

13th Annual Community Dinner

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Dear _____,

On behalf of the Community Dinner Committee, we invite you to join other members of our community in contributing to this annual celebration of diversity. More than ever, we as a community must find ways to live together in harmony and learn to appreciate one another's cultures and traditions, particularly during these difficult economic times. The Community Dinner encourages people from all sectors of the community to join together to share a meal, enjoy entertainment and build lasting friendships.

In March, 2009, and thanks to local support and participation, nearly 700 people from many cultures and socio-economic groups shared a meal and musicale. At that event, because of the participation of many local restaurants, we were able to underwrite close to 40% of the tickets, allowing people in need to sit at the table. We hope that you will want to be a part of the 13th Annual Community Dinner to be held on March 7, 2010.

Feeding nearly 700 people and all of our entertainers and volunteers is a daunting task. Mildred Council, of Mama Dip's Kitchen, together with other local restaurateurs will again be preparing the main meal and coordinating the menu together with the Community Dinner Committee. This year we understand if you may not donate as much as in previous years, but we hope that you will give what you can. Given the difficult times we are going through, we have again as the 2010 Dinner's theme "Comfort Food." Your donation need not be large – a side entrée of your choice to feed 40—60 people would be much appreciated. Whatever you donate will offer comfort to the dinner's participants and the community at large. All that we ask is that you participate in an event that is so important to our community.

The organizers are making a concerted effort to include local farm products in our Community Dinner. The Carrboro and South Estes Farmers' Markets are now open throughout the year. Committee Members Mama Dip and Noah Ranells of Orange County Economic Development have lots of ideas for the use of winter produce.

Last year over ninety organizations, including many restaurants gave generously to the event. Most contributors are listed on our website <http://communitydinner.org>. The March 2008 Dinner was featured in the February 2008 edition of "Our State" Magazine article on Carrboro. Your contribution is tax deductible, and as a participant you will be recognized as a contributor in all publicity, on the Dinner's website and at the event. The Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010, at 1:00 pm in the McDougle School's Cafeteria in Carrboro.

If you have any questions or wish to make a pledge, please contact the dinner's chairperson, Nerys Levy at 919-932-1533 or at rilevy@mindspring.com. Also please visit our website at <http://communitydinner.org>, where we have posted photographs of previous dinners and many articles, including the one from Our State magazine. We look forward to your participation,

Sincerely,

Nerys Levy and Mildred Council (Mama Dip)