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JUNE 8, 2016- HENDERSONVILLE, NC - *North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation awards \$25,000 grant to support the Children & Family Resource Center*

The Children & Family Resource Center (CFRC) received a \$25,000 Ribbon of Hope grant from the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation to expand the Once Upon A Time Volunteer Literacy Program. This program pairs volunteers with local preschool classrooms to build early literacy skills in children, while modeling new and interactive ways for teachers to read to children.

Once Upon A Time Volunteers read and conduct a literacy activity once a week with small groups of children in full and half-day preschool programs in Henderson County. Volunteers provide positive reading experiences and model read aloud techniques. "We are so appreciative of North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation for the opportunity to grow our Once Upon A Time Literacy Program. The grant will help provide early literacy skill development trainings and on-site coaching for preschool teachers, as well as children's books for participating classrooms," stated CFRC's Director of Programs, Linda Carter.

We are actively recruiting volunteers with a background in early language and literacy for this program expansion! If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, visit our website at: www.childrenandfamily.org/programs/onceuponatime/ or contact our Once Upon a Time Coordinator, Crystal Williams at 828-698-0674 or crystalw@childrenandfamily.org.

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation is an independent self-funding 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supporting activities that help meet the educational and health needs of today's society and future generations. Since its creation in 1986, the foundation has granted \$68.9 million to support North Carolina projects and programs that emphasize the understanding and application of science, health and education at all academic and professional levels. Visit us at NCGSKFoundation.org.

About the Children and Family Resource Center

The programs offered at the Children & Family Resource Center are building stronger foundations for the children in our community by providing resources to help parents and child care centers create positive learning environments, screening children so they can start school with all the necessary tools, teaching parenting skills to families, and offering scholarships to educators and single parents in need. For more information about the programs of the Children & Family Resource Center or this project, please call 698-0674 or visit the website www.childrenandfamily.org.

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