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Bahamas Methodist Habitat Work Team 2011

Past Work Teams

1986	New York City
1987	Dominican Republic
1988	New Mexico
1989	South Carolina
1990	Puerto Rico
1991	Atlanta
1992	Dominican Republic
1993	Hinton Rural Life, NC
1994	Florida
1995	Mexico City
1996	Hinton Rural Life, NC
1997	New Mexico
1998	Costa Rica
1999	Hinton Rural Life, NC
2000	Oklahoma Kinston, NC
2001	Washington
2002	Mexico Robeson County, NC
2003	Bahamas Robeson County, NC
2004	Washington, DC Robeson County, NC
2005	Florida
2006	Louisiana
2007	Bolivia
2008	Panama
2009	Arizona New York
2010	Mississippi
2011	Bahamas Tennessee

BIG WESLEY AUCTION

Mark your calendars and join us for the 11th annual **BIG WESLEY AUCTION** to support our mission work teams. Since its beginning in 2002, the annual auction remains the primary fundraiser to support work teams. All proceeds this year benefit the 2012 missions work teams to DOOR Ministries in Miami, FL; El Ayudante in Nicaragua and Bahamas Methodist Habitat on the Island of Eleuthra. Turn to page 3 and reconnect with your team. Plan to join us for food, fellowship and competitive bidding!

Saturday, February 18th, 2012

Christ United Methodist Church
800 Market Street in Chapel Hill

**Bar-b-que Luncheon & Silent Auction at Noon
Live Auction to Follow**

Adult Tickets: \$15 each

Students & Children: \$5 each

*Ticket includes admission to the auction, bidding privileges, and lunch.

To purchase tickets email wesleyunc2@bellsouth.net or call 919-942-2152

We invite you to join us as a Work Team Sponsor:

Local Sponsor - \$100

Stateside Sponsor - \$500

Global Sponsor - \$1,000

(Stateside Sponsors receive two event tickets; Global Sponsors receive eight event tickets)

Gifts in Honor

Jan Rivero & Jeffrey Pugh
In Honor of the marriages of

*Kevin Cline '08 & Rachel
Holston '07*

*Caroline Collins '06 and
John Roberts*

Sarah Bost '09 *In Honor of
Jan Rivero*

Lynda Thompson *In Honor
of Pastor Jay Bourers of
Jamestown UMC*

**Michael & Beatrice
Chambers** *In Honor of
Chloe Chambers '15*

Jay & Betty Dominick *In
Honor of Boyce Dominick
'14*

Robert & Robin Leslie *In
Honor of Brett Leslie '15*

**Catherine & David LaBi-
anca** *In Honor of
Rachel LaBianca '13*

UMC Burlington District
*In Honor of Bill & Irene
Gattis and Sharon Smith*

James & Patricia Calloway
*In Honor of Matthew
& Bailey Calloway '02*

Fran & Glenn Ross *In
honor of their parents*

James & Melanie Upton *In
Honor of Shelley Upton '12*

Gwynn Morris *In Honor of
Shelley Upton '12*

Tom '57 & Donna Lambeth
*In Honor of Jim & Florence
Peacock*

Rosemary Ritzman *In
Honor of Murry & Frances
Unruh*

Paul & Jo Ann McMurray
In Honor of Sara Osborne '89

Janet Portzer *In Honor of
Kimberly Stone*

Gifts in Memory

Julie Thomas Feltman '91
In Memory of Susan Cleland

Mary Helen Hayman *In
Memory of Don Hayman*

Development Corner

Thank you to everyone who made an end of year donation to Wesley! Every dollar donated impacts the lives of students at UNC-CH through programming and worship. We covet your prayers as we move forward, relying more on individual donations to operate Wesley and meet the growing demands of nearly 90 students participating in weekly activities. As we move into the New Year would you prayerfully consider a donation to support a student? You can partner with Wesley by supporting one student at **\$177** a month, for as many months as you choose, or for **\$2,124** you can partner with Wesley to support one student for the full academic year. See below for the ways you can donate.

Thank you again for all of your support!

Kimberly Stone
Director of Development

WAYS TO GIVE

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD ONLINE: www.giving.unc.edu, at top of screen choose "give now", select school/unit/program-choose "other"; please select fund-choose "other"; search funds-key words are "Wesley Foundation"; select "Wesley Foundation", enter your giving amount, and follow steps. **OR** www.uncwesley.org, choose Ways to Give Annually, Option 1.

NEW OPTION FOR DONATIONS OF STOCK: Go to uncwesley.org, click "Ways to Give Annually", then choose option 5. Your gift of stock can be made through The United Methodist Foundation. To find out more information call 800-555-4718 and ask for Shane Oxendine or Gina Schwenn, or visit the Foundation's website at umf-nc.org.

Mail: Your donation can be mailed to 214 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Exam Care

"I love the exam care table because it does more than feed us for the week of exams.



The oreos, fruit snacks, highlighters, and apples are amazing and keep us going through study sessions but it is the sense of community that is formed around that table that makes me so thankful to be a part of Wesley. There were several people who had never been to Wesley that came to study, partly because of that very table but from that they have gained friends and a new place that they will feel welcome throughout the year. Thank you to all those who donated to make the Exam Care Table possible."

Emily Hinshaw '14

"During exams one of my favorite things is the exam care table. To everyone who supports us in this regard with coffee or donations, thank you very much. All of us are so thankful for a place to come and study, a place that is quiet and a place that provides a break from the stress."

Matt Corbitt '13

Miami Work Team

Over semester break in early January, a team of six students traveled to Miami, FL to work with Discovering Opportunities for Outreach & Reflection (DOOR), a faith-based network that provides opportunities for service, learning and leadership development within the urban context. The team's participation with DOOR included working with homeless shelters, working in an adult care center and landscaping maintenance.



"The Miami work team trip was one of learning about God and other people in a whole new way. I enjoyed growing closer to the Wesley friends I went with, while meeting new people in new locations each day we spent in Miami with DOOR. God's love was present everywhere we went throughout the city. I gained a new respect for people from all walks of life and was inspired by the amazing things God is doing in the city and around the world."

Emily Hinshaw '14

2011-2012

Theme

Unfailing Love,
Overflowing Hope

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

"I have experienced overflowing hope at Wesley when I walk into the building and I'm greeted with nothing but smiles and hugs. It's the sense of community I feel as we talk about our day on the couches and share our concerns and love for one another in the Wesley circle. It's just a simple reminder that God always takes care of his children and Wesley has given me hope that family is not always biological. I'm so blessed."

Keisha Lyons '13

"After watching the student videos, everything changed. I saw quickly that Wesley was more than just a "substitute" church for students in Chapel Hill. It was truly a community of faith, and I could tell from the expression on their faces as they talked about Wesley that they are loved and supported by the Wesley ministry. I heard about the different ways they are able to become leaders. I heard about the ways they identify the various gifts and graces different students have to determine which committees or teams they are most suited for. It is a great introduction to leadership in the local church, and I was proud to know Brett was continuing to grow and develop spiritually. I know experience is the best teacher, and as much as he has seen his parents involved in church roles, there's no way that will ever compare to him actually being in those roles at Wesley."

Linda Piper
Mother of Brett Piper '13

Reconnect with your Work Team

This is just a sampling of pictures that will be on display at **BIG WESLEY AUCTION...**

Join us Saturday,
February 18th



Reconnect with your team!



Wesley Wish List

1. Projector
2. Grocery Gift Cards
3. Volunteers to cook or provide meals on Thurs evenings
4. Office staff volunteers

For general items view Wesley's Wish List Registry www.walmart.com/wishlist

A big Wesley Thanks to University UMC for use of their color printer for this newsletter—we could not do it without you!

Alumni News

Stay Connected

Send news you would like to share with fellow alumni to: wesleyunc2@bellsouth.net or Visit the Wesley Foundation Alumni page on facebook and join the group.

Engagements

Jake Paysour '10 is engaged to Joanna Marcy. Jake and Joanna met at Wesley Seminary. A June wedding is planned in Joanna's hometown of Blacksburg, VA.

Danielle Hamilton '10 and Travis Marsh '10 announce their engagement.

Marriages

Caroline Collins '06 and John Roberts were married Oct 16, 2011.

Future Wesleyans

Eli Wagahoff born to Liz Frye '02 and Kevin on Oct 24, 2011.

Noah Wesley Hubbard born to Breanne Forbes Hubbard '07 and Nate Hubbard '07 on Oct 27, 2011.

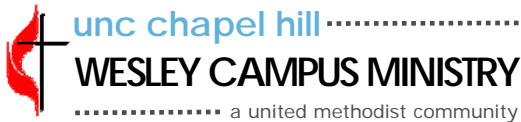
Adam Eli Schaaf born to Elizabeth and Scott Schaaf '99 on Oct 28, 2011.

Hannah Corinne Meyer born to Cheryl '02 and Albert Meyer '03 on Nov 13, 2011.

In Memorium

Brooks Patton, former campus minister from 1948-1950, passed away Nov 25, 2011 at age 93

*Wesley is a Spirit-led living and learning community
that nurtures faith development and servant leaders:
rooted in Jesus Christ, grounded in the Wesleyan tradition and practicing radical hospitality.*



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Wesley Moves Ahead With Plans to Expand and Renew Ministry at UNC

DATE: February 1, 2012

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The Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation has taken the next step to expand and renew its campus ministry for the fourth time in the 70+ year history of its campus ministry at UNC-CH. The board announced that it will sell the existing property and building at 214 Pittsboro Street and move to a new yet-to-be identified location that will enable the ministry to significantly increase its programs, staff, and service to the campus and community.

Wesley at UNC is an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that is nationally affiliated with The United Methodist Church and began in Chapel Hill as a campus ministry to students in the basement of University United Methodist Church in the 1940s. In the late 1950s it grew and moved into a house in the Cameron-McCauley Historic District and in 1965 Wesley constructed and moved into its current facility at 214 Pittsboro Street. For several years now the board has gone through multiple Concept Plan Reviews with the Town of Chapel Hill to explore expansion and rebuilding possibilities at the 214 Pittsboro Street site, in addition to several other locations near campus in the downtown area. Current zoning of the 214 Pittsboro Street property does not adequately accommodate plans for expanding the ministry at that site and Chapel Hill Town Council has indicated that rezoning the property is not possible. Therefore, the board has decided to sell the 214 Pittsboro Street property and building and seek a more appropriate site where Wesley can expand and renew, as it has successfully done several times previously in its history.

The current campus ministry program is flourishing under the leadership of Campus Minister Reverend Amanda Dean supported by two Duke Divinity School interns, a Wesley House resident intern, a Director of Development, and an Administrative Associate. Each week students participate in spontaneous informal gatherings as well as various organized activities including worship, student-led programs, Bible study, other study and discernment groups, retreats, mission trips, and campus and community service. Ten UNC undergraduate students are in residence each semester in Wesley House, a covenant living community.

Wesley is supported by prayers, presence, donations, and service from the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and by Wesley students, alumni, parents and friends, and by many local church congregations. Please contact the UNC Wesley Foundation at 919.942.2152 or by email to wesleyunc2@bellsouth.net to learn more about Wesley and to support current programs and expansion and renewal plans for this important campus ministry.

Reverend Amanda J. Dean, Campus Minister and Executive Director (July 2010-present)

Almost one year ago I shared a statement with the board during my campus minister's report. In light of the board's most recent decision, I would like to share it with the greater Wesley community in hopes that we can more fully embrace the next steps that God has for us.

It is clear that God is doing a new thing at UNC Wesley Campus Ministry! (Isaiah 43: 18-19). One day while I was praying in the Chapel, God gave me a vision about our future and it wasn't what I expected to see. I didn't see a new building. I didn't see a large residential community that would help us to become self-sustaining. I didn't see a newly renovated space. I didn't see us worshipping in University United Methodist Church.

I saw faces. Faces of students who have yet to enter this ministry. People that I have never met before. I cannot tell you their names or where they will come from...but I can tell you that I love them. Before I have even met them, I feel a deep love for them. I realized in that moment of prayer that God has incredible things planned for us. God's plans are bigger than this space. God's plans for us will reach farther than another piece of property in Chapel Hill. God's plan for us is to love young adults. To love them so much that Wesley Campus Ministry goes with them when they leave this place. To love them in a way that changes them forever; that shows them how to love others in a very real way. God's plan is for us to love these young adults as Christ loves them, so that they will go out to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This is not a new vision. This is not a new direction. This has been God's plan for us all along and we have spent over fifty years living into this calling to reach out to young adults. We've done it well...and now we have the chance to do it even better.

February 2010, Campus Minister's Report

As we move forward, I pray that you will come alongside us as we continue to share "Big Wesley Love" with students. The students, board, and I are excited to follow where God leads us in this next chapter of Wesley Campus Ministry!

Dr. Jan Rivero, Campus Minister and Executive Director (1998-2010)

The genius of Wesley Foundation has, since the days of John Wesley himself, been in its goal to "unite the two so long disjoined - knowledge and vital piety." This decision by the UNC Wesley Board to sell the property at 214 Pittsboro, while sad in many ways, in no way diminishes that genius. On the contrary, it opens up possibilities yet unknown: for increasing faith and knowledge, for reaching across a multitude of boundaries, and for expanding the vision for God's beloved community. I pray that all who love Wesley will support this decision and the ministry into the future as we have done for decades, with our prayers, our gifts and our service.

Reverend Manuel Wortman, Campus Minister and Executive Director (1975-1998)

Who could forget all the "saints" of Wesley! The Wednesday Crew, the Residents, the Volunteers, the Singers, and 14 or so Work Mission Teams. The students who made up these crowd my memories—those who made Wesley a place of laughter, of searching, of reaching out, and of "relationships". Wesley was and is real people. Buildings come and buildings go, but the "SPIRIT OF WESLEY" lingers in current students and in alums—teachers, doctors, dentist, lawyers and even some who could do math. The SPIRIT will go forward wherever they are in loving communities, opening their arms to all persons, forming the Body of Christ wherever the people of Wesley settle.

Reverend Bob Johnson, Campus Minister and Executive Director (1957-1975)

As longtime friends might guess, I will shed a few tears over the move from the Pittsboro Street building. It sheltered many wonderful memories of several generations of Carolina students. However, the move will preserve the heart of Wesley's ministry and open up fresh possibilities. So courage and best hopes for a new day!