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CITIZEN-SOLDIER FAMILIES ASSISTED BY ROCKY MOUNT CHURCHES

Congregations Reach Out with Caring Community Teams

Many North Carolina National Guard and Reserve soldiers and their families are challenged by the demands and risks of extended deployment. Congregations in Rocky Mount will come together on Tuesday, May 3, at the Best Western Rocky Mount Inn to attend a workshop to learn more about developing support networks for the families and loved ones of active-duty National Guard and Reserve soldiers.

The workshop, entitled “Building Bridges – Caring Communities Fill the Gap with Support and Service,” will train congregation members from a variety of Rocky Mount churches to form Caring Community Teams – groups of six or more people working together to provide practical, emotional and spiritual support for Citizen-Soldier families. Information will also be provided about an upcoming training event that will teach participants how to organize Caring Community Teams in their own congregations.

This workshop is one part of the Citizen-Soldier Support Program, a statewide community-based initiative aimed at serving National Guard and Reserve personnel and their families during times of mobilization, deployment and return from duty. This federally funded program is being spearheaded by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in partnership with Duke University, N.C. State, UNC-Charlotte, East Carolina, UNC-Greensboro, Virginia Tech, Bryn Mawr College and UNC-TV.

The free workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. at the Best Western Rocky Mount Inn located at 1921 N. Wesleyan Boulevard. To reserve a spot in the upcoming workshop or obtain more information about Caring Community Teams, please contact Faith Community Team coordinator Michael Worsham at (toll free) (866) 757-7295 or mworsham@duke.edu.