



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Work On Wilmington Accepting Project and Sponsor Applications for 2018**

WILMINGTON, NC – The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce invites area nonprofits, local governmental organizations and schools in New Hanover County to submit applications for Work on Wilmington 2018. The deadline to submit projects is October 15, 2017. The event will take place on April 28, 2018.

Work on Wilmington is an annual event sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber Foundation and carried out by the Leadership Wilmington program to bring together local businesses and volunteers to improve our community. Thousands of volunteers are assigned to various projects throughout the city, and spend the morning painting, planting, fixing, refurbishing, and cleaning area nonprofits and schools. The day culminates in a volunteer appreciation celebration in the afternoon that includes food, music, games, and prizes.

“Since 2006, Wilmington Chamber Foundation and the Leadership Wilmington class have brought thousands of people together for one morning each April with the goal of helping improve the community,” said Julie Lamacchia, chair of the Work on Wilmington Projects Committee. “On April 28, 2018, we will carry on the tradition of Work on Wilmington and serve the community by volunteering our time with local non-profits, the schools, parks and museums to create a better Wilmington for our family and friends.”

Nonprofits, local governmental organizations and schools in New Hanover County can request to have a project done at your location by submitting an application at [www.workonwilmington.org/projects/](http://www.workonwilmington.org/projects/) or by contacting the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Past projects have included interior painting and interior wall repair at Coastal Horizons Center; floor painting and replacement of lighting at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina; refurbishing landscaping, and adding shrubbery and picnic tables at Roland-Grise Middle School; pressure washing and painting at the Harrelson Center; interior painting at the Carousel Center; mural installation at Williston Middle School; fence-building at the New Hanover County Arboretum; adding rock/marl to the driveway/parking lot at The Open Gate Domestic Violence Shelter; repairing benches and constructing a boardwalk at the Cape Fear Center for Inquiry; landscaping and pressure washing at Laney High School; adding benches and vegetable garden at Sunset

Elementary School; and garden maintenance and invasive plant removal from constructed wetland at Bradley Creek Elementary School.

Work on Wilmington organizers are also seeking area businesses and individuals to donate to this fantastic event. Last year, Work on Wilmington raised more than \$67,000 to fund Work on Wilmington's various community projects. Past major sponsors include Corning Foundation, GE Hitachi Nuclear, The Grainger Foundation, The Home Depot Foundation, New Hanover Regional Medical Center and PPD.

### **About Work on Wilmington**

Work on Wilmington is an annual community service event organized by Leadership Wilmington, a civic leadership development program of the Wilmington Chamber Foundation. Work on Wilmington was launched by the 2006 class of Leadership Wilmington. The mission is to inspire people to work together on community projects that make Wilmington a better place to live.

For details, visit [www.workonwilmington.org](http://www.workonwilmington.org). To learn more about Leadership Wilmington, contact Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Chief Operating Officer Faye Barnes Dunaway at (910) 762-2611, ext. 211, or [dunaway@wilmingtonchamber.org](mailto:dunaway@wilmingtonchamber.org)

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