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Celebrate Myra Clark's retirement with a donation to CCT!

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Dear Steve,



After 32 years with the Center for Community Transitions, Myra Clark has transitioned out of the office and into retirement.

If it were any other year, the Board of Directors would commemorate this milestone with a gathering of past and present board members, staff, clients, friends, family, volunteers and community partners. We'd toast Myra's [decades of accomplishments and contributions](#), laugh and reminisce, eat cake, and wish her all the best.

But 2020 isn't a typical year. Thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, we can't celebrate in person. So instead - at Myra's request - we're throwing her a different kind of retirement party. In place of gifts and an in-person event, we're passing the hat - virtually speaking - with an online fundraiser in Myra's name to benefit CCT.

With your help, our goal is to raise \$11,843. That's \$1 for every day Myra devoted to helping individuals and families affected by incarceration rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society as productive citizens. [Please make your donation in support of CCT today!](#)


The new decade signifies a brand new chapter for CCT as [Executive Director Patrice Funderburg](#) leads transformative change throughout the pandemic and beyond. A donation in Myra's name will help ensure we can continue fulfilling our [mission](#).

This fundraiser is one last way for Myra to support the place where she could follow her bliss and mission in life. An organization that helps so many people in our community through a compassionate and dedicated network of staff, volunteers, donors, foundations, partners, mentors and board members.


[Please donate here in any amount to honor Myra and support CCT.](#) Or, send a check payable to the Center for Community Transitions, PO Box 33533, Charlotte, NC 28233. If you'd like to send Myra a note, please send it to CCT's PO Box or her email at mclark11887@gmail.com.

Thank you for joining us in [celebrating Myra's 32 years with CCT](#), so her legacy of helping formerly incarcerated men and women transform their lives may continue.

All the best,
Marc Jarmosevich, CCT Board Chair




Chris Braswell, CCT Board Vice-Chair



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Myra Clark receives Long Leaf Pine award, NC's highest civilian recognition



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"I have seen the magic of Myra up close and personal. She advocates for a population that is frankly unpopular in many circles. She empowers program attendees to explore their creativity, to address issues that could have led to their incarceration, and to take responsibility for one another in their group setting. And yet, having a heart and being compassionate isn't enough to run the primary prison reentry program in Mecklenburg County. It takes business sense. It takes tenacity. It takes courage. It took Myra Clark. In her over three decades of service, she took a small, fledgling agency and grew it to be a statewide and in many corners a nationwide model for support."

- Carol Hardison, CEO, Crisis Assistance Ministry

"As a former U.S. Attorney, Myra and I worked together often on criminal justice issues, including reentry. She was a valued partner for the U.S. Department of Justice. Myra's leadership as an advocate for criminal justice is unparalleled, and I don't say that lightly. Over her three decades of leadership and service in Mecklenburg County and beyond, Myra has worked with passion and integrity. In addition to being the person in the room who knew the most about the criminal justice system, Myra also brought compassion and love in her work. She has made the lives of thousands of people better, and in doing so, has made our community better."

- Anne Tompkins, CCT board member and partner with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft

With accolades and endorsements like this, it's no wonder Gov. Roy Cooper bestowed Myra with [The Order of the Long Leaf Pine](#), one of the state's top honors.

Since the 1960s, NC governors have presented the award to people who've had an extraordinary impact on their communities and the state. As an unwavering ally for those impacted by the criminal justice system who has helped give thousands of North Carolinians a second chance, Myra certainly fits that description.

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Memories with Myra: Looking back on 32 years at CCT

CCT began in 1974 in the basement of a church, operating on a \$700 annual budget. Under Myra's leadership, our organization transformed into a \$1.7 million organization that's helped thousands of formerly incarcerated people rebuild their lives and reintegrate as productive members of society.

Every day Myra came to work, it didn't feel like actual work - she "just felt privileged" to do what she was meant to do. Compassionate yet direct, collaborative yet accountable, she led our organization with integrity and selflessness for 22 years.

This summer, we took a stroll with Myra down CCT's memory lane to learn how she got started with advocacy work, the most rewarding part of her job, and what she wishes more people knew about the formerly incarcerated.

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