

## 2020 Grants

### **Arts in Action**

Using dance and live music, North Carolina Arts in Action (NC AIA) develops in students the life skills necessary for success in the classroom and in life. NC AIA uses dance, music and performance to instill self-esteem, perseverance, and excellence in children. The primary focus is bring the program to schools with underprivileged children. They currently serve 1,300 fourth grade students in schools across Wake, Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties.

[www.ncartsinaction.org](http://www.ncartsinaction.org)

### **Augustine Literacy Project/Children's Literacy Project**

Augustine Literacy Project works to improve the reading, writing and spelling abilities of low-income children and teens who struggle with literacy skills. The project trains and supports volunteer tutors who provide free, long term, 1-to-1 instruction.

[www.augustineproject.org](http://www.augustineproject.org)

### **BookHarvest**

Book Harvest is internationally recognized for its work to transform children's literacy. Since 2011, Book Harvest has provided more than 2 million books to families in North Carolina, ensuring that parents have the tools and power to ignite and strengthen their children's literacy. With programs that are grounded in evidence, Book Harvest believes that literacy starts at birth, at home, with parents, and with books.

<https://www.bookharvest.org/>

### **Boomerang Program**

Boomerang seeks to engage disconnected youth and their community by providing a supportive alternative environment for out of school time, offering resiliency-based training for professionals and other adults, and advocating for community change that has enduring benefits for all adolescents. This program works with short-term suspended middle and high school youth throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. They prioritize serving court-involved juveniles and substance-using students. In addition, they provide a community service site to high school youth who are involved in the adult court system.

[www.ymcatriangle.org](http://www.ymcatriangle.org)

### **Boys & Girls Club of Wake County**

The mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need it the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Boys & Girls Clubs offers a wide-range of After-School and summer programs for youth ages 6-18 that focus on three key critical outcomes: Healthy Lifestyles, Academic Success, and Good Character & Citizenship.

[www.wakebgc.org](http://www.wakebgc.org)

### **D3 Community Outreach, Inc.**

D3 Community Outreach is an organization of positive adults whom empower and encourage disconnected youth/young adults through academics, service, entrepreneurship and athletics to become leaders and good stewards of the community.

[www.d3communityoutreach.org](http://www.d3communityoutreach.org)

### **Durham Nativity School**

Durham Nativity School (DNS) provides a positive learning environment for eligible boys in grades six through eight. This environment will support them in their personal, social, moral and intellectual development and position them to be successful at a college preparatory high school and through their college career. Offering an extended day, extended year program, the ultimate goal of DNS is to provide a multi-dimensional learning opportunity for its students so they will be inspired to develop the skills and critical thinking necessary to become educated leaders and role models within their communities.

[www.durhamnativity.org](http://www.durhamnativity.org)

### **Durham Literacy Center**

The mission of the Durham Literacy Center is to empower Durham County residents who want to improve their lives and the lives of their families by improving their literacy skills.

The Durham Literacy Center serves these youth, ages 16-24 years old, in its Youth Education Program (formerly known as the Teen Career Academy). The Youth Education Program (YEP) is a basic education and high school equivalency diploma program that provides individualized instruction to address each student's academic deficits and prepare him or her to pass the high school equivalency GED exam. In addition, YEP staff and volunteers work with students to identify career goals and take steps to plan for college, vocational training, and/or the workforce.

[www.durhamliteracy.org](http://www.durhamliteracy.org)

### **Durham's Partnership for Children**

Durham's Partnership for Children, in conjunction with Durham Public Schools, is working to develop and implement a dynamic Transition to Kindergarten (T2K) initiative. This project is designed to create a positive, informed, prepared and seamless transition for young children as they prepare for entry into kindergarten.

[www.dpfc.net](http://www.dpfc.net)

### **East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI)**

East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI) creates a pipe line for children in East Durham from birth to college or career by providing a continuum of support for families and children. They are committed to partnering with the residents and other stakeholders in the community to ensure that all children in EDCI succeed – with the goal that every child finishes high school and is college or career ready.

[www.edci.org](http://www.edci.org)

**For Kids**

Research shows that children experiencing homelessness are more likely to exhibit educational deficits than other children. So ForKids has built our program to address each student's individual academic needs, providing customized instruction and the necessary tools to close academic achievement gaps, promote to the next grade and graduate from high school.

<https://www.forkids.org/>

**GiGi's Playhouse Raleigh**

GiGi's playhouse mission is to change the way the world views Down syndrome through national campaigns, educational programs, and by empowering individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community. GiGi's Playhouse provides a literacy program that is one-on-one. The literacy program builds a foundation in sight word recognition, phonograms, vocabulary, comprehension and improved articulation.

[www.gigisplayhouse.org/raleigh](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org/raleigh)

**Helps Education Fund**

Helps Education Fund (HEF) is a triangle area organization, connecting research with practice and engages teachers, parents and volunteers to improve student learning. HEF provides research-supported materials and services to all educators and parents absolutely free and promotes educational equity. HELPS focus is strengthening students' basic skills in reading in the early grades to empower students for academic, employment and economic success.

[www.helpseducationfund.org](http://www.helpseducationfund.org)

**The Hill Center**

The Hill Center aims to transform students with learning differences into confident, independent learners. They serve students in K-12 with learning differences and ADHD in their model school program. In addition to working with teachers and administrators in public and private schools through their best practices professional development programs, The Hill Center also trains and deploys Hill Center-trained tutors who provide specialized, intensive remediation for students who struggle with learning in after school programs.

[www.hillcenter.org](http://www.hillcenter.org)

**Minds Matter of NYC, Inc.**

Minds Matter transforms the lives of accomplished high school students from low-income families by broadening their dreams and preparing them for college success. They serve high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in New York City across all boroughs who come from low-income families with an average income of \$20,000.

[www.mindsmatter.org](http://www.mindsmatter.org)

### **The Orange County Literacy Council**

The Orange County Literacy Council's vision is to achieve 100% adult literacy in Orange County. Their mission is to assist adults in improving their literacy skills in order to achieve their employment, community, family and life goals. They do this by providing free, flexible instruction in reading, writing and basic math, English language and computer skills, citizenship instruction and GED preparation.

[www.orangeliteracy.org](http://www.orangeliteracy.org)

### **Pave Schools**

PAVE is a K-8 college-preparatory charter school that lays the foundation for a productive and choice-filled life. We build our students brick by brick; equipping them with the academic, social, and emotional skills that they need to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, overcomers, and leaders in their communities.

<https://paveschools.org/>

### **Student U**

The mission of Student U is to empower students in the Durham Public Schools to take ownership of their education by developing the academic and personal skills they need to realize their full potential in school and beyond. Each summer, students take four core classes in the morning and three electives in the afternoon with teachers who are students at Duke, UNC, NC Central, and NC State.

[www.studentudurham.org/](http://www.studentudurham.org/)

### **Triangle Literacy Council**

The Triangle Literacy Council improves the lives of adults, youth and families by teaching basic literacy and life skills for economic and social success. They have three main programs that provide free literacy services to varying age groups and populations. The Juvenile Literacy Center serves Wake County delinquent juveniles, ages 10 to 17, referred to the program by the Juvenile Court. The Adult Literacy Program serves adult native English speakers and ESL students who need help with their reading and writing skills. The Family Literacy Program works with family caregivers with children under the age of 5 whose first language is not English.

<http://www.triangleliteracy.org/>

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-Step)**

The Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program helps low-income, qualified community college students gain access into and graduate successfully from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The program not only promotes access, it strives to ensure the success of each student during their time at the community college through to graduation from the University.

<http://admissions.unc.edu/apply/transfer-students/carolina-student-transfer-excellence-program-c-step/>

**Volunteers for Youth**

Volunteers for Youth provides services to Orange County youth to integrate them into the community in ways that help them make responsible choices and recognize that they have a stake in their future. The focus of Volunteers for Youth is delinquency prevention. Through the mentoring program, community service program and teen court program, Volunteers for Youth works to provide young people with the tools to become responsible adults.

[www.volunteersforyouth.org](http://www.volunteersforyouth.org)

**Wade Edwards Foundation (Hi Tech Teens)**

The mission of the Wade Edwards Foundation and Learning Lab (WELL) is to provide the student community with opportunities for achievement, enrichment and service in preparation for personal and academic success. In partnership with Women in Computer Science (WiCS) at NC State University, this six-week, recurring program allows interested students to dive into computer science with a hands-on approach. Hi Tech Teens, a WELL program, is not just another opportunity for teens to get screen time. It is a deliberate opportunity for them to understand and explore what is behind the screen. Students work with mentors – young, successful students at NCSU and many currently working in the field of Computer Science – to complete project-based learning activities focused on designing, coding, and building websites, games and applications.

[www.wade.org](http://www.wade.org)

**Wee Care Children's Enrichment Program**

Wee Care Children's Enrichment Program provides a positive, loving and enriched preschool environment, free of charge, which fosters the social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth of children who are socially and/or economically at risk.

[www.weecareinc.org](http://www.weecareinc.org)

**Wonder Connection**

Wonder Connection brings joy to hospitalized kids and teens through hands-on science activities.

<https://www.wonderconnection.org/>

**YMCA of the Triangle – member branch Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA**

Y Learning is the YMCA of the Triangle's signature afterschool tutorial program for low-income children struggling academically. Students meet in small groups (1:7 tutor: student ratio) to address remedial math and literacy needs as well as focus on completing their homework. A typical Y Learning program runs for 31 weeks of the 36 week academic school year. Program participants will enjoy a snack, individualized tutoring and age-appropriate activities for a total program time of 2.5 – 3 hours per day

[www.ymcatriangle.org/chapel-hill-carrboro-ymca](http://www.ymcatriangle.org/chapel-hill-carrboro-ymca)