



New nonprofit aims to bring neighbors to the table

The Sunday Supper empowers communities to build trust, give thanks, and support one another

RALEIGH, NC—November 19, 2017: Sunday Supper took on a whole new meaning this weekend during Raleigh’s second Sunday Supper event. A group of community advocates announced a new nonprofit focused on inspiring communities to set aside differences and break bread for the greater good. The Raleigh-based nonprofit embodies the mission, vision and values of the original Sunday Supper.

Last November, event organizers along with 300 volunteers and local sponsors, hosted the first ever Sunday Supper to benefit Hurricane Matthew victims in eastern North Carolina. After the success of 2016’s [Sunday Supper](#), which featured a grand table with seats for 1,000 and raised close to \$200,000 for North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Matthew, the organizers have been hard at work to identify the next iteration. Over the past year there have been three Sunday Supper-inspired events – in Kinston, Rocky Mount and Charlottesville.

“The first Sunday Supper was a tremendous success. Not only did it raise a significant amount of relief funding for our neighbors in the east, it sparked a movement,” said Joyce Kohn, co-executive director, The Sunday Supper. “Since last November, we’ve seen interest grow, along with the will to come together and give back.”

On November 19, more than 250 people gathered around one table, celebrated the Sunday Supper’s anniversary gave thanks, and learned about the future of [The Sunday Supper](#). The Sunday event was both a way to say thank you to sponsors and volunteers, and launch a 501(c)(3) that will enable communities in North Carolina and across the U.S. to host their own Sunday Suppers.

The mission of the new Sunday Supper nonprofit is to enable communities to join together, build trust, give thanks and support one another. The vision: For every community in America to host The Sunday Supper.

“Whether the need is around a sudden crisis, a natural disaster or a major issue like food insecurity, The Sunday Supper aims to help communities through difficult times,” said Willa Kane, community advocate and chair of the new nonprofit. “With the formation of a

community-driven board, our 2018 focus is on enabling 10 communities to host their own Sunday Suppers. By providing seed funding, plans and advice, our goal is to empower people to come together and break bread, uniting communities to help those in need.”

The Sunday Supper will be governed by a board of directors, including:

- Ann Whitehurst
- Brigid Washington
- Courtney Crowder
- Greyson Kane Sidebotham
- Harris Vaughan
- Jesma Reynolds
- Jimbo Perry
- Jimmy Broughton
- Joyce Kohn
- Kevin Fitzgerald
- Matthew Van Horn
- McGavock Edwards
- Michael Becker
- The Rev. Dr. John Yates
- Willa Kane

“Healing happens when people come together and put their differences aside,” said Courtney Crowder, vice-chair, The Sunday Supper. “The Sunday Supper serves to unite communities under a common cause, even in the most difficult of times.”

To learn more, visit www.TheSundaySupper.com.