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Justice Initiatives (JI) Continues Its Expansion

Charlotte, NC – It was just a few months ago that we welcomed Orange and Chatham counties as our first expansion sites. Hot on the heels of these additions, JI is excited to announce that we are growing once again.



Justice Initiatives is proud to be recognized by Harvard's Kennedy School as a 2017 'Bright Idea' in Government.

Buncombe County is now also joining the ranks of communities seeking to educate, advocate, support and advance the court system's needs and interests. One of the special programs being offered by the Buncombe County branch is a newly launched Veteran's Treatment Court, focusing on the rehabilitation of former service men and women. We are proud to have now

have such an important and respected offering under the JI banner. JI is also appreciative of the Buncombe County thought leaders who brought it to fruition: Judge Marvin Pope, Dr. Eric Howard, and Mr. Allan Singer.

With each community that joins the fold, we increase our capacity to advance smarter and innovative justice programs that build public trust and confidence in our courts. We look forward to discussing further expansion with civic leaders, business owners, lawyers and concerned citizens from other North Carolina counties who fully understand that the rule of law is the bedrock of our civilized society and that a strong, prosperous and vibrant community requires a healthy court system.

About Justice Initiatives

Justice Initiatives, Inc. was formed in 2004 by a group of civic leaders, lawyers, business owners and concerned citizens in North Carolina who understand the rule of law is the bedrock of our civilized society, that a healthy court system is critical to safeguarding this foundation and that the effective and efficient administration of justice is essential to a strong, prosperous and vibrant community. We develop programming to address the deficits in the public's understanding and appreciation for the rule of law and the role of courts in our republican form of government. We demonstrate the interconnectedness between each individual's quality of life and the courts' ability to fairly adjudicate legal rights. We seek to ensure that the judicial branch receives the funding it needs to provide timely access to justice for all and defend against policies that undermine the independence, fairness, or integrity of the courts. We raise money to use as seed funding to initiate smarter and innovative judicial programs and services that build public trust and confidence in our courts and we study new ideas about justice and our courts with our academic partners. To learn more please visit www.justiceinitiatives.org or email outreach@justiceinitiatives.org.

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