We enjoyed celebrating another productive year of providing grants to nonprofits for programs that advance science, health and education at the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation 2018 Annual Report Luncheon.

In 2018, we added nine new Ribbon of Hope grants, five new traditional grants, and oversaw 18 multi-year grants and endowments awarded in previous years that are still active, and our cornerstone programs, the Women in Science Scholars program and the Child Health Recognition Awards program. In all, our new grant commitments in 2018 totaled $3.3 million to nonprofits across the state. Since the Foundation began awarding grants in 1987, we have awarded $75.1 million to nonprofits.

Highlights from 2018 include the following grants awarded under our Ribbon of Hope program:

- **Asheville Art Museum Association**, Activities for Adults with Memory Loss (Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, McDowell, Rutherford, Polk, Transylvania, Yancey counties)
- **Boys & Girls Club of Durham and Orange Counties**, Teaching Youth Healthier Lifestyles
- **Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills**, Outcome-Based, Out-of-School Time STEM for Middle School Students (Moore County)
- **Cape Fear River Watch**, Environmental Education Program (Bladen County)
- **Friends of the WNC Nature Center**, Offsite Outreach Education Program (Buncombe, Avery, Burke, McDowell, Macon, Transylvania, Jackson, Cherokee, Haywood, Swain counties)
- **Northern Moore Family Resource Center**, HOPE Academy Preschool Expansion (Moore County)
- **Uniting NC**, Technology Program Expansion (Sampson, Johnston counties)
- **Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park and Museum**, Kinetic Connections Education Program (Halifax, Martin, Pitt, Lenoir, Duplin, Onslow, Beaufort, Bertie, Jones, Craven counties)

We also continued supporting 18 [Traditional Grants](#) awarded in previous years, and provided new Traditional grants to:

- **Durham Technical Community College**, Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. Library Endowment
- **North Carolina Arboretum Society**, STEM Program Expansions
- **North Carolina Museum of Natural Science**, STEM Program Activities
- **The Museum of Life and Science**, “Studio Earth” Education Space
- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Pathways to STEM Success Program/C-STEP
Other Programs

Since 1993, the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation has endowed more than $1.8 million to North Carolina colleges and universities in support of the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Women in Science Scholars program. Currently, 30 North Carolina colleges and universities take part in this unique program that provides an endowed scholarship at each school for students studying science and pairs the scholars with professional women in science or science-related fields, who serve as their mentors.

The Foundation also provides annual support for the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Child Health Recognition Awards, which recognizes North Carolina public health professionals and departments for innovative, creative and successful approaches to improving the lives of our younger generations. We partner with the North Carolina Public Health Association on this program.

We paid tribute to one of our 2018 board of directors, the late Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. whom we all knew and loved, and who we remember with deep gratitude and fondness. He brought the same passion and commitment that drove his career in education to our Foundation and we appreciate his service and miss his leadership and words of wisdom. It is our honor to establish a $50,000 endowment, the Dr. Phail Wynn Jr. Library Endowment at Durham Technical Community College. This endowment is setup to generate annual revenue to support the Dr. Wynn collection and other vital library resources at Durham Technical Community College where in 1980 he became the youngest community college president to serve in North Carolina. After serving as president of Durham Tech for 27 years, the college established a collection in his name with materials targeted to socially responsible topics, such as cultural awareness, global citizenship, teaching tolerance, appreciating diversity, fighting poverty and promoting world peace.

We look forward to the coming year and supporting science, health and education programs across the state. For more information about the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation look at our 2018 annual report at www.NCGSKFoundation.org.