

The Maternity Care Center (MCC) at UNC Chatham Hospital in Siler City is under threat of closing.

Add [your name to our petition](#) to the #KeeptheMCCOpen.

The racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes for moms and babies in North Carolina are tragic and alarming. And, now, with the overturning of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court, access to reproductive health care for women is more important than ever, especially in rural Chatham County.

In September 2020, the opening of a Level I Maternity Care Center (MCC) at the UNC Chatham Hospital brought hope to a community experiencing significant disparities in birth outcomes. The creation of the new unit was the result of a multi-agency, community-focused effort to bring maternity care services to women and families in Chatham County, which had been a **maternity care “desert”** for decades.

Patient experiences and clinical outcomes **indicate that the MCC is wanted and needed. More than 75% of the people giving birth at Chatham Hospital are Black and Latina.**

Now, this maternity care center is under threat of closure, less than three years after it opened. Executives at the hospital and UNC Health cite unavoidable nurse staffing shortages due to the “Great Resignation” and patient volume as the primary threats to the MCC. Their “margin over mission” lens masks the real issue: **an unwillingness to honor the commitment they made to reduce disparities for moms and babies in our community.**

A **community task force launched by UNC Health**, made up of doctors and nurses, representatives of community organizations, public health and health equity specialists met on a volunteer basis to identify potential solutions. At a meeting scheduled to discuss those proposed solutions, **UNC Health leadership failed to show up.**

We are **The Coalition to #KeeptheMCCOpen**, a coalition of stakeholders, advocates and community members asking that UNC Health implement forward-thinking solutions and resources to give the MCC a fighting chance.

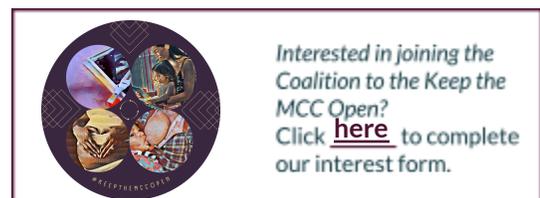
We call on UNC leadership to honor the values proposition they made to the community and publicly commit to investing in the success of the UNC Chatham Hospital MCC for a minimum of three more years.

Please join us in standing up for access to needed care for moms and babies in our community.

Click [here](#) to add your name to our petition to #KeeptheMCCOpen.

Thank you,

The Coalition to Keep the MCC Open



*Recognizing that the UNC Chatham Hospital Maternity Care Center fills a critical void in access to care for women in a community with significant disparities in birth outcomes, **we, the undersigned, call on UNC Health and Chatham Hospital leadership to make a public commitment to invest in the success of the Maternity Care Center for a minimum of three more years.***

Signatures

1. Casey Hilliard, EMBRACe
2. Fareedat Oluyadi, MD
3. Jen Medearis Costello
4. Karinda Roebuck, Community Organizing for Racial Equity - CORE
5. Rupal Yu, MD MPH, UNC Family Medicine
6. Kimberly Sniffen, CNM
7. Barry Driver
8. Michelle Wright, Community Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE)
9. Venus Standard, UNC Dept of Family Medicine
10. Ashley Brewer, Piedmont Health Services
11. April Fogleman
12. Jenae Delayen
13. Jennifer Mahoney, FNP, PHS Moncure
14. Joy Spencer, Equity Before Birth
15. Melissa Baltazar
16. Love Anderson, BS, LLL, CLE, CHW, Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities
17. Alisha Bailey, IBCLC, Piedmont Health Services
18. Patria Duprey
19. Elizabeth Childs, Piedmont Health Services
20. Nicholas Wilkinson, MD, Moncure Community Health Center
21. Narges Farahi, MD, University of North Carolina School of Medicine
22. Cecilia Sanchez
23. Brandi Harrison, North Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition
24. Bernadette Greene, Breastfeed Durham
25. Jackie M Davis, Lactation Consultant
26. Amanda Boomershine
27. Ellie Marlor, Piedmont Health Services
28. Lisette Arriete Gomez
29. Maya Kingsley, SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective
30. Star Mauesby
31. Celia Clark-Randall, IBCLC, Chatham County resident & healthcare worker
32. Destiny Ho
33. Alana Williams
34. Imanie Williams
35. Joan East, MD, Piedmont Health Services, CMO
36. Norma Marti
37. Melissa Kay
38. Natalie Ostrowski
39. Mattea Alexander, MPH, IBCLC

40. Bonnie Dukeman
41. Nancy Harman, Health Department Midwife
42. Erica Boshnack
43. Leslie deRosset, UNC-CH
44. Amy McKee
45. Maia Tellier
46. Sarah Pearson-Moyers, I am a mom
47. Emily Hannon, MD, IBCLC, American Academy of Pediatrics Chapter Breastfeeding Coordinator for North Carolina
48. Dr Melissa Gilmer-Scott, Moncure Community Health Center
49. Ashley Bradford
50. Elizabeth Corredor
51. Tara Ilsley, Duke Health
52. T. Luna Imhotep, Equity Before Birth
53. Perla Flores-Coleman, WIC - Carrboro
54. Laura Driggers, PA, Siler City Community Health Center and Chatham County Health Department
55. Sharon Shrader
56. Alma Daniel
57. Erin Van Scoyoc, MD MPH, Piedmont Health Services
58. Helen Mikul, Siler City Community Health Center
59. Dorothy Rawleigh
60. Emily Chaffee, Carolina Birth and Wellness, LLC
61. Elizabeth Rasmussen, Piedmont Health Service
62. Kayce Hodos, perinatal mental health therapist
63. Wesley Roten
64. Saidah Pearson, Four Sisters' Hands Lactation
65. Stéphanie Gleason, Postpartum Doula
66. Hannah Potter
67. Caitlin Georgas
68. Zoe Jennings, Piedmont Health Services - Moncure Community Health Center
69. Elizabeth Thomas, MPH
70. Sarah C Williams, Moncure Community Health Center
71. LaToya Lowe
72. Nicole Farrow
73. Liat Fleming-Rosko
74. McKenzie Cova
75. Nancy Tanguay, Piedmont Health
76. Ka'Tiera Truett
77. Caroline Hampton
78. Maia Fulton-Black
79. Jillian Emerson
80. Miranda Lanning
81. Lauren Friedman, Community birth worker, breastfeeding advocate
82. Sheridan Finnie, PGY1 Family Medicine UNC

83. Theresa Buchanan, Chatham County Resident/Health Dept Employee
84. Kathleen Anderson, MEd, CLC, Breastfeeding Family Friendly Communities
85. Yanica Faustin, Elon University
86. Stacy Cilas, Carolina Birth and Wellness
87. Karen Halpin, RN, BSN, Family Connects Durham
88. Jesus Ruiz, MD, UNC Dept of Family Medicine/PSH-Siler City
89. Renee Ake, MEd, RD, LDN, Piedmont Health Services
90. Destry Taylor FNP-C, Piedmont Health Services
91. Ashley Taylor Jacobs, Genuine Embrace Birth Services
92. Stefanie VanSchaac, Concerned citizen
93. Jen Medearis Costello, MS, EMBRACe
94. Michaela McCuddy, MD, Piedmont Health Services and Chatham County Health Department
95. Coral Clark
96. Araina Nolls
97. Katie Wouk
98. Cayla Bellamy, H.E.R lab
99. Bailey Minish, MD, UNC Family Medicine resident, PHS Siler City
100. Jayne Carpenter, CBS
101. Joan Brookes
102. Hanan Alazzam, ECU PA-S1
103. Raymond Morgan
104. Lou Gibbs
105. Jennifer Ramos
106. Margie Mould
107. Emily Trambert-Kylstra, MD MPH, UNC Family Medicine Resident
108. Kristin Guthrie, mother and resident of Siler City
109. Andrew Taylor-Troutman, Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
110. Tara Gregory, Woman, Mother, Chatham Resident, and Public Service Provider
111. Valencia Toomer
112. Michelle Morehouse
113. Molly S. Redden, NAMI Orange County, North Carolina
114. Kim Calhoun
115. Jessamine Hyatt, Chatham Co citizen
116. Maria Hitt, concerned citizen
117. Kevin Ricker DDS, MS, Pediatric dentist
118. Julie Ricker, Julie Ricker, Chatham County Mother & Community Volunteer
119. Samantha H. Owusu MSW, LCSW, EMBRACe
120. Maria Pulido, Chatham County resident and mother who gave birth at this Hospital in 2020
121. Douglas Reyes
122. Alexa Adamo Valverde, Modern Change Psychotherapy Practice
123. Dublin Popov
124. Bryan Mejia
126. Emily Moose
127. Alice Dolbow
128. Breann Wyman

129. Mary Beth Grealey
130. Father's Strengthening Families Program
131. Katerina Marroquin, Community Member
132. Emilee Weaver
133. Janet P. Kowal, CORE, member UNC Health
134. Michael Lee
135. Janice Hanner, Parent Educator
136. Lenore Yarger
137. Rose Krasnow
138. Anne Chapman, Chatham County Child and family advocate
139. Doug Chanin
140. Vicki Newell
141. Gwen Overturf
142. Steve Woolford, Silk Hope catholic worker
143. Caroline Deegan, MD, Chatham County Democratic Party
144. Scott Ward, UNC Researcher
145. Plutarco Acosta Jr, PHS-Med Ed PM
146. Michael Sorrentino
147. Lars Stephenson
148. Elena Adamo MD, MPH, Scott Community Health Center
149. Rebecca Kooistra, Piedmont Health Services
150. Elaine Utin, LatinxED
151. Heather McIver
152. David Michaud
153. Rachel Winters, Chatham County citizen
154. Andres Lopez, MD, UNC Family Medicine Resident Physician
155. Diane T. Asbill, BSN, RN, IBCLC
156. Mary Harris,, CORE
157. Amanda Nadeau
158. Julie Killian
159. Kathleen Conroy
160. Krishna Kothary
161. Dana Iglesias
162. Ellen Grand
163. Libby Manly
164. Addison A. Evans
165. Laurel Shulman
166. Monika Trogdon
167. Kendra Johnson
168. Hannah Williams
169. Laura Maberry, Friend of Dr. Dana Iglesias
170. Emily Boynton
171. Jennie Knowlton
172. Stacye Leanza
173. Kari Points

174. Amy Pine
175. Maggie Baker, UNC Alum
176. Loan Tran, Rising Majority
177. Wendi Perez Sanchez
178. Charlotte H Smith
179. Daniel Vincent Lacambacal, Nurse Practitioner
180. Chelsea Earles
181. Carol Brooke
182. Robert Lee
183. Sarah Birken
184. Lynell Hodges, Piedmont Health Services
185. Marcie Fisher-Borne, American Cancer Society
186. Gretchen Gehrke
187. Margo Faulk, UNC Family Medicine Resident
188. Maniraj
189. Sarah Packer
190. Carrie Campbell
191. Jennifer Soliman
192. Jacob Garner, UNC Family Medicine Resident, Siler City Track
193. Matthew W. Killian
194. Gila Berryman
195. Justin Trogdon
196. Deborah Goldstein, Carolina Jews for Justice
197. Debra Lampley, Cincerned Citizen
198. Mena Kates
199. Lynn Salazar Wadford, Care management, Piedmont Health Services
200. Julie Monaco, UNC Family Medicine
201. Becca Moss
202. Alicia Doran
203. Lauren Schauer
204. Krista Millard
205. Sadie Rapp
206. Sarah Riley Crisp
207. Tamara Kissane
208. Sharon Cole
209. Erica Lindenberg
210. Cheyenne Dallesandro
211. Roni Freedman, CJJ
212. Abby Lublin, Carolina Jews for Justice
213. Miranda Schartz, Piedmont Health Services
214. Avanthi Jayaweera
215. Linda Cotton
216. Mehnaz Shafquat, Piedmont Health Services
217. Rachel McInerney, Chatham County Health Department
218. Linda Newman

219. Dr. Joseph Wehby, UNC family medicine
220. Ellen Chetwynd
221. Ingrid Castro
222. Carrie Overgaard, RN
223. Lorrie Fisher
224. Nancy J. Bass, Carolina Jews for Justice
225. Lyn Steuart, Nurse
226. Naya Villarreal
227. Trude Bennett, UNC Chapel Hill School of Public Health
228. Meredith Dillon
229. Selbe Bartlett
230. JoAnne Robb
231. Elizabeth Carriel
232. Meg Landfried, MPH
233. Kelly Fuller, The Local Church
234. Gretchen Taylor
235. Lesley L. Landis, Community member
236. Jennifer Sheldon, UNC Gillings
237. Deborah Raenette Meyer
238. Sue Carson
239. Rev Dawn Marie Trouve, Citizen
240. Rev. D. Brent Levy, The Local Church
241. Joanna Szeto
242. Sara Tiegreen, PhD, The Local Church, Concerned citizen
243. Brandi Brown
244. Krista Civiletti , UNC FM at Pittsboro
245. Krista Jett, The Local Church, Pittsboro
246. Dorothy Brackett
247. Abigail DeVries, MD
248. Ilana Dubester, El Vínculo Hispano / Hispanic Liaison
249. Ciara Zachary
250. Emily Holmes RN, UNC Lactation
251. Charlene Swift, A woman who knows the critical importance of access to reproductive health care.
252. Rachel Nelms, Mom, landowner in Staley
253. Brooke Davis, Member of The Local Church and concerned resident of Chatham County
254. Jennifer Yourkavitch
255. Maria T. Howard, Siler City citizen
256. Lou Grinnell
257. Kate Finlayson
258. Cathy Holt
259. Sarah Grayce Coats
260. Gayle Grigson, Bring back the birthing center. Hire midwives. Spread the word
261. Kit Stanley, Chatham County Courts Dept
262. Jennifer Adams

263. Jo Sanders, Second Bloom of Chatham
264. Jennifer Halloran , Everybody Needs A Nurse Patient Advocates
265. Gregory Wheatley, Piedmont Health Services Inc
266. Megan Wheatley PharmD, BCPS, CDCES
267. Jodi Wiley
268. John F. Andrews III
269. Kathy Zaumseil
270. Leslie Nelson
271. Lynn Hicks
272. Betsy Wing
273. Monica Henao
274. Elle Pastore
275. Warren Gaspar
276. Megan B. King
277. Kelly Kirk
278. Sara Martin
279. Emily Geizer
280. Erica Halter
281. Jennifer Waitkus
282. Kit Gruelle, Second Bloom of Chatham
283. Cathy L Klein, Congregation Beth Ha Tephila, Asheville, NC
284. Emily Martine, Chatham County resident and parent
285. Jill Reemsnyder
286. Anne Taylor
287. Beth Anderson, Self
288. LaTosha Scott
289. Anna Stormzand
290. Kat Good
291. Brittany Sandefur
292. Eli Tiller
293. Valerie Scull
294. Kim Caraganis, Chatham County resident, grandmother
295. Ellen Manning, Retired teacher
296. Cynthia Crossen, Chatham County resident
297. Susan Borgesi, Second Bloom of Chatham
298. Susan Fowler, Chatham County resident and mother
299. Andrea McSwain Barnes, We Give Love LLC
300. Chanda Maxwell, MOM
301. Franklin Gomez Flores
302. Wanda Harris , Former resident
303. Leah Benn Miller, The Local Church (Pittsboro, NC)
304. Hanna DiVello
305. Jackie Malinsky, RN, UNC Southeastern- NICU
306. E. Megan Glancy, Chatham Co. resident; mother; educator
307. Bernard H Penney, NC

308. Sandra Ostrowski
309. Helen Maxwell, Chatham Co. resident
310. Maureen Maurer, Chatham County resident, parent
311. Kristie Morales-Lagunes, Chatham County Resident
312. Kelly Fedoriw , Chatham County resident
313. Mara Greenlaw, Resident, mother
314. Margaret Rife De Los Santos
315. Daisy Nicolella, HHS
316. Stephanie Lilly, Chatham County resident, mother and grandmother
317. David Hilliard
318. David Vaughn, Chatham County Resident
319. Warren Gaspar
320. Cathy Harris, UNC nurse, Chatham County resident
321. Regina Oliver, Chatham County resident
322. George Greger-Holt, Coordinator, Chatham Drug Free
323. Hande Ulus, NCSU
324. Cynthia Hilliard
325. Anthony Roccaro
326. Ben Hilliard
327. Anusha Nandyala, Master's in Public Health student at UNC
328. Yoko Terretta, Mother, Student, Supporter of health equity
329. Goldfield Uzochukwu, MPH@UNC
330. Nicole Hanner BSN, RN, Chatham County Public Health Department
331. Brent Bouwens
332. Colleen Sharp, Chatham County resident, UNC hospital/healthcare patient
333. Amanda Nadeau
334. Alanna Davis, Carolina Jews for Justice
335. Mary Longhill , I live 2 miles from Chatham County
336. Chris Foster
337. Tasha Curry-Corcoran, Parent
338. Monica Jarnagin, Chatham County resident & parent
339. Amanda Klemark, Head chef for Robin Hood's Kitchen, a Chatham County nonprofit
340. Alaina Grace, Mom/parent
341. Ramona Hutton-Howe
342. Patrick Carlsen Smith, MD, MPH
343. Joan Garnett
344. Kate OMara, Chatham County resident
345. Tamela Schwerin, Owner The Plant, resident of Chatham County
346. Patricia Walters, Chatham County resident
347. Christina Gonzalez , UNC employee, nurse
348. Victoria I. Colbeck, Biracial female, sister, aunt, Elon University
349. Mary K. Martin Vance, Doula and Childbirth Educator
350. Erin Jones
351. Yvonne Moore, RN, MSN, Public Health Nurse, Chatham County Health Department
352. Marcia Herman-Giddens, Chatham County mother, grandmother, great-grandmother

353. Heather Fayhee, FNP
354. Laura Parks, Chatham County Public Health Department
355. Jesenia Alvarado-Ramos, Chatham County Resident
356. Danielle White
357. Miranda Lanning
358. Margaret de St. Aubin, Wren Foundation, Inc.
359. Doug G Berg, Chatham County resident (retired) and father
360. Kevin White
361. Candace Jeffries
362. Lifei Ruiz
363. Guadalupe Ruiz
364. Carmen Salazar, Mom
365. Francisco
367. Juana Patino , mom & parent
368. Alberto Ruiz
369. Vixtor Moreno
370. Sandra Gonzales
371. David Zavala, Parent
372. Mariela Alvarez, Mom
373. Jennifer Diaz
374. Heather Woodie
375. Liz Prochazka , Chatham Co mom
376. Britta Alexander, Chatham County Resident
377. Larry R. Hazelwood , Resident, former Guardian ad Litem
378. Matthew Zimo , Chatham county resident
379. David Cooper Chatham County resident
380. Carly Newman-Matthews Mom in Chatham county
381. Kate Baumann
382. Thao Nguyen, MD Duke University Hospital OBGYN Resident
383. Julia Tarr, LCSW Duke Perinatal Social Work
384. Sheen Klaus, Chatham County Partnership for Children employee, chatham county resident, parent of young child
385. Meredith Williams, Family Literacy Coordinator with local non profit
386. Genevieve Megginson, Chatham County Partnership for Children, Chatham County Resident, Parent/Mother