

## 2023 Grants

### **Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocates**

The goal of BRMA has always been to increase student engagement, expand enrichment opportunities and nurture student leadership, as well as expand academic achievement and confidence, specifically for students who are historically marginalized and under-resourced.

<https://www.chccs.org/brma>

### **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)

### **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)

**Durham Children's initiative**

DCI builds pathways to equity for children and youth ages birth to 24 and their families and guardians in Durham NC 94% of DCI's students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Focus areas are youth education and two-generation family support programs as well as college and career development programs.

[www.dci-nc.org](http://www.dci-nc.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)

**El Centro Hispano**

Education: aims to expand educational opportunities for personal growth and development of the Latino community members, from child to adult.

<https://elcentronc.org/about-us/>

**Empower All Inc**

Centered in Raleigh, Empower All Inc. aims to bridge the gaps between home, school, and the community.

<https://www.empower-allinc.org/>

**Families & Communities Rising**

Families & Communities Rising is a national provider of training and technical assistance services, and audiovisual and print materials, as well as a provider of direct services to families and children such as Head Start.

<https://fcrinc.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/>

### **Orange County Partnership for Children**

The Orange County Partnership for Young Children (OCPYC) was founded in 1993 as the first Smart Start agency in the state. Our mission is to ensure that all young children arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed.

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

### **Project Enlightenment**

The Project Enlightenment Foundation's mission is to strengthen and expand the services of Project Enlightenment, an early childhood program that promotes school success for Wake County's young children by educating children, teachers and parents.

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

### **Targeted Reading Instruction**

TRI is pleased to announce our partnership with ProvenTutoring.org. ProvenTutoring.org supports the use of evidence-based tutoring programs across the US. Recognizing the increased demand for tutoring in the current educational environment, we have adapted the TRI model to work within a tutoring framework. Teachers using TRI for tutoring function outside of the regular classroom, still implementing TRI one-on-one with students throughout the school day for a period of 8-10 weeks, but reaching a larger number of students. These TRI teachers work with four cohorts of 15 students, accelerating reading progress for 60 students across the school year.

<https://tri.fpg.unc.edu/targeted-reading-instruction>

### **Title Wave**

Based in Carteret County, a librarian saw a need for helping kids through the summer slide so she bought a school bus and outfitted it as a book mobile. She concentrates on neighborhoods and gives out free books.

<https://sites.google.com/view/titlewavebookmobile/id-like-to-help>

### **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/>