



WOMEN'S GIVING NETWORK
OF WAKE COUNTY

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Women's Giving Network of Wake County awards \$89,000 in local grants at 12th annual Impact Luncheon

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The members of the Women's Giving Network of Wake County recently announced \$89,000 in local grant awards at the 12th annual Impact Luncheon.

This year the board granted:

- \$34,000 to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh for the Support Circle Program
- \$10,000 to Kiran, Inc. for the Kiran Empowerment Project
- \$45,000 to The Hope Center at Pullen for strengthening the safety net for young people aging out of foster care in Wake County

The 12th annual Impact Luncheon was sponsored by Bank of America and Walter Magazine. WRAL's Debra Morgan served as emcee, and First Lady of North Carolina Kristin Cooper was a special guest.

"We were so pleased to be joined by more than 100 WGN members and community leaders for our 12th annual Impact Luncheon," said Laurie Hughes, president. "It was a wonderful time celebrating our nonprofit grantees and coming together to support collective giving."

Hughes also thanked the community for its support of the Women's Giving Network of Wake County. "Thanks to the generosity of our members and sponsors, we were able to launch a Junior Member program this year," she said. "We're proud that this special program encourages women under the age of 40 to join WGN at a reduced rate."

Hayden Constance, president elect, thanked WGN's grantees for their critical community work. "We are grateful to every one of our grant applicants and recognize that it was a difficult selection process since we had many well deserving applications," she said. "WGN is committed to making a positive impact on the lives of women and children of Wake County through these essential and enhancing programs."

Since its inception, WGN has awarded more than \$1.2 million in grants to more than 35 area nonprofits. The mission of the Women's Giving Network of Wake County is to maximize women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and educating members, increasing charitable contributions and strengthening the community through the impact of collective giving. The Network was started in 2006 by a group of creative leaders to connect and mobilize the resources and talents of women seeking to learn about and positively impact the critical needs of women and children in Wake County.

For further information, contact NCCF Regional Director Quinn Novels at 919-256-6914 or qnovels@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

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Cutlines for photos

Members of the Women's Giving Network of Wake County gather for a photo at the 12th annual Impact Luncheon after celebrating \$89,000 in local grant awards to nonprofit programs serving women and children.

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