

# The Historic Home Place

## Mission Statement

Our mission is twofold, to open a community focused venue that provides a gathering place for local events and provide a revenue stream to help maintain the historic John Walker Matthews house. The house, located at 201 Providence Road South in Weddington, NC, was constructed in 1883 as the residence of John Walker Matthews and the center of the Matthews family farming operations. The house has remained in the Matthews family for over 140 years and is currently owned by Daryl Matthews. The exterior of the house has recently been remodeled with care given to maintaining the design and construction of the house as it was in 1883. Our plan is to use the house as a bed and breakfast for overnight lodging and as the center piece for an event venue for weddings, banquets, family retreats/birthday parties and corporate events. This will coexist with the existing Christmas Tree Lot, and Pumpkin Patch currently operated by the Matthews family. Plans are to also use the Christmas tree and Pumpkin Patch facilities as a Farmer's Market in the summer months.

## Organization Structure

We plan to hire an experienced manager to oversee the use of the facilities and work with the community as a planner for scheduled events. The manager will coordinate the schedule for the facility and work directly with the individuals that rent the facilities to achieve successful events while respecting the values of Weddington.

## Facilities Overview

Existing 1883 House – The existing 1688 sq. ft. house will serve as a bed and breakfast as well as the main office for the facility. The house will also be available for a bride/bridesmaids dressing room, honeymoon suite and small corporate meetings and retreats.

Existing Garage – This 586 sq. ft. building will be converted into a dressing area for grooms and groomsmen.

Existing Shed – The existing 180 sq. ft. shed is planned to be used as a storage facility.

New Event Barn – A 4000 sq. ft. event barn is being designed to complement the exterior of the 1883 house and will be used to host weddings, community parties, banquets and corporate functions. This facility will include restrooms and a warming/catering kitchen and is to include a covered patio.

Exterior Event Seating – Two areas of the property are being designated for landscaping that will accommodate outdoor events such as weddings.

Parking – A parking area of 135'x175' is designed to have 66 parking spaces including 3 handicapped spots. The parking will have access off Providence Road South either via the existing driveway cut for the 1883 house or with a new driveway cut.

### **Operating Schedule**

The operating schedule will be as follows:

Monday – Thursday 8am to 9pm

Friday – Sunday 7am to 10pm

Note: The property is to be vacated by 11pm.

### **Goals**

Our goal is to make this facility a well-respected and treasured benefit for the citizens of Weddington. A place where visiting friends and family can stay. A place where your daughters and sons can get married and the community can gather. A place where you can host a retreat for your associates and still enjoy the small town rural appeal that has been the magnet that has brought families to Weddington. Our goal is to make Weddington an even better place to live.