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22nd Mildred Council Annual Community Dinner celebrating our community's diversity

November 19th 2018

Dear

On May 20th 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 wanted, 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 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 build lasting friendships.

In April 2018, and thanks to local support and participation, over 500 people from many cultures and socio-economic groups shared a meal and musicale. At that event, because of local donations and 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 Sunday, April 28th, 2019 and that you will give us what you can. **\$22.00 feeds a family of four.** Feeding close to 700 people and all of our entertainers and volunteers is a daunting task. The 2018 event had a lower turnout largely because of the Hispanic community's hesitation to attend the Dinner given the many random challenges at that time to their right to live in the USA.

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. All that we ask is that you participate in an event that is so important to our community.

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. The organizers are making an extra effort to include local farm products and community gardening projects in our 22nd Community Dinner.

This year, in addition to receiving checks, we are also able to receive on line donations supporting the dinner through our website <http://communitydinner.org>. As a participant, you will be recognized as a contributor in publicity, on the Dinner's website and at the event. The Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 28th, 2019, at 1:00 pm in the McDougle School's Cafeteria in Carrboro.

. If you have any questions, please contact the Dinner's Chairperson, Nerys Levy at 919-932-1533 or at rilevy@mindspring.com. Our website at <http://communitydinner.org> lists previous contributors and images of last year's dinner. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Nerys Levy

Chair, Community Dinner Committee

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