

# ***Spring Creek Literacy Project***

This 2010 Ribbon of Hope grant supported a summer academic enrichment program focused on literacy and writing for young girls in one of North Carolina's most economically disadvantaged communities. The Spring Creek Literacy Project brings together the resources and expertise of all three partners in a program to be housed in the historic Spring Creek School, now the Spring Creek Community Center. Middle school girls from small mountain communities and farms will travel by school bus to the community center each day to read books, write and take photographs to be published in their own magazine, and learn how to create digital stories with words, photography, and music. They also will travel to Duke University to spend two fun-filled and enriching days of campus life, residing in Duke dormitories and interacting with college students. Two high school interns from Madison High School also will join the program as mentors for their middle school peers. The high school students will receive support and mentoring from the Duke students so that the interns can complete college applications and prepare themselves to become a new generation of women leaders in their rural communities. The long-term goal of the project is to help all girls and young women in Madison County's mountain communities create new futures that include completing high school and moving on to college.