



Orange County 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

The Long Road to Freedom

June 19, 2010, 12 – 5:30 pm
Hargraves Community Center

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (June 9, 2010) — JUNETEENTH commemorates the day the last slaves in America learned they were free. The Orange County celebration of this historic event will be held on June 19 from noon – 5:30 p.m. at Hargraves Recreation Center, 216 N. Roberson St., Chapel Hill. Planned activities include speeches by public officials, oration on Juneteenth's history, food, vendor displays, health booths, a basketball tournament, entertainment, games, a bounce house, the incredibly moving Harambee Circle, and an opportunity for every public official and every candidate on this fall's ballot who attends the opening ceremony to offer a word of greeting.

Proceeds will benefit Pine Knolls Community Center programming, including affordable housing, enrichment for school children, and the effort to bring a [Boys and Girls Club](#) to Chapel Hill.

Sponsored by a coalition of community organizations, this year's event is dedicated to Dr. Ted Parrish, who was severely injured in a recent fall from a ladder. Dr. Parrish, an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Education at North Carolina Central University, is a long-time community activist. Just the tip of the iceberg of his involvements includes: immediate past president of Pine Knolls Community Center, 16 years on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board, instrumental in bringing a Juneteenth commemoration to Chapel Hill, and the driving force behind the soon-to-be-realized quest to bring a Boys and Girls Club to our area.

Individuals, businesses, churches, candidates – anyone who wants - can help sponsor Juneteenth by purchasing an ad in the program booklet (\$10 - \$100), renting a vendor table (\$25), cash or in-kind donations, or just showing up to this free, family-friendly event! Food, paper goods, prizes, in-kind, and cash donations are gratefully accepted and will be tax deductible as allowed by law. For more information click on the Juneteenth link at pineknollslearningcenter.org or contact: Stephanie Perry at 919-358-7345, stephbperry@aol.com.

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