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**Read and Feed Receives \$25,000 Grant from the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation**  
Grant supports literacy program for at-risk elementary students in Wake County

Cary, N.C., June 16, 2014 – [Read and Feed](#) recently was awarded a \$25,000 Ribbon of Hope grant from the [North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation](#) to support its literacy program.

The grant will be used to transform a newly purchased RV into a mobile classroom designed to serve additional program sites in Eastern Wake County. Acquired with funding by the [Wake Women's Giving Network](#), the new RV is the third in the Read and Feed fleet. The vehicle requires a complete interior overhaul for use in their literacy program.

Using customized mobile classrooms, Read and Feed travels directly to low-income communities, serving at-risk Wake County Public School students in an after-school program. The program provides meals to eliminate hunger, tutors to help children read, and books to build home libraries. For many children, these are the first and only books they own.

“We go to communities where families are limited in their ability to provide the time, transportation, or resources to help their child make gains in reading,” said Jan Frantz, Founder and President of Read and Feed. “By bringing books, tutors, and food to children in need, we demonstrate that we are a community who cares.”

In less than eight years, the Read and Feed program has expanded to 20 program sites, serving more than 500 children each year.

“We are so grateful for the generous support of the NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation,” said Frantz. “The Ribbon of Hope grant will provide Read and Feed with the tools to promote literacy in our community, giving at-risk children access to resources that are otherwise unavailable.”

**About Read and Feed**

Read and Feed is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes literacy for at-risk elementary students in Wake County Public Schools. Founded in 2006, the program combines a mobile classroom, child-friendly atmosphere, books, food, and tutors to motivate students to become confident in their reading skills. To learn more, please visit [www.ReadandFeed.org](http://www.ReadandFeed.org).

**About The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation**

The [North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation](#) is an independent self-funding 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supporting activities that help meet the educational and health needs of today's society and future generations. Since its creation in 1986, the Foundation has granted over \$61 million to support North Carolina projects and programs that emphasize the understanding and application of health, science and education at all academic and professional levels. Visit the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation at [NCGSKFoundation.org](http://NCGSKFoundation.org) and follow it [@ncgskfound](#).