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New Hanover County Community Foundation reaches milestone in grantmaking

WILMINGTON – The board of advisors of the New Hanover County Community Foundation (NHCCF) announces that it has reached a milestone in its annual grantmaking. According to Stephen Gaskins, board president, the affiliate has reached \$50,000 in giving with this year's local grants to the New Hanover community.

In addition to achieving a milestone in giving, the board also has made some strategic decisions about grants that they believe will benefit the local community. Gaskins said the board has adopted a new giving focus on nonprofit programs serving children.

A major reason for NHCCF's increased grants capacity and sharpened focus is due to a new fund established by Board Member George Taylor and his wife Suzanne. The George and Suzanne Taylor Endowment was created to support local nonprofit programs that serve area youth. As a member of the local board of advisors, Taylor said he was confident that the established process would help distribute his fund's grants in the most effective, efficient way possible.

Gaskins said that the Taylors' generosity is helping the NHCCF increase its local giving power dramatically. He pointed out that the board also had decided to award fewer but larger grants to increase impact. "I know I speak for the entire board when I say that we are extremely proud to serve as a funding resource in the New Hanover County community," he said.

This year the New Hanover board is making local grants to the New Hanover Boys and Girls Club (\$10,000) for its playground on wheels project; and to the following organizations:

"Bread for Life..."

100 Black Men Of Coastal North

Carolina, Inc.

Brigade Boys & Girls Clubs

Cape Fear Chorale, Inc.

Cape Fear Literacy Council

Cape Fear Museum

Cape Fear Regional Community

Development Corporation

Communities In Schools of Cape

Fear

Cucalorus Film Foundation

DREAMS of Wilmington

Food Bank of Central & Eastern

NC

Girl Scouts - North Carolina

Coastal Pines

Kids Making It, Inc.

Make-A-Wish Eastern North

Carolina

Muscular Dystrophy Association

National Center For Outdoor &

Adventure Education

NourishNC Inc.

Pretty In Pink Foundation

Prevent Blindness North Carolina

Reach Out and Read

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The NHCCF holds an annual, competitive grants process that begins each spring.

About the New Hanover County Community Foundation

The NHCCF is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF). Originally called the Community Foundation of Southeastern North Carolina, it became affiliated with NCCF in 2009. In addition to Gaskins and Taylor, other members of the New Hanover County Community Foundation board of advisors are: Secretary Laurie Taylor, Ned Barclay, Patrick Boykin, Ronald Copley, Eldridge Dodson, Noel Fox, Frank Gibson, A. Ricky Godwin III, Patrick Moore, Hollis Moye Ray and Kristi Sullivan. Gibson also serves on the NCCF statewide board of directors. For more information, please

visit nccommunityfoundation.org and click on the New Hanover County Community Foundation page.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made nearly \$89 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$191 million in assets, the NCCF sustains 1,200 funds and endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 60 affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance in 67 counties across the state. An important component of the NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels. For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org and Facebook and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF.

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