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Management Musings

By Chris Brown, Executive Director

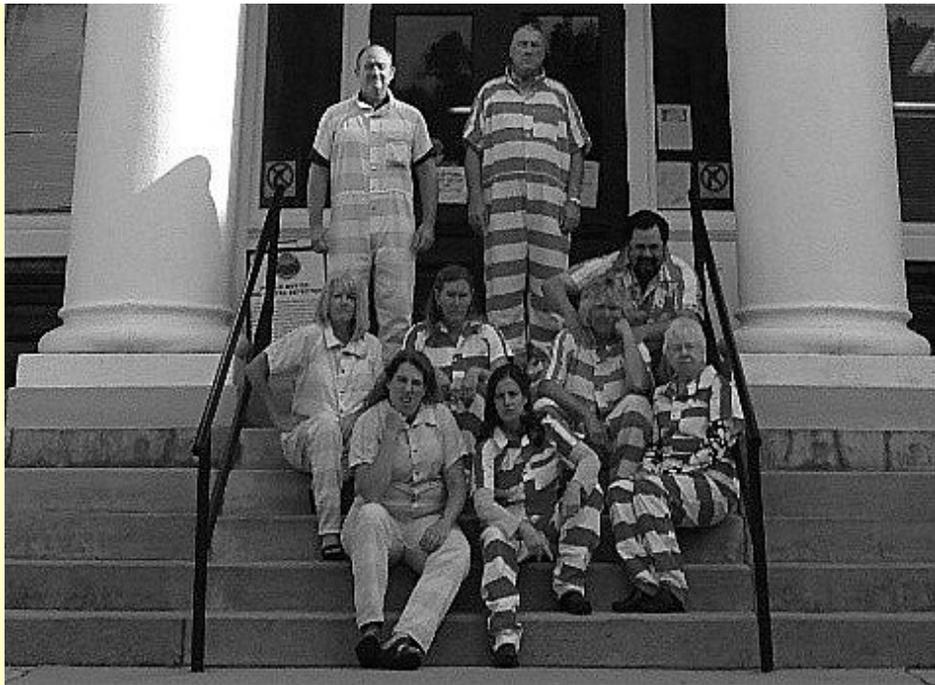
I am writing this from inside of my jail cell and my paper supply is limited. I and the CHC Board are Incarcerated for Housing's Sake! Please help us raise bail either by making a donation [online](#) or come visit our "cell" at the Heritage Festival on October 3rd in Mars Hill. Thanks to all of our volunteer prisoners! Visit our Facebook [page](#) to see what some upstanding villains in our community have been charged with and bail them out, too!

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Who We Are
CHC is a 501(c)(3) independent, non-profit organization, governed by a volunteer board. CHC's mission is to promote and facilitate healthy, safe, and affordable housing in Madison County, NC.



Splinters from the Board

By Mike Bradley

Last spring the Atlantic magazine published a story dealing with the relationship of housing cost to economic growth (The Atlantic, March 2015). To make a long story short, studies conducted by Harvard and Berkley along with a later study by the online realty marketer Trulia drew an interesting picture. The first studies examined which metropolitan areas had an economic engine that offered the best opportunity for low income families to move upward toward or beyond the middle class. The Trulia study found that over a short time most of these same economic powerhouse cities had some of the nation's highest housing costs and that gentrification was driving housing segregation based on family income. The resultant displacement of lower income residents to enclaves separate from the heart of growth tended to slow the overall economy and had a negative effect on upward mobility of the poor.

Against the backdrop of the above scenario, author Derek Thompson quoted several sources, most notably Professor Myles Shaver of the University of Minnesota, in describing the singular circumstance of Minneapolis. That city enjoys a strong economy based on two major factors. First, Minneapolis tends to attract and keep its residents over the long haul, arguably this is in large part due to satisfaction with the balance of economics and quality of life factors. The second factor is governmental policies from the late 1960s and early 1970s that shifted resources in such a way as to attract industry and to distribute housing so that economic classes are less segregated than the norm.

It seems obvious that other factors yet to be studied or defined may also contribute to the success or failure of economic and class mobility; but the idea of preserving the "melting pot" has a certain logic. The experience recounted above calls to mind the Coleman Study, a seminal Johnson era report tied to the Great Society ideas of that time. As Civil Rights issues grew prominent the Coleman Study was commissioned. Conventional wisdom held that differences in school quality for different racial and economic groups would be the major policy driving factor from the study. In fact, the more prominent thread became the finding that segregation, whether based on racial, economic or other factors reduced the likelihood of success. An educational experience that included exposure to a wide range of cultures and traditions was found to benefit all students, not just the disadvantaged. The broad communal atmosphere of the melting pot was shown to be universally beneficial.

The idea that encouraging unity of respect toward all people and of learning that all have a unique perspective and experience that, if shared, can promote wise and beneficial choices seems still to be alive in America. I am honored to be associated with CHC, an organization that quietly puts

these qualities to use in an effective way.

Volunteer Corner

By June Trevor, CHC Volunteer Program Coordinator

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS (NHN) NEWS:

Thank you, New Spring Church!



New Spring Church of Mars Hill provided an energetic, hardworking crew for our September 12 *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* (NHN) workday. A big shout out to Christopher Blanton, Kevin Blanton, Wayne Sammons, Steve Harris, Jeremie Harwood, Steve Harwood and Robert Culton for giving a Saturday to help a neighbor in the Walnut community with needed yard work, an old chimney tear-down and other needed repairs. Great leadership was provided by CHC volunteer crew leaders Jennifer and Adam Reda. Dagmar Haubold, CHC Board member, and Ash Sargent, CHC intern, were strong support on the worksite.

Help Your Neighbors Be Ready for Winter

There are two more workdays this fall and we still need more volunteers! If you can help from 10 AM to 3 PM on **Saturday, October 17** or **Saturday, November 14**, please contact me at 649-1200 or june@chcmadisoncountync.org to sign up! CHC provides supervision, tools and materials. Volunteers just bring a bag lunch and a commitment to help a neighbor for five hours!

Neighbors Will Keep Helping Neighbors in 2016!

Groups and individuals are invited to sign up for these NHN workdays in the coming year. Workday participation can be a great teambuilding activity for your staff, student group or youth group. All workdays are on a Saturday from 10 AM to 3 PM.

February 27
 March 19
 April 16
 May 14
 June 11
 July 16
 August 27
 September 17
 October 15
 November 12

Thanks to all who stopped by our recent rooftop gathering here at the SECU building in Marshall. We were able to inform many community folks about the NHN program and the 2016 workday dates. Special thanks to Lori Massey, Chris Brown, Larry Burda, and Jennifer and Adam Reda for all of their help organizing the event. Marshall Container Company provided great refreshments and to David Hughes & CHC Assessor, Jake Owen, for the lovely serenade of banjo & fiddle tunes from rural appalachia!

DAY OF CARING ~ AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

The award for set design should go to these four Mars Hill University students and

our own props designer, crew leader Larry Burda. This crew helped construct props, including a "jailhouse" for CHC's upcoming *Incarcerate for Housing's Sake* fundraiser. These creative volunteers were brought to us by the annual United Way of Madison County Day of Caring on Saturday, September 12. Thanks to Rayshelon Carolina, Jonathan Scaif, Chandler Young and Fausto Turro for helping us prepare for an important CHC fundraiser.



WELCOME BACK, ASH!

We are pleased to have Ash Sargent, Bonner Scholar at Mars Hill University, back in the office this semester for his fourth internship placement with CHC. Ash has been helping with office organization, client intake, volunteer coordination, *Neighbors Helping Neighbors* and PR for *Incarcerate for Housing*.

Grant Update

By Chris Watson, Client and Grants Coordinator

Many of our client's needs are urgent and require skillsets outside of most of our volunteer's comfort level. These repairs include steep roof replacement, plumbing, electrical, septic and carpentry projects. The Community Housing Coalition is always looking for responsive, qualified and insured contractors to perform work for our clients. Do you know any? If you've had a great experience with a contractor and would like to refer them to CHC, please send their contact information to chrisw@chcmadisoncountync.org, or call Chris Watson at (828) 649-1200 and we can contact them about being added to our list of contractors. On the other hand, if you're looking for a contractor for your home, contact us and we'd be happy to provide the names of the companies that have done good work for and support the mission of CHC.

Donation Box

Financial contributions to further support our work are welcome throughout the year. You can always mail a tax deductible gift to The Community Housing Coalition of Madison County, P.O. Box 1166, Marshall, NC 28753. Or visit our website at <http://www.chcmadisoncountync.org> to make a donation online.

Thank you!

Closing Thoughts

Fall is upon us. The cooler weather reminds us that some neighbors may be preparing for winter. Consider helping your neighbor split wood and offer to assist with helping with weatherization for those who may not be able to do it themselves.

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