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Women’s Impact Network of New Hanover County to become independent nonprofit

WILMINGTON – Leadership representatives of the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) and the Women’s Impact Network of New Hanover County (WIN) are pleased to announce that WIN has reached an important milestone and will become an independent organization by year-end.

WIN’s phenomenal membership growth has allowed it to transition beyond a giving circle to a full-fledged membership organization offering a wide array of philanthropic experiences. WIN will continue to focus on grantmaking tailored to local needs and will also offer education and social experiences for members.

“We are so proud of what WIN has accomplished in just over five years and see this move as a natural part of its growth process,” said Anne Sorhagen, a WIN member and NCCF’s regional director for the southeast, which includes New Hanover County.

WIN’s leadership team will seek to form its own 501(c)3 organization. “This status will give us maximum flexibility,” said WIN Chair Linda Brown.

The relationship between NCCF and WIN will remain in place through the current grant cycle. WIN will become independent after Nov. 1, 2017.

Brown said WIN appreciated the relationship between the women’s giving group and NCCF. “NCCF has been a wonderful parent to WIN since our founding in 2011, continuing to guide us, educate us and encourage us to become the organization that will suit our vision best,” she said.

About WIN

WIN was created in 2011 and since 2012 has made \$142,500 in local grants to the New

Hanover Community. The grants process is by invitation and begins in April, with the recipient announced in October at an annual grants celebration luncheon.

About NCCF

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made \$116 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$222 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 a network of affiliate foundations and women's giving networks to provide local resource allocation and community assistance 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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