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Highlights



Robert Ingram, North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Chairman, welcomed community leaders and grantees to the luncheon. He recognized the addition of two new board members, Phail Wynn, Jr. and Ann Goodnight. Mr. Ingram noted their extensive dedication to advancing and promoting accessibility to education across the state.



Robert Ingram, Foundation Chairman and Mrs. Shirley Fry welcome Phail Wynn, Jr.

Dr. Charles Sanders' long service to the board was recognized by Mr. Ingram. He noted Dr. Sanders stepped down from the board in 2017 after 23 years of service, including five years as chairman. Mr. Ingram shared his admiration for "Charlie" and thanked him for his many roles including his service as a physician, a CEO leading a global pharmaceutical company, a mentor and friend.

Mr. Ingram shared the accomplishments of the Foundation's work over the last year, highlighting nonprofits promoting science, health and education as the foundation paid out \$2.9 million in grants in 2017.

Mr. Ingram announced four new Ribbon of Hope grants were approved and asked the recipients to stand as he talked about their programs.



The Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park and Museum, Asheville Art Museum Association, Uniting NC and Northern Moore Family Resource Center

Margaret Dardess, North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation President, continued the program noting the Foundation's work with 16 multi-year Traditional grants, as well as six new Traditional grants that were awarded in 2017:

- *Bladen Community College*
- *Chatham Education Foundation*
- *Child Care Services Association*
- *digiLEARN Digital Learning Institute*
- *North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Inc.*
- *Triangle Global Health Consortium*



The celebration continued as the award of 145 Ribbon of Hope grants have reached 97 North Carolina counties. The Ribbon of Hope grant awards included recognition of the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits and McREL for their work with the grantees. The ten Ribbon of Hope grantees in 2017 were also highlighted.

Highlights for the Women In Science Scholars program noted the 30 participating colleges and universities and the professional women who volunteer as mentors. Women in Science conference keynote and mentor Marty St. Clair was noted for her impact on science. The Foundation has committed \$2 million to this program over the years.

The Child Health Recognition Awards, honoring public health professionals innovative and collaborative programs that improve the lives of children was also highlighted. All six of the 2017 award recipients, and their commitment to our state, were highlighted.

The North Carolina Public Health Association was also thanked for their work with the awards.



Mr. Ingram concluded the luncheon noting his excitement for the coming year, and the impact of the Foundation since 1987, with grant commitments of \$71.8 million. A heartfelt thank you was given to Marilyn Foote-Hudson, Executive Director, and the Foundation staff. He encouraged the audience to share the [2017 Annual Report](#) with their colleagues.