

One of Winston-Salem's greatest strengths is our sense of community.

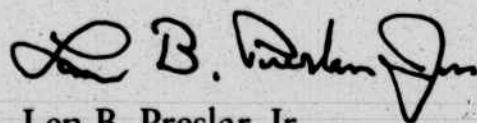
It is born of an enduring trust in one another, the spirit of cooperation,
and an enthusiasm for diversity.

It is distressing when unfortunate events serve to foster social and ethnic tension
and tear at that diversity that *is* the strong fabric of our community.
While we cannot and will not ignore those events, we can look beyond them and
take note of many successes and much promise for the future. We can and will
overcome the divisive minority for the greater good of community.

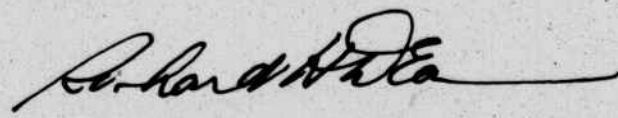
In this season of Thanksgiving and Giving, we are
thankful for the many people in our community who give so much to make our
lives together better. They are the volunteers who give their time to the Samaritan
Inn, Crisis Control, and the many other human service agencies.
They are the contributors who give their hard-earned dollars to the United Way.
They are the donors who selflessly give their own life's blood and bone marrow to
save the lives of others, without a thought to race, religion, or politics. There are
many unnamed heroes in our community.

It is *their* values to which we should aspire and *their*
work that we should recognize and celebrate.

In this spirit, we can meet any challenge and reach new levels of cooperation.
May we acknowledge and welcome our diversity and pursue opportunities to
enhance the quality of life for all people in our community.



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