



# Proclamation



## CARE TO SHARE DAY

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, nearly 19% of households in Carrboro were estimated to have incomes below \$25,000; and

**WHEREAS**, at 4000 gallons of use per month, the average water and sewer bill in Carrboro requires nearly 13 hours of work at minimum wage before taxes to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, clean water is critical to public health and the vitality of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) is prohibited by law from providing discounted rates based on income; and

**WHEREAS**, providing equitable drinking water and wastewater services to the community requires investment in the community's water and wastewater infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC) has partnered with OWASA since 1997 to provide water and sewer bill assistance to members of our community through the Care to Share program; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last year, Care to Share has provided nearly \$10,000 of utility bill support to 46 Carrboro households; and

**WHEREAS**, it is easy for OWASA customers to contribute on their monthly water and sewer bill or through a onetime gift to the IFC's Care to Share Program; and

**WHEREAS**, non-OWASA customers can support Care to Share by giving directly to the IFC;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2022, to be Care to Share Day in Carrboro, in conjunction with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

This the 15th day of November, 2022.



Damon Seils, Mayor