

## **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 700+ 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 provide rental subsidies for homeless households. To date, the contributors are:

- Stewards Fund
- 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 Home Tour – 10% Revenues / 5 years

**Faith Partners:** provide wide-ranging support to a family or individual who is homeless and contribute matching funds for their participants' rental subsidy. Forming Support Circles thus far:

- Crosspointe Church
- First Baptist Church (*Salisbury Street*)
- Grace AME Zion Church
- Highland United Methodist Church
- Hillyer Memorial Church
- Lifepointe Church
- Living Word Church
- Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
- Baptist Grove Church
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
- Poplar Spring Christian Church
- Providence Baptist Church
- Raleigh Mennonite Church
- Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Springfield Baptist Church
- St. Francis of Assisi (*3 Support Circles formed*)
- St Mary Catholic Church (*Garner*)
- The Doggett Center at NCSU
- St. Michael Catholic Church
- St. Raphael Catholic Church

### **Program Partners:**

**Catholic Charities:** recruits, trains and coordinates the Support Circle Program with Raleigh / Wake faith groups

**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 that will be more than doubled by contributions from corporations & foundations and the faith community.

**City of Cary:** contributed \$7,000 for rental subsidies in Cary with corporate and faith matching.

**Wake County:** has contributed \$56,000 to fund the Support Circles Coordinator employed by Catholic Charities. The County has also allocated \$85,000 for rental subsidies with corporate and faith matching.

**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

**Triangle United Way:** serves as a fiduciary agent for the rental subsidy funding component.

**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.

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

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