



**NETWORX**  
SECURING WELL-BEING TOGETHER  
**CATAWBA**

A program of  
**Greater HICKORY**  
**ccm**  
Cooperative Christian Ministry

## **NETWORX CATAWBA - VOLUNTEER APPLICATION & AGREEMENT (DUE TO GHCCM BY 7/31/15)**

*NETWORX CATAWBA IS A PROGRAM OF GREATER HICKORY COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY*

The goal of **NETworX CATAWBA** is to move economically distressed individuals and families in poverty toward self-sufficiency and economic stability. The **NETworX CATAWBA** initiative is a multi-dimensional model for reducing poverty based on national research suggesting that low-income families must have a support system of intentional relationships across economic and class lines to access resources in the community to move toward self-sufficiency. **NETworX CATAWBA** is also a model for systemic change that helps communities move toward ending poverty by working together to develop goals, practices, and policies that enable self-sufficiency.

Upon acceptance into **NETworX CATAWBA**, each participant goes through a 12-week program designed to help them begin their transition out of poverty. **NETworX CATAWBA** participants attend a weekly meeting that includes a meal, child care, tutoring and classes. After participants complete the classes, lifestyle changes and goals for getting out of poverty, participants become **NETworX CATAWBA** Champions of Change. Champions work with trained Allies, who are community volunteers who work hand-in-hand with them over the next 18-24 months to move out of poverty.

In **NETworX CATAWBA**, relationships are **intentionally** and **purposely** built across race and socioeconomic lines in order to offer a personal enhancement through sharing and building of social capital. The program addresses causes and effects of poverty, increases long-term financial independence for participants, and demonstrates partnerships and a commitment to capacity building. It addresses barriers to eliminating poverty through training and one-on-one guidance for participants. This strategy uses a strengths-based framework that fosters hope and self-determination. Participants create their own roadmap to independence and draw on a supportive community to achieve their own goals.

**NETworX CATAWBA is designed to target low income individuals and families at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG).** According to the most recent data (June 2014) provided by the Western Piedmont Council on Governments Data Services (using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the NC Center for Health Statistics and the Catawba County GIS Department), in 1999, 9.1% of all persons in Catawba County were living in poverty. This percentage rose to 12.5% during 2006-2010, and again increased to 15.1% from 2008-2012. There are an estimated 22,934 people living in poverty in Catawba County, the majority residing within the City of Hickory. Of this number, an estimated 8,233 are children 17 and under.

### **How can you help with NETworX CATAWBA?**

- **Serve as an Ally** for a Champion of Change. Complete and return the Ally application.
- **Sponsor a Champion of Change Scholarship**, providing a \$250/half or \$500/full scholarship of a **NETworX** family. We are asking each church to consider providing a NETworX scholarship. Please contact Barbara Rush at GHCCM at (828) 327-0979, ext. 223 or [berush@ccmhickory.com](mailto:berush@ccmhickory.com) for scholarship info.
- **Serve** on a NETworX Committee or as a NETworX Volunteer (complete and return this application):
  - Work with area churches to coordinate weekly **Meals**.
  - Assist with **Childcare** at each meeting.
  - **Tutoring** for school-aged children during meetings.
  - **Volunteer** your time. Complete the **Community/Church Survey** to assist Champions with specific needs.
  - Serve as the **Ally Coordinator** for your church or business. Help recruit and train new Allies.
  - Assist Champions of Change with **Transportation** to and from meetings.
  - Assist with **Hospitality**, greeting, set-up and clean-up after each meeting.
  - **Share** your talents with Champions of Change!



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**Federal Poverty Guidelines - 2015**

| <b>Household Size</b>                         | <b>100%<br/>(of the poverty guidelines)</b> | <b>150%</b> | <b>200%</b> | <b>250%</b> |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>1</b>                                      | \$11,770                                    | \$17,655    | \$23,540    | \$29,425    |
| <b>2</b>                                      | \$15,930                                    | \$23,895    | \$31,860    | \$39,825    |
| <b>3</b>                                      | \$20,000                                    | \$30,000    | \$40,000    | \$50,000    |
| <b>4</b>                                      | \$24,250                                    | \$36,375    | \$48,500    | \$60,625    |
| <b>5</b>                                      | \$28,410                                    | \$42,615    | \$56,820    | \$71,025    |
| <b>6</b>                                      | \$32,570                                    | \$48,855    | \$65,140    | \$81,425    |
| <b>7</b>                                      | \$36,730                                    | \$55,095    | \$73,460    | \$91,825    |
| <b>8</b>                                      | \$40,890                                    | \$61,335    | \$81,780    | \$102,225   |
| <b>For each additional person over 8 add:</b> | \$4,160                                     | \$4,160     | \$4,160     | \$4,160     |

**NETworX CATAWBA** classes will be held every Monday night from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Hickory. Classes begin on Monday, September 14, 2015 and continue for 11 weeks.

**Please return this application by July 31, 2015 to:**

**Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry**

**Attn: NETworX CATAWBA**

**31 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW**

**Hickory, NC 28602**

For more information about NETworX Catawba, please contact Kecia Morris, NETworX Catawba Program Coordinator, at GHCCM at (828) 327-0979, ext. 236 or email [NETworXCatawba@ccmHickory.com](mailto:NETworXCatawba@ccmHickory.com).

# NETWORX CATAWBA - VOLUNTEER ROLE & AGREEMENT

| <b>Contact Information</b>                  |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Name and Age                                |   |   |
| Address                                     |   |   |
| Cell Phone                                  |   |   |
| Home Phone                                  |   |   |
| Place of Employment                         |   |   |
| E-Mail Address                              |   |   |
| Preferred Method of Contact/<br>Best Time   |   |   |
| <b>Availability</b>                         |   |   |
| ___ Weekday mornings<br>Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri | ___ Weekday afternoons<br>Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri | ___ Weekday evenings<br>Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri |

| <b>Please Check All That Apply:</b>   |
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| ___ I speak and read English  |
| ___ I speak and read Spanish  |
| ___ I am motivated (interested in learning and applying new ideas)                                      |
| ___ I am willing to build intentional relationships across class and cultural lines                     |
| ___ My family supports and encourages involvement in NETworX  |
| ___ (If history of alcohol or other addiction) I have been in recovery for at least the past 6 months   |
| ___ I have a relatively stable home environment (not currently homeless or dealing with domestic abuse) |

| <b>Family Information</b> |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Child Name                | Age |
|                           |     |

| <b>Background Information</b>  |
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| 1) Summarize skills, qualifications, and or training you have acquired from employment, education, life experience or through activities, including hobbies or sports. Passions and talents you would like to share with others. |
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| 2) List community/social/faith-based groups and organizations you are involved with that referred you or that you may be able to share with a participant.   |
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| <b>How did you hear about NETworX?</b> |
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**What about being a NETworX volunteer is of interest to you? (check all that apply)**

- Automobile Repair
- Appliance Repair (type: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Budgeting/Financial Counseling
- Banking (checking/savings)
- Moving Services (packing/moving)
- Communication/Interpersonal Skills
- Counseling (individual/family/faith)
- Dentistry
- Gardening
- Healthcare (Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Lawn Maintenance
- Painting (indoors/outdoors)
- Legal Assistance
- Education/Tutoring (adults/children/subject/grade level): \_\_\_\_\_
- Workforce Development (resume writing, job search strategy, interviewing skills, facilitating workshops)
- Champion Scholarships (\$250 for a half scholarship and \$500 for a full scholarship)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Business/Leadership
- Diet/Nutrition
- Grocery Shopping/Coupons
- Cosmetology (hair/nails)
- Cooking/Meal Preparation
- Electrical Repair
- Housing
- Plumbing
- Reading/Interpretational Skills
- Sewing

**I am really good at:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**I am not so good at:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**What behaviors do you find most frustrating in people?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No**  
**Currently have pending court cases? Yes No**  
**Any active warrants? Yes No**  
**If yes, please explain:**  
*(Note: Background Checks will be a requirement for participating in any activities where children may be present)*

**Agreement and Confidentiality Statement**

As a participant of NETworX I understand that I must ensure the confidentiality and privacy of all those who participate. I further understand that the fact an individual is served by NETworX must be kept private and confidential, and at no time shall I disclose personal information that is shared.

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|----------------|-------|
| Name (printed) | _____ |
| Signature      | _____ |
| Date           | _____ |