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Mustard Seed Fund now accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted by the Mustard Seed Fund, which provides support for high school or college students or adults from southeastern North Carolina who plan to participate in mission trips through qualified nonprofits or faith-based organizations.

The fund was established in 2011 as a perpetual legacy to the memory of Wilmington residents Byron Stratas and Fred Rippy. It is administered by the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF).

The 2016 application is available on the New Hanover Community Foundation page on NCCF's website (nccommunityfoundation.org). All application packets (completed application and two letters of reference) must be received by April 30, 2016. The review committee will announce awards in May 2016. The review committee will only consider applications for mission trips that begin after June 1, 2016.

A breakfast was held at Saint Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church Feb. 12 to honor past award recipients Chris Sutton, Caroline Lemley, and Caroline Balderson.

To contribute to the Mustard Seed Fund:

Gifts to the fund may be made in many forms, including cash and gifts of stock. Visit NCCF's website for information on how to give or to make a gift online.

For additional information, please email NCCF Regional Associate Angie Brewer at abrewer@nccommunityfoundation.org, or call her at 910-202-6727.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made \$101 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$237 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 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 NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

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