

Small Grant Program Recipient Profiles

2003 Recipients

Ambassadors of Good Character

Thomasville Primary School of Davidson County was awarded \$4,100 in the fall of 2002 to continue engaging 743 pre-school through second grade students in character education through Ambassadors of Good Character. Everyday they learn about demonstrating "RRCC" – Respect, Responsibility, Cooperation and Courtesy. They have engaged businesses, the general public, churches and local government in their community-wide "word of the month" campaign. This grant helps carry out the campaign using billboards, presentations, reminder cards, video, public service announcements and stories. For additional information, call 336.474.4166.

Cary Youth Heritage Project

The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel of Wake County was awarded \$4,000 in the fall of 2002 to build on the successful partnership of the Davis Drive Middle School, Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel and the Town of Cary, which produced a video together on local Cary history last year. A study guide developed for the video will reach 128 students in the fourth and eighth grades. For additional information, visit: <http://www.rtpnet.org/fpwh/> or e-mail annekratz@aol.com.

City, Youth and Government

University City YMCA of Mecklenburg County was awarded \$2,500 in the fall of 2002 to fund an experimental learning program enabling high school students to learn local government, the political process, civic responsibility and local issues. Over a nine week period, 50 freshman and sophomore students will be involved in a simulated council meeting, city-county budget reviews and in drafting local legislation. University of North Carolina at Charlotte students and faculty are involved as well. For additional information, call 704.716.6714.

Kids Count

The Greensboro Children's Museum, Inc. partnering with **Kids Voting/Guilford County** was awarded \$7,750 in the fall of 2002 for Kids Count by funding half of an interactive exhibit in the "Our Town" section of the museum. Museum visitors learn about voting, history, issues and candidates through an exhibit geared toward four to ten year olds. The viewer can vote using a touch screen, which will feature current issues and candidates during election time. For additional information visit: <http://www.gcmuseum.com/flash.htm> or <http://www.greensboro.com/kidsvote/> or call 336.510.5741

Nurturing Civic Engagement through Community Partnerships

The Citizen Education Foundation of the League of Women Voters in Carteret County was awarded \$1,500 in the fall of 2002 to provide seed money for two civic education events, a four session "Simplified Civics" gathering on local government and three legislative debate and speech contests broadcast live on radio and cable. The project formalizes a new relationship between League of Women Voters and the National Forensic League of East Carteret High. For additional information visit: <http://www.lwvcarteret.org/> or call 252.247.9265.

Photovoice

The Family Life Council of Guilford County was awarded \$7,750 in the fall of 2002 to teach students photography and civic advocacy skills while making a statement about the civic life of their community. Seventy middle and high school youth will photograph strengths, problems and solutions in their communities. The 12-week program expects to engage 70 diverse young people in dialogue about important community issues. It also includes the formation of a youth advocacy council for the Healthy Communities – Healthy Youth campaign. For additional information, call 336.333.6890.

Teens Reaching Underserved Youth to Strengthen Citizenship

4-H Youth Development was awarded \$9,400 in the fall of 2002 to train ten teams to teach the 4-H civic education curriculum "Public Adventures" to 50 underserved area youths. The teams consisted of three teens and one adult from 15 Western counties as well as the Qualla Boundary. The curriculum encourages youth to become creators, producers and owners of their communities and the larger world through hands-on civic action. For additional information about this citizenship project, call 919.513.0306 or e-mail Dale_Safrit@ncsu.edu.

You Can Make a Difference

Onslow County Schools was awarded \$6,250 in the fall of 2002 for the You Can Make a Difference project, which assists the community in building on a re-design of the high school civic education/leadership program. Previously, several community-based programs were linked with the school curriculum; students researched local issues and suggested solutions to the County Commissioners. This grant helps schools implement four, hands-on projects developed by eighth grade through high school students. For additional information, call 910.455.2211 x287 or e-mail lringo@ocs.onslow.k12.nc.us.

Youth Leadership Asheville

Children First of Buncombe County was awarded \$7,750 in the fall of 2002 to implement a Youth On Board leadership-training program for 30 high school students with untapped leadership potential. The program allows youth to discuss and raise concerns about vital local issues. Following the training, students implement what they learn when placed as Board members for area nonprofit organizations. For additional information visit: <http://www.childrenfirstbc.org/> or call 828.259.9717.