



WOMEN'S GIVING NETWORK
OF WAKE COUNTY

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Women's Giving Network of Wake County awards more than \$67,000 in local grants, bringing ten-year total to more than \$1 million contributed to community

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Raleigh -- The Women's Giving Network of Wake County awarded more than \$67,000 in local grants to three area 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 local nonprofits over the last ten years to more than \$1 million.

Hatcher said the Women's Giving Network was thrilled to have achieved such a notable milestone in 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:

- \$30,000 to IFC-A Lotta Love for Wrenn House renovation

A Lotta Love's mission is to provide dignity, hope and a sense of home to families, women and children living in temporary environments. Nearly a quarter of North Carolina's homeless population is made up of children, and the shelters that house them struggle to provide basic food and a bed. Establishing an environment conducive to reading, creative play and studying will increase readiness for school and foster a sense of hope and safety. Most importantly, providing a caring setting for children in these most difficult of circumstances conveys a belief in their potential and humanity.

- \$25,000 to Guiding Lights for enhanced Nurse Aide training

Transitions Guiding Lights' Nurse Aide (NA1) training program provides a pathway out of poverty and entry into a career path, as experience as an NA1 is a prerequisite for nursing school and 90% of students are low income, with limited work experience and educational opportunity. Funds will support the entry of low income women into healthcare careers by providing scholarships to the Nurse Aide (NA1) training program at Transitions Guiding Lights' Caregiver Training Institute.

- \$12,600 to Frankie Lemmon School & Developmental Center for a playground for 3-year-olds with special needs

In order to get a head start on early development for 3-year-olds, a playground must serve their specific needs. The earlier children can experience playing together, communicating with each other and learning how to play, the better for their development and future.

Playgrounds for children with physical disabilities need to be fun, and also serve to develop their physical, intellectual and social skills. Over the course of 20 years, this playground will serve more than 2,000 children.

Women's Giving Network of Wake County members voted on recipients in a competitive grants process. Grants Committee Chair Hayden Constance said it was a challenge this year for the membership to choose from so many excellent programs serving critical needs for Wake County women and/or children.

About the Women's Giving Network of Wake County

The Women's Giving Network of Wake County is a program of the North Carolina Community Foundation, which supports nine local women's giving circles across the state and the Women's Fund of North Carolina. 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, contact NCCF Regional Director Quinn Novels at 919-256-6914 or qnovels@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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