



Thousands take part in a recent March of the Living event at Auschwitz in Poland.

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Public is invited to FTCC to hear from Holocaust survivor

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A Holocaust survivor who now resides in High Point will speak next week at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Hank Brodt's address, which is free and open to the public, will close out a three-day developmental workshop for local social studies and language arts teachers. FTCC will use the workshop to encourage the teachers to take advantage of its Blynn Holocaust Collection, a

Hank Brodt, 82, lives in High Point

series of taped testimonies by people who lived through the Holocaust.

Brodt will speak at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30 in the auditorium of Ardmore Hall on the Main Campus of Forsyth Tech, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway. The 82-years-old, survived five different Nazi concentration camps during World War II. He has attended the March of the

Living in Poland, an annual event at the former Nazi death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau that honors the memory of some six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Brodt says he attends the event in order to pass on his experiences to the younger generation.

"I'm trying to teach them what happened and educate them," said Brodt, a retired carpenter. "They're the ones who have to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive and prevent it from happening again."

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enough beds during the cold months, so this particular facility will help us adjust that this coming winter, so it's very important in the whole overall strategy," he explained.

A few years ago, the city, in conjunction with various local agencies, launched the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. Joines said the new building will help that effort.

"I'm particularly encouraged that this facility also provides training and counseling and motivation to individuals to help them move on their own into a life of self sufficiency," the mayor added.

The president of the non-profit Rescue Mission's board, likened the men who come to the mission to the characters described in Psalm 107.

"They all recognized that they had a need ... they all sought deliverance," said Mark Ingersoll. "We don't do the delivering. God does. The



Photo by Layla Farmer
Founding Director
Neal Wilcox

mission's here to help give them a future."

The opening of the new facility was like a dream come true for Director Emeritus Neal Wilcox, who founded the Rescue Mission "with a little faith and a big God," as he puts it, more than four decades ago. He led the dedi-

cation prayer just before officials cut the ribbon, officially opening the New Life Center.

"God hasn't failed us yet," said Wilcox, who traveled from South Carolina for the dedication. "By God's grace, we can keep these doors open, doing what we've been doing, with a great burden and a great desire to see folks ... have one place for sure in this city where Christ will be presented as the hope."

Sixty-four year-old Jerry Hairston knows firsthand the importance of the Rescue Mission's work. Hairston, a recovering addict, is a Mission alumnus who now lives in Sunrise Towers. He says the journey to independence began for him within the Rescue Mission's walls.

"Oh Lord, I can't describe it. If it hadn't been for the Rescue Mission, I don't know where I'd be," he declared. "I'd be under a bridge somewhere ... or dead."

Hairston spent two weeks on the waiting list, dutifully calling the mission every morning to retain his spot in the old facility.

"By me drinking and drug-

ging, it was hard for me to find a phone to call in before 8:00, but I was determined I was going to get off of (the streets)," he said.

The Mission's reputation precedes it, Hairston says, and men come from far and wide to seek it out.

"You'd be surprised the people from out of town that hears about this place and come," he commented. "We have the best homeless program - from what I hear the guys say - on the East Coast."

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the community that I was more familiar with and at the same time get to know better the community that I'm not as familiar with," said Toole, a managing director at the consulting firm MBA Actuaries.

He collaborated with fellow co-chair David Mount, of the Maya Angelou Research Center on Minority Health at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, and other concerned citizens to reenergize the Forsyth County Health Department's Healthy Community Coalition, which is designed to address racial disparities.

The subject of disparities has received well-publicized attention recently in the wake of the American Medical Association's apology for its history of racial inequalities, which many say is a cause of today's health gap between whites and minorities. The Chronicle will take a closer look at that topic in its next issue.

The new goal of HEAT is to be more about action than words.

"Instead of talking about disparities and gaps, we want to put it that why isn't everybody getting equal treatment?" Toole explained. "It's just a way of positioning it differently."

Earlier this year, members of the HEAT team joined forces with Crossing 52, a local nonprofit that works to foster cross cultural acceptance and understanding, to host "Dispassionate Discourse: Showcasing the Impact of Racial Disparities." The series of events hosted at WhiteSpace Gallery Jan. 11 - Feb. 28 was a success, drawing more than 250 people. HEAT began its second awareness push in the spring, screening the PBS "Unnatural Causes: Is Healthcare Making Us Sick?" a series on racial disparities in the American healthcare system. So far, 558 Forsyth County residents from 25 different groups and organizations have viewed one or more



Tanner

of the videos. The goal is to have 2,500 viewers by the end of the year.

Willard Tanner, coordinator of the Healthy Community Coalition, said the video series is not meant to entertain but to educate residents so that they will take action to help eliminate disparities and take better care of themselves and their families.

"The more people are educated ... the more they in turn will be able to help their individual families as well," Tanner commented. "These films will give them some indication as to what needs to take place."

Ardmore United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, a predominantly Caucasian congregation, was one of the first groups to take advantage of the video series. Jerry McLeese leads the church's Faith In Action Adult Sunday School Class, which viewed three parts of the series in April.

"(Faith in Action) has a reputation for tackling social and moral issues," McLeese explained. "This seemed to be one (issue) that was appropriate."

The church group also heard from panels of local professionals as part of the program.

It wasn't Ardmore's first brush with the topic of racial disparities. Church members heard from Heath Department Director Tim Monroe on the topic last year, according to McLeese.

"They were enlightening; there was some information in there that I did not realize," he said of the videos. "The class really enjoyed that, enjoyed the opportunity ... to get a little better informed."

The next "Unnatural Causes" screenings will be today, July 24, and Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Meeting Room 2 of the Forsyth County Public Health Department, 799 Highland Ave. To schedule a screening, contact Tanner, at (336) 703-3175 or Lynne Mitchell, (336) 703-3110.

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