

Please Support the 23rd Mildred Council Annual Community Dinner celebrating our community's Diversity

December 2022

Dear

**Committee
members:**

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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. We had originally scheduled the 23rd Community Dinner for April 2020 but, because of the pandemic, we had to postpone the event until April 2023. 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 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 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 23rd Mildred Council Annual Community Dinner to be held on Sunday, April 30th 2023 and that you will give us what you can. A donation of food to feed 40- 50 people would be much appreciated. Feeding close to 500 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. 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 23rd Community Dinner. This year, in addition to receiving checks, we are also able to receive online 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 30th, 2023 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 919-417-3081 or at rilevy@mindspring.com. Our website at <http://communitydinner.org> lists previous contributors and images of our 2019 dinner. We look forward to your participation,

Sincerely,

Nerys Levy,

Chair, Community Dinner Committee

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