

# UNC-CH students set to serve the Columbia community

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An estimated 15 volunteers from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be in Columbia for a variety of service projects from March 10 to March 14.

"The students will be maintaining existing projects," said Terry Donoghue, who presented before the Town of Columbia Board of Aldermen on March 4 regarding the project.

Donogue explained that the students will be re-painting

tennis court lines and putting up new tennis court nets. The town is paying for one net and the Subway Health Champion Award money Donoghue won last year is paying for the other net. The Scuppermong Reminder covered Donoghue winning the Subway Health Champion award in 2012.

"I would buy one net and asked the town to buy the other net," explained Donoghue.

The UNC students are re-painting the paw-prints on the one mile Columbia Walking Trail through town as well as

refurbishing the Wildcat Fitness Trail on campus.

"They are painting the posts, putting up new exercises, sealing the placards with plexiglass and replacing lost exercise posts. Eric Godwin has helped with this project. He has ordered the materials and is asking his student aides to make the posts," said Donoghue.

The UNC students are also working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service via Dave Kitts on the boardwalk in town.

The students are also coming one day during this week

to Donoghue's PE Classes and talking to students about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Some of the topic highlights include resiliency, positive attitudes, drugs, nutrition and fitness.

Midge Olgetree explained that the students will also be working at the Columbia Medical Center doing staffing service and developing a brochure on medical issues like diabetes and foot ulcers.

"They will be working at the Senior Citizens Center doing some balance screenings and exercise recommendations for

older adults," said Olgetree. The students will be also appearing at the Rotary Club meeting today where they will be giving a presentation on their work.

"This is very exciting for Columbia," said Olgetree.

## Minority farmers claims must be postmarked by March 25

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Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack reminded Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades that there are fewer than 30 days remaining in the filing period closing March 25, 2013.

"Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have fewer than 30 days left to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack.

"USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and mail their claim packages on or before March 25, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief

payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

The Department will continue reaching out to potential Hispanic and female claimants around the country to get the word out to individuals who may be eligible for this program so they have the opportunity to participate.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the

website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to attend meetings in your communities about the claims process and contact the website at any time or the call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

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