



As a social justice conference and retreat facility, Franklinton Center at Bricks has shared its hospitality with over 16,000 guests during 2019! Visitors have arrived from every continent with the exception of Antarctica. Imagine that! There have been only 15 days where there were no activities on the center's 244-acre campus. This has been a busy year as Franklinton Center at Bricks (FCAB) has been the ideal location for at least 53 conference & retreats. The longest event lasted an amazing 26 consecutive days!

Through its onsite Museum and Library, FCAB has shared its powerful legacy and historic culture by exhibiting unique collections, telling moving stories and conducting informative tours. Residents from the local communities as well as members from visiting groups from near and far make the past come alive with their own unique memories about FCAB.

Testimonials from visitors reveal that FCAB's welcome and hospitality extend farther than mere words of greetings. Many visitors return to FCAB because they feel at home in its sacred spaces that nurture them in ways beyond their homes of origin.

FCAB's food is excellent because of its delicious and healthy preparation. This year Chef Bryant Terry, an African American, *James Beard Award-winning chef*, food justice activist, and author provided training to our dining staff on methods to prepare new menu offerings, using unique herbs, spices, and techniques.

Thanks to many who arrived home to Franklinton Center at Bricks, programs have continued to communities of Edgecombe, Halifax, and Nash Counties. The center is home to the community's Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast Celebration, the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association Reunion, the Rocky Mount Area Brick Club meetings, the Community Empowerment Alliance meetings and several activities of Halifax County Schools, Edgecombe County Schools, Life, Inc., and Conetoe Family Life Center. FCAB's Bricks Healthy Lifestyle's program teaches the importance of eating fresh fruits and vegetables and maintaining active movement. Each week the program conducts fun and exciting exercise sessions with an occasional cooking class.

FCAB's origins date back to the country's early stories. On land where indigenous individuals once stewarded, on land where enslaved Africans were tortured and forced to work, on land where descendants of those same persons were taught a most excellent education, on land where social justice activists strategize, restore, and advance, Franklinton Center at Bricks welcomes you "Home!"

***We have already begun reserving dates and spaces for 2020! We encourage you to contact FCAB to reserve your conference, retreat, or event space today!***

As always, we look forward to welcoming you back home to Franklinton Center at Bricks.

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