



connecting for change

Women's Giving Network

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New members! Welcome!

We're so excited to announce three new members to the Network! We look forward to getting to know them, and seeing them at an event or committee meeting this year.

- Laura Nye
- Heidi Sandreuter
- Nicole Peterson

Have you noticed our new name and our new logo?

At our strategic planning meeting last year, the Leadership Committee voted to slightly alter our name to give us more of a philanthropic identity in the community. We're now the Women's Giving Network of Wake County, with "Connecting for change" still as our tagline. Check out our new logo at the top of this page, on our webpage at www.nccommunityfoundation.org under Programs/Women, and on our letterhead. Our new name targets what we're all about!

The Women's Network maximizes women's leadership in philanthropy by engaging and educating its membership, increasing charitable contributions and strengthening communities through the impact of collective giving.

Endowment Ensures Our Continued Success

While there was a terrific storm and a power outage in the neighborhood on April 5, there was no shortage in the power of potential at Carole Wilson's house for the Milestone Luncheon.

Given by Teena Anderson, Liz Fentress and Carole, the event was attended by an enthusiastic group interested in the long range future of our Network. It was announced that an endowment is being established to enhance and ensure our long range success in support of women and girls in our county. Our hard work and track record are deserving of preservation.

No strangers to the concept, Teen and Liz spoke about the importance of having a vehicle that would also open the WGN to a wider sphere and level of donors. Many endowments grow by will and bequest, by honoraria, memorials, birthday, anniversary and

special occasion tributes and by consistent gifts of all sizes.

These gifts can be made of any size, at any time and may be cash, stock property, jewelry, etc. The mechanism for acknowledging and investing these gifts is already in place through our partnership with the NCCF.

"Build it and they will come" is the operative notion, proven time and time again by other endowments to be an amazingly nimble and powerful tool in a comprehensive approach to raising charitable monies.

A lively discussion ensued with questions being asked, suggestions being made and cogent observations being shared that demonstrated the wisdom and timeliness of the announcement. Any gift made to the WGN endowment before the end of the year (12/31/11) will be acknowledged as a founding gift.

Update from our Grants Committee

The first meeting of the Grants Committee for the 2011 grants cycle was held March 31. Newly appointed and returning members of the committee reviewed the timeline and outlined their plans for the coming cycle.

The committee is excited to announce that this year's process will be enhanced by the addition of video recorded presentations of each of the prospective grant recipients reaching the final stages of selection. These videos will be available to the entire voting membership prior to ranking their choices for grant recipients.

Beginning with this cycle, if an agency has been awarded a grant, the agency must wait two years before applying again.

Preliminary work is underway to appoint an Endowment Committee that will be named in early Fall. That committee will draft its guidelines, oversee the ingathering of funds and make regular reports to the WGN Leadership Committee.

Endowment has sometimes been thought of as the purview of a particular type of very wealthy donor. In fact, the counterpoint is that endowment is the most intelligent and democratic way of including donors of all means in an effort to express collective support for a particular passion that does not exclude but does not necessitate a large pocketbook.

We hope all of our members will consider a gift.

-- Liz Fentress

--Allison Atkinson

A message from Allison Atkinson

*Join us for a site visit
to last year's grant recipients!*

On **Tuesday, May 3, 2011** the members of The Women's Giving Network are invited to attend site visits for the agencies receiving grant funding for the 2010 grant cycle.

We will visit two of the agencies in the morning, beginning with **The Helen Wright Center for Women**. They would like for us to be there to begin promptly at 9:00 am. This will allow for one or two of the women living at this facility to speak with us. The residents are generally gone for the day around 9:00 am for their jobs and activities, so in order to accommodate their schedules, we are going to visit with them early. The address is **401 West Cabarrus St. in Raleigh**.

We will plan to leave by 10:00 am in order to reach our next destination by 10:30 am, the new **Advocacy Center for SAFEchild**. We will have an opportunity to tour and meet with Cristin DeRonja who is the forensic interviewer. Their address is **2815 Kidd Rd. in Raleigh**. We are limited to 20 people for these two visits.

Afterwards, anyone who would like to have lunch together will have an opportunity to do so. Once I have a head count, I will let you know where I have made reservations if they are needed. (Probably, Sidestreet Cafe due to proximity.)

Then we will have an opportunity **on the same evening, May 3**, to visit **Read and Feed**. We will arrive at 4:45pm, and be able to tour as well as observe the full program in action. We will finish about 5:30pm and will be seeing the new mobile unit which was purchased with the grant dollars received. If anyone would like to head to North Hills for a glass of wine afterwards, that will be an option. For Read and Feed, we are limited to 10 participants. If we have a large number of participants, Jan Elmo who heads this organization has graciously offered to host another site visit during a fall session. The address is **7007 Sandy Forks Rd. in Raleigh**. (Located in parking lot off of Suburban Drive behind Crown Point Apartments.)

Please respond to me at allison.k.atkinson@gmail.com which session(s) you would like to attend: **Helen Wright Center** and **SAFEchild** in the am and/or **Read And Feed** in the evening. **Please also let me know if you will stay for lunch and /or Happy Hour so I will be able to plan.** Please let me know if you cannot attend Read and Feed now, but would like for me to schedule another visit in the fall.

Once I have responses, I will send reminders and any other necessary information if you will provide an email address. Since space is limited we will be on a "first come/first serve" basis.

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"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-- *Maya Angelou*



Members chat at a gathering hosted by President Liza Roberts that welcomed prospective members. Other gatherings are planned for later this spring. Stay tuned!

Members gather at Liza Roberts' house

Ugly wet weather did not deter over 30 members covering a wide spectrum of ages from carpooling Moms, working mothers and the semi-retired set who gathered for wine, woman friends (but fortunately, no song) at Liza Roberts' home on March 31. Liza set the stage with her compelling opening remarks and everyone enjoyed lively conversations and delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Since our Fall 2010 Grants Luncheon, 11 members have joined the WGN, bringing our total to 155. One guest at Liza's event made her commitment and wrote her check on the spot!

If you're interested in hosting a gathering, please contact Membership Co-Chairs Michelle Keaton-Barrow or Kathy Blum. And thank you, Liza, for your gracious hospitality!

--- *Liz Fentress*

WGN Leadership Committee

President – Liza Roberts
Pam Dowdy – Grants Committee Chair
Dana Jennings – Education Committee Chair
Noel Lichtin – Special Events Committee Chair
Allison Atkinson – Communications Chair
Michelle Keaton-Barrow – Membership Comm. Co-Chair
Kathy Blum – Membership Comm. Co-Chair
Teena Anderson – Endowment Committee Chair
Paige Haensel – At-large Member
Nancy Sumner – At-large Member
Carole Marcotte – At-large Member
Dianne Boardley Suber – At-large Member
Molly Painter – At-large Member
Kate Green – At-large Member
Jeanne Lawson – NCCF Liaison

Education Forum Held April 7

The following is an excerpt from an article by Ret Boney that ran in *Philanthropy Journal*. Ret attended the forum.

A group of women, who together are working to help women and kids in their community, gathered to learn about a hidden problem affecting growing numbers of people in Wake County.

The Women's Giving Network of Wake County held its annual issues forum April 7 to educate current and prospective members about human trafficking.

The session, "Sex Crimes in Our Community," was led by Donna Bickford, the executive director of the Women's Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Lt. Chris Carrigan of the Raleigh Police Department.

The group, which has 154 members, awarded \$130,000 in grants last year, and this fall aims to increase that to about \$150,000, says Liza Roberts, chair of the network.

"Our goal is to meet the needs of women and children in Wake County," she says. "With these forums, we get to know better some of the issues women and children in our community are grappling with."

While human trafficking typically is veiled in secrecy, the problem is growing, with some 12.3 million adults and kids worldwide forced or coerced into commercial sex, involuntary servitude or slavery each year, says Bickford.

Most of those are women, and overall about 15,000 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year, with a quarter ending up in the Southeast, she says.

And an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 children in the U.S. are at risk each year of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

Each trafficking victim earns an estimated \$75,000 to \$250,000 a year for his or her handler, making the crime a lucrative business that generates an estimated \$32 billion in total profit each year.

North Carolina is particularly vulnerable to traffickers because of interstate travel arteries like I-95 and I-40, its ports, its agricultural and meat-processing industries and its tourist trade.

And while there may be many factors making people vulnerable to traffickers, including poverty, a lack of jobs, and civil unrest and corruption in their home countries, those are not the primary factors fueling the trade, says Bickford.

"There is one cause of trafficking," she says. "Demand for the bodies of women."

Trafficking typically is run through underground networks out of the public view, says Carrigan, which can make unearthing the problem difficult for law enforcement. And because of threats, physical restraint, fear or shame, victims rarely seek help.

By raising awareness of these issues, as happened at the Women's Giving Network forum, Bickford and Carrigan hope to gain the community's participation in putting an end to one of the fastest-growing crimes.

And awareness of these and other issues is important for members of the Women's Giving Network as they prepare to issue a request-for-proposals for the next round of grantmaking, which will culminate in the fall.

"This is a service for our membership," says Roberts of the issues forums. "So we can make educated decisions."

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Scenes from our Annual Education Luncheon



Philanthropy Journal reporter Ret Boney speaks with President Liza Roberts before the luncheon begins.



Education Committee Chair Dana Jennings (far right) chats with members at a table at The Royal Banquet Center, site of the 2011 Education Luncheon. Approximately 50 members, guests, and the public attended the event.



Speakers Lt. Chris Carrigan and Donna Bickford gave facts and figures, and answered questions on the subject of human trafficking.

The Women's Giving Network *Connecting for Change* (members as of 4/5/11)

Barbara Allen*
Melinda Allen*
Diane Amato
Carmen Ames*
Annette Anderson
Donna Anderson
Teena Anderson*
Lyn Andrews
Allison Atkinson
Blanche Bacon*
Emily Aldrich Barbour
Patricia Behan
Mary Grady Bell
Audrey Black*
Holly Blanton*
Kathleen Blum
Mary P.W. Boney
Elizabeth Borden
Whitney Boylan
Carson Brice*
Beth Briggs*
Phyllis York Brookshire
Julia Brown
Anne Bryan*
Debra Buck
Fran Buckley
Perrin Burton
Cameron Smith Callaway
Mary Laurie Cece
Janet Chesson
Caroline Choi
Mary M. Clayton
Hope Holding Connell*
Candace Covington Olander
Sandra Crane
Valerie Cozart*
Leah Devlin
Woody Dicus
Dana Dorroh
Margaret R. Douglas
Pam Dowdy
Kellie Falk-Tillett
Elizabeth Fentress*
Jane Ferdon
Nell Finch
Mary-Owens Fitzgerald
Joyce Fitzpatrick*
Jan Floyd
Kim Foster
Debbie Fox*
Laura Frushone
Jill Gammon*
Brenda Gibson*

Anna Goodmon
Barbara Goodmon
Elizabeth Goodmon
Kate Green
Linda Grew
Pickett Guthrie
Paige Haensel
Amelia Harrison*
Jean Hauser
Susanne Hayes
Jennie Hayman*
Angela Haynes
Gamble Heffernan
Kathy Higgins
Lynn R. Holmes
Dana Jennings
Eve Jones
Caroline Kadis
Claudia Kadis*
Michelle Keaton-Barrow
Judy Kelly
Rose Kenyon
Jeanne Lawson
Carla Liberatore
Karen Lichtin
Noel Lichtin*
Carolyn Light
Susan Lilly
Molly Mahoney
Dabney Mann
Jane Mann*
Carole Marcotte
Sara May
Easter Maynard
Judy McDonald
Barbara McGuire*
Noel McLaughlin*
Siobhan Millen
Jennifer Sullivan Munford
Carol Newcomb*
Juliette Newcomb*
Susan Nichols
Laura Nye
Eliza Olander
Molly Painter
Virginia Parker*
Susan Peddycord
Melissa Peden
Tricia Phoenix*
Hilda Pinnix Ragland
Nicole Peterson
Jane Pinsky
Margie Pipkin*
Mary Ann Poole*

Jan Powell
Edythe Poyner
Virginia Price
Linda Quarles
Janet Qubain
Wes Ragland
Debra Ratliff
Susan ReCorr
Kristin Replogle
Liza Roberts*
Debbie Robbins
Jackie Saber
Heidi Sandreuter
Paula Sims
Elizabeth Skvarla*
Eve Smith
Laura Irby Smith
Susan Stephenson
Jennifer Stevens
Marilyn Stevens
Pam Stock
Kari Stoltz
Suzanne Stroud
Cathy Stuart*
Dianne Boardley-Suber*
Nancy Sumner
Nancy Teague
Jeanne Tedrow
Judy Tilson
Jennifer Tolle Whiteside*
Mary Tschirhart
Anne Underwood
Janis Vaughn
Christine Wagner
Jennifer Walker
Christa Washington
Susan Weaver*
Kathy White
Nancy White*
Carole Wilson*
Pamela Wimbush-Cady
Jennifer Winston
Ann Wooten
Carter Worthy
Mary Brent Wright
Carol Yochem*
Rosemary York*
Joyce Zeitler

**Signifies founding member*