

HERITAGE GRANTS



From left, Ellen Sullivan with Crossworks, Nikki Wooten with the Edgecombe County Health Department, Regina Moseley with NC Cooperative Extension Service, Becky Carozza with Covenant Homes, Charlotte Goodwyn with the Edgecombe County Health Department, Gene Wilson with the Tar River Mission Clinic, Rev. Richard Joyner with Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Tony Orr with the Boys and Girls Club of Nash/Edgecombe Counties, at the Community Benefit Grants Reception on Monday at Heritage Hospital.

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Heritage Hospital funds community grants

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Heritage Hospital in Tarboro hosted its annual Community Benefit Grants Reception on Monday, disbursing a total of \$89,230 to eight local community agencies.

This marks the sixth year that the Heritage Hospital Development Council has provided funding through the University Health Systems Foundation.

The Development Council's main priority for the community benefit grants is to improve healthcare in our community. The focus areas for funding are chronic disease management, access to care, and nutrition and physical activity.

Over the past six years, the Heritage Hospital Development Council through UHS has distributed \$552,110 to local programs that strive to improve the overall health of our community.

The following agencies received grants:

- Boys and Girls Club of Nash/Edgecombe Counties, Triple Play program, \$7,000
- Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, diabetes and wellness initiatives, \$10,000
- Covenant Homes, physical activity program for residents, \$2,230
- Crossworks, diabetes self-management through nutrition, \$5,000
- Edgecombe County Health Department, Diabetes Management Program, \$45,000
- NC Cooperative Extension Service,

Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), \$5,000

- Tar River Mission Clinic, diabetic testing supplies, \$10,000
- St. Luke Total Community Outreach, Family Nutrition/Physical Activity Program, \$5,000

At the formal reception, each grantee was awarded their official check and had an opportunity to share more about their programs with the group.

Billy Barnes, chairman of the sub-committee for the Community Benefits Grants program at Heritage Hospital, thanked everyone for their support and shared his excitement on being a part of the Community Benefit Grants initiative.

"I am so pleased to be a part of this program, as it makes a tremendous impact in our community," Barnes said. "It is very important for everyone to be aware of the hospital and how it gives back to the community in so many ways."

The Heritage Hospital Development Council's purpose is to support the mission, programs and services of the hospital.

The Development Council is comprised of 18-members, Dr. John Brooks, Tony Silveri, Tommy Anderson, Linda Beaman, Milton Bullock, Dr. Barry Bunn, Ruth Cherry, Vines Cobb, Janice Evans, Shirley Fisher, Dan Grimsley, Mike Martin, Bob Nicolosi, Rick Page, Greg Sessoms, Doris Stith, Joseph Tunstall III and Tom Womble.