



2015 WIF Annual Meeting

There was a whole lot of celebrating going on the evening of May 20th as Women's Impact Fund announced this year's five grant recipients and officially elected its new Board.

More than 180 attended the Annual Meeting, which was sponsored by Wells Fargo, at Byron's South End.

WIF's five new grantees -- receiving a total of \$382,000 -- are: Care Ring, Community Culinary School of Charlotte, Community School of the Arts, North Carolina Wildlife Federation and Right Moves for Youth.

A highlight of the evening was a slam poet presentation by Lucy Murrey. Her original work, "Impact," was written about the work of our organization.

Also on the program was Brennon Graham representing, The Relatives, a former grantee told us about the impact of the WIF grant to his organization.

The event also gave members a chance to salute out-going chair, Carolyn Meade, and to hear from her and Anne Essaye, who chaired the strategic planning committee, on how the plan is being executed.

Mary Gallivan was officially elected to chair the 2015-2016 WIF Board of Directors. The membership also approved all of the Board, the Board of Advisors, the Nominating Committee, and incoming Committee Chairs.

Rounding out the evening, WIF members Dianne Bailey and Sonja Nichols formally announced that our organization will host the Women's Collective Giving Grantmakers Network Leadership Forum in Charlotte October 15-17, 2015. More details will come in the weeks ahead.



Here are this year's grant award winners:

Health: CareRing -- "Nurse-Family Partnership" -- \$90,000 to hire a Spanish-speaking nurse to expand the Nurse-Family Partnership program that pairs first-time, low-income pregnant women with registered nurses beginning early in pregnancy through the child's second birthday

Arts & Culture: Community School of the Arts -- "School Ready with Art" -- \$76,000 to train preschool teachers in low-income schools to develop and implement lesson plans that integrate the arts



Education: Right Moves for Youth -- "Right Moves for Youth Program Specialist" -- \$90,000 to fund its school-based, dropout prevention and support program focused on helping at-risk middle and high school students improve their school attendance, behavior and academic performance

Environment: North Carolina Wildlife Federation -- "Great Outdoors University" -- \$71,000 to expand the Great Outdoors University of Greater Charlotte, a program

providing meaningful, life-changing outdoor experiences for children

Human Services: Community Culinary School of Charlotte – “Workforce Development through Culinary Arts” -- \$55,000 to support its Workforce Development through Culinary Arts program, which provides culinary training and job search assistance for adults with barriers to employment or in need of social integration