

NORTH CAROLINA GLAXOSMITHKLINE FOUNDATION CELEBRATES AWARDS FOR GRANTS TO PROMOTE HEALTH, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION



NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Chairman Robert A. Ingram, NC Center for Nonprofits President Jane Kendall, NC GSK Foundation Executive Director Marilyn Foote-Hudson and NC GSK Foundation Board Member Charles A. Sanders.

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC - March 26, 2009 - The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation today distributed its 2008 fiscal year annual report. The Foundation's 2008 grant making places \$ 2.8 million across North Carolina working to create better lives for people of all ages by promoting programs related to the health, science and education.

Robert A Ingram, NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Chairman, highlighted a constant theme to the grants – promoting education. Over two decades of working with nonprofits, universities and government agencies supporting programs in North Carolina that help to meet the educational needs of today's society and of future generations. The Foundation awarded new traditional grants impacting autism diagnosis and treatment, service delivery for rural healthcare providers, supported a professorship, built capacity for nonprofits, and continued their work with more than twenty grant recipients in the traditional funding program. As traditional grant funding continued during this economic downturn the new program Ribbon Of Hope – is celebrating collaboration with 40 nonprofits benefiting local communities. The impact of the \$25,000 mini-grants can be felt in more than 36 counties across North Carolina.



Jane Kendall with the N.C. Center for Nonprofits conveyed vignettes of the 2008 Ribbon Of Hope grantees. She highlighted the true impact for Ribbon Of Hope grantees as their commitment to serve vulnerable populations trickles down to the most needy. Mentoring, enhanced science experiences, literacy, health and mental health issues were constant themes in the grant awards.

The Foundation has provided \$43.2 million in grants, with another \$3.8 million approved as part of multi-year commitments. The Foundation will continue using its current guidelines for funding in the coming months. To see the complete North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation 2008 annual report visit <http://us.gsk.com/html/community/community-grants-foundation.html>

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