

The Art of Giving

a collective of women from the triangle

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The Art of Giving, a Triangle women's collective, works to address issues that affect women and families through educational programs, mentorships and grants to non-profit organizations.

The Art of Giving is committed to leveraging the power of collective philanthropy as we work to connect women in meaningful and purposeful ways. Initiatives that benefit women and families are our current priority. In addition to providing needed resources to strengthen our community, we also seek to increase women's involvement in philanthropy through educational events.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year everyone! I hope the holidays were enjoyable and healthy for all.

The Art of Giving had an amazing year in 2010. We started the year with 16 members and ended it with 45 and in doing so have more than doubled our ability to financially assist important organizations. Because of you and our collective power, last year we were able to grant \$23,000 and help fund two organizations: Communities in Schools of Durham and Urban Ministries of Wake County.

Communities in Schools of Durham received \$20,000. Their mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. This grant will help fund The Incredible Years Parent Training Series. This program teaches parents how to prevent aggressive and oppositional behavior in their children, fostering a positive family dynamic that promotes the children's social competence and academic success.

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Urban Ministries of Wake County was awarded \$3,000. The funding will be used to purchase non-narcotic prescription medications for patients in the Open Door Clinic. The mission of Urban Ministries is to alleviate the effects of poverty in Wake County by meeting people's basic needs for food, shelter and health care; providing services that promote self-sufficiency; building awareness of the issues of poverty in our community; and leveraging financial support with volunteers and in-kind donations.

Because of your generosity and participation in The Art of Giving in 2010 we will positively influence many lives. I look forward to seeing what wonderful things we will accomplish this year.

Diane Amato

GRANT AWARD CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for our second annual Grant Award event to be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30pm.

We will congratulate and hear from the grant winners, Communities in Schools of Durham and Urban Ministries of Wake County at our annual event on Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30pm at the King's Daughters Inn in Durham. Visit <http://thekingsdaughtersinn.com/contact> for directions and map.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Monica Smiley, the editor in chief of Enterprising Women; a magazine dedicated to advancing women entrepreneurs. Monica will speak with us about the unique qualities of entrepreneurs, what women in particular bring to the table, and how we might be able to consider some of the unknown forces working against us.

This evening is open to non members so please feel free to invite women who would like to hear more about TAG and the work we are doing. Please RSVP by February 1 to Cherry Ballard, cballard@nccommunityfoundation.org

Committee Updates

Membership - Diane Amato

This committee is responsible for facilitating the recruitment of members by providing various opportunities for women to learn more about TAG and the rewards of collective philanthropy. The membership committee acts as a resource to all members who would like to invite their friends, colleagues and family to become familiar with TAG. For your convenience we have attached a membership form as a separate file with this e-mail.

Grants - Margaret Herman and Anita Shirley

Our inaugural year refined the grant process and culminated in the exciting decision to award two grants in the 2010 grant cycle. Please join the grants committee and membership at large on February 8th when we will hear from these two groups to learn about their organizations and how TAG grants will support their mission.

Education - Nancy Gordon

On June 11, 2011 Raleigh will host the 2011 Annual National Conference for UNIFEM, (the United Nations Development Fund for Women) which provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programs and strategies that foster women's empowerment. UNIFEM works on the premise that it is the fundamental right of every woman to live a life free from discrimination and violence and that gender equality is essential to achieving development and building just societies. The conference will be held at North Carolina State University Talley Student Center and will focus on ending violence against women locally and globally. For more information - www.unifem-usnc.org/boardmeetings

Mark Your Calendars!

February 8, 6:30 pm - Art of Giving Grant Award celebration, King's Daughters Inn in Durham
For map and directions visit <http://thekingsdaughtersinn.com/contact>. RSVP by **February 1** to Cherry Ballard, cballard@nccommunityfoundation.org

June 11 - Annual National Conference for UNIFEM, North Carolina State University Talley Student Center www.unifem-usnc.org/boardmeetings

TAG Opportunities for Volunteering

- Membership committee chair
- Committee member
- Hosting opportunities for women to gather and learn about TAG
- Assistance with planning, set up, or refreshments for events
- Public relations and publicity
- Sharing and utilizing any hidden talents that you may have that could help

For the above contact Diane at damato@nc.rr.com



TAG friends Beth Briggs, Jennifer Tolle Whiteside & Bridget McMinn

If you use Facebook and/or Twitter and are interested in helping put TAG in the Social Media world, please contact Tracy Cox at tracycox87@gmail.com

**To learn more about TAG please visit:
www.nccommunityfoundation.org/page/the-art-of-giving**

Members (01/2011)

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 Elizabeth Cole*
 Robin Costello
 Tracy Cox
 Betty Craven*
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 Nancy Gordon*
 Carrie Gray
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 Ginger Weddle
 Roberta Weinman
 Elizabeth Wentz
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 Bonnie Wright*
 Monica Yates

* denotes founding member

Pledge Payment Schedule

TAG is a program of North Carolina Community Foundation and Triangle Community Foundation. Donations are tax deductible.

Annual pledge payments of \$600 are due no later than **October 31** of each year.

Payments may be made tri-annually with \$200 installments, the first payment due by April, the second in July and the final in October

Payments may be submitted by check, credit card or through a stock gift.

If interested, you may increase your payments beyond \$600. These extra monies will used as scholarship funds for other woman wishing to join, but who may not have the resources to do so at this time. Remit payment to:

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