



**United Way of Chatham County
2009 COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY**



The United Way of Chatham County is conducting this brief survey to identify the current most important human service needs in the county. Your opinion can help our community, so please tell us what you think. The results of this Community Needs Survey will assist us to send contributors' dollars to programs where they will do the most good. No names are used in this survey, so it is completely anonymous. The survey is for Chatham County residents only. One survey per family/household. If you have questions, contact the United Way at (919) 542-1110. Please complete and return your survey to the United Way of Chatham County at PO Box 1066, Pittsboro, NC, 27312 by Friday, February 20, 2009. If you have access to a computer, please respond on-line by using the survey link at www.nonprofitpages.com/uwcc.

I. Needs in Your Household

These questions are about you and your household. Please answer whether or not the following problems have affected you or anyone in your household in the past 12 months. If you answer "yes" to a problem, please indicate if you know how to get help.

	Yes	No	I can get help	I don't know how to get help
1. Not enough money to buy food				
2. Not enough money for needed clothes/shoes				
3. Not enough money to buy medicine				
4. Cannot find a good job				
5. Hard to find good child care				
6. Hard to find housing that I can afford				
7. Cannot afford medical care				
8. Cannot afford dental care				
9. Drug or alcohol abuse				
10. Violence in your home				
11. Cannot read well enough				
12. Cannot afford legal services				
13. Cannot speak or read English well enough				
14. Nothing for children and teenagers to do after school or in summer				

II. Community Issues and Needs

Here is a list of issues that may be a problem in our county. For each one, please mark if you think it is a problem in Chatham County and how big a problem.

	Not a Problem	Little Problem	Big Problem	Don't Know
1. Lack of good jobs				
2. People who can't read well				
3. Hunger				
4. Lack of affordable medical care				
5. Lack of health information (for example, diabetes, HIV/AIDS)				
6. Lack of mental health care for adults				
7. Lack of mental health care for children and teens				
8. Lack of money for medicines				
9. Not enough affordable, safe housing				
10. Homelessness				
11. Gangs				
12. Child abuse or neglect				
13. Violence in homes				

	Not a Problem	Little Problem	Big Problem	Don't Know
14. Drug or alcohol abuse				
15. Tobacco use by teens				
16. Lack of affordable or good day care				
17. Lack of programs for elderly				
18. Teen pregnancy				
19. Not enough help for people who don't speak or read English well				
20. Not enough activities for children and teenagers				
21. Lack of understanding between groups (racial, ethnic, cultural)				
22. Teenagers dropping out of school				
23. Lack of affordable legal help				
24. Not enough public transportation				

Which of the issues listed above do you think are most serious? Please list top 3.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Do you think there are other issues that are a problem in Chatham County that are not listed above? Please list these other issues.

III. Demographic Information

Please Note: All surveys are anonymous.

Are you: Male Female

1. Age
 18-25
 26-30
 31-45
 46-65
 Over 65
2. How many people live in your house? _____
3. Are there any children under 18 living in your home?
 yes no
 Number of children in home: _____ Ages _____
4. What is your racial or ethnic group?
 American Indian Asian
 African-American Hispanic or Latino
 White Other
5. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
 Did not finish high school
 High school diploma or GED
 Some college
 Associate degree
 College degree (Bachelors)
 Some graduate study
 Graduate degree (Masters or Doctorate)

6. In which community of Chatham County do you live?
 Bear Creek Bonlee Other
 Goldston Moncure
 North Chatham Pittsboro
 Siler City Silk Hope
7. What was your household income last year?
 Less than \$15,000 \$51,000 - \$100,000
 \$15,000 - \$25,000 \$ 101,000 - \$200,000
 \$26,000 - \$50,000 \$ 201,000 or more
8. What is your employment status?
 Employed full time Employed part time
 Unemployed Retired
 Disabled Student
 Homemaker
9. In which county do you work?
 Chatham Alamance
 Durham Lee
 Orange Other
 Wake Not Employed
10. Are you staff member of a nonprofit ?
 board member of a nonprofit ?
 client of nonprofit?
 other?