

ANNOUNCEMENT

Office space available for community-based social justice organizations in Greensboro

The Greensboro HIVE community space has **one office space** available immediately to progressive organizations/groups whose work corresponds to our Vision Statement (attached).

The HIVE is a collectively run community space in Greensboro's historic Glenwood neighborhood committed to community empowerment, grassroots organizing, and democratic development. We officially opened our doors on October 1, 2007 and since then have hosted a wide variety of programs and events. The space also contains several offices. Our long-term partners in these spaces include:

- The Fund for Democratic Communities, a non-profit foundation supporting community-based initiatives and institutions working to make communities better places to live through authentic democracy. (<http://f4dc.org>)
- Sustainable Health Choices, a health counseling and massage therapy practice focused on serving communities that do not traditionally have access to alternative health therapies. (<http://gsohive.org/partners/sustainablehealth>)
- Farm Labor Organizing Committee, which empowers workers through collective bargaining and gains in worker health and safety. (<http://floc.com>)
- Food Not Bombs, whose Greensboro chapter has been feeding the community for many years, has built a new kitchen where they will be cooking.
- North Carolina Occupational Safety & Health provides referrals for injured workers, publishes factsheets in English and Spanish for workers about legal rights and job hazards, and conducts trainings for employees and employers about many occupational health and safety topics.
- The Bike Me! Collective operates from a shed in the back parking lot where they have open bike workshops every Sunday.

If this community of social action sounds like its the right place for your group, please fill out the attached **Partner Application** and return it, either electronically or by mail (addresses are at the bottom of the page), to the Greensboro HIVE Organizing Committee.

Greensboro HIVE Partner Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in joining the Greensboro HIVE community space! This packet includes all the information about renting office/studio space in our facility. Please read through the material carefully before you fill out the Partner Application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Organizing Committee.

A Brief History

A cross-section of Greensboro's population came together in the Spring of 2006 to begin organizing a place where different communities could come together free of all forms of discrimination, hierarchy, or class. The HIVE officially opened its doors on October 1, 2007 in a multi-use space on Grove Street in the Glenwood neighborhood.

Along with providing a flexible space for community events, a free library, and a free computer lab, The HIVE has office/studio spaces available to progressive, community-based organizations and individuals. The HIVE is a community space built on open, democratic, consensus-based decision making.

Our long term Partners include the Fund for Democratic Communities, the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, Sustainable Health Choices, Food Not Bombs, North Carolina Occupational Safety & Health, and the Bike Me! Collective. More information on these great organizations can be found on the HIVE website.

The HIVE Vision Statement

What It Is

The HIVE is a community center established to foster relationship building, dialogue, and resource sharing among individuals, groups, and communities working to build grassroots democracy and community power in and around Greensboro, North Carolina.

What It Does

The HIVE believes that people and communities have a right to dignity, safety, health, sustainability, and self-determination. Therefore we are striving to:

- Develop and strengthen community-based participatory democracy;
- Actively confront and challenge all forms of oppression;
- Celebrate the diversity among us and recognize that we have a lot to learn from each other;
- Foster education and dialogue that emphasizes self-empowerment and recognizes the real world needs of individuals and communities;
- Provide a venue for cultural and artistic expression;
- Build healthy, ecologically sustainable communities;
- Support an economy based on localism, fairness, and mutual aid.

How It Works

Though self-reflection and accountability, we are committed to growing and changing this community center to meet the needs of those who access it.

Decision-making is done through a cooperative process where each voice is heard, respected, and incorporated into the outcome.

All people and communities working towards progressive social change are welcome and encouraged to get involved.

The Application Process

The Organizing Committee is responsible for managing the office/studio spaces available at The HIVE. After reviewing your application, the Organizing Committee will setup a time for an in-person interview. This allows both you and us to determine whether or not we “fit” together well.

HIVE partners are integral parts of the community space. By accepting a part of the financial responsibility of maintaining and developing the entire community space, partners make a commitment to the broader HIVE community. Partners have access to office/studio space as well as priority scheduling for the main space and conference room.

Partner Application for Office/Studio Space

Please return to Organizing Committee

Contact Information

Name/Organization: _____

Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____

Second Phone #: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Space Usage Information

Intended use of space (attach extra paper if necessary):

Circle one: Commercial use / Nonprofit use

Estimated length of occupancy: _____

Organizations, please attach mission statement, charter, or other founding document.

Greensboro HIVE Founding Principles

The Greensboro H.I.V.E. is a community space founded to build and promote progressive communities in Greensboro with a special focus on the Glenwood area. All partners are asked to accept and abide by the Vision Statement.

I/My organization supports The Hive's Vision Statement: _____