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New Birth Charlotte Church to Bail Out Non-Violent, First Time Offenders on Father's Day

Program to show support for residents in need of a second chance

(Charlotte, NC, May 13, 2019)- New Birth Charlotte Empowerment Church (New Birth Charlotte) announced today that it will be partnering with local authorities to launch its Father's Day Bail Out Program which will provide a select number of non-violent, first-time offenders with the funds required to post bail for misdemeanor charges in time for Father's Day, June 16, 2019. The initiative, spearheaded by lead pastor Horatious Harris, is intended to enable residents who have lost their way to get back on the right path through training and access to resources once released.

"When I heard stories of men who were jailed for forty-five days because they did not have \$50 to bail themselves out, I knew that our congregation had to do something," Harris said. "We believe in second chances and want to provide one to those individuals who were possibly in the wrong place at the wrong time, or who just need a little guidance and support to get on the right track," Harris also said.

Participants will be enrolled into a program that pairs them with various New Birth Charlotte ministries and other partnering agencies that provide the necessary assistance for them to be successful once out of jail. "It is time for churches to revisit the way they impact the lives of the people in the communities they serve. If we can shift the future of a family by offering a path to freedom, then that is what we must do," Harris concluded.

The church plans to raise \$20,000 towards the cause and will host a community block party on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at 1800 Brewton Drive, Charlotte, NC 28206 as part of its fundraising efforts. The block party will include an appearance by surprise guests, fun activities for children, and information booths provided by social service providers who assist residents in need of support. Entrance to the event is free, however prizes will be raffled with proceeds going to the bail out fund. Visit newbirthcharlotte.org for more information.

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