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Women's Giving Network

OF WAKE COUNTY

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2015 Grant Award Winners

Announcing Our 2015 Grant Award Winners

Four winners were selected from the 42 applications sent to Women's Giving Network for its annual grant awards. Winners were presented with their checks at our annual luncheon on December 3 at The Women's Club.

[The Queen's Foundation](#) - \$25,000 for the Power House project – page 5

[The Green Chair Project](#) – \$40,000 for “Sweeter Dreams project” – helping children secure a bed for a good night's sleep – page 5

[Women's Center of Wake County](#) - \$30,000 for Critical Time Intervention: The Yellow Brick Road for Chronically Homeless Single Women – page 5

[Kidznotes](#) - \$10,000 for the Expansion in Southeastern Raleigh- page 5



A Note From Our President Kella Hatcher



In December at our annual grants luncheon, we celebrated the milestone of contributing to our community over \$1 million in grants since our first grant cycle in 2007. This is no small thing, and each one of you should be proud of the positive impact you are having on your community! Over the years, our grants have funded a variety of projects, and WGN grants have addressed multiple intersecting problems with multiple, intersecting solutions to truly make progress. Here is my illustration of what we do . .

There is a child, we'll call her Sophie, whose mom Jane is struggling to take care of the two of them after fleeing from Sophie's dad who was abusive. We don't just fund an organization that provides help to Sophie and Jane in those early days of escaping the violence, we also fund a nonprofit which helps furnish their new apartment once they begin to settle. We fund an organization that provides a whole season of outfits for Sophie, one that teaches her to read and one that feeds her too. We fund a nonprofit that teaches Jane life skills and another that prepares her for a job interview and puts her in a new suit for the occasion. We fund an organization that enables Sophie to find the joy in music lessons or in a special dance program at school, and one that gives Sophie a safe and enriching place to go after school when Jane is at work. We fund organizations where Sophie and Jane can access health care and another where they can get mental health services.

For Sophie and Jane, there isn't just one fix that will put them on the right path to make it in this world. There isn't just one organization that can meet their many needs. It takes a combination of fixes delivered by a whole village of people. And all of you are a very important part of that village. Whether you are a WGN member who comes to our events, whether you volunteer on our committees, or whether you limit your WGN participation to simply writing a check, you're part of the village. We thank you for your participation, and Sophie and Jane thank you too.

Discussion with Philanthropist Panel and Debra Morgan



As a part of this year's Women's Giving Circle Annual Luncheon, Debra Morgan, long-time anchorwoman on WRAL-TV and a committed community leader and philanthropist in her own-right facilitated an inspiring discussion among three local philanthropists: Jill Woldford, Easter Maynard and Amber Smith. While each of the panelists had different philanthropic journeys, their commitment to and passion for helping people and the community was a common bond. We thank them for spending time with us and for sharing their inspiring stories. Brief Bios along with links to each of their organizations' websites can be found below.



Jill Woldford, a pharmacist by training and graduate of UNC-CH has worked for the last 23 years for GlaxoSmithKline. She has been married for 25 years and is the mother to two children. Jill and her husband Eric, along with the support of friends, started the Caring Community Foundation in their backyard 15 years ago out of a desire to pay it forward after Jill's fight with breast cancer. Since its launch Caring Community Foundation has helped over 2,500 patients with timely financial assistance in small and large ways so patients and their families can focus on treatment and recovery.

<http://caringcommunityfoundation.org/>



Discussion with Philanthropist Panel and Debra Morgan ...Continued

Easter Maynard, the Director of Community Investment for IMC, parent company of Golden Corral Corporation, directs IMC's corporate foundation. Easter received her bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and her Masters from UNC Chapel Hill. Married with three children Easter currently serves on several local non-profit boards. Four years ago in partnership with Golden Corral Restaurants, Easter helped found Camp Corral, a free camp experience for children of wounded, disabled or fallen service members. Since its launch, Camp Corral has grown to serve 3,200 children a year Across the US.

<http://www.campcorral.org/>



Amber Smith, the founder and Executive Director of Activate Good, leads a nonprofit that activates volunteers to help over 300 charitable causes in the Triangle community. A self-proclaimed "cause nerd," Amber studied social change, leadership, and nonprofit management through undergraduate and Masters programs at NC State University. Her vision is that the Triangle community will rise to become number one in volunteerism in the nation! Before Activate Good she volunteered with organizations such as Kiwanis, Hope for the Homeless, and Amnesty International.

<http://activategood.org/>

2015 Grant Recipients

WGN's top voting award went to [The Queen's Foundation](#), a state-wide non-profit dedicated to addressing poverty and the education gap in North Carolina by advancing the lives of young women in NC public schools who live in extreme poverty and will be first in their families to earn a four-year college degree. Once a young woman enters the program, she remains in the program for four years until her first completed year of college. Their Power House project is a leadership and college preparation program.

[The Green Chair Project](#) addresses an unmet community need of providing comprehensive furniture assistance to families who are working to achieve self-sufficient lifestyles after transitioning from homelessness, crisis or disaster. Since it's founding in 2010, TGCP has furnished more than 1,000 households, served 2,750 individuals and received 25,000 furniture donations from 5,000 community members. Its Sweeter Dreams program grant will help 160 children secure a bed for a good night's sleep, and the program has provided 403 children with beds to date.



[The Women's Center of Wake County](#) helps prevent and end homelessness for women and families in our community. WCWC is a multi-services resource center that addresses the challenging issues of poverty and homelessness for single women and women with children. Critical Time Intervention, CTI, is an evidence-based intervention addressing the complexities involved with chronic homelessness and co-occurring behavioral and physical health issues. It helps women obtain safe shelter leading to permanent housing. The WGN grant insures the ability to continue and enhance this program, which serves some of the most vulnerable women in our community.

[Kidznotes](#) mission is to change the life trajectory of underserved k-12 students through orchestral training. It provides 10 hours each week of free orchestral music training and instruments to 100 children grades k-3 in partnership with Wake County Public Schools in the lowest income neighborhoods of Southeast Raleigh. Its expansion project will allow Kidznotes to add new students in Raleigh and to add two new school partners in Wake County for the 2016-17 school year.



Details of the 2015 Grant Process

- The Committee reviewed 42 Letters of Inquiry that Wake County nonprofits submitted.
- Following that review, the Committee invited 14 organizations to submit full grant proposals and studied those applications intensely.
- The Committee selected eight of those organizations for site visits and reported their findings back to the full group.

Based on the reports from the site visits, the Committee presented five projects for voting to its full membership in October. We are pleased with the results and expect our grants to strengthen the Wake County community through the impact of our collective giving. Thanks to all who voted and also to those who attended our luncheon.

Come Join Us!

February 10th 6pm-8pm

Raleigh

(Near PNC Arena)

We hope you will join us for this casual gathering and we encourage you to bring guests to learn about WGN! Enjoy light refreshments, time to socialize with members and friends, and hear brief comments from a special guest:

Dr. Jean Williams, Executive Director for Women's Center of Wake County, a 2015 WGN grant recipient. Jean will tell us about her organization and their plans for our grant.

To RSVP and to receive address information, contact Katie Crumpler,
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Do you have computer skills and enjoy creating documents like newsletters? The Communications Committee is looking for a member to join them in designing and formatting the quarterly newsletter!! If interested please contact Laurie Hughes
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WGN Committees Need You!

Membership in The Women's Giving Network does not require service on a committee; however, committees are where the "work" of the Network takes shape. All committees need new members! If you are interested in becoming more engaged in the Network, please notify Katie Crumpler at kcrumpler@nccommunityfoundation.org. Areas of interest include:

Membership Committee

Actively recruits and retains members through social gatherings and networking opportunities.

Leadership Committee

Provides the overall direction of the Network and manages the operational affairs of the group. The Leadership Council consists of the president, incoming president, grants chair, membership chair, communications chair, education chair, special events chair, 3-5 additional at-large members and one statewide women's liaison. At-large members may be given assignments or projects.

Grants Committee

Develops and implements the formal grants process. This committee meets often, in daytime hours, usually for two hours or more. Homework is involved. Subgroups may be formed to accomplish assignments outside of committee meetings. Committee members must attend 80% of the meetings, and the number of members caps at 15. The committee rotates on a three-year term.

Education Committee

Develops knowledge-building and informational programs that increase our members' knowledge on topics affecting women and children in our county.

Communications Committee

Focuses on communications needs, including a quarterly newsletter, and assists with updating members on Network news between newsletters.

Special Events Committee

Organizes and assists with special events such as the annual grants awards luncheon.



2016 Grant Recipients



2015 Luncheon Table Photos



EMAIL PROBLEMS: In order to receive communications from WGN, be sure to add **nccommunityfoundation.org** to your email's safe senders list. We have learned that some members are not receiving communications from WGN because emails are falling into junk mail folders. Email is our primary means of communication with our members. We use email for event invitations, for sending out our newsletters, and for other important information.

TO STAY INFORMED: Check out our website for lots of WGN information and news, including newsletters, at <http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/section/wake-women>.

WOMEN'S GIVING NETWORK 2015 LEADERSHIP TEAM

[Kella Hatcher](#), President

[Virginia Price](#), Grants Chair

[Kelly Caldwell](#), Education Chair

[Pat Wilkins](#), Membership Chair

[Laurie Hughes](#), Communications Chair

[Pam Dowdy](#), Special Events Chair & Immediate Past-President

[Jackie Saber](#), Statewide Liaison

[Paige Haensel](#), Financial Liaison

[Marilyn Stevens](#), At-large member

[Allison Atkinson](#), At-large member

[Katie Crumpler](#), Regional Associate for the North Carolina Community Foundation and the WGN staff liaison

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