

Upcoming Speakers

September 23



Susan Andersen is the founder and executive director of ANSWER Scholarship, Inc. She has led ANSWER's growth since its start in 2006, including its Mentors For Mom and Professional Development programs.

ANSWER mentors and prepares mothers of school-age children to achieve a college education and be role models of academic, personal, and professional success for their children.

The organization started with awards to four moms. From that modest beginning, ANSWER has now served more than 100 mothers in our region and awarded over \$630,000 in scholarships.

ANSWER moms have a graduation rate of 85%, which is much higher than average for non-traditional students. Some ANSWER moms have gone on to earn master's degrees.

Susan Andersen has received wide acclaim for her work to help mothers achieve a better life for their families. The Charlotte Ledger named her to its inaugural class of 40 Over 40, an award saluting people who have made Charlotte a better place. Andersen was named one of the city's 50 Most Influential Women by The Mecklenburg Times. The Charlotte Observer's editorial board has honored her in its annual tribute to leaders whose good works enrich our region.

Andersen holds a B.A. in Business Administration from UNC Charlotte. She has two children. Emily is a graduate of Auburn University and David received his master's degree in aerospace engineering from Georgia Tech.

When Andersen isn't busy trying to build economic mobility in Charlotte one mom at a time, you'll usually find her on a bicycle.

Shereka Rowell will be joining Susan. This is her second year with ANSWER. She was recently awarded emergency funding so she will speak firsthand on the importance of the grant project that our club will be doing this Rotary year.



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Scholarship
with
Susan Andersen
and
Shereka Rowell**