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# Women's Giving Network

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## Join Us At Haven House for a Special Luncheon

Wednesday October 7, 2015

11:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Please see page 4 for more details.

### Upcoming Events

**Haven House  
October 7, 2015**

Lunch and panel discussion.

**Grant Voting  
End of October**

More information will follow in a separate email.

**Annual Luncheon  
December 3, 2015**

Annual luncheon to honor 2015 Grant recipients. *See page 6 for more details!*

# Why I Am Renewing My Membership

By Jackie Saber



Like many members of the Women's Giving Network, I have over the years worked for and volunteered with many different local groups helping women and children. Recently I attended some events our leadership offered for members to get a look at how our collective giving is making a difference, I expected to be curious and informed. But I was blown away.

Blown away by the many beautiful smiling faces of the children at Knightdale Elementary, as the fourth grade class leaped and giggled and showed us their amazing joy in their dance project presented by NC Arts in Action. This was a *collective* of dancers, just as we are a *collective* of donors. Just like us, some were shy, some were outgoing; all of them were enchanting. I watched the very professional staff of NC Arts in Action guide their students and realized I was seeing true professionals in action. I saw many parents in the audience whose faces, at the beginning of the evening, were showing the weariness of the regular strain we feel on a school night, many with squirming younger siblings on laps and older siblings on the floor. Their faces soon were beaming and radiant with pride at their own child up there on the stage. To me, there is nothing at all like watching the face of a child who sees his or her parent beaming at them from afar. I am only too aware that for some children, that is a rare feeling indeed. Now I have seen this program in action, it was simply one of the best things I did this year.

I left that evening feeling joy. On a different day, I left to attend a tour of Interact arranged by our WGN leadership, I knew I would have a very different experience. I have represented abused and neglected children for many years. I have worked in a shelter. I had visited Interact before over the years so I knew what to expect. Once again, I was blown away!

Our personalized tour was one of the most meaningful experiences I have ever had. Multiple survivors of domestic violence took time out of their lives to meet and talk with us, to tell us how Interact has changed – and sometimes literally saved – their lives. Many survivors are now either working for Interact or volunteering there.

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We sat in the chairs the children sit in who come to talk with therapists about the violence they have seen or experienced at home. We saw the special examination room for victims of violence, and rape kits collected if necessary, in a quiet, respectful setting. We spoke with the nurse who runs this, and I could feel the special empathy she brings to her job. Visiting Interact again gave me a deeper understanding of why our Women's Giving Network funds are so important in helping new projects get started, and continuing to fund some of the established and successful organizations that are getting the job done very well. I was blown away a second time with pride for what we are helping our community have.

I am very proud to be part of WGN - which is so successful in pulling together all of us and giving to our community a collective gift. I gain pleasure from knowing each of my fellow members and sharing these experiences with you. My first five-year commitment is up this year and experiences like this are why I am renewing. When's the last time you were blown away? Won't you join me?

## Thank You To Our Renewing Members

Ms. Rosemary Kenyon  
Ms. Ann Wooten  
Ms. Tricia Phoenix

## Welcome To Our Newest Members

Ms. Kelly Caldwell  
Ms. Mary Beth Carpenter  
Ms. Hayden Constance  
Ms. Bennett Cotten  
Ms. Vivian Doelling  
Ms. Gail Ferri  
Ms. Holly C. S. Ivel  
Ms. Regina Petteway



## Poised for a Milestone. . . help us cross it!

Our Women's Giving Network has a major milestone coming up . . . but right about now we are feeling a bit like the first time marathoner who has never run 26 miles and is hoping she can do so on race day! This year could be the year that our grant funding total (nine years of grant rounds) will carry us over the one million dollar mark—an amazing achievement for an organization still in its “youth.” You can help us get there by making sure you have **fulfilled your pledge**, and if you are inclined to boost the reach of WGN grants beyond your pledge, you can donate directly to this year's grant fund as long as you do so by October 31! If desired, **donations** in honor of an individual or by an organization will be acknowledged at our annual grants event.

- **Speaking of our annual grants event, if any of our members are interested in sponsoring the luncheon with credit going to you or your business, please let us know! Contact [Katie Crumpler](#) for information on sponsorships, your pledge status or donations.**

## The Education Committee Invites You to Attend a Special Luncheon At Haven House

"Youth-At-Risk: 21st Century Threats and Solutions – A Provocative and Informative Hour with the Experts"

Panelist included:

Patricia Cardoso, Director of Diversion Programs, Haven House Services  
Beth Nelson, Consultant and Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Chair  
Lieutenant John Noble, Law Enforcement focusing on Juveniles  
Donald Pinchback, Chief Court Counselor for District 10 (Wake County)

Wednesday October 7, 2015

11:30 – 1:15 PM

Located at [Haven House](#) (2014 Grant Recipient) 600 W. Cabarrus Street, Raleigh, NC 27603

Free and plentiful parking. Lunch will be provided at no cost but donations will be appreciated. Please invite friends. There will be time set aside for networking at the event.

Please RSVP to Kelly Caldwell at [kellycaldwell5021@gmail.com](mailto:kellycaldwell5021@gmail.com) by October 2.

Members of the Women's Giving Network of Wake County attended a volunteer event with 2014 grantee Note in the Pocket on Tuesday, Aug. 11. The group learned more about the daily operations of the organization while they helped sort clothes.



Left to right, Paige Haensel, Kelly Caldwell, Holly Blanton, Molly Mahoney, Hayden Constance, Alex Mahoney, Virginia Price, Bennett Cotton

## Stay in Touch With Our Other 2014 Grant Recipients



## The Grant Committee Selection Process

The Grant committee is one of six committees that help to make our Giving Network a success. This committee is charged with the critical work of developing and maintaining the formal grants process for us as well as with the evaluation of letters of inquiry and full grant applications each year. At the core, the committee is charged with identifying strong and vital organizations that are delivering critical services to women and children in Wake County, organizations and programs whose work would be furthered by a grant from our Network.

As in years past, this year's eleven member Grant committee, chaired by Virginia Price, has devoted many hours to application reviews since their initial meeting in early May. Eight strong applicants made it to the site visit stage of the process and committee members spent the first three weeks of September making visits to those organizations in groups of twos, threes, and fours. These site visits are the last step in the process of narrowing down the list of applicants to the final slate of organizations and programs that will be presented to the membership for consideration and voting in October.

It is hard for the committee to convey a complete and balanced picture of each of the applicants as they have come to know them through the four month grant process and so they will present the slate of applicants and projects in the applicant's own words (with some minor editing for overall consistency). The committee is very excited about this year's slate of applicants and encourages the membership to thoughtfully review the information about each applicant as they cast their votes next month.

Final grant awards will be made on December 3, 2015 at the annual luncheon. Please see the article on the luncheon for further details. If you are interested in learning more about the Grant committee – please contact [Virginia Price](#).



## Annual Luncheon December 3, 2015

Please hold that date! This year's celebration and awarding of our grants will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12 with the program beginning shortly thereafter at a site to be announced soon. This is a great time to be thinking about who you would like to invite to the event. This event showcases the work we have done and are doing in the community for women and children.

Consider who of your colleagues and friends share your passion for our mission and invite them to join you. Watch your email for an invitation that you can electronically forward to others with your personal invitation. If you are willing to be a table host and secure a table of eight, please let Katie Crumpler

[kcrumpler@nccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:kcrumpler@nccommunityfoundation.org)  
or Pam Dowdy

[pdowdy@wakesmartstart.org](mailto:pdowdy@wakesmartstart.org) know!

**EMAIL PROBLEMS:** In order to receive communications from WGN, be sure to add **[nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.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

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[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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