

# Historic Russell School



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Dear Patrons and Future Patrons:

The Friends of Russell Rosenwald School (FORRS) is grateful for the progress we have made over the past five years in our efforts to restore an important educational icon of African-American history: Historic Russell School, located at 2001 St. Mary's Road in Durham County.

The Historic Russell School is one of the few Rosenwald schools still standing in the South and is the last Rosenwald school standing in Durham County, North Carolina. It provided a formal education for African-American children from 1926 to around 1945.

Our dreams and primary objectives are centered around restoring this African-American legacy back to a community edifice where the rooms resonate with the laughter and eager voices of children engaged in learning activities, and with the serious voices of adults contemplating the solutions to today's problems - discussing ways to build a better community and how to aid those in need.

The Friends of Russell Rosenwald School (FORRS) is hoping that you will help us achieve our dreams and primary objectives by supporting us in our **Buy-a-Chair Campaign**. The chairs are "virtual" chairs and will be displayed on our web site with the recipients' names printed on the back of the chair. In addition, recipients' names will be engraved on a plaque that will be displayed in the Historic Russell School for visitors to see the names of those who helped to revitalize this historical landmark.

This campaign is patterned after one of the first efforts to restore Historic Russell School in 1946, whereas, metal and wooden folding chairs were sold with the purchaser's name written on the back. The chairs were kept in the school and used during various events held in the school. Some of the chairs are still in the school today, on display. The "virtual" chairs are a mirror image of the metal and wooden folding chairs sold in 1946.

These chairs will make a very special gift, or they can be used to establish a very special memorial for a loved one.

The cost of the chairs are:

- \$90.00 for individuals and families (example: Jane Smith, or John & Jane Smith, or Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, or The Smith Family, or In Memory of Jane Doe), and
- \$350.00 for companies and corporations.

Proceeds from the Buy-a-Chair Campaign will be used to assist FORRS in making needed repairs such as electrical wiring and installation of a new HVAC system, as well as other things. These repairs are badly needed and will allow us to offer year-round visits to Historic Russell School.

We hope you will consider supporting us in our efforts, and we thank you for any support you may have given us in the past. Please visit our web site: [www.historicrussellschool.org](http://www.historicrussellschool.org), to learn more about the Buy-a-Chair Campaign, to view “virtual chairs,” and to learn more about Historic Russell School.

If you would like to assist us in preserving Historic Russell School, a historic educational icon of African-American history, please complete the form below to purchase a “virtual” chair for you or someone you love. Once you complete the attached form, mail the form along with your method of payment (check, bank check, money order) to: **Historic Russell School, Post Office Box 73036, Durham, NC 27722**. You can also purchase a chair through our web site: [www.historicrussellschool.org](http://www.historicrussellschool.org). Friends of Russell Rosenwald School is a 501(c)3 organization, all donations are tax deductible.

With Sincere Thanks,

Friends of Russell Rosenwald School Board of Directors

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## Buy-a-Chair Campaign

Please Print Legibly

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ “virtual” chair(s). Here is my payment for \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
(\$90 Individuals / \$350 Companies & Corporations)

Please print the following name(s) on the back of the chair(s):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (Purchaser): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address and/or Email Address:

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