WILSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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Wilson County Community Foundation awards \$2,430 in local grants

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The board of advisors of the Wilson County Community Foundation recently announced in local grant awards from the community grantmaking fund, according to Matthew Garrett, board president.

This year the board granted:

- \$615 to the Arts Council of Wilson, Inc. for the New York Theatre Ballet Performance to Wilson County Schools
- \$1,200 to Seeds of Hope Wilson for the After School Program Excursion Grant
- \$615 to the Veterans Residential Services of Wilson for Veterans Last Resource

Garrett thanked the community for its support of the Wilson County Community Foundation. "We are proud to support these nonprofit programs that are so vital to the community," he said. "We are grateful to the many generous individuals and organizations that have supported our work to inspire philanthropy across our community."

The Wilson County Community Foundation is a growing family of philanthropic funds, source of grants for local causes and partner for donors. WCCF was founded in 1997 and is led by a local volunteer advisory board that helps build community assets through the creation of permanent endowments, makes grants and leverages leadership – all for the benefit of Wilson County.

The WCCF board advises the Wilson County Community Fund, the unrestricted community grantmaking fund, to support local needs. This competitive grants program is held annually. Because advisory board members live and work in Wilson County, they can leverage resources to help meet local needs and access opportunities. In addition to Garrett, board members include: Page Thomas Smith (vice president), Kenneth Darrel Bowles, Robert Boykin, Ellen Jones Gray, Diana James, Tonya Kessler, Bill Shreve, Holmes Smoot, Judi Thurston, Janice Walston, Ralph White and Leta Grey Williams.

The WCCF, through the NC Community Foundation, makes it easy to become a philanthropist, whatever your means or charitable goals. You can open an endowment for your favorite cause at any time – or contribute to an existing fund in any amount. Tax-deductible contributions, made payable to either the Wilson County Community Foundation, can be mailed to the North Carolina Community Foundation, 3737 Glenwood Ave. Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612. Contributions can also be made online at <u>nccommunityfoundation.org</u>.

For further information, contact NCCF Regional Director Kelly Lee at 252-557-0278 or <u>klee@nccommunityfoundation.org</u> or visit the NCCF website at <u>nccommunityfoundation.org</u>.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than \$145 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$270 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,300 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 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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