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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BANNERS NOW ON SALE -  
PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO H.O.P.E.**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – January 19, 2010** – The Town of Wake Forest is offering area residents the unique opportunity to both own a piece of history and help financially disadvantaged Wake Forest Power customers pay their utility bills by purchasing a 2009 Centennial Celebration banner.

A limited number of the centennial banners that adorned the lamp posts in downtown Wake Forest over the past two years are now on sale for \$20 each. For each banner it sells, the Town will donate the proceeds to the H.O.P.E. program.

Helping Others by Providing Electricity (H.O.P.E.) is an initiative created by the Town of Wake Forest that offers financial assistance to customers struggling to pay their utility bills. Funded by the generous donations of area residents, the program is administered through a partnership between the Town of Wake Forest and ChurchNet, a local non-profit organization assisting area people in need.

The banners can be purchased at Town Hall, 401 Elm Ave., with cash, a Visa or MasterCard credit card, or by check made payable to the Town of Wake Forest.

Since its inception in 2005, the H.O.P.E. program has received nearly \$6,000 in contributions from area citizens enabling ChurchNet to assist over 100 Wake Forest Power customers.

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