

## TRIANGLE INITIATIVES

### ENDING AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

The Problem: On any given night more than 1,900 people, including more than 300 children, are homeless in the Triangle.

The Commitment: Triangle United Way is committed to the work of ending and preventing homelessness. In 2007, support from Triangle United Way resulted in:

- ▶ 186,100 shelter nights being preserved by helping people stay in their permanent home.
- ▶ 75,089 shelter nights being provided to people who were homeless.
- ▶ 56% of those who received emergency shelter or transitional housing moved into permanent housing.
- ▶ 82% of those who moved into permanent housing have maintained that housing for at least 6 months.
- ▶ 60% of people who were homeless improved their income prior to moving to permanent housing.
- ▶ 556 volunteers assisting 964 homeless people during the Project Homeless Connects (a one-day, one-stop event where homeless people access services) held in Durham, Orange and Wake Counties.
- ▶ A new intervention targeting chronically homeless men assisted 44% of those participating in finding permanent employment.

### IMPROVING FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FAMILIES

The Problem: Many individuals and families are barely getting by, with no ability to save for college, a home, or for retirement. One out of three households are using credit cards to cover basic living expenses such as rent, mortgage payments, groceries, utilities, and insurance.

The Commitment: Triangle United Way will build partnerships to help working families increase income, build savings and gain and sustain assets. Results of this new 2008 commitment will be reported next year.

## CALL TO ACTION

### GIVE.

Your investment to Triangle United Way supports the most pressing needs in Durham, Orange and Wake counties: Education, Income, Health and Safety. The workplace campaign is the easiest and most powerful way to invest in your community. As always, we will also process a restricted contribution to qualified 501 (C) 3 organizations.

### ADVOCATE.

You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a letter to the editor. United Way needs people who are passionate about education, income, health and safety to make some noise. Sign up for our newsletter to learn about current issues and how to get involved at [www.unitedwaytriangle.org](http://www.unitedwaytriangle.org)

### VOLUNTEER.

Triangle United Way's Volunteer Solutions works with volunteers and local nonprofits to inform youth, busy working adults and seniors of the best volunteer opportunities that fit their schedules and interests. Visit [www.unitedwaytriangle.org/volunteer](http://www.unitedwaytriangle.org/volunteer) for a list of local volunteer opportunities.

**VOLUNTEER  
SOLUTIONS**



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**THANK YOU  
FOR CREATING  
OPPORTUNITIES AND  
INSPIRING  
HOPE FOR A  
BETTER TOMORROW.  
GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.  
LIVE UNITED.**



**2007 Triangle United Way Annual Community Impact Results**

► **2007 Results: A snapshot of real, lasting change that happens when caring people come together to improve lives.**

DURHAM COUNTY	ORANGE COUNTY	WAKE COUNTY
<p>“While schools will work hard to identify students at-risk for dropping out, and to offer appropriate support for them to stay on-track academically, it may well be that the challenge cannot be resolved only by schools.” Dr. David Holdzkom, Assistant Superintendent, Wake County Public Schools, from Triangle United Way’s <i>The Triangle Speaks</i></p>		
<p><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p>7,779 students in Durham County Public Schools were either suspended or expelled. <i>Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (06-07 school year)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 159 children were enrolled in high quality child care.</li> <li>▶ 390 youth involved in academic support programs ranging from tutoring to mentoring improved their school performance.</li> </ul>	<p>1,072 students in Orange County Public Schools were either suspended or expelled. 363 students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public Schools were either suspended or expelled. <i>Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (06 –07 school year)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 12,124 youth learned about life skills, character development and leadership by participating in after school and summer programs.</li> <li>▶ 237 youth received scholarships to attend summer and after-school programs.</li> </ul>	<p>22,484 students in Wake County Public Schools were either suspended or expelled. <i>Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (06-07 school year)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 1,141 youth involved in academic support programs ranging from tutoring to mentoring improved their school performance.</li> <li>▶ 17,218 youth improved knowledge of life skills, character development and leadership by participating in after school and summer programs.</li> </ul>
<p>“Problems once confined to the “poor” – such as difficulties in finding affordable housing – now affect a much broader segment of society, especially families that earn too much to be officially poor but too little to be truly self-sufficient.” John Quintero, Research Associate, North Carolina Budget and Tax Center, from Triangle United Way’s <i>The Triangle Speaks</i></p>		
<p><b>INCOME</b></p> <p>Foreclosures in Durham County have increased nearly 132% since 2000. <i>Source: North Carolina Justice Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 571 families in crises improved their situations through family and financial counseling, mediation, parent education, respite care and legal services.</li> <li>▶ 51,450 shelter nights were preserved when people were helped to avoid homelessness and stay in their homes.</li> </ul>	<p>Foreclosures in Orange County have increased nearly 141% since 2000. <i>Source: North Carolina Justice Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 120,653 pounds of food were distributed to people in need.</li> <li>▶ 1,657 families in crises improved their situations through family and financial counseling, mediation, parent education, respite care and legal services.</li> </ul>	<p>Foreclosures in Wake County have increased nearly 173% since 2000. <i>Source: North Carolina Justice Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 102 people with developmental disabilities secured gainful employment and improved the quality of their lives.</li> <li>▶ 443 individuals who were homeless moved into and/or sustained permanent housing.</li> </ul>
<p>“Safety net organizations such as free clinics, health centers, health departments, hospitals, and medical offices fill a critical role in providing free and low cost healthcare for some uninsured. However, the existing demand outstrips available resources.” Dr. Mark Holmes, Vice President, The North Carolina Institute of Medicine, from Triangle United Way’s <i>The Triangle Speaks</i></p>		
<p><b>HEALTH</b></p> <p>About 1 in 6 people living in Durham County under age 65 do not have health insurance. <i>Source: Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 7,286 community residents received training or information about health and safety issues, disease prevention, violence or substance abuse.</li> <li>▶ 136 individuals with mental health needs showed improvement and/or avoided hospitalization.</li> <li>▶ 712 individuals in crisis received access to direct medical care.</li> </ul>	<p>About 1 in 7 people living in Orange County under age 65 do not have health insurance. <i>Source: Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 78 people suffering from substance abuse overcame addictions, acquired life and employment skills, remained alcohol and drug free and successfully transitioned back into the community.</li> <li>▶ 7,619 blood units were collected and distributed.</li> <li>▶ 1,972 seniors improved their overall sense of well being by staying physically and socially active and engaged in community activities.</li> </ul>	<p>About 1 in 8 people living in Wake County under age 65 do not have health insurance. <i>Source: Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 3,605 seniors reported an improvement in physical health and reduced health risks as a result of participating in community health programs.</li> <li>▶ 10,054 teens participated in education sessions about health and safety issues, HIV/AIDS, domestic/sexual violence, substance abuse, suicide and pregnancy prevention.</li> <li>▶ 7,457 individuals in crisis received access to direct medical care.</li> </ul>
<p>“The increase in the number of juveniles being identified as gang-involved and the increase in the number of high school drop-outs is having a significant impact on the juvenile justice system.” Dennis Cotten, Central Area Administrator, North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, from Triangle United Way’s <i>The Triangle Speaks</i></p>		
<p><b>SAFETY</b></p> <p>508 students in grades 9-12 dropped out of Durham County Public Schools. <i>Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (06-07 school year)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 3,073 people who were victims of domestic violence and sexual assault received crisis intervention services.</li> <li>▶ 296 at risk youth avoided substance abuse, gangs, delinquency and teen pregnancy.</li> </ul>	<p>99 students in grades 9-12 dropped out of Orange County Public Schools. 41 students in grades 9-12 dropped out of <b>Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public Schools</b>. <i>Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (06-07 school year)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 31,424 nights of safe shelter were provided to families, children and individuals.</li> <li>▶ 10,047 teens received information about health and safety, HIV/AIDS, domestic/sexual violence, suicide and safety prevention.</li> </ul>	<p>1,647 students in grades 9-12 dropped out of Wake County Public Schools. <i>Source: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (06-07 school year)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 442 at risk youth avoided substance abuse, gangs, delinquency and teen pregnancy.</li> <li>▶ 5,476 people who were victims of domestic violence and sexual assault received crisis intervention services.</li> </ul>