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Project Homeless Connect Seeks Donations, Volunteers for May 16 Event

FAYETTEVILLE – The 2013 Project Homeless Connect will be held on May 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Smith Recreation Center, 1520 Slater Ave. in Fayetteville. The annual event is sponsored by the Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness and is designed to give the homeless in Fayetteville and Cumberland County access to agencies and services that can help make a difference in their lives.

The Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST) will provide free transportation to the event. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free haircuts are available, and housing and service providers will be on hand to assist with health screenings, affordable housing, job placement, and much more. Last year's event served 251 people.

Organizers are seeking donations of the following items: petroleum jelly, white socks, bug repellent, foot powder, bus passes, lip balm, sleeping bags, wet wipes, backpacks and/or tote bags, ponchos, gallon-size plastic zip bags, toilet paper, underwear, hand sanitizer, and sunscreen.

Donations may be dropped off at Cumberland County Community Development located at 707 Executive Place (off Raeford Road). Please bring donated items Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The deadline is May 3. For more information, contact Community Development at 323-6112.

Volunteers are also needed to assist on the day of the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Karen Moore at 483-6980.

Monetary and in-kind donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to Cumberland Community Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302 or you can hand deliver checks to 308 Green Street, Fayetteville. Please indicate in the memo section of your check or money order that the donation is for the "Homeless Special Projects Fund."

"We are excited to help organize Project Homeless Connect again this year. Participation from citizens and vendors has continued to grow each year and we look forward to helping to make a difference in people's lives," said Cumberland County Community Development Director Thanena Wilson. "This event also serves as a reminder to the citizens of our community that we have to take care of our own when they cannot."

Community Development's goal is to preserve and expand the supply of safe, affordable and decent housing in Cumberland County. For more information, call (910) 323-6112; go online to

http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/community_dev.aspx or visit the CCCD office at 707 Executive Place.

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