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DURHAM COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTEES

NEWSLETTER

More Than A Home



DCLT Brings Financial Wellness and Homeownership Resources to Durham

Homebuyer Wellness Fair connects residents with financial education, credit resources, and community partners to help turn the dream of homeownership into reality.

For many individuals and families, the dream of owning a home represents far more than having a place to live. It symbolizes stability, financial security, generational wealth, and the opportunity to establish lasting roots within a community. Yet, for many aspiring homeowners, navigating the financial requirements, understanding credit, and accessing reliable resources can make the journey feel overwhelming.

Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) believes that the path to homeownership should begin with education, empowerment, and access to the tools necessary to make informed financial decisions.

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Community Partners

Pathways to Homeownership

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On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, DCLT will join forces with Fifth Third Bank, EMPOWERment, Inc., and local community partners to host the **Homebuyer Wellness Fair,** a free community event designed to equip current and prospective homebuyers with financial knowledge, practical resources, and personalized guidance.

The event will take place from 1**2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at The Scrap Exchange**, located at **2050 Chapel Hill Road in Durham**, utilizing the parking lot and Sweet 33 Meeting Room.

Throughout the afternoon, attendees will have opportunities to participate in educational workshops, connect with housing professionals, explore homeownership programs, and receive individualized support to better understand their financial health.



Partnerships That Create Pathways

Through its partnership with Fifth Third Bank and EMPOWERment, Inc., DCLT is helping bring together financial education, housing resources, and community-based expertise in one convenient location.

Stronger Families | **More Homeowners** | **Thriving Communities**

Financial Wellness Is Housing Wellness

Homeownership is often described as one of the most significant financial investments an individual or family will make. However, successful homeownership requires more than qualifying for a mortgage. It requires an understanding of budgeting, credit management, financial responsibilities, and the resources available to support long-term success.

For prospective buyers, questions about credit scores, debt, savings, mortgage readiness, and affordability can become barriers before the homebuying process even begins.

The Homebuyer Wellness Fair aims to help remove some of those barriers by creating an accessible, welcoming environment where residents can ask questions, receive guidance, and gain confidence in their ability to pursue homeownership.

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One of the event's featured opportunities will be free, 15-minute, **one-on-one credit health check-ins**, available throughout the day through Fifth Third Bank's mobile banking bus.

These personalized sessions will give participants an opportunity to discuss their financial circumstances, better understand factors that influence their credit health, and identify practical steps that may help them prepare for future homeownership opportunities.

In addition to individualized support, Fifth Third Bank will facilitate workshops focused on understanding credit and navigating the homebuying process.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 2026
12 NOON - 6 P.M.

SCRAP EXCHANGE PARKING LOT & SWEET 33 MEETING ROOM
2050 CHAPEL HILL ROAD, DURHAM

AVAILABLE ALL DAY
FREE 15-Minute One-on-One Credit Health Check-Ins
Visit the Fifth Third eBus!

SCAN TO PRE-REGISTER
for workshops and 1:1 slots
Space is limited!

Empowering Residents, Strengthening Communities

Education That Meets Residents Where They Are

Recognizing that every prospective homeowner begins from a different place, the Homebuyer Wellness Fair will offer a variety of sessions designed to address different stages of the homebuying journey.

DCLT will host several homebuyer education sessions throughout the afternoon, including express sessions for individuals who want an introduction to the organization's homeownership opportunities and programs. To help make these resources accessible to more members of Durham's diverse community, select DCLT sessions will also be offered in Spanish.

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP

EVENT SCHEDULE *All sessions are free*

12:00 PM	DCLT Express Homebuyer Session	
12:30 PM	DCLT Express Homebuyer Session	EN ESPAÑOL
1:00 PM	Understanding Credit Workshop Fifth Third Bank	
2:00 PM	EMPOWERment, INC. Presentation	
3:00 PM	Home Buying Workshop Fifth Third Bank	
4:00 PM	DCLT Homebuyer Session	
5:00 PM	DCLT Homebuyer Session	EN ESPAÑOL

A Community Effort Worth Celebrating

DCLT also extends special appreciation to The Scrap Exchange for providing space to host this community event.

The Scrap Exchange's support demonstrates how local organizations can contribute to housing and financial empowerment by making spaces available for collaboration, education, and community connection.

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Small Change.
Lasting Impact

DCLT Introduces RoundUp Giving to Help Build a More Affordable Durham

Your everyday purchases can now help create lasting change for Durham Families

RoundUp

What if your morning coffee, weekly groceries, or lunch with friends could help make affordable housing possible for more Durham residents?

Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) is excited to introduce **RoundUp giving**, a simple and convenient way for supporters to turn everyday purchases into meaningful contributions toward affordable housing.

If you sign up by **November 18, 2026**; For every **10 donors**, DCLT will receive **$250 (limited time only)**. Help DCLT unlock this one-time benefit. Tell family & friends!

How Does RoundUp Work?

RoundUp allows supporters to connect an eligible payment card and automatically donate the spare change from everyday purchases.



$4.65
$5.00
ROUNDED UP
$0.35 DONATION



$12.40
$13.00
ROUNDED UP
$0.60 DONATION



$35.80
$36.00
ROUNDED UP
$0.20 DONATION

These small amounts accumulate throughout the month and are collected as a single donation to support DCLT. The platform currently has a **$10 monthly minimum donation**, and supporters can set a monthly cap.

Your Change Can Change Durham

Every dollar contributed helps advance DCLT's mission of creating and preserving permanently affordable housing.

- Build & Preserve
- Strengthen Communities
- Manage & Expand Homeownership
- Advocate Permanent Affordability

READY TO MAKE YOUR CHANGE COUNT?

Visit www roundup.org to explore enrollment and support Durham Community Land Trustees.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROUNDUP

For 50 years, DCLT has worked to ensure that Durham remains a place where individuals and families can live, grow, and thrive. RoundUp provides an important opportunity for our community to become part of that legacy.

Every Cent Has a Purpose.

You don't have to be a major donor to make a major difference. Your spare change can become part of something much bigger: a stronger, more affordable Durham.

A PLACE TO BELONG. A LEGACY TO HONOR

DCLT Celebrates Building Dedication and West End Community with a Day of Reflection, Gratitude, and Fellowship.



More than a building

On Saturday, September 26, 2026, Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) brought together neighbors, community partners, supporters, and friends for a special Building Dedication and West End Community Celebration at its headquarters, located at 1208 W. Chapel Hill Street.

The celebration marked a meaningful moment in DCLT's 50th anniversary year, honoring the organization's history, its longstanding connection to Durham's West End neighborhood, and its continued commitment to preserving affordable housing and strengthening communities.

More than a celebration of a building, the occasion represented the people, partnerships, and collective determination that have helped DCLT serve Durham for five decades.

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A Building That Represents More Than an Address

Since purchasing its headquarters in 1999 and completing renovations in 2000, DCLT has maintained a physical presence on Kent Street, providing a home for its operations and a connection to the neighborhoods it serves.

In 2025, DCLT reached a significant organizational milestone by paying off the mortgage on its headquarters, further strengthening the organization's long-term foundation.
The building dedication provided an opportunity to recognize that accomplishment while reflecting on the generations of leadership, community advocacy, and support that have shaped DCLT's journey.

For DCLT, the headquarters represents more than office space. It is a symbol of permanence, community investment, and an enduring commitment to ensuring that Durham remains a place where residents can live, grow, and thrive.

Held in conjunction with the building dedication, the West End Community Celebration reflected DCLT's belief that strong neighborhoods are built through relationships, shared experiences, and community connections.

The gathering provided an opportunity to celebrate the neighborhood's history, recognize the people who contribute to its vitality, and strengthen connections among residents, organizations, and community partners.











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Celebrate. Honor. Invest















As DCLT celebrates 50 years of service, the Building Dedication and West End Community Celebration stands as another milestone in the organization's story.

From preserving affordable rental housing to creating pathways to homeownership, DCLT's work continues to reflect a commitment to housing stability, community empowerment, and long-term affordability.

The organization extends its appreciation to the community members, partners, vendors, volunteers, and supporters who contributed to the celebration and continue to support its mission.
The building may represent a milestone, but the people of Durham remain the foundation of DCLT's work.

As DCLT looks toward its next 50 years, the commitment remains the same: preserving affordability, strengthening neighborhoods, and creating opportunities for more residents to call Durham home.

Together, we are Bringing Durham Home.

To view more photos from our Building Dedication visit www.dclt.org



Partner Spotlight: Davidson Construction

At DCLT, we recognize that building stronger communities requires dedicated partners who share our commitment to creating lasting opportunities. This month, we are proud to spotlight Davidson Construction LLC, a North Carolina-based general contractor committed to quality craftsmanship, integrity, and community development. Serving Raleigh, Durham, and surrounding areas, Davidson Construction specializes in residential and commercial construction, delivering projects that are both functional and meaningful.

From custom homes and neighborhood developments to commercial buildouts and renovations, Davidson Construction approaches every project with a focus on excellence and collaboration. The company believes that strong communities are built with intention, integrity, and partnership. Its dedication to creating spaces where people can live, work, and thrive aligns with DCLT's mission of expanding access to affordable housing and strengthening neighborhoods throughout Durham.

As DCLT celebrates 50 years of Bringing Durham Home, we are especially grateful for partners like Davidson Construction who recognize that building is about more than structures, it is about creating opportunities and investing in the future of our communities. We sincerely thank Davidson Construction LLC for supporting our mission and helping advance a vision of a more accessible, affordable, and thriving Durham. Together, we are not simply building homes; we are building stronger communities and brighter futures.

Learn More: www.davidsonconstruct.net

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Follow DCLT's NEWEST construction video series, Building Durham Home, for behind-the-scenes looks at our latest housing developments!

📲 Catch weekly video updates on TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn! We're not just building houses. We're Bringing Durham Home!



