

## **Human Relations Wins Support for Community Integration Initiative**

The Human Relations Department has won a Building Integrated Communities in-kind grant from UNC Chapel Hill to lead a city-wide effort to coordinate the efforts of community organizations that serve the Hispanic population.

The grant will provide the department in-kind support over the next two years with needs assessment, planning and facilitating community workshops, surveying successful efforts in other communities and more, said Wanda Allen-Abraha, the city's human relations director.

The support will be provided by the staff of the Latino Migration Project at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"We're excited that UNC Chapel Hill recognized the merits of our proposal and will be assisting us as we move forward," Allen-Abraha said. "Our goal is to unite all the agencies and organizations in Winston-Salem that work with the Hispanic community so that we can pool our resources and provide better and broader services, particularly in such areas as fair housing, education, health care and transportation."

Participants in the effort will include the Hispanic League, The International Center at Forsyth Technical Community College, Wake Forest University, Hispanic Interaction, the Indo-U.S. Cultural Association, Second Harvest Food Bank and Forsyth Futures.

Fifteen municipalities in North Carolina applied for the grants and two were awarded. The name of the second winner has not been released.

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