

Proclamation

CARE TO SHARE DAY

WHEREAS, in 2025, nearly 11.3% of households in Carrboro were estimated to have incomes below poverty level;

WHEREAS, at 4,000 gallons of use per month, the average water and sewer bill in Carrboro, requires nearly 17 hours of work at minimum wage before taxes to pay;

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the OWASA has worked since 1997 to provide water and sewer bill assistance to members of our community through the Care to Share program;

WHEREAS, in 2024, Care to Share donations exceeded \$25,700 and provided utility bill support to 84 households;

WHEREAS, it is easy for OWASA customers to contribute on their monthly water and sewer bill or through a one-time gift to the Care to Share program;

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

WHEREAS, during the month of November we celebrate thankfulness for what we have;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2025 as "Care to Share Day" in the Town of Carrboro, in conjunction with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority.

This the 18th day of November, 2025.


Barbara M. Foushee

