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Reception honors generosity of New Bern area donor

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NEW BERN – The late Margaret Rawls Stancil of New Bern was honored June 11 at a reception at the North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace. The event was held to acknowledge her lifetime of generosity and to announce her estate gift to establish the Margaret Rawls Stancil Endowment to benefit a number of Craven County and other charities.

The event was hosted by the Craven County Community Foundation (CCCF), an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF), which will administer the new endowment.

The celebration featured remarks by foundation officials, beneficiaries, Stancil family and friends, with about 80 in attendance. A tribute offered by New Bern attorney Ken McCotter, executor of her estate, recalled her generous nature and long-held intent to benefit area charities beyond her lifetime. “Margaret was a gracious and lovely lady who was very generous throughout her life, giving to many worthy causes,” he said. “This endowment and her other significant gifts are a tribute to the magnanimous spirit of a truly wonderful person.”

NCCF President and CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside also addressed the

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gathering, acknowledging the permanent and significant impact that the Margaret Rawls Stancil Endowment will have on the community. “With this gift, Mrs. Stancil has set in motion a powerful vehicle that will strengthen charities in New Bern and beyond, now and in perpetuity,” she said. “We hope others will be inspired by the legacy of this generous and visionary woman, who sought to make the world a better place. “

In addition to the endowment created in her name, Stancil also established separate funds to benefit the New Bern Historical Society Endowment and the Pamlico County Historical Association Endowment. These endowments are also held by NCCF.

About CCCF

The Craven County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the NCCF, and was established in 1991 by local leaders to encourage charitable giving and philanthropy throughout the Craven County area. The CCCF board is currently led by Rex Willis, president; Alice Tolson, vice president; Susan Ward, secretary; and John Haroldson, treasurer.

About NCCF

NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made nearly \$63 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$145 million in assets, the NCCF sustains 1,000 plus 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

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