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PTA Thrift Shop creates a new program, *YouthWorx on Main*, a collaborative coworking space for nonprofits in Orange County focusing on youth related services

CARRBORO, N.C. March 23, 2018: PTA Thrift Shop held an open house for its new program, *YouthWorx on Main*, on Thursday, February 15 where stakeholders and constituents of the community were invited to come along with members of the nonprofits using the collaborative coworking space and learn more about their efforts to better serve the community.

Roughly 50 attendees were treated to a buffet donated by Carolina Brewery, Mediterranean Deli, Clean Juice and Harris Teeter Stores. Pat Richardson, PTA Thrift Shop's Director of Communications and Community Relations, gave several groups a grand tour of the facilities.

"We are appreciative of the great turnout this evening and for the community's support of this venture to help youth serving organizations build capacity in order to enhance their missions." Barbara Jessie-Black, Executive Director, PTA Thrift Shop.

The building is located at 117 W. Main St. in Carrboro, next door to the PTA Thrift Shop. The modern building features fun and unique art pieces that inspire a culture of creativity and conversation. Most of the furnishings of *YouthWorx on Main* were donated to the PTA Thrift Shop.

YouthWorx on Main serves as an office space for eight nonprofit tenants, including Art Therapy Institute, Healthy Girls Save the World, Musical Empowerment, Refugee Community Partnership, Reintegration Support Network, SKJAJA Fund and Triangle Bikeworks, as well as Youth Forward, PTA Thrift Shop's partnering organization administering the capacity building programs offered. Additionally, the coworking space currently has two-member organizations: Boys and Girls Club of Orange and Durham and Girls on the Run Triangle, with more to come.

In addition to the capacity building programs beginning this month, tenants and members have access to wired and wireless internet, use of conference and meeting rooms, free admission to events held in the space, access to a full-color copier and other amenities provided in the building.

The hope of the nonprofit collaborative is to create an atmosphere that fosters creative thinking and encourages cooperation between organizations with the common goal of positively impacting the lives of young people in the community.

Youth Forward is excited to curate capacity building trainings and collaborative efforts that help youth serving nonprofit organizations alongside us within *YouthWorx on Main* and all youth serving organizations in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Organizations interested in checking out the trainings can visit www.chcyouth.org/nonprofit-trainings.

About *YouthWorx on Main*

YouthWorx on Main, a youth-serving nonprofit powered by the PTA Thrift Shop and Youth Forward, builds capacity for Triangle organizations through collaboration. *YouthWorx on Main* is a catalyst for impact, supercharging non-profits with best practices that improve the lives of low-resourced youth in the Triangle region of North Carolina.

To read more about *YouthWorx on Main*, visit <http://youthworxonmain.org/wp/>.