

# *Please donate to the 23rd Annual Mildred Council Community Dinner Celebrating our community's cultural diversity*

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Dear

On May 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 our co-founder and inspiration Mama Dip (a.k.a. Mildred Council) passed away. To honor her memory, the Community Dinner Committee has renamed the Annual Community Dinner after her. We all miss her so much and, as she would have wished, the Dinner continues. 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. Now and 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 times. The Community Dinner encourages people from all sectors of the community to join together to share a meal, enjoy entertainment and interact with many people from our community whom they would otherwise never encounter.

In April, 2019, and thanks to local support and participation, over 650 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 over 50% of the tickets, allowing people in need to sit at the table. We hope that you will want to be a part of the 22nd Annual Community Dinner to be held on April 26th, 2020. For your information, in March 2014 the Community Dinner was honored in Washington D.C, with a National League of Cities Award for Cultural Diversity. This indeed was a great honor. Feeding nearly 700 people and all of our entertainers and volunteers is a daunting task.

Mama Dip's Kitchen and many culturally diverse local restaurateurs will again be preparing the main meal and coordinating the menu together with the Community Dinner Committee. We hope that you will give what you can. A side entrée of your choice to feed 50—70 people would be much appreciated-whatever you donate will benefit the community at large. All that we ask is that you participate in an event that is so important to our community. Furthermore, the organizers are making a concerted effort to include local farm products in our Community Dinner. 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, April 26th, 2020, at 1:00 pm in the McDougale 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](mailto:rilevy@mindspring.com). Also please visit our website at <http://communitydinner.org>, where we have listed previous contributors and posted photographs. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Nerys Levy

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