

# Small Grant Program Recipient Profiles

## 2005 Recipients

### **A City of Neighborhoods**

**The Charlotte Museum of History** was awarded \$5,000 to serve as a pilot site for the Smithsonian Institute's *A City of Neighborhoods: Bridging School and Community* program. Two workshops will be offered to provide community stakeholders with an opportunity to work together to use primary resources and authentic experiences to explore a neighborhood's past, analyze its present, and plan for its future. One workshop, for approximately 150 Garinger High School students, will encourage students to keep personal journals and create architectural models as they learn about a community landmark. The second workshop will be open to thirty adult participants, primarily educators. For additional information, call 704.568.1774 x102.

### **Civics Alive**

**YWCA of Asheville** will host the *Civics Alive* summer camp, in conjunction with **Kids Voting Buncombe County**. A grant of \$7,400 will allow the partners to create a week-long summer day camp experience, based on the Kids Voting curriculum, for thirty 5th-7th graders. Local civics teachers will focus on a different level of government each day the camp is in session. The students will spend the majority of each day conducting field observations, while the last day is designated as "issue day" to study a community issue. Scholarships will be provided to encourage socioeconomic diversity among the campers. For additional information, call 828.254.7206 x206.

### **DC Bound Enrichment Activity**

**The Accelerated Learning Center (ALC) of McDowell County Schools** received \$6,500 to help send at-risk students to visit Washington, D.C., and participate in the inauguration of President Bush. The forty 9th-12th grade students supplemented their experience at the inauguration with visits to national museums and entries in personal reflection journals. Upon return, students planned to give presentations to the McDowell County School Board, Marion Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and elementary school classes about their experience. For additional information, call 828.652.1040.

### **Greene Tomorrow**

A grant of \$3,000 will enable **Greene County** to prepare youth for future leadership positions in local business, community, and governmental affairs, through intensive training in all aspects of leadership. Local leaders will nominate twenty 8th-11th graders to participate in the three-phase program that includes a leadership retreat; a series of four learning sessions on law and government, business and industry, agribusiness, and community service; and individual service projects. For additional information, call 252.747.5831.

## **Integration Exhibit and Curriculum Project**

**The Center for Diversity Education** was awarded \$10,000, in partnership with the **University of North Carolina-Asheville**, the **YMI Cultural Center**, and **Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council**, to develop this multi-faceted program and traveling exhibit that will reach up to 1,000 students. The project extends the impact of the Center's recent program, *Brown vs. Board of Education: Fifty Years Later*. Memory Circles will take place, from which exhibit storyboards will be developed. Teachers and pre-service teachers will be hired to develop middle and high school curricula that incorporate local people and their experiences in highlighting the historic role of civic participation during school desegregation in western North Carolina. A replicable student guide and digitized archives will be placed on the UNC-Asheville website and linked to other desegregation resources. For additional information, call 828.232.5024.

## **Junior Leadership Durham, Inc.**

This program received \$7,000 for general support to help shape the future of high school students by promoting civic education and engagement. Tenth-grade students can apply to participate. The program is designed to accommodate twenty-six youth and offers six monthly educational sessions, including volunteer projects and exposure to the city government of Durham. For additional information, call 919.560.4309.

## **Latino Leadership for Young Women**

The Henderson County-based chapter of the **American Association of University Women** will conduct the second year of this program using a \$4,100 grant. Twenty Latinas learn self-esteem and communication skills, as well as strategies for achieving professional and familial success in a democratic society. One goal of the program is to help young women become involved in civic activities and develop as leaders in their community. The grant will help provide a bilingual instructor and transportation for the participants. For additional information, call 828.697.9628.

## **Youth Citizenship and Development Program**

**John Avery Boys and Girls Club** in Durham will use a grant of \$5,000 to educate twenty-five at-risk youth about the importance of their contribution to our democracy. Working with students from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, the youth will attend classes, participate in a citizenship rally, and perform community service projects in which they share their citizenship lessons with the greater community. For additional information, call 919.687.4517.

## **Youth Empowerment Study (YES) in Civics and Moral Responsibility**

**New Beginning Community Development Center** in East Spencer will conduct *YES in Civics and Moral Responsibility* using their \$10,000 grant. This funding will help teach twenty-five to thirty disadvantaged youth to appreciate, recognize, and understand the importance of local government and law enforcement, while emphasizing moral accountability. For additional information, call 704.638.2519.

## **Youth Involvement**

**Kids Voting Mecklenburg** seeks to engage 35,000 Mecklenburg County middle and high school students in civics activities. A grant of \$2,000 will help the organization revitalize its youth advisory board, strengthen programming for older high school students, and develop and provide materials for youth leaders. For additional information, call 704.343.6999.