



connecting for change

# Women's Giving Network

OF WAKE COUNTY

a program of the North Carolina Community Foundation

## Summer 2016

### BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER

*Kella Hatcher, WGN President*

I walked into the school gym expecting to be mildly entertained by cute kids and to get a sense of an arts program that WGN had funded. As a parent of college age kids, sitting in a hard metal chair on a gym floor on a weeknight was something I hadn't done for some years and I may, just may, have thought for a fleeting moment of my cushy couch at home. But watching those small faces light up at the joy of dancing, the pride and delight in parents' eyes, and the enthusiastic and skilled leadership of their teachers, any thoughts of that couch were long gone. I didn't get it until that moment. Growing up, I was big into music and theater, but the transformative power of providing a child with the opportunity to experience something I had taken for granted as a kid did not hit me until I was there in that gym. I was there because our WGN education committee had coordinated having WGN members attend this performance of one of our grantee programs, and it had provided a bridge for understanding and feeling the impact of giving that I would otherwise not have had.

When I look at all the moving parts of collective giving taking place through the work of the Women's Giving Network, I see a lot of bridges. When we provide a seed grant to a fledgling organization, we may be the bridge between a project housed in a church closet and one that becomes a thriving nonprofit serving hundreds or thousands in need.

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### SAVE THE DATE!

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## WE ARE LISTENING!

As you may recall, our interest survey last spring asked you about whether you think our current membership structure should change or stay the same. The reason we asked this question is because we regularly hear from members who express opinions related to changing the structure, so we wanted to provide another opportunity for that opinion to be expressed.

This year's survey indicated that a small majority of responders would like to see a shorter duration for the membership (less than 5 years), so we will be putting that question to an official vote with the full membership this fall.

*You are invited to see how our collective giving directly benefits our community!*

### MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Anderson, Annette  
Anderson, Donna  
Anderton, Janet  
Atkinson, Allison  
Bacon, Blanche  
Baird, Nancy  
Barefoot, Romy  
Black, Audrey  
Blanton, Holly Bowles  
Brody, Kay-Frances  
Brown, Julia  
Burton, Perrin  
Caldwell, Kelly  
Carpenter, MaryBeth  
Chesson, Janet

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT GREEN CHAIR

Your Education Committee invites you to join us on **Saturday, August 20th** for an extraordinary opportunity to learn more about a 2015 grantee, The Green Chair Project ([www.greenchair.org](http://www.greenchair.org)). As you know, this outstanding organization re-purposes donated household furnishings to renew lives of participants referred from Wake County programs recovering from homelessness, crisis or disaster.

We will meet at 10:00 am at The Green Chair Project's office, 1853 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, to take a tour and roll up our sleeves to help the organization prepare for its upcoming fundraiser. We hope you can join us for what will be an inspiring morning. Please RSVP to Kelly Caldwell at [kellycaldwell5021@gmail.com](mailto:kellycaldwell5021@gmail.com). This activity has a limited number of spots so please RSVP by August 13.

This also provides a wonderful opportunity to invite and bring potential WGN members so they can see how our collective giving directly benefits our community!

*WGN Education Committee:  
Kelly Caldwell, Claudia Kadis, Karen Zelden*

## BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER CONT.

Projects we have funded provide bridges for women to get off the street and into a life of sobriety and employment; bridges for high school women without the means to go to college; and bridges to turn a struggling middle school girl into a confident and successful student.

One day this fall, you will open up your email and see a message asking you to vote for nonprofit projects presented to you in the form of a ballot from your Women's Giving Network Grants committee. This ballot represents yet another bridge – one that connects you to a tremendous amount of time and effort put in by grants committee members who carefully studied applications and pre-applications, visited applicant organizations, questioned and deliberated, following a finely tuned process to bring you the best candidate projects among many who are deserving. This committee is the bridge between the checks we write and a careful process that assures that those checks are funding quality projects.



*You, as members, have built WGN and all these bridges, and with your continued support, WGN will continue to be a bridge between the needs in our community and a fantastic group of generous and thoughtful women who want to make a difference.*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Quinn Novels has joined the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) team as the new Regional Director for the Northern Piedmont. Quinn's diverse experience and skill set is a fabulous fit for her new role as the NCCF staff liaison to WGN. She has been a Relationship Manager at the United Way of the Greater Triangle (UWGT), where she has cultivated relationships with individuals and companies within a portfolio of accounts. She helped to build UWGT's new strategy around individual donor engagement and also designed and implemented a nonprofit board training program, recruiting nonprofit leaders as instructors and employees from companies within Research Triangle Park to enroll in the program. She has a Master of Science in International Development from Tulane University, a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Delaware, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Duke University. We're delighted to have Quinn as part of the NCCF team and look forward to your meeting her!

## MEMBERSHIP CONT.

Clark, Beverley  
Constance, Hayden  
Cotten, Bennett  
Coules, Brenda  
Crane, Sandra Deutsch  
Daniels, Teresa Davis  
Davis, Marcia  
Day, Debbie  
Doelling, Vivian  
Dorton, Katina  
Douglas, Margaret  
Dowdy, Pamela  
Driver, Charman  
Ferri, Gail  
Fitzgerald, Mary-Owens  
Floyd, Jan  
Frantz, Jan  
Frushone, Laura  
Garrity, Susan  
Gormley, Kathleen  
Grew, Linda  
Guthrie, Pickett  
Haensel, Paige  
Hamlin, Katherine Anne  
Hatcher, Kella  
Hendren, Eileen  
Hughes, Laurie  
Ivel, Holly  
Jones, Mary June  
Jones, Eve  
Kadis, Caroline

## MEMBERSHIP CONT.

Kadis, Claudia  
Kahn, Stefanie  
Kenyon, Rosemary  
Knight, Avery Sloan  
Landi, Helen  
Loftin, Jenny  
MacNabb, Britt  
Mahoney, Mary  
Maness, Carolyn  
Mann, Jane  
May, Sara  
Monday, Mary Cynthia  
Morgan, Danita  
Moss, Mary McGranahan  
Nye, Laura Swisher  
Painter, Molly  
Pearce, Sandy  
Petteway, Regina  
Pflugrath, Ann  
Phoenix, Tricia  
Pirozzolo, Amy  
Powell, Kipp Cohoon  
Pretzer, Katherine  
Price, Virginia  
Ratliff, Debra  
Roberts, Liza  
Saber, Jackie  
Saeed, Sheila  
Sandman, Lisa  
Schneider, Cindy  
Stevens, Marilyn

## GRANT COMMITTEE UPDATE

During the month of May area agencies submitted initial Letters of Inquiry (LOI) for projects which they would like WGN to fund. Forty LOI's were received from potential grantees this year.

Grants Committee member evaluated each project individually and then the Committee as a whole chose fifteen LOI's which best fit WGN's mission and appeared to have the potential for greatest impact. Timeline and next steps in the process are:

### August –

- Agencies submit full grant proposals to WGN
- Grants Committee reviews grant proposals

### September –

- Committee conducts site visits with potential grantees

### September 30 –

- Description of recommended finalists and ballots are mailed to WGN membership

### October 21 –

- Deadline for membership voting and submitting ballots to the Grants Committee

## MONTHLY GIVING AVAILABLE

### *Several ways to meet your WGN commitment*

Our \$1,200 contribution which we pay to advance grants to non-profits which assist women and children in Wake County is due by July 31 each year. Of the amount collected, \$1,050 is for the annual grant-making pool, \$100 is for administration and \$50 goes for the Statewide Women's Fund held by the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Annual contributions may be made in one annual sum, in three payments (January, April, and July), or through stock transfer. In addition, starting in August 2016, members may also pay monthly so that the entire amount is paid by July 31. To set up monthly giving, log on to [nccommunityfoundation.org](http://nccommunityfoundation.org) and select the Give Now button, (upper left-hand corner of the page), Give a Gift Online section. After filling out your contact info and credit card info, in the middle section, under special instructions, please write in Wake Women's Giving Network to ensure your contributions are credited properly.

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Stoltz, Kari  
Sumner, Nancy  
Swintosky, Kimberly  
Teague, Nancy  
Tedrow, Jeanne Canin  
Turner, Tish  
Vitaglione, Frances  
Wagner, Christine  
Watkins, Debra  
White, Nancy  
Wilkins, Patricia  
Williamson, Elizabeth  
Wooten, Ann  
Wright, Mary Brent  
Zelden, Karen

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### MONTHLY GIVING AVAILABLE CONT.

To give by stock, direct your brokerage gift to LPL Financial, DTC#: 0075, Acct#: 7251-1229. Please also send a note to our liaison at the NCCF, Quinn E. Novels, Northern Piedmont Regional Director, so she can look out for your contribution. She can be reached at 919.256.6914 or [qnovels@nccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:qnovels@nccommunityfoundation.org).

Any payments or stock received after July 31 will be counted toward the following year's grant cycle.

### MANY THANKS AND WELL WISHES TO OUR OUTGOING REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Katie Crumpler transferred from her role as Regional Director for the Northern Piedmont region to NCCF's Western region at the end of June. She will continue her work there on donor engagement and facilitating the philanthropic work of affiliate foundation boards and their community grantmaking. As an Avery County native, she is excited to return to her mountain roots.

### WGN LEADERSHIP TEAM

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