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Triangle Community Foundation gives ESC another \$10,000 in scholarship funds

We are very happy to announce the Regional Community Endowment Fund of Triangle Community Foundation has given ESC a generous \$10,000 grant. The fund will enable ESC to offer scholarships for our consulting services to more Triangle area nonprofits. This is the continuation of a partnership between ESC and the Triangle Community Foundation which allows TCF to recommend and approve of capacity building work with select nonprofits. The TCF grant will allow select nonprofits to utilize our consulting services for a nominal fee; most of the client fees will be subsidized by these scholarship funds. This grant comes at a particularly opportune time as so many local nonprofits are having financial difficulties in the current economic downturn. We anticipate that we will identify 12 – 15 worthy projects in the next few months. Last year TCF generously gave ESC a \$10K grant that aided such agencies as Triangle Impact, Read and Feed, Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!) and Generation Engage.

ESC has been Rebranded!

Thanks to stellar work by ESC's Marketing Committee (Chair, Joe Glasson, and members: Mary Ellen Bowers, Eleanor Helms, Marilyn Longman, Jon Mills, Trudy Smith, and Linda Stryker-Luftig), ESC has a new logo, new stationery, new business cards, and new brochures. Next up is a redesigned website. We are proud of our new look and excited to spread our new image throughout the community.

Fundraising Workshops

Sheila Creth, one of our consultants, has been the architect of two fundraising workshops for Executive Directors and other interested nonprofit administrators this year. A total of 53 attendees have participated in 2 sessions—the first in March at the Triangle Community Foundation and the second in May at the new Triangle United Way offices. Sheila has been assisted by several ESC consultants: John Gabor, Sherry Graham, Ed Haugh, and Mary Ellen Bowers. There is certainly enough interest in the community to consider holding another workshop this year. **Please email Trudy at escgt@mindspring.com if you would like to be alerted as we plan the next workshop.**

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Fundraising Workshop Participants -- The first photo is from the March 25th workshop held at Triangle Community Foundation premises. The second is from the May 20th session at Triangle United Way.



Client Services

ESC continues to attract energetic and qualified volunteer professionals who want to give back to their communities through ESC's pro bono consulting program. We have added new Client Relationship Managers (CRM) and consultants as follows: Dave Gettles (Cary) and Eleanor Helms (Raleigh) have become our newest CRMs; Diana Bing (Raleigh) has joined our consultant force. We appreciate the knowledge and expertise these exciting individuals bring to our clients. We now have 34 active consultants, including 8 CRMs.

Client Testimonial: Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!)

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Mission: YES! empowers youth, in partnership with adults, to create community change.

Basic Strategy: “We hire youth to be part of our staff. Most of our decisions are made with them at the table. When youth work on a specific topic, they first must understand and work on a solution themselves. Whether they make a presentation to a school board about tobacco free school policies or write a letter to the editor on the topic, our youth get firsthand experience and then they present that knowledge to their peers. In a cycle of learning, acting and inspiring others, they create a force that ripples far beyond their own lives.”

Executive Director, Bronwyn Lucas, submitted the following testimonial to Triangle Community Foundation as to the positive impact our consulting services had on their efficiency and effectiveness.

On behalf of Youth Empowered Solutions, (YES!) I would like to sincerely thank you for providing us a scholarship to subsidize the fees that allowed us to work with Executive Service Corps of the Greater Triangle. Without such support, we would not have accomplished so much in 9 months. Below is a list of how your funds have helped YES! build capacity:

- YES! has new board leadership
- YES! has added 8 new board members who bring a diverse set of skills & expertise
- YES! has reviewed and refined its mission and values
- YES! has convened a Strategic Planning team
- YES! board members, ED and a staff member attended the Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Communities Institute
- YES! Resource Development Committee is chaired by a full-time nonprofit fundraiser and has created a fund development plan
- YES! has reviewed and refined its internal infrastructure
- YES! has diversified its funding from a single-source funding to multiple funding streams
- YES! has expanded its programs from a single program to a multiple program organization
- YES! Executive Director engaged in a 6 month coaching relationship to work on a variety of issues such as board development, fundraising, budgeting, work/life balance, management, leadership, the role of an ED and organizational infrastructure.

We have accomplished so much and it has been absolutely wonderful working with the leadership and volunteers at ESC. We thank you for such an awesome opportunity.

ESC consultants are proud to work with such responsive and appreciative clients and would like the opportunity to reach many more area nonprofits.

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New Board Members

At our May All Members' luncheon, four new Directors were introduced. We are fortunate to have these talented individuals on our Board, and we expect they will help ESC continue to grow in service to the community. We are pleased to welcome Tom Cogswell, Beth Maxwell, Ruth Peebles and Gloria Sanchez. Tom is our new Treasurer, Beth is Chair of the Fund Development Committee, Ruth will work with Beth on the Fund Development Committee and Gloria will work with the Marketing Committee. Welcome to all and we hope you will find fulfilling work with ESC for a long time to come.



Gloria Sanchez,
Tom Cogswell,
Ruth Peebles,
Beth Maxwell.

Carl Bass, Betty
Ann Knudsen,
Beth Maxwell,
Mary Ellen
Bowers



Betty Ann Knudsen

Also at the May 13th All Members luncheon, recognition was given to Betty Ann Knudsen, an ESC former Director and constant supporter. Ms. Knudsen is a long-time leader in a number of public affairs and community groups, is a former member of the Wake County Board of Commissioners and has helped more North Carolina women get elected to public office. The Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University prepared a film about Betty Ann titled "Show Up, Speak Out: The Public Life of Betty Ann Knudsen" and it was screened earlier this summer.