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BUILDING COMMUNI

"Buses don't run on Sundays."

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About IFC

In 1963, a group of seven local women united their volunteer efforts to address the conditions of poverty in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. More than five decades later, the Inter-Faith Council continues its mission to confront the causes and respond to the effects of poverty in our community.

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We deserve at least a place to live. "I'm not able to live in this community." To be a part of this community, to work for this community and still not be a part of i Affordable housing. "We are the service providers. We do the menial jobs, and we need three to afford a \$700 rent. "Do I spend money on rent or food?" "I wouldn't be here if my struggle wasn't real."

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

IFC @ SECU Community House: Shelter for Men 1315 Martin Luther King Blvd Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Phone: 919-967-1086 HomeStart: Shelter for Women and Families Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Phone: 919-932-6025

Community House and HomeStart are the only shelters in Orange County for homeless men, women and families. Both locations provide safe living accommodations, meals, and laundry facilities for residents. Staff and volunteer case managers support residents transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in the community by offering assistance with housing applications, job coaching, and access to needed resources like medical and dental care, mental health or substance use treatment. and clothing. Both locations also provide emergency shelter during inclement weather. The Robert Nixon Clinic, sponsored by UNC Health Care, is located at Community House. Piedmont Health Services coordinates on-site medical, dental and behavioral health care available to all IFC residents.

Permanent Supportive Housing

Together with the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness. IFC helps the most vulnerable, chronically homeless residents of our community obtain and maintain housing. One case manager provides rental assistance for 14 scattered-site housing units operated by private landlords and management companies. Once participants are housed, the case manager troubleshoots issues with landlords and neighbors, and ensures that they can access needed resources like mental health and substance use treatment, medical care, food, clothing, and financial assistance. Participants are also encouraged to

identify natural social supports neighbors, church members - and integrate into community life.

Support Circles

Phone: 919-929-6380 ext.16 Support Circles are volunteer groups that partner with individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness or transitioning to permanent housing. From moving to transportation logistics, goal setting to problem solving, Support Circle teams provide material, practical, financial, and relational support to help people maintain housing.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Kitchen 100 W. Rosemary Street Chapel Hill, NC 27516 Phone: 919-967-0643 The Community Kitchen serves free meals to anyone who is hungry: lunch every day and dinner every weekday. Nearly all of the food is donated, and volunteer groups prepare, serve and clean up, in addition to helping pick up, sort, and store food. The Kitchen serves almost 40,000 meals every year and also sends out food to low-income senior housing residents and partner food pantries every week.

Food Pantry

110 W. Main Street Carrboro, NC 27510 Phone: 919-929-6380 The Food Pantry provides around 1,100 bags of groceries to people who live or work in Orange County and need help stretching their grocery budget. Food pantry members may come as often as every month, but on average visit twice a year.

Holiday Dinners

IFC provides 700 full holiday meals to members in November and December. We need your help to raise \$17,500 to cover this additional cost, and each gift of \$25 will provide one holiday meal. **Emergency** Assistance 110 W. Main Street Carrboro, NC 27510 Phone: 919-929-6380 Emergency assistance is available to anyone who lives or works in Orange County and faces destabilizing economic uncertainty, illness, or acute hardship. Services include financial assistance for rent, utilities, or essential medication; vouchers for clothing or transportation; help obtaining government identification or earned benefits; information and referrals to existing community resources; access to restrooms; and a permanent address for mail delivery.

Community Building and Advocacy

IFC confronts the causes of poverty by fostering belonging and resilience through collective action. In partnership with Justice United and the Community Empowerment Fund, we are developing local leaders at monthly meetings, where those experiencing poverty and homelessness strengthen their social networks, build their advocacy skills and prepare to raise their voices in public policy forums. We stand with our residents and members to address head on the issues that prevent full participation in community life: lack of affordable housing and living wage employment, food insecurity, insufficient public transit, and more.

Volunteer Opportunities

IFC depends on volunteers with a wide variety of availability, interests and skills at all of our sites. Contact Connie Kang, IFC's Volunteer Coordinator, at 919-929-6380 x30 if you are interested in contributing your time and talents to strengthen our community. We welcome individuals and groups.

IFC Staff Roster

Executive Director: Jackie Jenks Director of Development: Anna MacDonald **Community Services Director:** Kristin Lavergne Finance & Operations Director: **Ieff** Causey **Residential Services Director:** Stephani Kilpatrick **Community Kitchen Manager:** Bill Culton **Community House Program Manager:** Megan Raymond HomeStart Program Manager: Rex Mercer Finance and Operations Associate: Tara Stephenson **Project Manager:** Allan Rosen CRM Administrator/Support Circles: Shannon Gigliotti **Client Services Representatives:** Valeria Hernandez, Gricelidy Marrero **Community House Kitchen** Coordinator: Kevin Noonan Case Managers: Gwynne Pomeroy, Sean O'Hare, Bernestine Austin Permanent Supportive Housing Case Manager: Debra Vestal Facilities Coordinators: Wesley Norwood, Sylvester Bethea Kitchen Staff: Robert Barnes, James Dunn, Brian Neader Residential Staff: Jo Coe, Shanesha Farrington, Charlotte Horton, Chris Horton, Anna Kenion, Rhonda Lee, Yvette Matthews, Raney Norwood, Kris

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In Community - Jackie Jenks, Executive Director



One of the first things I noticed about IFC is what ultimately drew me here - a genuine sense of community power. It's a different kind of power than I was used to in the political hotbed of San Francisco - less in-your-face but still fierce. It's the roll-up-your-sleeves-andpitch-in kind of power - the kind that the seven church women fostered all those decades ago

when they founded IFC. They were scrappy and strong, and they knew how to build community around them. You do too.

IFC literally depends every single day on those of you who show up to contribute - sorting cans in the Food Pantry, cooking and serving meals in the Community Kitchen, providing weekly one-on-one support to those in the shelters or those who have moved out, entering data, gardening and doing repairs, and so much more. Running around-the-clock programs with a staff of 39 – many part-time – would be impossible without the 750 volunteers each year who contribute 2,300 hours of good work every month.

Over the years, you and people like you have created something that really matters: a welcoming community where everyone is valued for who they are, where real needs are met, and where friendships grow across cultural, economic and religious lines that motivate us to work together for social justice.

It has become a ritual of our office team to gather daily and witness the support of those who mail contributions to sustain this special kind of community. We routinely delight in our donors who give monthly through our website, their workplace or congregation. Some gifts honor loved ones who hold their own fierce commitments to justice, and some include handwritten notes that tell us why you care. We love every one, big and small.

IFC needs your gifts of time and treasure, and on a deeper level, we need to know that we're in this together. This work is big, and the root causes of poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity are structural. Your donations tell us that you want to be a community where everyone's basic needs are met, including dignified and affordable housing, an abundance of healthy food, and meaningful social connection.

Your generosity makes IFC that community every day for the family who takes home groceries from the Pantry, the construction worker who stops in for lunch at the Kitchen, the shelter resident who proudly deposits her paycheck into a savings account for the first time.

Like our members and residents, IFC faces challenges as financial opportunities change – federal funding is volatile, United Way is struggling, giving priorities change. To focus our efforts and make sure that IFC can best serve those who need us most, we are thrilled to welcome Anna MacDonald to this community as our first Development Director in over a decade. Anna brings experience, energy, talent and most importantly, a passion for building relationships and connecting people in a meaningful way. Anna will fit right in with the community you have built.

Together we are IFC - whatever your role, however you bring resources, passion, and energy to this work. I am honored to be on this journey with you.

In community,

Jackie

Stewards Fund Challenge Grant

IFC is excited to announce that the Stewards Fund trustees have issued a \$83,600 matching grant to help raise funds before December 31, 2017.

Donating this fall is a great way to increase the impact of your gift. If you have never given to IFC or haven't given since June 30, 2016, your entire donation will be matched dollar for dollar! If your total donations this year exceed your 2016 gifts, the difference will be doubled.

Thank you for partnering with IFC to confront the causes and respond to the effects of poverty in our community. Your generosity brings us closer to living in a community where everyone's basic needs are met, including dignified and affordable housing, an abundance of healthy food, and meaningful social connection.



UNC Science Scholar's Program Volunteers See Grateful Thanks, page 6

Building Community

MEETING OF THE MINDS

More than 45 IFC residents and members – the largest group yet – gathered at Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) on August 28 for a Meeting of the Minds.

The growing gathering provides a place for CEF and IFC members and residents to voice concerns, express ideas, and seek solutions to issues that affect low-income and homeless citizens in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. "Our goal is to make a difference in our community," said Brian Neader, IFC Community Kitchen staff, "and this meeting was an overwhelming success."

Devin Ross, Lead Organizer with partner organization Orange County Justice United, along with facilitators Yvette



Yvette Matthews and LaBrone Wade facilitate the Meeting of the Minds

Matthews and LaBrone Wade, guided attendees through a series of questions to identify personal hopes and dreams, along with structural barriers that stood in their way.

One IFC resident said that he wanted to "be an entrepreneur again" and regain the things he'd lost. Another, who has a steady job working construction, said, "I wrote goals before I was released from prison. In 5 years, I'll be 42. I want to be a homeowner. I want to be married. I want to be established."

The group, whose name was coined by Yvette, trusts that citizens who are most affected by critical issues in our community are also the most capable of coming up with solutions to them. She feels strongly about this approach. "If you keep putting your foot on people's necks and not trust them to do what they can do because they are homeless or low income, you are saying they don't deserve a decent life," she said. "But the truth is that the more power you give people, the more power they will take on to make their living and their surroundings a better place."



Meeting of the Minds Small Groups

Brian was impressed with the process and the meeting's result. "The large group broke into smaller groups. Every member of the community was able to voice concerns and opinions. Needless to say, there were plenty of ideas but there were clear choices of what topics to address moving forward."

Out of the concerns and barriers identified, three constants were repeated: the need for affordable housing, the lack of public transportation on Sundays, and the challenges in access to living wage jobs. With these priorities identified, the Minds have a clear purpose and strategy moving into fall meetings and election season: compiling questions to ask of local candidates regarding housing, jobs and transportation, and organizing to attend and participate in public forums and small group meetings where the candidates will talk about their positions.

Devin speaks of the strategy this way, "From the Justice United perspective, this work is part of a larger argument we make about power. If you want to make change, you have to have at least one form of power: people or money. The 3,000 members of



Devin Ross

IFC and CEF have a lot of power potential and potential to make change."

AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND

So far, the Meeting of the Minds has a pretty good track record.

In September 2016 Justice United, Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) and IFC partnered to strengthen the democratic culture of Orange County. The organizations have focused on developing leaders among CEF



The youngest advocate at the Meeting of the Minds and IFC members and residents, so that the most vulnerable citizens of our community have a strong voice in the decision-making processes that affect their everyday lives. And the timing was good. Orange County voters were considering a \$5M affordable housing bond last fall.

The bond passed, thanks in part to some unique advocacy efforts that developed out of the Meeting of the Minds. [Read more about the Advocacy Choir, which will sing at IFC's Annual Meeting in October, in the sidebar.] Emanuel Kearney, IFC resident who has been involved in community building and advocacy efforts throughout the past year, reflected on the importance of engaging in the political process as a citizen. "When you're not a power player, decisions are made that can affect you. Community meetings are important. If stakeholders don't get together, they're going to always come up on the losing end."

Chapel Hill has now allocated the first \$2.5M of the affordable housing bond. Four projects have been approved for 52 affordable homes in the next three years. The allocations for the second \$2.5 million are yet to come. This represents only a portion of the funds that Orange County intends to use to house 1,000 families and individuals in the next five years.

The Minds hope to keep that intention strong and build on it by being a constant community presence this fall. The invitation that Yvette issued to the Orange County Commissioners in June stands, "Come to CEF, come to IFC – go to the men's shelter, go to the women's shelter, sit down and talk to the people that you're making decisions for."

MOVING FORWARD

The Minds' history of success, growing interest, and focused effort on making real community change will be complemented

The Advocacy Choir

this fall by Justice United efforts. Two weeks after the August Meeting of the Minds, IFC delegates attended the Orange County Justice United Internal Assembly.

On September 10, over 80 leaders met at Lattisville Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Hurdle Mills and voted for a new collective agenda to make Orange County a better place to live, work, and worship. Justice United constituents identified priority areas similar to those identified at Meeting of the Minds: Housing, Jobs, and Immigration. Kenny Little, IFC resident and Meeting of the Minds member, attended as an IFC delegate: "I wanted to come out and make a difference. If it's going to take numbers of people to make a change in our community, I want to be part of it," he said. Action teams are now developing campaign proposals.

As election season is upon us, and voters will soon be deciding on who will hold key seats in Chapel Hill and Carrboro government, it is imperative that the general public knows where candidates stand on affordable housing, daily and reliable public transportation, and living wage jobs. The Meeting of the Minds members are poised to stay informed and to encourage their neighbors and fellow community members to do the same.

Yvette reminds us that we've only just begun.

"Community building is building the community so that it holds everyone, including the unseen faces. If you want to have a community you build it up and change your way of thinking and you make it a community for everyone."



CEF Advocacy Choir's First Performance, September 15, 2016

"I hear everything by music," Yvette Matthews says. "Music is universal. It passes so many barriers and people listen to it more easily. It isn't just rhetoric." Yvette's idea for the Advocacy Choir grew quickly out of the first Meeting of the Minds last fall and in advance of the vote on the affordable housing bond. She started writing songs, which all related to the bond and the County's need for more affordable housing."I felt that we could reach so many more people through songs instead of just words," she said. On September 15, 2016, at St. Thomas More, Yvette led 22 choir members in their first performance. The Choir sang week after week in church after church, for organizations and government meetings, city and county. The Advocacy Choir's hard work paid off with the bond passing, but Yvette wasn't done.

"Wake Up Everybody" is meant to nudge everyone from the commissioners, to the Town, to the contractors, to society. It is a reminder that poverty exists and that dignified housing is a right. It's also a reminder that the Meeting of the Minds group is going to hold the community accountable. "Why don't you listen, we won't be dismissed. It's time for us to believe, we all have our freedom despite our poverty. Wake up all society... you walk right by us like we don't exist...surely things will work out, it's time for us to live. We need affordable housing and we can't let this be." In April 2017, the Advocacy Choir sang "Wake up Everybody" at the Chapel Hill Town Council Meeting: https://www.facebook. com/communityef/ videos/1399854320085093. Their mission that night was to ask for a nickel for housing for the Penny for Housing program. They didn't get the nickel, but planted the seed and now two cents out of the town's tax rate will go towards affordable housing.

Yvette and the Advocacy Choir will be opening and closing IFC's Annual Meeting on October 26 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, where they'll reprise "Smile" and debut an original song about IFC. We hope you'll make plans to join us.



UNC Pit Performance, October 27, 2016

Smile

by Yvette Matthews I dedicate this song to recession, depression, and unemployment --this song's for you.

Today's a new day, I moved into my house

Nothing but love in my heart and I got a new start and I'm alright

Today's a new day, and it's only blue skies

I put the key in the lock and I'm no longer uptight

I used to sleep in shelters and on the street Now I'm thankful that I have a key

I smile, even though I used to hurt, I smile (*chorus*)

I know God is working so I smile

Even though I've been here for awhile I smile

Smile it's so hard to look up when you've been down

Sure would hate to see you give up now

You look so much better when you smile, so smile

Today's a new day, the struggle is over

I invited all of my friends and we're gathered in my place

Today's a new day, we're having a party

The struggle was hard, it was long, now I am home so come on

I almost gave up but I refuse to accept no Now I'm living in my house, and it's been a long road Oh oh oh I am home, I'm in my house.



Ways to Give

IFC's annual budget is \$2 million, with only about 10 percent of revenue coming from public sources. It is your generous gifts combined with those from other individuals, congregations, foundations and local businesses that feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and offer a lifeline to our neighbors in need. Thank you.

Please call Anna MacDonald, Director of Development, at 919-929-6380 x15 with questions or for help making a gift. IFC is a Guidestar Gold Exchange Participant. Donations to IFC are tax deductible. Our EIN is 59-1224041.

Financial Gifts to IFC

Gifts will be used where needed most, unless otherwise designated.

To make a **one-time gift**, mail a check to IFC in the included envelope or submit a donation online at www.ifcweb.org.

Be a **sustainable giver** by scheduling a recurring monthly, quarterly, or annual gift online at www.ifcweb.org or including your card information in the enclosed envelope.

Planned Gifts

Your planned gift of a bequest, life insurance policy or charitable remainder trust is an important investment in the life of IFC and our community. To discuss how you can meet future needs in our community, please call Anna MacDonald at 919-929-6380 x15.

Workplace Giving

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

Utility Assistance for Low-Income Households

IFC pays utility bills on behalf of low-income families using contributions from other OWASA and Duke Energy customers in our community.



OWASA Care to Share Program

Round up your next bill to the nearest dollar or select any whole dollar amount as a donation so your neighbors will have water.

Duke Energy Share the Warmth/Cooling Assistance

Complete a "Customer Contribution" form with Duke Energy or add a donation while paying your bill online to keep families warm.

Gifts in-kind

Food, Clothing and Household Goods

Please check our website for an updated list of needs at each IFC site and relevant contact information: **www.ifcweb.org/needs**.

Vehicles

Donate a car that you no longer need to IFC through CARS. Call 877-537-5277 for more information.

Grateful Thanks

Katy O'Leary and Debby Berry: for organizing an enthusiastic group of volunteers to provide back-to-school supplies and free hair salon services to the HomeStart families. (Pictured left.)

Support Circle volunteers past and present: who have been the heart and the foundation of every Support Circle, Thank You. And Thank You to the Current Advisory Committee: members: Kathy Millikan, Karin Foarde, Jane Hathaway, Jon Young, Donna Carrington, April Cooper, Amy Chambless, Kim Williams.

UNC Science Scholar's Program: for cleaning up Community Kitchen, the Food Pantry, and the Community House yard.

UNC Medical School Students: for their ongoing support of IFC through multiple projects the latest being cleaning up Community House.

Summit Church: for providing lots of mulch and many volunteers to transform HomeStart's playground and garden.

Madeline Wright and Tea Jones: our dedicated middle schoolers who renovated HomeStart's

library as part of Madeline's Girl Scout Silver Award. They collaborated with HomeStart residents to make the library just what was wanted. (Thanks also to their moms Amy and Angela.)

Trader Joe's: for continuing to provide 85% or more of the food served at Community Kitchen and Community House.

UNC APPLE SLI Service Learning Group: for their April and August HomeStart projects.

Church of Latter Day Saints

LDS Youth Group: for working

with HomeStart families on planting herbs, vegetables and flowers that the residents can harvest and enjoy.

Latino Community Credit Union (LCCU): for their office campaign to benefit IFC. During the campaign, LCCU matched dollar for dollar every donation from their empoyees. They raised \$7,026.43 for IFC.

Vicky Kim: for her timely in-kind contribution designing collateral documentation for FoodFirst.

Randolph Restaurant Group, Pittsboro Bojangles: for providing the fried chicken for our Community Team Building meeting.

Michele, Eli, and Sydney Melet: for their tireless work over the last 3 years making Mother's Day for HomeStart a successful and meaningful fundraiser.

Fresh Market: for continuing contributions of food and donations.

Cheryl Peterson and A Lotta Love volunteers: for continuing to beautifully transform HomeStart residents' living spaces.

In Memorium

Christopher Burnette, Sr. Rev. Troy Harrison, Sr. Douglas Hart Jesse Kalisher Henry Maiden Willie Mae Patterson

Vonda Rushing Fletcher Scurlock Stephen Shafroth



FoodFirst - The Need

Margaret knew the refrigerator was empty.

She opened it anyway to check, because she hated listening to her kids' bellies rumble when she tucked them in at night. This wouldn't be the first time they went to bed hungry.

Margaret left a housekeeping job in 2009 to study early childhood education at Durham Tech. She now works part-time in that field and is taking steps to start her own business, but she still struggles to meet her family's needs. As a Food Pantry member, Margaret receives groceries monthly, which allows her to stretch her funds to cover necessities like school supplies or car repairs. Margaret often thanks IFC staff and volunteers for their support and kindness.

Hunger is not unique to Margaret's story. It's not even unusual in our community. One in seven Orange County residents – including almost one in five children – is food insecure and at risk for hunger. We see the stress of food insecurity in the faces of our neighbors every day. People wait in line for an open chair at the Community Kitchen, which seats 48 diners at a time and serves more than 39,000 meals a year. Food Pantry volunteers send home more than 13,000 bags of groceries every year.

Given the level of need that research suggests and the demand for services, we know we need to do more. However, IFC's ability to feed hungry families is limited by the financial and logistical demands of running programs in two aging buildings located one mile apart. "We try very hard to maximize volunteers' efforts," said Bill Culton, Community Kitchen Manager, "but sometimes we can't fit everybody in the group in the Kitchen." At the Food Pantry, volunteers resort to storing and retrieving donated food from staff offices and back hallways.

IFC's primary concern, though, is that offering services in two locations burdens individuals and families who are already struggling. As it is now, we are asking a cash-strapped mom with hungry kids in tow to shuttle between two towns on a bus, on foot or through construction traffic, so she can access needed resources to care for her family.

FoodFirst will consolidate IFC's food programs into one building. That means that instead of walking from downtown Chapel Hill to downtown Carrboro, Margaret can simply walk down the hall after a hot meal, check in with counselors as needed, and leave with groceries to fill her refrigerator and sustain her family.

At the end of the day, Margaret's story reminds us that FoodFirst is urgent because our neighbors go to bed hungry. Together, we can change that stark reality for hundreds of families like Margaret's who live and work among us.

Keep an eye out for more information about this important and exciting project in the coming months.

FoodFirst - The Vote and Road Ahead

On May 23, 2017 the Carrboro Aldermen held a public hearing to discuss IFC's FoodFirst rezoning application. At the end of the hearing by unanimous vote, IFC's application was approved.

Before the vote, the Aldermen expressed their thoughts about the history and importance of FoodFirst. "I can think of one or two projects over the last several years that I felt have been consistent with our vision for the town, but none as consistent with my vision for the Carrboro I love," said Damon Seils, "I am really happy to see this project moving forward, and I will be very happy to vote in favor of it."

Seils, Bethaney Haven-O'Donnell and Randee Chaney all expressed appreciation for IFC's Board of Director's collaboration with the community. "It is clear that you were really listening, and you were really attentive. You must have had an army of folks working on the project, and it has come together really nicely," Haven-O'Donnell said. Their appreciation extended to Jim Spencer, FoodFirst architect, who attended many meetings to answer questions and address concerns.

IFC thanks our elected Carrboro officials, town committees and boards, our neighbors, residents, members, supporters and especially Jim Spencer Architects, PA, for their thoughtful, patient, and creative work over the last seven years. Many thanks also to LeAnn Nease Brown, IFC Counsel, and Executive Director Emeritus John Dorward for their years of dedication and effort.

Almost 13 years after the FoodFirst seed was planted, two site searches, years of community conversations, and several rounds of design revisions, IFC is ready to move forward. On September 7, IFC launched the quiet phase of a \$5.3 million capital campaign to transform 110 W. Main Street into a building that will house the Community Kitchen, Food Pantry and Community Services all under one roof.

Reverend Robert Seymour, Honorary Campaign Co-Chair and first President of IFC, calls us all to support this effort: "The launching of the FoodFirst campaign is an urgent step forward to respond to the shocking fact that nearly 20,000 people in Orange County are food deprived. Many of these are children or elderly. By bringing the Community Kitchen and Food Pantry to the same location, we will be able to greatly expand the availability of food to anyone who needs it. Please join me in making a generous gift to achieve this goal!"

FOODFIRST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CABINET Robert Seymour, Honorary Campaign Co-Chair • Don Boulton, Honorary Campaign Co-Chair Robert Dowling, Co-Chair, Community Home Trust • Kevin Foy, Co-Chair, NCCU School of Law

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

9:00 a.m: RUN FOR PEACE 4K, hosted by the Unity Center for Peace HomeStart benefit and free 1 mile family fun walk. For more information: https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/NC/ ChapelHill/Run4Peace

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

5:30 p.m: IFC ANNUAL MEETING, St. Thomas More Key Note Speaker: Mark Dorosin, Managing Attorney at the UNC Center for Civil Rights and Chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners Performances by The Advocacy Choir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

9:00 p.m: ION SHAIN AND SIX STRINGS PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL PRE-TURKEY DAY JAM, benefiting IFC and Relief for Recreation Fund at the Cary Theater in downtown Cary, NC. Musicians include: Jon Shain, FJ Ventre, Wes Collins, Lynn Blakey & Ecki Heins, Mary Johnson Rockers, Jess Klein, Mike June, Kenny Roby and Brett Harris.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

29th ANNUAL RSVVP Day Every meal benefits IFC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. MURPHEY SCHOOL RADIO SHOW 3717 Murphey School Road, Durham, NC



Murphey School Radio Show Press Release: North Carolina's popular Malpass Brothers from Goldsboro and poet Jaki Shelton



Carolina troupe for the Murphey School Radio Show, an oldtime variety show to benefit

local nonprofit agencies on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

In the tradition of the Grand Ole Opry and Prairie Home Companion, the annual Murphey School Radio Show features music,

comedy and readings by local writers and musicians. It is billed as "A Celebration of Triangle Wit, Lit and Music!"

This is the twelfth all-volunteer radio show since October 2011. "Our project taps into the tremendous talent we have in the Triangle," says Donna Campbell, the show's producer. "It is great fun. We are building community. And we raise money for some wonderful nonprofit agencies serving the Triangle." Club Nova Community, Inc. and

the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) will benefit from this year's show. Two performances are planned on Saturday – a



matinee at 3:00 p.m. and a second performance at 7:00 p.m.

> Online sales began on September 22, 2017. To reserve tickets or for more information visit: www.murphey schoolradio.net

The Murphey School Radio Show is a program of the Shared Visions Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, and is produced by Minnow Media, LLC.

Our 33rd Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held in Spring of 2018 - stay tuned.

Radio Show

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The Chapel Hill/Carrboro CROP Hunger Walk supports hunger-relief efforts globally and locally.

Thank you Jackie Helvey (heart of Carrboro) for these 2017 images!

CROP HUNGER WALK

Murphey School Radio Show Benefit for IFC and Club Nova

Green will join an all North