jowyrick@aol.com for more
information.

RSVVP Breaks \$500,000!

A Letter from RSVVP Founder Irene Briggaman

WE DID IT!

What did WE do and who is this WE I speak of?

On January 5th, 2017, a check for 10% of the gross receipts from the
RSVVP Day event arrived at the Inter-Faith Council office (IFC) from the
SANDWHICH restaurant. It was immediately noted that the amount of the
check, when added to the cumulative total of money raised from RSVVP since
its inception in 1989, reached the very special milestone - a half-million dollars.

Who are the WE who made this happen? The WE are the generous and loyal
restaurant owners and managers who participate in the RSVVP event; some for
the first time or others for many years.

WE are the many diners who fill the restaurants on RSVVP day every year,
from families and friends to UNC students and faculty.

WE are the event sponsors who make it possible to cover marketing expens-
es so that all money raised goes to the hunger-relief programs of the IFC; the
Community Kitchen and the emergency food pantry.

WE are our local media; The Chapel Hill News, The Daily Tar Heel and 97.9
WCHL/1360 WCHL. Finally, WE are also our hard working RSVVP team who
recruit the participating restaurants, deliver the posters and table tents and
become our "reminders" for those restaurants who will complete the cycle by
sending in their 10% pledged donation.

Those who benefit from the FoodFirst hunger-relief programs of the IFC: the
Community Kitchen and the emergency food pantry, thank you.

And I thank you.
Irene Briggaman

Facebook Post January 5, 2017, SANDWHICH

I got a very cool call from Inter-Faith Council for Social Service today. It seems Sandwhich
was the "100th monkey" and our humble donation to their amazing RSVVP program
tipped the scales and brought their total earnings through RSVVP to half a million. And
they called me to tell me. And that right there is awesome, because of the personal call,
and the neighborliness, which MATTERS. It was a tiny donation, in the grand scheme of
things, but look at that! It made a difference. And that makes ME, Janet, feel good. Thank
you, customers, for all your support so that we can participate in things like RSVVP Day.



For the third year, Mother's Day for
HomeStart gift cards will be available
in April. This year they can be
purchased through our website or at
Weaver Street Market in Carrboro.
Michelle, Eli and Sydney Melet began
the Mother's Day for HomeStart
fundraiser in 2014 and have raised
over \$18,000 through the sale of the
cards. 100% of sale proceeds go to
HomeStart and funds are used to help
women get into permanent housing.
The illustrations on the cards are
drawn each year by the children of
HomeStart. A Better Image Printing
donates design time and the printing of
the cards.

Please consider purchasing a Mother's
Day for HomeStart card in honor of
someone you love.
<http://www.ifcweb.org/mother>

from "Fred"

by Tom Hallman

I had the pleasure of meeting Fred
on Christmas Day during our music
filled luncheon at the Chapel Hill
Comedy Club Kitchen. He seemed
frail, undernourished, near starved to
death. But his spirit was full and as he
spoke there was a sparkle in his eye
and certainty in his voice. I like that,
I also like the fact that one of the first
things he said to me has come straight
out of my own mouth: "We were like
oil and vinegar".

I understand that statement.

Fred and I talked a little and I gave
him my number along with Megan's
number at the Community House, so
hopefully he will not have to "camp
out" very long.

Early Monday morning Ole Fred
gives me a call as I was headed down
to the Chapel Hill Comedy Club
Kitchen to inform me that he was
freezing to death. I told him to hang
on and I would be there in a few or
as soon as the bus ran and would
buy him some coffee. We go down to
the Time Out, a 24-hour restaurant
downtown plus the cheapest and best
coffee too. I had to run and left him
with a buck for a refill.

In about an hour I walked outside
the Chapel Hill Comedy Club Kitchen
to find Fred puffing away on a nasty
cigarette. (I am a former smoker and
pure dislike the smell of them!)

He walked up eyes big as silver
dollar pancakes and told me after I
left that an older couple came in to
the Time Out and bought him a huge
breakfast. Poor feller was choking as
he said it. He said, "Tom, I have not
cried in 14 years, but I did today." I
added, "It felt good, didn't it?" Not
just to shuck a tear but to know that
some people actually give a damn,
even to strangers. Yessir, that one
random act of kindness struck ole
Fred straight up his skinny frail back.
"Chapel Hill is a very special place,
Fred." He nodded, wiped his nose and
said, "I think you are right."

*Tom Hallman is an avid supporter
of and enthusiastic participant in,
Orange Literacy's weekly writing
program at Community House. The
"Chapel Hill Comedy Club Kitchen" is
a reference to the Community Kitchen
which Tom views "as a place of
warmth filled with plenty of laughter."*

In Memorium

Phyllis Stevenson Adams
Marion Fairfax Baker
Claudia Couch Cannady
Ida Friday
George Ginn
Gene Goshaw
Elizabeth "Betty" Grant
Wally Hill
Phillip F. Hirsch
Joe Burton Linker, Jr.
Mary Clifford McArdle
David Smith
Alton Totten
Rosetta Wash

*"Do all you can with what you have, in the time
you have, in the place you are."*

Nkosi Johnson

We Are IFC

Lisa, Cindy, Shannon and Mr. Mike

IFC's Annual Meeting was held October 27, 2016. Awards were presented to Shannon Gigliotti for Employee of the Year, to Cindy Johnson and Lisa Anthony for the Mildred Berkeley Award and to Mike Wood for the Rebecca S. McCulloh Award. It was Kristin Lavergne's privilege to present her friend and co-worker, Shannon Gigliotti, with the Employee of the Year Award. Kristin expressed the feelings of the entire staff when she said, "Her calm, steady presence and ability to relate to others makes her the rock of any team she is on. Her quiet sense of humor, humility and grace make her well-respected.

She is dedicated to IFC, always wants to do her best and speaks her mind about how we can improve.

Compassionate and kind, she strives to see strengths in others. Her excellent problem-solving skills and knowledge of community resources are great assets in serving our clients.

Starting out at IFC as a Client Services Representative, she has taken on additional roles: first as coordinator of the Support Circles Program, and in the last year, working with a group of volunteers to set up and transition to a new agency-wide database system. She faces new challenges with optimism and persistence and is willing to put in the hard work of learning so that she can represent well to others.

By now, it should be clear why Shannon Gigliotti has been selected as IFC Employee of the Year!"



Pictured left to right: Kristin Lavergne, Lisa Anthony, Cindy Johnson.

Cindy Johnson and Lisa Anthony are truly as valuable as any staff person and we could not do our jobs without them. Longevity and expertise like theirs are what keeps our program operating. And for all these reasons, IFC was delighted to present them with the Mildred Berkeley award.

With 35 years of dedication between them, these nominees have endured many changes at IFC, from physical location changes, to program changes,

to staff changes. In the face of it all, they remained committed to the agency and to our clients. They are volunteer case managers at Community House, which means they come once a week for 3-4 hours and meet with residents one-on-one to learn their current situation, help them identify their goals, and refer them to resources in the community to meet those goals. They also listen to any stressors the clients may be currently facing, and lend support. They are tireless advocates for our residents and balance compassion and objectivity with grace in every situation.

The Rebecca S. McCulloh award was established this year in honor and memory of IFC's friend and champion, Rebecca McCulloh. Rebecca's motto of "Was I brave and strong and true? Did I live my life with love my whole life through?" sums up the spirit of this award. The first ever award went to Mike Wood, someone the IFC believes personifies this. Mike came to us at a difficult time in his life, when he was struggling with poor decisions he had made but he kept after it, battled back and emerged a stronger and better man than ever. Now he works with CEF and Orange Literacy, supporting others while they battle back. The following poem written by Julius Alston, a resident of Community House, sums up the Mike Wood story best.

Mr. Mike

*Mr. Mike is a person
That some of you may know
But he's not the same person
He was a long time ago*

*He's looking towards the future now
And not his past
He now holds a pen
Instead of a glass*

*This I know and I'm the one to tell
Because he is the one that's teaching me
To read, to write and to spell*

*He doesn't brag about it
And he doesn't boast
But the old Mike is history
Little more than a ghost*

*When Mike get tired now
He can go to his home
Not like when he was at the shelter
Now he's got a place of his own*

*So listen to Mr Mike
And you can do it too
He'll have you doing things
You never dreamed you could do*

*I got to go now
Back to Mr Mike's class
Because I want to do more with my
future
Than I did with my past*

by Julius Alston

Matt and the Good in Change

December 29, 2015, the conference room at 110 West Main was full and Matt Holway was moving through his PowerPoint presentation. The concept of a "Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tool was being digested by everyone as was the concept that a database could be used for more than donation management. Matt said a database "could allow for the integration of all aspects of the IFC." Information, questions and answers were flying around the room; comfort zones had walked out of the room (or most of them had) and change had taken a seat at the table. Matt's humor took the dense, dry and somewhat uncomfortable aspect of technology and change and made it palatable, how can you not laugh when the size and scope of the project is drilled down to "eating an elephant in bites." Humor is a good thing when homework is assigned and tied to a schedule.



Matt was intent on what he and IFC were about to begin. Two months earlier he had been asked by Michael Reinke to come in and look at IFC's computer system. A week later he had done so. What had worked well in 1989 clearly now had limitations. He thought it remarkable that the staff worked so well within the limited system. Matt was asked if he would take on the task of bringing IFC into a new era and he accepted the challenge. He sent a questionnaire out to the entire staff, the first step in the process of what would be for him a tremendous gift of time, energy and effort. The end of December meeting came next and by the end of January he had received the database requirements information needed from the staff. He then matched requirements against capabilities, settled on top CRM choices and by the end of February IFC had decided that Salesforce was the clear choice for their new CRM. Matt pulled together his database team: Todd Dimsdale, Gregory Akinbiyi, Uriah Newkirk, Nick Colaianne, and Shannon Gigliotti from IFC. And as Matt describes it, "They began the process of securing licensing, mapping data, cleansing data, testing data migration, learning Salesforce, and evaluating deployment details." On June 1, 2016 Matt sent out an email that said, SALESFORCE is LIVE!

For over a year the dedicated volunteer database team has worked on the Salesforce project. Matt was the perfect person to lead the team. He has been doing IT work since 1989 and brought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience. His projects had ranged from those in social service to those in nuclear energy. Matt had come to know IFC through his wife Anne. Many years ago Anne's brother, Brian Clemens, had been the recipient of IFC's outstretched hand when he was in need. She never forgot that. Anne and Matt spent their wedding day morning at a golf tournament that would become the Brian Clemens Memorial Golf Tournament, IFC fundraiser. Todd Dimsdale, CRM volunteer and Matt's best man began his relationship with IFC that day.

If you ask Matt why he was willing to make the commitment to IFC he will give you multiple reasons and tell you to pick one, all of them speak volumes: "he hates inefficiency, because he was asked to, because he wants more effort going into helping people and less into administration, to make a difference, to honor his wife's family, his personal connection to IFC, IFC's mission, because he has been EXTREMELY blessed in life and wants to give back." Todd will say because he is "a long-time admirer of and volunteer for the IFC." Todd looks at the last year this way: "I'm inspired and motivated by Shannon's compelling vision for how much more effective the IFC can be with the new consolidated system. My part of the project has been to analyze the old client database, move the data, and help improve the process of tracking the many services provided by the IFC. Handling this data has helped me realize the enormous volume of assistance that IFC provides for people in need. This project will certainly enable the IFC to increase the quality and expand the volume of services to the community."

Uriah Newkirk came to the project as part of a summer internship and worked with Shannon on learning the specifics of Salesforce and how to make the transition easier. As he says the new database is "so much more organized as compared to the old database. It also has its fair share of features that are a must have."

Matt says that Shannon was the "heart of the team and the perfect choice when we needed to have a staff member who could dedicate themselves to the CRM effort and help to drive the change from inside the organization. She has a passion for social service, a drive to do things better, and is not afraid to try out new things to see how we can best move forward." Shannon defines Salesforce and the process as a "HUGE learning experience, but sees it as an investment IFC has made in itself and that it is wonderful to see the fruits of that! We now have a 360 degree view of the IFC community, since Salesforce captures the information we need for donors, volunteers, and clients. With a team of dedicated volunteers, we have slowly been rolling out the CRM's features and we are continuing to learn more about the numerous additional capabilities we have yet to discover."

To Matt Holway, Todd Dimsdale, Gregory Akinbiyi, Uriah Newkirk, Nick Colaianne, and Shannon Gigliott you have made such a difference not only for IFC but for everyone who will feel the outstretched hand and know they are supported. Thank you.

FoodFirst



There are many things that have no answer - hunger is not one of them.

FoodFirst Update:

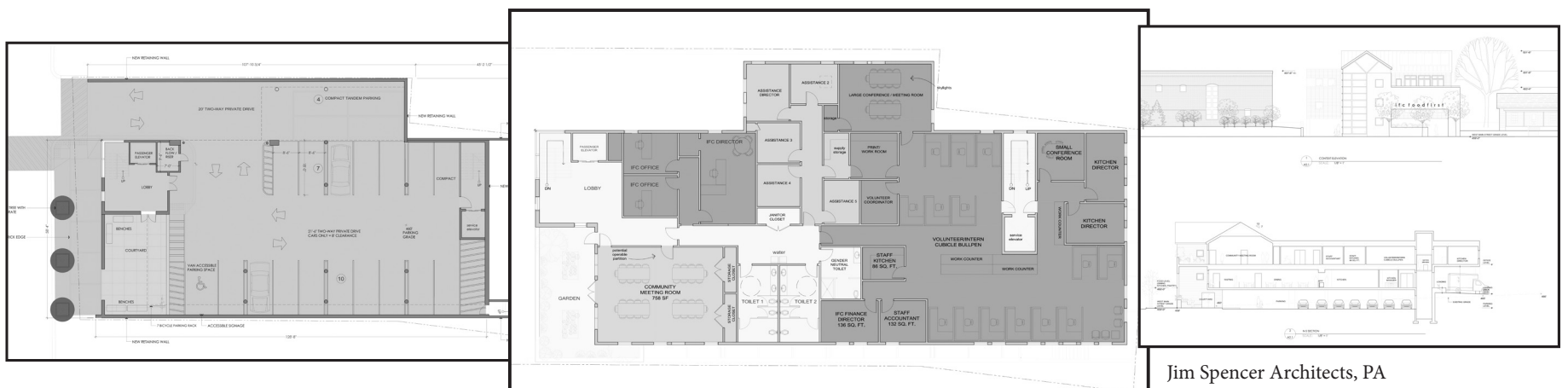
- On March 22, 2016 the Carrboro Board of Aldermen approved the text amendment that would allow social service agencies to provide dining services in Carrboro.
- On June 16, 2016 after completion of a second alternative site search the IFC Board of Directors unanimously approved IFC's current 110 West Main Street, Carrboro address as the site for FoodFirst.
- In December 2016 IFC filed a rezoning application for FoodFirst.
- January - March 2017 IFC went before all the Carrboro Advisory Boards and commissions and presented preliminary design concepts. Additionally to elected officials, town committees and staff, they reached out to neighbors, clients, and others across Carrboro to show and discuss the plans. Taking into account all input, the IFC and Jim Spencer Architects, PA made many changes to the concept drawings and renderings. The rezoning application was re-submitted in March. All materials are currently under external review.
- A Public Hearing on FoodFirst is expected for spring, 2017.
- The IFC anticipates that prior to the end of June when the Carrboro Aldermen adjourn for the summer, that the Aldermen will hold a yes/no vote on the FoodFirst rezoning application.
- The FoodFirst Capital Campaign feasibility study is under development.
- The FoodFirst Capital Campaign Cabinet has been established. Kevin Foy and Robert Dowling will Co-chair; Board campaign committee chair will be Matt Fajack.
- Armstrong McGuire of Raleigh, NC has signed on as Capital Campaign Consultant.

FoodFirst History: Almost thirteen years ago a conversation began between the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) and community members that was the seed of IFC's proposed FoodFirst. Ten years ago the decision to move FoodFirst forward was made. Design of the new building for the FoodFirst program was developed over a long period of time beginning in early 2010.

Why FoodFirst? The FoodFirst program would provide support, guidance and encouragement to our neighbors in need through the following: a Community Kitchen; a self-shop pantry with more fresh items (self-shopping allows us to encourage clients to make nutritious choices); an information, network and referral program; on-site food, nutrition, and cooking programs; all food will be in one location; all volunteers will be in one location; all of the people seeking services will be in one location; the ability to see more families within a half-mile radius of IFC.

Proposed Plan and Building Design: The proposed building design is for three stories, 21 parking spaces underneath on the ground floor and to the rear of the building, (parking will be open to the public after hours and well-lit) and two stories above. The ground level will have covered bike racks, covered courtyard that will be out of sight and out of the elements, benches and a green swath that sets the building far enough back for three trees to be located in front. A second floor with public restrooms for downtown – gender neutral with shower, the pantry, kitchen, crisis intervention interview rooms, storage, loading dock, a waiting space for people to wait for services or to just get in out of the weather and a dining room that can handle 90 people, twice what we can seat now. The third floor would hold the administration spaces, community meeting room, a second gender neutral bathroom with shower and have a container garden. The building itself will have what Jim Spencer calls a civic front, which simply means something of substance that makes you think this is a serious building. Whether that will be some type of stone or prefabricated concrete is not yet known. The two sides of the building will be red brick so that we will blend into the typical downtown Carrboro look. The back of the building would be the same product as the front, with a lower roof line, the loading dock is set back and there is a plan for greenery to soften the rear facade.

Please visit www.ifcfoodfirst.org for more detailed information.



Jim Spencer Architects, PA