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**NC Community Foundation announces 2015 statewide Women’s Fund grants**

RALEIGH -- The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) is pleased to announce the 2015 grant recipients from the statewide Women’s Fund of North Carolina, according to Jennifer Tolle Whiteside, NCCF president and CEO. The total awarded to five organizations was \$13,000.

Receiving 2015 grants are:

- Albemarle Hopeline Inc. in Elizabeth City;
- Communities in Schools of Lee County for the SPRINT Club;
- Oasis, Inc. in Boone for crisis intervention services for rural victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- Domestic Violence Shelter and Services in Wilmington for domestic violence shelter empowerment groups;
- Peacemakers in Rocky Mount for the Freedom School.

“Each of these organizations helps to meet crucial needs for women and children in our state and represents the program focus areas that the statewide Women’s Fund supports,” Tolle Whiteside said. NCCF’s statewide Women’s Fund typically focuses on programming that supports women and/or children, with particular emphasis on women’s health and leadership issues. Programs must serve areas within NCCF’s 67-county service area.

The selection committee is comprised of representatives from most of NCCF’s local women’s giving programs from across the state. NCCF’s nine regionally based women’s giving programs include the Women’s Giving Network of Wake County; the Bertie-Hertford Women’s Fund; the Women Givers of Northeast North Carolina, which serves Camden, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties; the Currituck-Dare Woman’s Fund; the Women Givers of Nash-Rocky Mount; the Art of Giving, a collective of Triangle women sponsored in conjunction with the Triangle Community Foundation; the Women’s Impact Network of New Hanover County; the

Cary Women's Giving Network; and Moore Women, A Giving Circle. Additional giving groups are in the planning stages.

The Women's Fund of North Carolina will open up grantmaking for 2016 in the late summer. Watch the NCCF website at [nccommunityfoundation.org](http://nccommunityfoundation.org) and its social media channels for dates.

*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.

For more information, visit [nccommunityfoundation.org](http://nccommunityfoundation.org) and Facebook or follow on Twitter @NCCF.

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