

## The Raleigh / Wake Support Circle Program - Partnerships

The Support Circle program began with participants in the Raleigh / Wake Ending Homelessness effort organizing more than 40 local congregations to form 76 support groups to help approximately 200 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who came to the Triangle area for help. As more than 3,300 persons, including approximately 600 children, are homeless during the course of a year in Raleigh alone, many of these congregations are now committing to continue this program locally to help support and house persons who are homeless in Raleigh and Wake County.

**Contributing Partners:** donated funds are matched with City, County and faith community funds (*approx \$2 match for every \$1 contributed*).

To date, the contributors are:

- Stewards Fund
- John Rex Endowment
- A.J.Fletcher Foundation
- Catholic Diocese
- WakeMed
- Kane Realty
- Beth Briggs
- Capitol Broadcasting
- North State Bank
- Empire Properties
- Wake County
- City of Raleigh
- City of Cary
- Downtown Raleigh Alliance  
(Downtown Home Tour - 10% Revenues / 5 years)
- Stewards Fund

**Faith Partners:** provide wide-ranging support to a families / individuals who are homeless and contribute matching funds for their participants' rental subsidy. Forming Support Circles thus far:

- Crosspointe
- First Baptist  
(Salisbury Street)
- Grace AME Zion Church
- Highland United Methodist
- Hillyer Memorial
- Lifepointe
- Living Word
- Mt. Pleasant Baptist
- Baptist Grove
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic
- Poplar Spring Christian
- Providence Baptist
- Raleigh Mennonite
- Sacred Heart Cathedral  
(3 Support Circles formed)
- Springfield Baptist
- St. Francis of Assisi  
(3 Support Circles formed)
- St Mary Catholic Church  
(Garner)
- The Doggett Center at NCSU
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh
- St. Michael Catholic
- St. Raphael Catholic
- Wake Baptist Association (Wake Baptist Grove, St Matthew Baptist & Oak City Baptist)
- PRESENTLY FORMING SUPPORT CIRCLES:
  - Brooks Ave.Ch of Christ
  - Malabys Crossroads BAPT.
  - Millbrook United Meth.
  - Higher Call Christian
  - Summit Church
  - First Baptist (Garner)
- **Consider - Your Congregation**

### **Coordinating Partner:**

**Catholic Charities:** recruits, trains and coordinates the Support Circle Program with Raleigh / Wake faith groups and the Raleigh / Wake Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness

### **Program Partners:**

**CASA:** administers the rental subsidy and contributions from local governments and the Support Circles

**Triangle Community Foundation:** has established *The Raleigh / Wake – Ending Homelessness Fund* at TCF to receive all program contributions.

**City of Raleigh:** has contributed \$200,000 for rental subsidies and program costs within the City.

**City of Cary:** contributed \$7,000 for rental subsidies in Cary.

**Wake County:** has contributed \$56,000 to fund the Support Circles Coordinator employed by Catholic Charities. The County has also allocated \$10,000 for rental subsidies.

**Human Service Agencies:** such as Salvation Army, Raleigh Rescue Mission; Passage Home; Urban Ministries; Women's Center; Healing Place of Wake County, Wake Interfaith Hospitality, PLM Together and others,...evaluate clients, make referrals and continue to provide case management to the participants and assistance to the Support Circles

**Raleigh Housing Authority:** has agreed to allocate rental vouchers to those graduating from the Support Circles Program after the first year.

**The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce:** is working with Chamber members and Wake County Human Services to employ persons who are homeless, initial programs will target participants in the Support Circles Program.

**Raleigh News & Observer:** printed Support Circle publication which outlines issues of homelessness and components of the program.

**John Rex Endowment:** funded first year of Support Circles Coordinator employed by Catholic Charities and beginning April 2009 are funding additional staff for three years to expand the program and to assist in development of primary medical care for children in the program.

Learn More / Make a Donation, see:  
[www.raleighnc.gov/endinghomelessness](http://www.raleighnc.gov/endinghomelessness)

## Raleigh/Wake County 10-Year Action Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness

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WAKE CONTINUUM OF CARE AND TRIANGLE UNITED WAY with  
Raleigh / Wake Citizens, Businesses, Community and Faith Organizations