



## WOMEN'S GIVING NETWORK OF WAKE COUNTY

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### We've Awarded more than \$1 Million, Thanks to You!

**T**hank you for your membership and making a difference in our community. Your 2016 membership has provided funds to the following worthy programs: A Lotta Love, Transitions Guiding Lights and the Frankie Lemmon School & Developmental Center. The Women's Giving Network of Wake County has awarded \$1,074,000 since 2007. You are part of an amazing group of women. We are fortunate to have members who donate many hours to our committees and who financially support WGN each year. All our members are assets to our network.



Our membership base relies on introducing our network to friends and colleagues. Please feel free to share WGN. The larger the membership the more funding we can provide to our community!

The Grants Committee is diligently at work vetting new programs for WGN to fund. They have been scouring applications and analyzing proposals from organizations in Wake County serving the needs of women and children. We are so thankful for their hard work and dedication. You can be confident knowing any program making it to the ballot for your vote is worthy of funding.

We are thrilled to be hosting our annual luncheon Thursday, Nov. 9, at the NC State University Park Alumni Center, where we will award the 2017 grant recipients. We are still in the planning phase and would love your help. Mark your calendars, bring your friends and join us! And please contact me with any questions, thoughts, or new member recommendations as I always enjoy hearing from you!

— Laurie Hughes, President

### WGN Awards \$67K in 2016

**T**he nine-person Grants Committee has been hard at work since May to ensure the most deserving organizations that serve women and children in Wake County are passed along to membership for a vote in October. Our fair, efficient and non-emotional process is one that has evolved over the years, and it is a good one!

In May we received 38 letters of intent (LOI's) from local organizations. Every committee member read through, studied and scored each LOI individually. At our meeting in June, the committee narrowed the 38 organizations down to 15. This is no small feat!

We then asked these possible grantees to provide full grant applications. Our committee members are now in the process of evaluating these applications. When we met at the beginning of September, we reviewed the scores and narrow down the number to nine organizations for site visits. After these site visits, we will have a comprehensive picture of each project and each organization. Then we will select four to five of the best choices to pass along to YOU for a vote in late October.

Please take advantage of the numerous hours of work by our Grants Committee, read about the organizations we recommend and VOTE! Last year we granted \$67,600 to well deserving non-profits.

#### *Our 2016 grantees:*

- A Lotta Love — provided funding to refurbish and redecorated Wrenn House, the only homeless, runaway and crisis intervention program and shelter for children in the Triangle. The newly-designed space is now more home-like, giving these children a clean, safe, happy environment and a sense of hope.
- The Frankie Lemmon School and Development Center — provided a playground for three-year olds with developmental disabilities.
- Transitions Guiding Lights — provided jobless women with scholarships to attain their nurses aide's degree. Nurses-aide experience is a prerequisite to being admitted to nursing school. Nurses aides also provide care for our growing elderly population.

"The money that we received from the Women's Giving Network was used to purchase artificial turf for our new playground," says Frankie Lemmon director Rebecca Smith. "The turf is hypoallergenic, easily accessible and meets fall zone requirements for our playground equipment."

"Prior to the construction of the new playground our 3-year-olds with special needs had to use our playground in the back of the school which was not only physically challenging but too far away from their necessary supplies or equipment. Many of our children in the 3-year-old classrooms are learning how to play, participate and move around during outside time and our new playground gives them the opportunity to learn in a safe and accessible environment."

Thank you for trusting the Grants Committee with such an important task. We look forward to the completion of our process so the WGN can learn more about the needs in our county, and in turn, support those needs.

— Molly Painter, Chair, Grants Committee

# Where Did the Money Go? 2016 Grantees Show the Results

## A Lotta Love

Renovation of Wrenn House, the only homeless, run-away and crisis intervention program and shelter for children in the Triangle. Renovation of this rundown shelter included new living room and dining room spaces, new bedding and lamps for the bedrooms, new towels, toiletries and a chest or armoire for each child to put their belongings, an intake/library and new carpet and paint throughout the house. The new space is warm and inviting, offering hope to children in crisis.



## Transitions Guiding Lights

The WGN grant will support full scholarships for low income women to the Nurse Aide (NA1) training program at Transitions Guiding Lights' Caregiver Training Institute.

Guiding Light graduates are much sought after by top employers in institutions of excellence trying to cope with the 'silver tsunami' of older adults. New NA1s help fill the urgent and fast-growing need for well-trained NA1s, particularly those with specialized training in caring for the elderly. While helping strengthen the workforce, students receive strong preparation for future career advancement to match their aspirations.

## Frankie Lemmon Center

The Frankie Lemmon School needed a new playground specifically designed, equipped and built for 3-year-old children with special needs. It includes a swing for children with physical disabilities, a climbing structure with multi-sensory aspects, and state-of-the-art child-safe ground cover.

Because of their disabilities, many of the children need to be taught how to play, which is essential to the development of physical, intellectual and social skills. Play becomes therapy. Over the course of 20 years, this playground will serve more than 2,000 children.



## Wake County. Women's Giving Network Leadership Team

Laurie Hughes, President  
Holly Ivel, Communications  
Susan Rountree, Communications  
Molly Painter, Grants  
Amy Pirozzolo, Membership  
Jenny Eury, Corresponding Secretary

Lee Hayden, co-chair, Education  
Pam Prather, co-chair, Education  
Hayden Constance, Member-at-large  
Jesma Reynolds, Member-at-large

Virginia Price, Member-at-large  
Kella Hatcher, President Emeritus

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## A Community of Giving: Spring Mix & Mingle



WGN hosted an informal gathering at Umstead Hotel on June 26. Members and their guests met with 2015 & 2016 grant recipients. It was a perfect time to learn about the incredible programs WGN has funded. From left, Jenny Eury, corresponding secretary; Laurie Hughes, president; and Pam Prather, education co-chair.





## New Member Profile

### Jenny Eury

A lifelong North Carolinian, Jenny Eury has lived in Raleigh for close to 40 years and has deep ties to the area. Recently retired from a career at IBM in Information Technology, Jenny has long been involved in philanthropy in Wake County. The Winston-Salem native has been a supporter of the Carolina Ballet for nearly 20 years. Because of her family's history with breast cancer, she has been a fundraiser and volunteer for the Komen Race for the Cure in Eastern North Carolina for 17 years and for the Triangle Pancreatic Cancer Action Network for eight.



She joined the Women's Giving Network in January at the urging of her Salem College classmate and member Nancy Summer. She also knew members Tricia Phoenix and Susan Garrity through the Carolina Ballet.

"I was impressed with the organization's philanthropic focus and community impact through collective giving. I enjoy networking with women who share my goal/interest to make a difference in the lives of Wake County women and children."

She has joined the membership committee and looks forward to helping increase our numbers.

"My primary charitable philosophy is to support groups that aid women and children in need, so I was pleased to see that WGN was a supporter of Interact and Dress for Success-Triangle. Those non-profits have been part of my personal charitable contributions for many years."

After attending the 2017 Spring Event at The Umstead, Jenny came away with a good understanding of WGN.

"The dedication of the leadership team was evident in their detailed planning to ensure a successful event that shared WGN's mission and accomplishments with current and prospective members. I knew from that experience that this group was special and I was proud to be a part of it."



## Tailor Your Involvement in the WGN

If you'd like to become more involved in our program, consider joining one of our committees. Here's a description of each. The committee holds at least six meetings throughout the year, mostly between May and October. Site visits are conducted during the month of September.

**GRANTS COMMITTEE.** The Grants Committee is responsible for researching, identifying and nominating projects/programs for funding and ensuring that the grant-making process is interactive and inclusive. The committee holds several meetings throughout the year.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE.** The Education Committee is responsible for providing members with skill-building and informational programs that enhance their effectiveness in giving. The committee holds several committee meetings throughout the year.

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE.** The Special Events Committee is responsible for assisting the Leadership Committee with events throughout the year, including planning for the annual grants luncheon and securing the speaker. The committee holds several meetings throughout the year.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.** The Communications Committee is responsible for regular internal and external communications including a newsletter, website updates, press releases, invitation design, and special publications. This committee works closely with the staff of the North Carolina Community Foundation. The committee holds several meetings throughout the year.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.** The Membership Committee is responsible for the recruitment and retention of members and serves to promote the mission, accomplishments and values through social gatherings and networking opportunities. The committee holds several meetings plus three recruitment events throughout the year.

## Save the Date!

Women's Giving Network  
of Wake County

Annual Awards Luncheon

Thursday, November 9  
NC State University  
Park Alumni Center

Details will be e-mailed soon



## 2017 Member List

Annette Anderson  
Donna Anderson  
Rebecca Anderson  
Kelly Anderton  
Allison Atkinson  
Blanche Bacon  
Nancy Baird  
Kim Barber  
Linda Berry  
Audrey Black  
Holly Blanton  
Julia Brown  
Kathy Burns  
Perrin Burton  
Kelly Caldwell  
MaryBeth Carpenter  
Beverley Clark  
Hayden Constance  
Bennett Cotten  
Brenda Coules  
Sandra Crane  
Marcia Davis  
Vivian Doelling  
Pam Dowdy

Charman Driver  
Jenny Eury  
Karen Ferguson  
Gail Ferri  
Mary-Owens Fitzgerald  
Susan Garrity  
Paige Haensel  
Katherine Anne Hamlin  
Kella Hatcher  
Lee Hayden  
Eileen Hendren  
Laurie Hughes  
Betty Hunt  
Alice Irby  
Holly Ivel  
Mary June Jones  
Claudia Kadis  
Avery Sloan Knight  
Britt Macnabb  
Molly Mahoney  
Lynn Maness  
Jane Mann  
Sarah May  
Mary Cynthia Monday

Mary Moss  
Molly Painter  
Lind Parks  
Sandy Pearce  
Regina Petteway  
Ann Pflugrath  
Trisha Phoenix  
Amy Pirozzolo  
Pam Prather  
Katherine Pretzer  
Virginia Price  
Debr Ratliff  
Jesma Reynolds  
Liza Roberts  
Susan Rountree  
Jackie Saber  
Sheila Saeed  
Robin Salvaggio  
Lisa Sandman  
Cindy Schneider  
Beverly Smith  
Marilyn Stevens  
Kari Stoltz  
Nancy Sumner

Nancy Teague  
Tish Turner  
Frances Vitaglione  
Christine Wagner  
Debbie Watkins  
Nancy White  
Beth Williamson  
Ann Wooten  
Mary Brent Wright