



# SVP Charlotte eNEWS



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<http://www.usnwc.org/>  
August 15, 2009  
Dinner at 5:00 at Outdoor Pavillion  
[rsvp@svpcharlotte.org](mailto:rsvp@svpcharlotte.org)

**Quarterly Partner**

## New SVPC Investee



In June 2009, SVPC invested in Habitat for Humanity's Critical Home Repair program (HCHR), a new initiative designed to decrease substandard housing conditions for very low-income families in the Charlotte community by providing urgent, critical home repairs (defined as major floor or roof repair). The program works intensively with families to rectify housing code violations, keeping homes safe and free from condemnation, and ultimately protecting Charlotte's affordable housing stock. Individuals receiving service must own and occupy the home being repaired and earn less than 50% of the HUD median income for Mecklenburg County. Additionally, the individual must be willing to repay HCHR for the work based on a mutually agreed upon monthly payment and to provide community service.

The need for essential and urgent home repair is tremendous. According to the 2000 Charlotte Census, there are over 5,000 households below 100% of the poverty guidelines in need of a home repair. SVPC's grant will allow HCHR to hire a second site supervisor to manage additional projects as well as develop and implement construction training courses to leverage Habitat's extensive volunteer network and increase overall capacity. In addition to the funding, SVPC Partners will provide strategic counsel and business expertise as part of three HCHR committees (oversight, construction, marketing)

## Meeting

August 27, 2009  
12:00 noon  
Whitehead Manor  
[rsvp@svpcharlotte.org](mailto:rsvp@svpcharlotte.org)

## Board Meeting

July 27, 2009  
12:00 noon  
Whitehead  
Manor

**Class Matters**, a servant leadership program addressing social class in the community.  
Myers Park  
Presbyterian Church  
Date: TBD  
Contact Debbie Darden for more information  
[d3darden@gmail.com](mailto:d3darden@gmail.com)

## Save the Date!

[2009 SVPC Annual Conference](#)  
October 22-24, 2009  
Dallas, Texas

working to develop and grow HCHR into a reproducible model to share with Habitat affiliates across the country.

"We are so excited about our partnership with SVPC. SVPC will be a great help and influence in the creation of our long-term strategic plan and overall growth of the program." - Tim O'Neil, HCHR Director

If you have an interest in being involved in this initiative, please contact Stewart Boswell ([sboswell@boswellassociates.com](mailto:sboswell@boswellassociates.com)), SVPC's lead Partner with the project, or Susan Daniel ([sdaniel@svpcharlotte.org](mailto:sdaniel@svpcharlotte.org)).

## New SPVC Partners



**John and Erin Stubbs** joined SVPC after hearing about the model from Partner Mike Harrell (Jane Harrell is John's sister). John is from Newbern, NC and enjoys fishing and running. He is a Managing Director at Jones Lang LaSalle. Erin is also a runner, and grew up in New York. She is a pediatrician at Levine Children's Hospital at Carolinas Medical Center. Both John and Erin are graduates of Duke University, and they have a 20-month old son, Charlie.

**Bob and Sally Miller** have three children – two daughters and a son - ranging in age from 13 – 17 years. Bob grew up in NY State and is a graduate of Davidson. He is a partner with Round Table Investment Management and sits on several Boards including Trinity Episcopal School, Davidson Board of Visitors, and Montreat Retreat Assn. Sally is from Louisiana, and is a graduate of LSU. The Millers were drawn to SVPC's model of investing as well as the opportunity to be a "vehicle of effective and efficient support for critical needs in our community."



**Mike and Catherine Fischer** are the parents of a son (20) and daughter (17) and have a beloved beagle, Dobby. Mike is from Signal Mountain, TN and is a graduate of University of Tennessee and UNC-CH business school. He has been with Bank of America for over 20 years. Catherine grew up in Charleston, SC and is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's College. They enjoy

traveling with their family, especially going where there is blue water since the entire family scuba dives. Mike and Catherine are excited about the opportunity to "find their niche within the numerous opportunities that SVPC has to offer."

## SVPC in the News

### **Partner Will Miller is interviewed in Charlotte Magazine on SVPC and how to make Charlotte a better city**

While thousands of local United Way donors seethed in anger this year over that agency's alleged mishandling of money, a small group of philanthropists felt confident that their money had been well used, because they didn't just write checks, they became engaged in the charities they funded.

[Click here](#) to read more.

### **SVPC is featured in Business Journal**

Partners for Success, a new program launched by Communities in Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, aims to recruit local businesses and faith communities to promote success at high-poverty, low-performing schools. Habitat Critical Home Repair, a program of Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte, plans to boost its capacity to work with low-income families to provide major home repairs and protect Charlotte's stock of affordable housing. Critical to both program is support from Social Venture Partners Charlotte.

[Click here](#) to read more.

### **Social Venture Partners Gave \$3.4 Million in Grants and Thousands of Hours in Volunteer Service to 132 Nonprofit Organizations in 2008**

Social Venture Partners International (SVPI) announced its latest numbers associated with organizational growth, grant making and volunteer service. Based on 2008 affiliate network data and capacity building outcomes, the network contributed \$3.4 million to 132 nonprofits in 2008. SVP Partners also contributed thousands of hours of volunteer service to nonprofits in cities throughout North America and Japan.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## SPVC Partner in the News

**Charlotte Observer talks to SVPC Partner Ann Hayes**

## **Browning about her work with Carolina Thread Trail and the Nature Conservancy**

After 23 years as a Bank of America exec, Ann Browning left to pursue a non-profit career. She's leading the Carolina Thread Trail project, which spans 15 counties.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## **Partner Tidbits**

◆ Max Emerson Sumwalt was born to Mark and Ann Sumwalt on May 13, 2009.

◆ Zachary Christian Pineno was born to Chris and Denise Pineno on July 6, 2009.

◆ Jane Harrell, seven-year-old daughter of Mike and Jane Harrell, was presented The Golden Giver Award, given by Classroom Central, for collecting over 100 book bags last year for needy CMS students.

◆ Suzanne Darden, daughter of Bruce and Debbie Darden, became engaged to Frank Rowell of Birmingham, AL on July 16.

Congratulations to all!

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