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# Women's Giving Network

OF WAKE COUNTY

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### *Welcome to our newest members!*

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.

- Stefanie Kahn
- Stacy Bluth
- Nancy Murray
- Teresa Daniels
- Helen Landi

### *Have you noticed our new name and our new logo?*

Check out our new logo at the top of this page, on our webpage at [www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://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.*

## *Mark your Calendars for our Grants Luncheon!*

Our 5th Annual Grants Awards Luncheon will be held at The Marriott City Center on Tuesday, November, 8, 2011 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. There will be some social and networking time with lunch beginning at 12:15pm. The cost is the same as last year: \$50. We hope to have 300 guests!

We will begin with the 2011 grant award winners and continue with a program featuring previous grant recipients who will highlight work that has been accomplished towards our mission of bettering the lives of women and children in Wake County.

### *Leadership Committee Reaches Out to Contact Renewing Members*

The Leadership Committee has made a special effort this summer to start the efforts to reach out to our "Class of 2007" – those women who began their commitment five years ago and who are wrapping up their 5-year pledge to the Network.

"It is so important that these women continue to improve the lives of women and children through our grants," said President Liza Roberts. "I have asked the Leadership Committee to get in touch with each of these pioneering women to ask them to stay in the Network and continue the great work we've begun. In 5 short years, we've made a tremendous impact, and now more than ever we need to support these non-profits serving women and children."

Renewals are for 2 years and members can sign a commitment form similar to when they first joined. To learn more, call Jeanne Lawson at 256-6914 or Liza at 740-3197.

Please contact one of the following women for more information:

\* Noel Lichtin: [lichtin@aol.com](mailto:lichtin@aol.com) or 832-8345

\* Jeanne Lawson: [jlawson@nccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:jlawson@nccommunityfoundation.org) or 256-6914

\* Liza Roberts: [liza@lizaroberts.com](mailto:liza@lizaroberts.com)

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### *Update on our Endowment*

The Endowment Committee, chaired by Teena Anderson reports that as of July 31, six thousand dollars has been raised toward our 10,000 dollar goal. These are certainly tough times for many portfolios and bank accounts, but we are confident that we can reach our goal by year's end if we pool our resources.

In a sea of investments fraught with unpredictability and propelled by national forces and international considerations beyond our control, one thing is clear. An investment in our localized endowment to sustain women and girls will pay large dividends well into the future. The needs will not diminish.

The Endowment Committee hopes that you will consider a gift of **any** amount into this special fund which is meant to provide a place for in honor of gifts, memorials or just an expression of our confidence in the continuing mission of the Women's Giving Network and in recognition of gratitude for our own circumstances.

At this half way mark in the year, we are over half way toward our goal. It will indeed take the proverbial village to accomplish our task. Once the endowment is firmly in place, the great joy and reward for initial participation will be watching it grow and prosper. Please contact Teena Anderson at 836-0057 or Jeanne Lawson at 256-6914 for additional information. Checks should be made payable to NCCF with "WGN Endowment" on the memo line.

--- Teena Anderson

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## *A Message to our Members from Liza Roberts*

Dear Fellow Women's Giving Network Members,

I hope this summer proving to be as fruitful and meaningful a time for all of you as it is for our organization.

These hot and typically slow months have been anything but lazy for the hard-working leaders behind our scenes, and as I considered all of the great news we have to report as a result, I realized that the most important thing I can say right now is *thank you*.

**Pam Dowdy** and the Grants committee have begun the difficult and exciting work that will soon result in grants; **Noel Lichtin's** Special Events committee is currently forming tables and planning the program for our November 8th grants luncheon; **Allison Atkinson** and **Liz Fentress** are keeping you all in touch with this latest edition of our newsletter; **Dana Jennings** and the Education committee are working toward their next event; **Teena Anderson** continues to raise funds for our future endowment, and **Michelle Keaton-Barrow** and **Kathy Blum** keep adding new members to our ranks.

This leadership group has also just begun the process this summer of reaching out to each Charter member -- those of us who joined in 2007 -- to thank them for their significant contribution, and ask them to renew their membership for two-year terms. Thanks to **Brenda Gibson**, who volunteered to join in this effort and received renewal commitments from seven Charter members almost overnight, we are off to a spectacular start. A special thanks is also due to North Carolina Community Foundation President **Jennifer Tolle Whiteside**, for raising her hand happily to become our very first renewing Charter member, and to **Beth Briggs** and **Jackie Saber** for volunteering to host a special event to thank this bedrock group.

In fact, the number of special thanks that are due could fill this entire page.

They include the thirty-three of you have already agreed to serve as table captains for our November 8th luncheon; they include our Leadership Committee's At-Large members, whose hard work and input are invaluable, but often behind the scenes and undersung. They are: **Paige Haensel, Nancy Sumner, Carole Marcotte, Molly Painter, Kate Green, and Dianne Boardley Suber**. They include dedicated members like **Perrin Burton** and **Carole Wilson**, whose reflexive enthusiasm and hard work for our cause is what makes our group tick.

I also want to thank **Teena Anderson, Carole Wilson** and **Liz Fentress** for helping us start our endowment.

And last but not least, special thanks is due to **Jeanne Lawson**, a WGN member since 2009, our liaison with the North Carolina Community Foundation, and the linchpin who keeps all of our many busy ducks in a row.

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## *Getting to Know....Pam Dowdy*



In this new column we will share brief profiles of our members. This quarter we begin with the chair of the Grant Committee who has been a tremendous asset during her time as a member... in her own words!

### **How long have you been a member of The Women's Giving Network?**

I have been a member for three years, three grant cycles or three payments, depending on your view.

### **Why did you join, and what do you enjoy about being a member?**

I care deeply about the needs of women and children in our community and have spent my professional life working in organizations that have supported this passion. The prospect of making a significant difference through the combination of resources and vision challenged me on a personal level. When I learn about the agencies, the needs and the creative strategies that are born out of a desire to help people, I am both amazed and humbled.

### **What else are you involved with in your daily life that you would like to share? (i.e., family, work, other community involvement or non profit volunteering)**

My family has been richly blessed this past year! Our son, Trevor and his wife, Kelly welcomed twins in March. Since that time, I have practiced the necessary skills to spoil (which we know is not possible) both babies to the moon and back. In mid-July, our youngest daughter is getting married and we are consumed with the many, many details that go with such a joyful celebration. In addition to serving on the Leadership Committee and Chairing the Grants Committee for The Women's Giving Network, I am chairing the Board of East Coast Migrant Head Start Program which serves the children of migrant families from Florida to New York. I cannot go to the grocery without thinking about how my food gets there and the faces of the families who make that possible. Family and children are important to me and I am fortunate to serve as the Executive Director of Wake County SmartStart, which is an early childhood initiative to assure children are healthy and ready to learn when they begin school.

### **What are hobbies or passions do you enjoy in your free time?**

I am in a book group and am regularly forgiven for not finishing the book. Gardening and outdoor activities keep me busy and I love to cook...and then, I like 'free time'!

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# *Did you Know....?*

## *Some Facts about our Women's Giving Network that may Surprise You!*

\*The Women's Giving Network of Wake County now has 158 members. Each member makes a 5-year commitment to contribute \$1,200 a year; after that 5-year commitment is complete they are asked to renew for 2 year terms (and asked again for 2 years when those two years are up, and so on.)

\*In our first four years, we have given \$424,000 to nine different non-profits that serve women and children in Wake County.

\*We have made large and impactful gifts to a wide range of organizations -- from small start-up agencies like Read & Feed to large established ones like InterAct.

\*This year for the first time we are considering applications for a smaller, seed-money grant of \$10,000 or less. This decision acknowledges that smaller grants for smaller and newer organizations can be impactful and important just the way a \$25,000 grant can be to a more established agency.

\*We have also changed our Grants policy to disqualify from consideration any agency we have funded in the previous two grants cycles. This will ensure a new crop of grantees every year and will hopefully give less visible but effective organizations a better chance at winning one of our grants.

\*We welcome any member's involvement on any committee. The only committees with limited membership are Grants and Leadership, but any member with a serious interest in serving on one of those two committees need only make their interest known to Jeanne Lawson when she sends out the form asking for committee interest every year. She takes names on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 6 At-Large seats on Leadership. Our other committees include Communication, Membership, Endowment and Education.

\*We heartily welcome both active members who serve on committees – *and* those who prefer to remain more hands-off, and prefer to allow the active members to serve as responsible stewards of their significant investment in Wake County's women and children.

\*We hold two events every year: Our Education event, where we invite members of the non-profit community to speak to our membership and the community at large about issues facing women and children, to enable more informed grant-making decisions and general understanding of our shared landscape. We also hold our Grants Luncheon in the fall -- this year on November 8 -- where we issue our grants and have a chance to hear what our monies will accomplish. This year we are eschewing an outside speaker in preference of hearing from past recipients who will

tell us what they have been able to do with our grant money. **We still need table captains for this** - please consider taking responsibility for filling a table of 10 alone or with a friend. (Call Noel Lichtin at 832-8345 if you'd like to be a table captain.)

\*Since our inception, we have made the following grants, which total \$424,000:  
-\$45,000 to Read & Feed in 2010 for a second mobile classroom  
-\$35,000 to Safe Child in 2010 for its Child Advocacy Center; \$46,000 in 2008 for its Welcome Baby program to prevent child abuse.  
-\$50,000 to Urban Ministries in 2010 for its Helen Wright Center for Women and \$49,500 in 2009 for its medical clinic for uninsured minority women.  
-\$25,000 to Hospice in 2009 for a program to counsel children of terminally ill parents.  
-\$25,000 to Lucy Daniels Center in 2009 to provide free mental health care to low-income families.  
-\$25,000 to Wake Tech in 2009 to pay for counseling and transitional help to kids coming out of foster care and into college there.  
-\$58,000 to InterAct in 2008 to pay for its 24/7 crisis line.  
-\$35,000 to the Womens' Center in 2007 to pay for its SHAPE program for women coming out of life on the streets.  
-\$33,000 to Learning Together in 2007 (this money was ultimately refunded when they could not use it as planned to rent a house for foster families; it went into the grants pool the following year).

\*Our renewing members will have a new distinction. The Leadership Committee has decided that renewing members will be known as Keystone Members. This new title will also serve as the title for any member who renews in any year going forward.

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## *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

**The Women's Giving Network** *Connecting for Change* (members as of 8/23/11)

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  
Stacy Bluth  
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\*  
Teresa Daniels  
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\*  
Stafanie Kahn  
Michelle Keaton-Barrow  
Judy Kelly  
Rose Kenyon  
Helen Landi  
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  
Nancy Murray  
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\*  
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Nancy Sumner  
Nancy Teague  
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Carter Worthy  
Mary Brent Wright  
Carol Yochem\*  
Rosemary York\*  
Joyce Zeitler

*\*\* Signifies founding member*

*\*Signifies charter member*