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'HOPE HAVEN, INC.' ELECTS 2003-2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charlotte, NC-July 27, 2003- Hope Haven, Inc. of Charlotte, NC announces the election of the following to the 2003-2004 Board of Directors:

Officers: Jerry W. Jernigan, PA., Chairman; Sherri Ladislas, Vice-Chairman; Harriett Mendinghall, Secretary; Roy Watkins, Treasurer; Mike Rosenthal, Assistant Treasurer.

New Directors: Hattie Anthony, Dianne Chase, Buddy Davis, Rev. Roderick D. Lewis, Anne McNeill, Shirley Simpson, Becky Stoeber; Jeanne Trexler.

Re-elected Directors: Margaret Almond, Al Andrews, Omega Autry, Arietta Black, Charlie Dean, Jr. , Gary Green, Judy Harrison-Barry, Vaughan Justice, Walter S. Price, Judy Ranson, Ron Simmons, Jim Thompson, Lucia Zapata Griffith.

Founded in 1976, Hope Haven is dedicated to helping people in recovery from substance abuse rebuild their lives by providing them with the support services and life skills needed to achieve long term recovery and self-sufficiency. Two women, Arietta Black and Alice Trotter, opened Hope Haven in 1977 serving four women in recovery. Hope Haven has now grown to support up to 247 men, women, and families.

Hope Haven is recognized as a national model for recovery in that its programs are comprehensive and effective, and can be replicated elsewhere. Our model offers complete residential services for adults and families, which include counseling, on-site childcare and vocational training.

In 1996, Hope Haven consolidated all of its programs, with the exception of a facility on Charlotte Drive, into "*The Villages*," our innovative recovery campus. Reclaiming the site of a former drug infested motel, Hope Haven has turned *The Villages* into a safe haven for homeless individuals and families in recovery.

Hope Haven is a United Way agency and a member of the Homeless Services Network

For more information about Hope Haven, visit our website at www.hopehaveninc.org

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