## Community Newsletter

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**Community Worship -** Pray for our community & our youth Tuesdays @ 7:00am

**Groove & Stretch** - Worship and movement, Tuesdays @ 8:45am

**Gardening Lessons** - Mon-Wed-Sat @ 9am; Garden Coaching Coordinator, Dell @ 704-563-2323

**Holy Day Celebrations** - April hosts the Most Holy Festival of the Bahá'í calendar; April 21, 29 & May 2

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#### For more info:

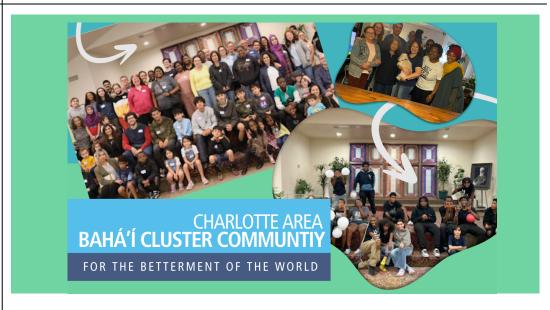
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## **Empowering Youth**

Learning, service, travel, developing powers of thought, discernment and expression, building community and serving humanity.







# The Bahá'í Community

In thousands upon thousands of locations around the world, the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith inspire individuals and communities as they work to improve their own lives and contribute to the advancement of civilization.

Bahá'í beliefs address such essential themes as the oneness of God and religion, the oneness of humanity and freedom from prejudice, the inherent nobility of the human being, the progressive revelation of religious truth, the development of spiritual qualities, the integration of worship and service, the fundamental equality of the sexes, the harmony between religion and science, the centrality of justice to all human endeavours, the importance of education, and the dynamics of the relationships that are to bind together individuals, communities, and institutions as humanity advances towards its collective maturity.

## **Devotional Life**

Service and worship are at the heart of the pattern of community life that Bahá'ís around the world are trying to bring into being. They are two distinct, yet inseparable elements that propel the life of the community forward. 'Abdu'l-Bahá writes that, "Success and prosperity depend upon service to and worship of God".



# Involvement in the Life of Society

Bahá'u'lláh said: "Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements." Bahá'ís throughout the world—both individually and collectively—strive to become involved in the life of society, working shoulder to shoulder with divers groups to contribute to the advancement of material and spiritual civilization.



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## Youth Educating Children

The purpose of the moral & spiritual education of children program is to provide spiritual education by helping children learn about the qualities they inherently possess (like love, truthfulness and justice) & giving them an opportunity to develop the understanding of these qualities &build strong character.



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# **Building Vibrant Communities Conference**

Charlotte will host one of an unprecedented series of global conferences exploring the **inherent oneness of humanity** and a universal appeal **to work for the betterment of the world**. Admission is **FREE**. Children's program and transportation provided. Saturday, April 26th 10am-5pm and Sunday, April 27th 10am-4pm at Queens University; 1900 Selwyn Ave. Charlotte, NC.

Everyone is invited! The conference is designed to bring together **the well-wishers of humanity** to consult about how they can channel their energies and desire to promote unity and serve their fellow citizens into **addressing the needs of their societies.** The themes covered in the gathering are peace, the essential oneness of humanity, and selfless service to society, among others.

"the purpose for which mortal men have, from utter nothingness, stepped into the realm of being, is that they may work for the betterment of the world and live together in concord and harmony."

~ Bahá'u'lláh

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#### Youth in the Lead

The conference will provide a platforms for discussion, art, service and friendship with peers who share the same desire for a livable, hopeful future. A major theme at the all the global conferences is the important role that youth and children can play in contributing to social transformation. A youth from a conference in Germany said: "This was a meeting that rekindled our hope for humanity and joy for service. So much can be achieved when there is unity."







## **Children's Conference**

Far from mere childcare, children from ages 5-10 participate in their own conference with consultation on the spiritual principles underlying building vibrant communities. Through stories, art, songs and their own ideas about what will make the world a better place, children gain the capacity to think and speak for themselves.