



Women's Giving Network of Wake County awards \$105,000 in grants, bringing nine-year total to \$1 million contributed to local community

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RALEIGH – The Women's Giving Network of Wake County today awarded \$105,000 to four local nonprofits serving women and/or children, according to Kella Hatcher, president of the giving circle's leadership committee. This brings the total grant dollars awarded to Wake County nonprofits over the last nine years to \$1 million.

Hatcher said the Women's Giving Network was thrilled to have achieved such a notable milestone in under a decade. "Our philosophy has been to award gifts at a level that can make an impact on local needs and issues," she said. "I'm proud that we have achieved such a meaningful grants total."

Grants awarded this year are:

- The Green Chair Project - \$40,000 for "Sweeter Dreams" – Helping 160 children secure beds for a good night's sleep;
- The Women's Center of Wake County - \$30,000 for Critical Time Intervention;
- The Yellow Brick Road for Chronically Homeless Single Women;
- The Queen's Foundation - \$25,000 for the PowerHouse Project, a leadership and college preparation program;
- Kidznotes - \$10,000 for expansion in Southeast Raleigh with its free orchestral music training program.

Women's Network Grants Chair Virginia Price said the grants decisions are always difficult, as so many local nonprofits support important programs that are making a

difference. “Our membership votes on grant recipients, and every year we hear what a challenge it is to select just a few,” she said. “This year was no exception.”

The Women’s Network of Wake County is a program of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF), which supports nine local women’s giving circles across the state and the Women’s Fund of North Carolina, a statewide fund. NCCF CEO and President Jennifer Tolle Whiteside said the Women’s Network of Wake County was the oldest and largest women’s giving circle supported by the Foundation. “That this group has achieved the \$1 million giving mark in under 10 years is evidence of the power of collective giving,” she said. “We are so proud of what the group has achieved and the difference it is making in the Wake County community.”

About the Women’s Giving Network of Wake County

The Network is designed to maximize women’s leadership in philanthropy by engaging and educating its membership, increasing charitable contributions and strengthening the Wake County community through the impact of collective giving.

For information about joining the Women’s Giving Network of Wake County or applying for a 2016 grant, call Katie Crumpler at 919-256-6914 or email her at kcrumpler@nccommunityfoundation.org.

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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