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### **The Youth Growth Stock Trust Grants \$301,257 to Benefit Cumberland County Youth**

*Fayetteville, NC* – The United Way of Cumberland County Board of Directors has approved the 2017 allocation of **\$301,257** in grants from the Youth Growth Stock Trust (YGST). Every spring, the YGST provides grants to local programs, initiatives and scholarships that specifically benefit Cumberland County youth.

Cumberland County organizations and schools spend extensive time preparing their proposals for meaningful programs and resources to help youth become successful in their educational pursuits and beyond. This year, the YGST Grants Committee received 60 proposals, requesting approximately \$900,000. There were 42 recipients selected and all grants were made in honor of Anne Nimocks, who served tirelessly and with unwavering commitment as the YGST Program Administrator from 1992 to 2016.

The 2017 YGST Grant Recipients were the following:

#### **\$5,000 School Scholarship Awards:**

Westover High School Health Science Academy	
Douglas Byrd High School Finance Academy	
Jack Britt High School ISTA Academy	
Career Pathways Tech Prep Academy	
Pine Forrest High School AOIT	
Pine Forest HS Emergency Medical Services Academy	
Gray's Creek High School AOIT	
Douglas Byrd High School Green Academy	
Westover High School Engineering Academy	
Cape Fear High School Agriculture Academy	
CTE Regional Allied Health Careers Pathway Program	
<b>Total Scholarships</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>

#### **Other School Program Awards:**

Ireland Drive Middle School - Flexible Makerspace	\$3,000.00
District 7 Elementary School Collaborative Creative Construction	\$9,361.21
Stoney Point Elementary-Drumming Rhythms	\$3,500.00
Douglas Byrd HS-Green Academy	\$18,150.00
Anne Chestnutt Middle School – Lego Mindstorm	\$5,000.00
Margret Willis – CCC IPADS	\$6,500.00
EE Smith High School – Summer Transition Program	\$20,000.00
WH Owen Elementary School-First Foundations	\$5,500.00

Reid Ross Classical - Graphing Program	\$5,000.00
South View High School - Tech Support	\$7,000.00
Westarea Elementary - STEM Labs	\$4,000.00
John Griffin Middle School - Visit with an Author Program	\$1,246.00
Westover High School - Positive Behavior Program	\$1,000.00
Westover High School - ROYAL Program	\$3,500.00
Mac Williams Middle School - IPADS	\$7,000.00
Ireland Drive Middle School - Math Program	\$7,000.00
Ferguson Easley Elementary - All Stars Program	\$1,000.00
<b>Total School Program Awards</b>	<b>\$107,757.21</b>

**Local Non-Profit Agency Awards:**

Better Health	\$7,000.00
Cape Fear Regional Theatre	\$10,000.00
Connections of Cumberland County	\$5,000.00
Fayetteville Urban Ministry	\$20,000.00
Miller's Crew	\$9,000.00
CARE Center	\$5,000.00
Vision Resource Center	\$3,500.00
Falcon Children's Home	\$20,000.00
St. Ann's School	\$9,000.00
United Way - Character Playbook	\$25,000.00
United Way - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	\$10,000.00
Great Oaks Center	\$5,000.00
South Eastern NC Radio Reading Service	\$3,000.00
Child Advocacy Center	\$7,000.00
<b>Total Agency Awards</b>	<b>\$138,500.00</b>

**Total 2017 Grants: \$301,257.21**

**About the Youth Growth Stock Trust (YGST)**

The Youth Growth Stock Trust was established in 1992 due to the late Robert Short's concern for the well being of local youth. United Way of Cumberland County serves as the Trust Beneficiary and income from the YGST is awarded once a year to programs that support local youth educational and developmental needs. Six volunteers serve on the Grants Committee and Stuart Walters serves as the Program Administrator. The Grants Committee is responsible for reviewing applications and making allocation recommendations to the United Way. The YGST is wholly separate from the United Way's campaign funds.

**About the United Way of Cumberland County**

The mission of United Way of Cumberland County is to improve the quality of lives in Cumberland County by addressing critical human needs. United Way of Cumberland County partners with local nonprofit agencies in order to focus on the building blocks for a good life: education, health and financial stability.

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