

“Table Talk”

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From the Executive Director

Spring 2006 is an exciting time at The Community Table! We recently welcomed a new Kitchen Manager, as well as five new board members. We have two new and exciting fundraisers planned this spring. Now is a great time to get involved with The Community Table; if you are interested in volunteering your time and/or services in any way, please contact me at 828-586-6782. I would also like to extend a personal thank-you to the Sylva Church of Christ for their continued generosity and support of The Community Table's operation.

Thank you Sylva Church of Christ!

For the past 14 months, the Sylva Church of Christ has provided The Community Table with its current home, free of charge. Without the Church's generous support, The Community Table would not be able to continue bringing hot nutritious meals to the food insecure. To everyone at the Sylva Church of Christ, thank you for your continued generosity.

New Board Members

The Community Table is pleased to welcome five new board members. Bill Evans, Sue Evans, Marry Ann Lochner, David Skinner, and Demita Jo Wilder. We look forward to the new knowledge, skills, and abilities you will bring to The Community Table. Newly elected officers include: Kay Turpin, *Chair*, Tom Schutte, *Vice-Chair*, Pam Haddock, *Past Chair*.

Board Members:

Kay Turpin, *Chair*
Tom Schutte, *Vice-Chair*
Timothy Rall, *Secretary*
Jennifer Abshire, *Treasurer*
Pam Haddock, *Past-Chair*
Heather Baker
Renee Cohen
Patsy Dowling
Josie Ellis
Bill Evans
Sue Evans
Mary Ann Lochner
Mark Merritt
Veronica Nicholas
Brenda Oliver
David Skinner
Cindy Walker
Fran Webster
Demita Jo Wilder

Community Table Staff:

Christina Smith
Executive Director

Melrose Laws
Kitchen Manager

Community Garden

The Community Table recently received a grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation. The grant will support a Community Garden program this year. The garden will provide free-of-charge fresh produce to community members who need it most. The Community Table will issue vouchers which will be redeemed at The Community Table's booth at the Farmers Market. Extra produce will be sold to assist future financial operation of the garden. Volunteers are needed for this program, if you would like to volunteer, please call Christina Smith at 586-6782.

The Community Table
PO Box 62
Dillsboro, NC 28725

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Welcome Melrose Laws!

The Community Table is pleased to welcome Melrose Laws to our staff. Melrose will serve part-time as our new Kitchen Manager, overseeing kitchen operation on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

Blue Plate Special

Beginning May 31, The Community Table will host the Blue Plate Special on the last Wednesday of each month from 11a.m.-2 p.m. Food will be served to the general public for a minimum \$5 donation. Instead of going to a restaurant for lunch, why not have lunch with us while giving back to the community through your financial support of Community Table operation.

Empty Bowl Project

Please join us at The Community Table on April 28th from 4-6 p.m. for a night of great food, fun, and giving back to the Community.



With a \$15 donation, buyers will receive a bowl hand-crafted by area potters, filled with their choice of soup or chili, bread and dessert; all donated by local restaurants. The bowl will be theirs to keep.

Tickets for the Empty Bowl fundraiser are now on sale. To purchase a ticket, please contact Christina Smith.

Thank You Shepherd Fund

The Shepherd Fund, a trusteeship which rests with the Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers recently made an \$8,000 donation to The Community Table to assist with operating expenses which currently exceed \$3,500 monthly. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you Volunteers!

The Community Table has only two staff members; the Executive Director, and Kitchen Manager. Without the countless hours put in by volunteers, operation of The Community Table would not be possible. It is only through the dedication, effort, and generosity of our volunteers that food is served four evenings a week to people in the community who otherwise may not have hot, nutritious meals. On behalf of all of us at The Community table and all those we serve; thank you!

Giving Thanks to Recent Donors

- Beverly Jackson & Marion Forest
- Community Table Board Members
- Cullowhee Presbyterian Church
- Dick & Lois Williams
- Edith Monteith Estate
- Ellen & William Hunter
- First Baptist Church of Sylva
- H.E.R.O. (Harrah's Employees Reaching Out)
- Howard Shaw
- Joan & Thomas Beutell
- Joshua Kaufman
- Lifeway Community Church
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- Stanley Eric Young & Marjorie D. Gilchrist-Young
- Sylva Church of Christ
- Sylva Rotary Club Members
- Sylva Women's Clinic, P.A.
- The Church of the Good Shepherd
- The Shepherd Fund
- Tray & Mary Barksdale
- W.G. & Barbara J. Robbins
- Waverly & Teresa Green
- Webster Baptist Church
- Whittier Church of God
- William Haggard
- Youthworks, Inc.

If you would like more information about any of our programs, or would like to donate time and/or materials, please contact Christina Smith at 828-586-6782

Donor Form:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____



Please make checks payable to The Community Table; detach and mail this form to The Community Table at PO Box 62, Dillsboro, NC 28725.

The Community Table is a non-profit organization; we rely solely on grants and the generous support of area individuals, businesses, and organizations to continue operation. Please include the form to the left with all monetary donations. Thank you for your support!

All donations are tax-deductible.