

Get That Front PORCH Feeling

Visualize a warm summer evening; the whole family sitting on the porch, waving as neighbors pass by. Does this sound a little too much like Mayberry? Do you kind of wish life were like that again; a time when neighbors took care of each other, even if you weren't well acquainted? Here is a chance to grab some of that "front porch" feeling.

People Offering Relief for Chapel Hill Carrboro Homes, or PORCH is a newly formed 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to collect food for the hungry. PORCH started out organizing monthly food drives aimed at re-stocking the shelves of Chapel Hill/Carrboro pantries. PORCH now has a branch in Hillsborough and OCIM's Samaritan Relief Ministry is the recipient of these donations.

The whole idea of PORCH is so simple yet very successful. Participating neighborhoods or streets have a coordinator. This coordinator sends out email reminders to their neighbors about the upcoming pick-up day. (Hillsborough's pick-up day is the 3rd Monday of the month.) Each participating household puts out a bag of food on their 'PORCH' and the coordinator, or other volunteers collect it. The food is then delivered to OCIM's pantry.

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