

# “Table Talk”

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*From the Executive Director*

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## Community Table Staff:

- Christina Smith  
Executive Director
  
- Melrose Laws  
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## Food Drives

Harris Hospital and the local United States Postal Service recently organized two separate food drives benefiting The Community Table. These food drives generated significant in-kind donations to The Community Table, allowing us to distribute food boxes to our patrons and fully stock our dry food shelves. These food boxes helped patrons obtain nutritious meals on days The Community Table does not serve. Thank you to everyone who made both food drives successful.

## Meat Needed

The Community Table needs donations of beef and chicken. We are no longer able to obtain meat from our previous source, and will require donations from other sources. If you would be interested in making a donation, please contact us.

The Community Table successfully launched two new fundraisers in spring 2006. The first annual Empty Bowl Project was a huge success; thanks to everyone who made this event possible! Additionally, two Blue Plate Specials have occurred and will continue the last Wednesday of every month; plan to join us! The Community Garden has already begun to provide produce. Make plans to be involved in the garden at some point this summer! We will celebrate our 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August; reaching this milestone was possible only through the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers; thank you! As always, it is an exciting time to be 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.

## Community Garden

The Community Garden is well on its way to success. Volunteers have worked extensively weeding, planting and harvesting. Thank you to everyone who has donated time and support to the garden. Volunteers are still needed to assist with all aspects of garden operation; including volunteering at The Community Table’s booth at the Farmers Market. If you would like to volunteer, please call Christina Smith at 586-6782. Garden vouchers are now available at the Community Table during our regular serving hours.

## 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: 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.

## Thank You Harrah's Cherokee Casino employees!

The Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel H.E.R.O. (Harrah's Employees Reaching Out) program generously donates time and resources to The Community Table. Employees participating in H.E.R.O. have volunteered time at least once a month to prepare and serve meals to our patrons. Additionally, valuable in-kind donations have been provided. We extend a special thank-you to Janna Lambert, who has been a liaison between The Community Table and H.E.R.O. participants. Thank you H.E.R.O. for your generous support!

## Blue Plate Special

The monthly Blue Plate Special was successfully launched in May and June, and will continue on the last Wednesday of every month. Plan to join us on July 26 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for a meal prepared by a local chef. Food will be served to the general public for a minimum \$5 donation. Instead of going elsewhere for lunch, why not have lunch at The Community Table while giving back to the community through your financial support of Community Table operation.

## Empty Bowl Project

The first annual Empty Bowl Project was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated time and materials. Thanks also to everyone who attended this fun and worthwhile event. All funds raised will help cover The Community Table's general operating expenses. Plan to join us next spring for the second annual Empty Bowl Project! We thank all the local individuals, restaurants, and potters who made this

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event successful.

The Community Table served its first meal on August 12, 1999 based on a shared vision to eliminate hunger in the Sylva Community. Since that day, over 100,000 hot nutritious meals have been served to the food insecure of Jackson County. Without the generous support of the community, this milestone would not have been reached. Please join us on Thursday August 10, to celebrate everything The Community Table has accomplished. During our regular serving hours from 4-7 pm, we will have a cookout at the Community Table; complete with grills, face-painting and clowning skits. All donors, volunteers, and their families are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

## Giving Thanks to Recent Donors

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Celebrating Our Seventh Anniversary!