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The Duke Endowment Awards \$7.2 million in Grants

June 14, 2016 – Trustees of The Duke Endowment in Charlotte have approved \$7.2 million in grants to organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina that are working to expand opportunities for vulnerable children.

The Endowment is one of the largest private foundations in the Southeast. It has four program areas: Child Care, Health Care, Higher Education and rural United Methodist churches.

The grants approved at the Trustees’ June meeting came through the Child Care program area. They include:

- \$900,000 to Forsyth Medical Charitable Foundation to expand Durham Connects into Forsyth County, N.C. Durham Connects began in Durham County, N.C., to provide in-home nurse visits to parents of all newborns.
- \$150,000 to SHIFT NC to reduce unintended pregnancy for women ages 15-29 in Mecklenburg County.
- \$511,000 to the South Carolina Research Foundation to develop a health and education information exchange for children and youth in foster care.
- \$2.2 million to the National Philanthropic Trust to expand YVLifeSet, an effective case management program for helping youth transition out of foster care.
- \$800,000 to New Hanover County Department of Social Services to use predictive analytics for improving child safety.

The Endowment’s Child Care program area works through accredited organizations and other select nonprofit groups in the Carolinas to help children who are without the benefit of family support – or are at risk of losing such support – reach developmental milestones and prepare for successful transitions to adulthood. Funding supports early intervention, collaborative approaches, and projects that help organizations serve children and their families more effectively. The Endowment focuses on advancing evidence-based, nationally recognized practices that promote child well-being.

The Duke Endowment has distributed more than \$3.4 billion in grants since its inception in 1924. The foundation shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but they are separate organizations.