

The Duke Endowment

Top Performing Projects, 2004

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Thirteen projects conducted by not-for-profit agencies in North Carolina and South Carolina and funded by The Duke Endowment have received top ratings in semiannual grant assessments conducted by the Endowment. The Endowment's review of these projects considers their actual outcomes versus their proposed goals, the significance of their results, the administration of the grant, and the sustainability of the project, among other things. These 13 projects represent outstanding efforts to serve the people of the Carolinas, and their success is a tribute to the creativity and the dedication of the institutions that conducted them.

The Endowment hopes that public recognition of these projects will bring them to the attention of agencies conducting similar work. These projects are more than proven successes -- they also have great potential as models. We are pleased to have helped fund these projects, but we will be even more satisfied if other forward-looking institutions can use these same approaches to serve people in their own communities.

The Endowment's grant assessments focus only on grants for programs or for accreditation, and do not include grants for construction and capital improvement projects. The 13 best-performing projects represent 17 percent of the 76 projects completed in the second half of 2004 and assessed in this recent study. The 13 top-performing projects include three funded through the Endowment's Child Care Division, six funded through the Health Care Division, and four through the Rural Church Division.

Established in 1924 by N.C. industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is one of the nation's largest private foundations. Its mission is to serve the people of North Carolina and South Carolina by supporting selected programs of higher education, health care, children's welfare, and spiritual life.

In 2004, the Endowment awarded grants of almost \$107 million. Grants since 1924 total more than \$2 billion.

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Organization:

Dove House Children's Advocacy Center

Location: Statesville, NC

Grant Division: Child Care

Grant Purpose:

Establish a child advocacy center (CAC).

Key Achievements:

60% conviction rate (vs. 20% two years ago) in sexual abuse cases. Dynamic leadership. Expect national accreditation this year. Successful fund development program.

Grant Period: 24 months

Grant Amount: \$125,000

Total Project Cost: \$431,142

Organization:

Forsyth Memorial Hospital

Location: Winston-Salem, NC

Grant Division: Health Care

Grant Purpose:

Assist a Latino AIDS Care Outreach Project in collaboration with AIDS Care Service in Forsyth County.

Key Achievements:

Bilingual case managers have been hired and now provide direct services to an average of 31 clients each month. Utilization of services by Latinos has increased by approximately 50%.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$92,000

Total Project Cost: \$111,915

Organization:

Hospice of Henderson County

Location: Hendersonville, NC

Grant Division: Health Care

Grant Purpose:

Establish a palliative care program in the hospital setting.

Key Achievements:

Resulted in a cultural change at the hospital regarding end-of-life care, and the program is a component of the hospital strategic plan.

Grant Period: 12 months

Grant Amount: \$150,000

Total Project Cost: \$258,728

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Organization:

Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital

Location: Hendersonville, NC

Grant Division: Health Care

Grant Purpose:

Expand the midwifery services program.

Key Achievements:

Targeted service numbers of 500 were exceeded with 797 patients being served; 31% of births by midwives. Low-term birth weight was 3.8% vs. 9% for the state. Women leaving the hospital breast feeding at 92% vs. 62%. Patient revenues are sustaining the program.

Grant Period: 24 months

Grant Amount: \$150,064

Total Project Cost: \$773,546

Organization:

North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for Rural Advancement Foundation International

Location: Raleigh, NC

Grant Division: Rural Church

Grant Purpose:

Help to Eastern NC rural United Methodist churches and rural communities to improve economic prospects of farmers.

Key Achievements:

Relationships established and strengthened through consultations around the Endowment's Program for the Rural Carolinas, mental health trainings, service to and with the Hmong community work with the Habitat Rural Initiative, and the convening of three food policy conferences.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$150,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,478,392

Organization:

Richlands United Methodist Church

Location: Richlands, NC

Grant Division: Rural Church

Grant Purpose:

Establish a senior center.

Key Achievements:

Community agencies and churches joined together to expand this program, now operating daily. The community uses the building, and the church sees itself as a community partner.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$120,000

Total Project Cost: \$509,604

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Organization:

Stanly Health Services

Location: Albemarle, NC

Grant Division: Health Care

Grant Purpose:

Establish the Stanly County Dental Clinic Project.

Key Achievements:

The clinic opened in April 2002 and over 7,041 patient visits have been provided.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$225,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,250,500

Organization:

State of North Carolina, General Court of Justice, 26th Judicial District

Location: Charlotte, NC

Grant Division: Child Care

Grant Purpose:

Develop and implement a Child Dependence Mediation pilot program in the 26th Judicial District of Mecklenburg County.

Key Achievements:

Mediated agreements in 90% of the cases. Length-of-stay in DSS custody was less for children in mediated cases verses non-mediated cases. Public funds have surfaced to sustain.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$314,724

Total Project Cost: \$631,665

Organization:

Union Grove United Methodist Church

Location: Union Grove, NC

Grant Division: Rural Church

Grant Purpose:

Establish a parish nurse program.

Key Achievements:

The church now provides a full-time employee and program expenses for this parish nurse, who also serves the surrounding Latino population.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$65,000

Total Project Cost: \$164,900

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Organization:

University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill School of Medicine

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Grant Division: Health Care

Grant Purpose:

Develop Community Pathways: Early Intervention for Hospitalized Children, a program for high-risk infants.

Key Achievements:

Increased family satisfaction and decreased the age of entrance into Early Intervention services. This program is being replicated statewide and the state program is now committed to serving medically fragile hospitalized children.

Grant Period: 48 months

Grant Amount: \$506,133

Total Project Cost: \$989,025

Organization:

University of North Carolina Hospitals

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Grant Division: Health Care

Grant Purpose:

Assist the Healthy Steps for Young Children program.

Key Achievements:

A model for pediatric residency training in North Carolina. Four Academic Medical Centers in North Carolina have expressed interest in incorporating a Healthy Steps Specialist into their pediatric healthcare team.

Grant Period: 60 months

Grant Amount: \$980,704

Total Project Cost: \$1,471,693

Top Performing Projects, 2004

Organization:

Western North Carolina Conference of
the United Methodist Church

Location: Charlotte, NC

Grant Division: Rural Church

Grant Purpose:

Provide affordable housing for needy
families.

Key Achievements:

This program has become a model for
partnership between the church, state
and federal government agencies,
lending institutions, and foundations. It
has provided numerous opportunities
for outreach in local churches as well as
increased the asset base of families and
communities.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$2,375,000

Total Project Cost: \$4,750,000

Organization:

Youth Homes

Location: Charlotte, NC

Grant Division: Child Care

Grant Purpose:

Implement Intensive Family
Preservation Services (IFPS).

Key Achievements:

Served approximately 30 families
annually. 97% of families remained
intact upon completion of the six-week
intervention. Sustainable funds for all
four social workers obtained through a
combination of public (DSS) and
private funds.

Grant Period: 36 months

Grant Amount: \$273,794

Total Project Cost: \$938,569