

# The National Conference Announces 1997 HUMANITARIAN AWARD HONOREES

The National Conference (TNC), founded as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 1997 Humanitarian Awards. Mr. Douglas Wade Booth and Mr. Harvey B. Gantt will be honored at the May 6, 1997 Annual Awards Dinner which will be hosted this year by Rolfe and Ann Neill. The honorees were selected based on their commitment to the community in bringing better understanding and relations among all races, cultures, and religions in support of the mission of The National Conference.

Mr. Booth has played an important role in many phases of our community's growth and

development. With a lifetime of remarkable public commitment and service and his leadership as president of Duke Power, Mr. Booth has promoted understanding and respect of all people through his volunteer leadership as president of the United Way of the Central Carolinas, as a member of the Board of Visitors of Johnson C. Smith University, director of Children's Services Network, and as a trustee of the Alexander's Children Center. His work has also extended to the arts and cultural community, religious and education community with service in numerous capacities. Booth has also served the community as a member of the board of Mecklenburg County

Commissioners.

Mr. Gantt has a long history of service in the Charlotte community with his membership in various organizations including the NAACP, chair of the Johnson C. Smith University United Negro College Fund Drive, Afro-American Cultural Center, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan YMCA, Charlotte political arena as Mayor of the City of Charlotte, City Council, and U. S. Democratic Senate Nominee. Gantt has earned a number of other awards throughout his years in Charlotte and holds honorary degrees from six colleges and universities.

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## The National Conference Announces 1997 ANYTOWN

The National Conference, founded as The National Conference of Christians and Jews, announces its tenth year of ANYTOWN, a week long diversity appreciation and leadership training experience for high school students. The National Conference is now accepting applications for adult advisors, college aged counselors, and student delegates.

ANYTOWN is rapidly being recognized as one of the most successful human relations programs for youth in America. ANYTOWN earned national recognition in 1985 when it was featured on the NBC Today Show. The program helps build self-esteem, leadership skills,

communication skills, youth/adult relations, and understanding and appreciation of diversity in race, religion, gender, and culture.

The Charlotte Region of The National Conference is pleased to also announce that one of the "founding fathers" of the program, Richard Valenzuela, will be directing the ANYTOWN experience. This year's event will be held at the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, July 6-12, 1997.

Adult advisors play an important role by providing experience and insight into the world beyond high school. Teachers, counselors, nurses, clergy, business people, law enforcement officers and other professionals are encouraged to

apply. College Aged Counselors live with the delegates, giving constant guidance and encouragement throughout the week. Prior training for advisors and counselors will be provided.

Delegates are rising juniors and seniors and are selected based on their desire to participate and leadership potential. The cost for delegates is \$275 for the week, which includes training, room, board and transportation. Scholarships and payment plans are available.

For more information on ANYTOWN, the application procedure or sponsorship information, please contact The National Conference office at 332-4420. \*

## Blumenthal Jewish Home Begins 1997 Membership Drive

By Sue Klein

The Blumenthal Jewish Home's 1997 Membership Drive has just begun. By becoming a member of the Home you will be supporting the only Jewish nursing facility in North and South Carolina. Your membership gift to BJH this year will come at a time of very critical need. The aging population is increasing and needing more care at the same time that the government is reducing entitlement program benefits for older adults. Membership dollars will allow The Blumenthal Jewish Home to continue to provide the excellent quality of care for which we are so well known. Your gift will help to ensure 24-hour nursing care, social services, recreational activities, cultural programs, kosher meals and medical therapies for those in need. With your help the Home will continue to serve an increasingly aging population regardless of ability to pay.

You can choose now to become a member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home for as little as \$25 for a single membership, \$50 for a family membership or take this opportunity to become a Life Member, \$1000 for a single membership and \$1800 for a couple. Call BJH at 910-766-6401 for information about these and other membership

categories. We invite every member of our Jewish community to honor our elderly by

becoming a member of the Blumenthal Jewish Home this year. \*



Members of the Charlotte Chai group, along with the Chai group director Ivy Saul, enjoy lunch in Fair Oaks at the Blumenthal Jewish Home and a tour of the Blumenthal Jewish Home campus on their visit to the Home on March 27th.



## Campaign Associate

The Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte seeks a highly motivated person with strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills to function as an integral member of the financial development staff. The Campaign Associate will develop effective relationships with volunteers to enhance the Federation's mission and the success of the annual campaign; be responsible for committee assignments as designated, and related tasks, and will plan and implement campaign events and activities, as assigned.

Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree, fund raising experience and an understanding of Jewish customs and traditions. Salary is commensurate with experience. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to: Marvin Goldberg, Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, Shalom Park, 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226. \*

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