

# FPC abolishes medical debt!

**Building Beloved Community Capital Campaign – First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC**  
**January, 2023→ RIPMedicalDebt - 1<sup>st</sup> wave:**

- Total donated= \$25,992.14 (\$20,000 from FPC, \$5,990 from the Durham community)
- Abolished medical debt for 5,020 people
- Across 76/100 NC counties
- Amount abolished= \$5,011,084.66
- Average amount abolished= \$998.22
- Top counties (# / amount of medical debt abolished)
  1. Wilson (1,291/ \$1,088,474.78)
  2. Johnston (1,232/ \$1,572,319.22)
  3. Vance (277/ \$250,005.99)
  4. Edgecombe (242/ \$248,951.76)
  5. Durham (234/ \$236,596.99)

Persistently poor counties of NC- over 3 decades (# people medical debt abolished):

- Bertie County (11)
- Bladen County (11)
- Columbus County (0)
- Halifax County (124)
- Martin County (93)
- Northampton County (24)
- Pitt County (49)
- Robeson County (182)
- Tyrrell County (0)
- Washington County (8)

FIGURE 1: Persistently Poor Counties, 1970 to 2000



NC counties with largest Black population (Durham=37.3%)- # people medical debt abolished

- Bertie (61.2%)- 11
- Hertford (61%)-16
- Edgecombe (57.8%)- 242
- Northampton (57.5%)- 24
- Halifax (53.7%)- 124
- Vance (51.5%)- 277
- Warren (51.5%)- 105
- Washington (48.8%)- 8
- Anson (48.6%)- 1
- Martin (42.3%)- 93

NC counties with largest Native American population (Durham=0.9%)- # people medical debt abolished

- Robeson (41.7%)-182
- Swain (29.8)- 2
- Scotland (12.4%)- 3
- Hoke (9.1%)- 3
- Jackson (9%)- 3
- Graham (8%)- 1
- Warren (5.6%)- 105
- Halifax (4%)- 124
- Columbus (3.7%)- 0
- Sampson (3.6%)- 62