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iCARE TOUR TO OFFER A LOOK AT HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS IN CATAWBA COUNTY

HICKORY -- The iCare Tour will be held June 6 to give Catawba County residents an overview of the human service needs in the county, and how they can help.

This event is a narrated bus tour of six non-profit agencies and speakers from several human service agencies. The tour begins at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory at 8 a.m. and ends there at 4 p.m. with a roundtable discussion. Participants are provided with breakfast and lunch.

The tour will stop at the following locations: Family Care Center, Council on Adolescents, Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry, Hickory Soup Kitchen, Resource Warehouse and Gallery/Safe Harbor, and Sipe's Orchard Home Home-Houston Cottage. Each agency stop will feature speakers from additional agencies.

A donation of \$5 is required to register for the event. To register for the tour, please send a check for \$5 per guest to Catawba County Social Services, Attention: iCare Tour, P.O. Box 669, Newton, NC 28658. Checks should be made payable to Catawba County Social Services and "iCare Tour" should be written in the memo line.

You may also register by phone or online. To register, contact Amanda Freeland at 828-695-5648 or afreeland@catawbacountync.gov. You must provide the name, email address and phone number of each guest.

You may also pay your registration fee online by going to <https://www.velocitypayment.com/client/catawba/socialservices/index.htm>. Select Fund Type "Other" and then specify "iCare Tour."

The iCare Tour is organized by Congregations and Community, which seeks to build bridges between community groups and congregations, and Housing Visions, a consortium of human service agencies that deal with issues of poverty and homelessness. For more information about Congregations and Community, contact Ann Aichinger at annaichinger@gmail.com or go to <http://www.meetup.com/CandCofCC>. For more information about Housing Visions, contact Casey McCall at Casey.McCall@uss.salvationarmy.org or go to <http://www.housingvisionscatawba.org>.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The tour is organized based on the number of seats on each van, so it is important to register. If you must cancel after registering, please let us know as soon as possible so your seat may be made available to someone else. Registration donations are non-refundable. Volunteers are also needed to help with the event, and sponsorships are still being accepted. To find out more about these opportunities, contact Amanda Freeland at afreeland@catawbacountync.gov.