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HOPE HAVEN, INC. ANNOUNCES ANNUAL FUND-RAISER

HOPE HAVEN HOP SET FOR NOVEMBER 15 IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, NC (Oct. 20.2003)-Hope Haven Inc. of Charlotte announces the second annual 'Hope Haven Hop' fundraising event to be held November 15, 2003 at the Wachovia Atrium in Charlotte. The event is held to raise critical dollars which help ensure Hope Haven is able to continue changing the lives of the homeless in our community who are recovering from substance abuse and learning new skills for a successful future.

Last year, Hope Haven was able to raise more than \$23,000 in support of their programs.

This year's Hop will be emceed by Sander Walker, morning host on STAR 104.7, and features fine food, silent and live auctions and great dance music from 'Smitty Flynn and The Rivas'. This is an alcohol-free event. All proceeds go to help homeless individuals and families in recovery from substance abuse. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

If you would like to be a sponsor, donate items for the auction, and/or reserve your tickets, please call 704-372-8809. For more information visit the Hope Haven website: www.hopehaveninc.org

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 individual men, women and families.

In 1996, Hope Haven consolidated its programs 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 provides several key training programs to help residents learn new skills which will lead them to successful, productive and rewarding futures.

- The Hope Haven Catering Service is a training program for residents interested in a career in the food service industry. Hope Haven Catering Service is available for any organization and prepares foods for all occasions including breakfasts, lunches, full dinners, snacks, box lunches, platters and trays, and hot hors d'oeuvres. Weddings are a specialty.

- The Hope Haven Horticulture Training Program helps people understand the wide diversity of jobs associated with plants. The program teaches plant management and care, landscaping, lawn maintenance, plant management, and greenhouse operations.

- The Hope Haven Laundry Service provides laundry services for anyone, from large organizations to individuals, at reasonable prices. Using large format machines and professional pressers, the laundry service has contracts with several hotels and service organizations in the Charlotte area. All types of laundry are available and wash/dry/fold service is available for same day or next day.

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