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Ribbon of Hope helps local learning resource center Break the Code

HICKORY, N.C. - The Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center is a recipient of a North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Ribbon of Hope grant. "The Center is using the funding for its expansion of the Augustine Literacy Project®," said the Center's executive director Angela Lawrence. "With the resources provided by this grant, we have two main goals. Most importantly, we will provide more tutors for elementary school students that are at least a grade level behind in reading, and we will create a robust data management and referral system to assess our students' progress more accurately and to place tutors more quickly with struggling readers."

The Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center will be able to offer an additional Augustine Literacy Project® Tutor Training. The four day training will be held Friday, March 4 through Monday, March 7 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hickory, NC. Volunteers who train as an Augustine Literacy Project tutor agree to provide at least 60 reading lessons to a low income student. For more information about the Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center or to register for the upcoming training, please email info@patrickbeaverlrc.org or call 828-624-2012.

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