



Pearls
of EMPOWERMENT
Women Helping Others

News & Events

December 2015

Annual Meeting is a Big Success -
Pearls Award 13 Grants!



It was an exciting day as more than 150 women attended the Pearls of Empowerment annual meeting, Thursday, November 12th, and celebrated "Thanks for Giving" at First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Darlene Fuller, Pearls of Empowerment Chair, welcomed Pearls, guests and local agencies as she opened the meeting. Following a delicious lunch, ladies were entertained by Ann B. Ross, NC author of the Miss Julia books, as she shared Miss Julia's thoughts on being charitable.

The highlight of the celebration was awarding

Welcome New
Pearls!

Since our last newsletter,
we have grown.
Welcome to Pearls

Leslie Blixt
&
Brenda Seaford

A big **THANK YOU** to
Alice Bostrom and Donna
Lamonds, Events
Co-chairs and the Events
Committee for a
wonderful, well planned
2015 Annual Meeting.
Great job ladies!


Growing our future NOW!

Spread the Word
about Pearls!

\$38,158.47 in grants to 13 local non-profits and agencies to have an impact on the lives of women and children in Davie County. Awards were presented to the following:

Davie County Health Department was awarded \$550 for Dental Health for Women and Children.

Mocksville/Davie Recreation Department was awarded \$750 for Middle School Food Fun and Games.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters was awarded \$1,500 for Summer Reading Program.

Farmington Community Association received \$2,500 for Farmington Friends Special Needs Program.

Davie Pregnancy Center was awarded \$2,500 for JEWYL (Just Earn While You Learn) Program.

Hillsdale United Methodist Church received \$3,000 for Heavenly Bags.

Hardison United Methodist Church received \$3,000 for Summer Food Bags.

Dragonfly House Children's Advocacy Center received \$3,000 to fund a Psycho-educational Teen Survivors Support Group.

A Storehouse for Jesus was awarded \$3750.47 for Cool Kids, Warm Nights.

GFC-NC Mocksville Woman's Club received \$3,780 for Visual and Performing Arts Education Enhancement for Central Davie Academy.

Smart Start of Davie County received \$3,828 for Parents as Teachers Teen Parenting Program.

Davie Domestic Violence Services was awarded \$5,000 for Legal Representation for Victims of Domestic during the 50b process.

Just Hope received \$5,000 for Homeless Prevention.

Looking for a short program for an organization? Remember the Pearls of Empowerment video is available for check out from the Davie Community Foundation office.

It's an informative 12 minute overview of Pearls and how women and children of Davie County have been impacted for the last six years by Pearls of Empowerment grant making.

2015-2016 Pearls Annual Dues

To remain a Pearl, your current annual dues are payable anytime until June 30, 2016. As a reminder, our year runs from July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. Dues are \$365 annually. Dollars are divided 3 ways: \$300 goes to grant making; \$35 goes to the Pearls Endowment Fund and \$30 goes for our expenses and operating.

Your payment may be made by sending a check to PO Box 546, Mocksville, NC 27028 or clicking on the link below to pay with your credit card - [Click Here](#)

Pearls Bracelets



We have a few Pearls bracelets still available at DCF office. Call or come by today to purchase yours and wear it proudly as a Pearl of Empowerment. \$40 each - 2 sizes available



Smart Start of Davie

Smart Start of Davie County continues their Parents as Teachers Teen Parenting Program with this second year grant. \$3,828 was awarded to impact the lives of teens who double as parents. Smart Start reported challenges that factor into serving this population besides age/immaturity is attendance in school and prenatal visits. The 2014-15 program was deemed a success as 12 out of 15 teen moms continued in school. All 3 seniors in the program graduated successfully.

Teen parents experience many challenges and lack parenting skills. This grant will continue to supplement the salary of a certified Parent Educator for time and travel, as parenting sessions are held twice a month for the new teen parents in the Davie County school system. Last year, the Parent Educator logged over 230 hours in parenting sessions with the group.

Thank you for Giving! Without you, Pearls could not support the many good works in our community.

Leadership Team

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Darlene Fuller

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Marlene Shamel

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Gladys Scott, past co-chairs

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