



HEATHER HAZELWOOD JOINS ACTION GREENSBORO AS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COORDINATOR

Greensboro, NC – Action Greensboro is pleased to announce that Heather Elizabeth Hazelwood has joined the organization as Young Professionals Coordinator.

Her duties will include setting a community-wide agenda for attracting and retaining young professionals and coordinating synerG, Action Greensboro’s initiative to retain and attract young professionals. Some synerG projects include Get Down! Town, an annual back-to-college festival; Triad InternNet, a regional initiative linking business firms and colleges to establish and maintain intern opportunities for college students; the Leadership Initiative – an interactive website connecting interested young professionals to open positions with City Commissions, County Boards, and Non-Profit Boards; and *Making Connections Around the Table*, monthly dinners with community leaders.

Ms. Hazelwood earned a B.S. in Sociology and Women’s Studies from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She served as Assistant Director of Community Building with the United Way of Dane County, in Madison, Wisconsin before moving to Greensboro in September, 2006. At the United Way, her duties included the investment of more than \$2.5 Million annually in community services and management of the Dane County Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board activities. In 2005, she served on special assignment with the United Way of Northeast Louisiana 2-1-1 disaster response and recovery program following Hurricane Katrina.

Ms. Hazelwood served as a board member for the University of Wisconsin – Madison’s Campus Women’s Center, chaired the Sun Prairie Action Network for Fair Wisconsin and was active in her local community garden. She is currently on the board of the Guilford Green Foundation, is active with the local alumni chapter for UW-Madison, and can be found most Saturday mornings at County Park’s BarkPark with her dog.

Bob Klepfer, Executive Director of Action Greensboro, was enthusiastic in his praise of Heather. “She is a wonderful addition to the Action Greensboro staff. We are truly fortunate to have someone with her talent and experience to lead the effort to make Greensboro an even greater place for young professionals to work and live.”

Blair Crover, Chair of synerG, added, “Heather will be a major asset to young professionals and to Greensboro. She is intelligent, sharp and articulate. After her interview, I knew immediately that she was the right person for the position.”

Ms Hazelwood noted that “As a recent transplant, I have a unique perspective on what young professionals may be looking for in a community and am eager to build on the great work of synerG and Action Greensboro. The volunteers who work with synerG and the staff and funders of Action Greensboro and the Greensboro Partnership have really made me feel welcome.”

Action Greensboro strives to build a stronger local economy through creativity and innovation. Action Greensboro, the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and the Greensboro Economic Development Alliance are the three constituent units of the Greensboro Partnership.

###