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CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Our community celebrated its 153rd Anniversary this past year and our history is replete with many remarkable economic and social successes. We have a rich heritage and while this is something to be very proud of we must understand it also represents a sacred responsibility to carry this tradition of success forward.

We are indeed living in one of the most critically important times of our community’s existence and the decisions we make will dictate the future our children and grandchildren will face.

The High Point Community Foundation believes in financially investing in community projects that serve both the social and economic good of this community. We see our Annual Granting Program and our Donor Advised Funds as critically important financial vehicles that will support and drive this change. We ask you to join us in this quest and consider using financial vehicles that will support and drive this change. We ask you to join us in this quest and consider using financial vehicles that will support and drive this change. We ask you to join us in this quest and consider using financial vehicles that will support and drive this change. We ask you to join us in this quest and consider using financial vehicles that will support and drive this change. We ask you to join us in this quest and consider using financial vehicles that will support and drive this change. We ask you to join us in this quest and consider using financial vehicles that will support and drive this change.

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THE CATALYST: Celebrating a Vision for Giving

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The month of May marked the 15th year since we first opened the doors for business in a one-room office Phil Phillips provided free of charge in his First Factors Group office. I had a single picture up on the wall my father had given me and a whole lot to do in a short amount of time.

I was blessed with a remarkable Executive Board that included Jim Millis, Sr., Bill Homey, Bill McGuinn, Nido Qubein, Jim Morgan, Charlie Greene, Charles Odom and George Erath. These men led a committed group of Trustees who knew our city needed an economic safety net to provide for current and future needs.

Our Annual Grants Program has supported numerous educational initiatives and given many grants to individual public schools. We have helped build a Hispanic Center, supported nationally recognized crime deterrence and domestic violence initiatives and partnered with many faith-based initiatives. We’ve supported Communities in Schools, invested in Washington Drive, partnered with the United Way, supported the City Project, invested in Open Door Ministries, partnered with the Community Resource Network, and supported the Community Clinic of High Point.

I’ve enjoyed the journey and there is still much to come. We could not have done any of this without our donors, the people who believe in our mission and want to ensure that the Community Foundation exists in perpetuity. I’m proud to say we have an outstanding track record with our investments, we’ve run a tight, economically efficient ship and we’ve worked with integrity and transparency. Thanks to all of you for supporting us, it is indeed a privilege and an honor to serve this great community.

Always, Paul
Paul Lessard, President
High Point Community Foundation

The HIGH POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EXISTS TO:

• Build an endowment through donations of all sizes for the community that will provide for the changing needs of the citizens of High Point for generations to come.
• Administer an Annual Granting Program that serves the needs of the greater High Point community by financially supporting nonprofit organizations and initiatives that are positively impacting lives in our community.
• Manage Donor Advised Funds, Special Interest Funds, and Organizational Endowments for individuals, families, local businesses and nonprofit organizations; and assist them in fulfilling their philanthropic interests.
• Serve as a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to make good things happen in the community.

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THE PRINCIPALS’ FUND FOR STUDENT NEEDS
A Helping Hand For Students

Grant Presentation to Northwood Elementary
Funds to be used to help upgrade their media center which will include moveable furniture, shelving, new computer monitors and a “smart board.” Those pictured in the photo are: Principal Scott Wrislow, members of the Principals’ Fund Committee, community supporters and the Northwood Student Council.

Grant Presentation to Oak View Elementary
Funds to be used to purchase walkie-talkies for all grades which will enhance their crisis/emergency plans and allow them to better communicate with staff in times of need. Photo includes HPCF staff, members of the Principals’ Fund Committee, and Principal Heather Bare.

Grant Presentation to Southwest Elementary
Funds to be used to purchase additional document readers and projectors for the school. The technology provides students with an amazing tool that allows them to have a more dynamic and interactive class lesson. Photos include members of the Principals’ Fund Committee, HPCF staff, Principal Brian Muller, 3rd grade teacher Lindsey Jones, Guilford Co. Schools administrative staff, members of the PTA, and students who demonstrated how the document reader worked.

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In what may be one of the great coups in High Point sports history, the High Point Cycling Classic, a Criterium or “Crit” race that has taken place in our city for the past 3 years, has been awarded USA Cycling’s Professional Criterium National Championships for 2013 and 2014. This prestigious event is coming to High Point for several reasons, including our outstanding venue that incorporates the Mendenhall Transportation Terminal in front of the IHFC building as a start/finish area, Dr. Chip Duckett’s strong leadership team including Redding Communications, Randy Carta, and others who aggressively pursued the event, and High Point’s growing reputation as a cycling friendly community.

“Hosting the Criterium National Championships for the next two years will be an awesome opportunity to showcase our community to the entire country,” shared Duckett. “Not only will the Championships be a great economic development driver for High Point, but it will also bring people downtown and give them a chance to see elite Olympic caliber athletes in action while having a great time.”

For those of you who have never been to a Criterium race High Point’s event will offer high speed, action-packed bike racing in its most dynamic form. The .7 to 1.5 mile course begins with a mass start and is laid out in High Point’s viewer friendly downtown area. The cyclists will race around the course with the pack returning to the starting point every 2 to 3 minutes. The races typically last 30 to 60 minutes and have been described as “NASCAR on two wheels.” The action is nonstop, with lots of jostling for position, tight corners and aggressive riders. It will bring the best of cycling’s strategy with the power and speed of a contact sport. For more information, visit www.hpcyclingclassic.com.

Piedmont Charity Sports Promotions, who facilitates the event, is a 2012 grant recipient of the Community Foundation. To date, they have raised over $100,000 for local charities. “Supporting the Criterium Races was a priority for the Foundation,” states Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. “It’s an economic development event that will bring money and notoriety to our city, and it’s a world class event that will put High Point on a national platform. Most importantly, it will generate thousands of dollars that will be granted to multiple charities in High Point.”

The event will take place July 25th through the 28th, with the National Championship races held Saturday night from 5:30 – 8:30. This year it will also include a Charity Ride, lots of children’s events, plus an outstanding music venue that the event has quickly become famous for. A new part of the weekend is “The Bicycle: Art Meets Form.” This will be a galleried exhibition of the 5 “leading lights” (standout designers) in modern handmade bikes, which will be held in conjunction with a hand built bicycle show, conferences and discussions, movies, music and vintage rides. It is hoped that this event will create a tradition that will become an annual program and another revenue source for the city.

The Foundation is proud of its partnership with Piedmont Charity Sports Promotions to support this premier sports event that will attract folks of all ages from High Point, North Carolina, and beyond. Come join us for this free event!”

For more information, visit highpointcyclingclassic.com

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HONORING JIM AND JESSE MILLIS:
Millis Family, Community Foundation, and UNC School of Medicine
Team up to Fight Melanoma

According to current statistics, at some point in our lives nearly all of us will be impacted by one of the deadliest forms of skin cancer, melanoma. The disease is a silent killer that is often associated with overexposure to the sun. It can lurk quietly inside our bodies and often be discovered too late to effectively treat. The family of Bill Mills, of High Point, has experienced the devastation of melanoma firsthand and, in response, has established a partnership with one of the top melanoma research centers in the world, Dr. David Ollila of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. They have teamed up with Dr. Ollila to support melanoma research through their Donor Advised Fund at the High Point Community Foundation.

“I am very proud of the tremendous impact Bill Mills has had upon this groundbreaking research through grants made from a Donor Advised Fund that his parents set up here at the Foundation,” states Paul Lessard, President, HPDCF. “Jim and Jesse Mills, who played such a key role in the establishment of our Foundation, were both taken from us by this disease, and we at the Foundation consider it a great honor to partner with Bill and the UNC School of Medicine to support research that will lead to a cure.”

Gifts from the William B. Mills Donor Advised Fund have established the James H. and Jesse E. Millis Distinguished Professorship for Melanoma Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Income from this endowed fund will support the work of Dr. David Ollila, the surgical director of the UNC Multidisciplinary Melanoma Program. Dr. Ollila is one of the most recognized and respected melanoma researchers/surgeons in the world. This support has been invaluable to enabling UNC to continue to be a leader in melanoma research.

Dr. Ollila received his MD from the University of Cincinnati, completed his general surgery residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and his oncology fellowship at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in Santa Monica, California. He recently spent six months as a visiting scholar at the University of Sydney (Australia) and the Melanoma Institute Australia, working closely with Professor John Thompson, a true pioneer in melanoma research. Dr. Ollila is known for his commitment to narrowing the gap between laboratory research and the day-to-day work of clinical medicine.

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During his fellowship and immediately improving the care of patients diagnosed with melanoma at UNC. His work using the biopsy as a method to improve the ability to determine tumor extent and minimize surgery is well known. Ollila's early work with sentinel nodes has spawned collaborative work in an epidemiology study being run by the UNC School of Public Health and an in-depth study of melanoma survival. Ollila’s initial contribution to North Carolinians was introducing the sentinel node biopsy procedures he learned during his fellowship and immediately improving the care of patients diagnosed with melanoma at UNC. His work using the biopsy as a method to improve the ability to determine tumor extent and minimize surgery is well known. Ollila’s early work with sentinel nodes has spawned collaborative work in an epidemiology study being run by the UNC School of Public Health and an in-depth study of melanoma survival.

"My passion is bridging gaps in knowledge to create a new, higher level of knowledge that will ultimately help an individual melanoma patient," states Dr. Ollila. "Bill Mills has understood on a very personal level that all melanomas are not created the same and huge knowledge gaps exist. He has backed my pursuit to close these gaps, supporting my ability to unite basic scientists, population scientists and clinical medicine. Slowly we are starting to understand why some melanoma patients conquer their disease while others are not so fortunate."

Ollila’s work has dramatically impacted the lives of patients all over the world and even here in High Point. It has played a critical role in the successful recovery of two local medical professionals. Dr. Tom Walsh, a well respected High Point surgeon who attended the Wake Forest School of Medicine, the University of Pittsburgh for his internship, residency and fellowship in surgery, not only uses the sentinel node procedure on his cancer patients, he also personally benefited from it when he went through his own successful treatment for melanoma.

"The sentinel node biopsy procedure requires a smaller incision, is more accurate and is much less stressful for my patients," noted Dr. Walsh. "In my own personal experience with melanoma I can tell you that the diagnosis can be traumatic, but it can be survived. I believe God used it to make me a better physician who now empathizes and cares for my patients more sensitively and effectively."

Another health professional, Jean Sellers, who worked for many years as an oncology nurse at High Point Regional and now lives and works in Chapel Hill is also a melanoma survivor and a passionate advocate for research.

"Over 580,000 people will die of cancer this year," shared Sellers. "Research is what enabled us to find a cure for childhood Leukemia, testicular cancer and advanced Hodgkin’s disease and it is what will help us conquer melanoma. My youngest cancer patient was 10 years old and my oldest was Jim Mills, Sr. who courageously battled melanoma at 81 years old. I had my own personal struggle with melanoma and it was a frightening experience, but I survived because of the research that had been done and must continue."

While groundbreaking research is being done by doctors like David Ollila, there is still much that must be done to eradicate this disease. It is hoped that the example set by Bill Mills will inspire others to contribute to this important research professorship. This professorship, which has produced so much in such a short period of time, is a very viable and extremely productive venue through which all of us can contribute to keep up the fight for a cure.

“Both my mother and my father fought very courageously against melanoma, and I saw up close how cruel and unrelenting this disease can be,” remembers Mills. “My goal in establishing this research professorship chair is that one day families who are faced with what we went through will be able to know that this disease can be beaten. I hope other High Pointers will join me in supporting this most important effort.”

There would be no finer legacy than to be able to look back years from now and know that the contributions you made led to the cure of this very deadly form of cancer. If you are interested in contributing to the funding of this research, please contact the Foundation office at 336.882.3297.
## 2012 Grant Recipients

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**TOTALS** | **$275,000** | **$10,590** | **$16,170** | **TOTAL GRANTS $301,760**

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### Twenty nonprofit organizations serving the High Point community received $301,760 in High Point Community Foundation awards as the Foundation celebrated its 15th year of granting.

The annual community grants luncheon was hosted by the Kiwanis Club of High Point on December 14, 2012. Since opening the doors in 1998, the Foundation’s Annual Grants Program has awarded more than $3.6 million to nonprofit organizations in the greater High Point area. In addition, the Foundation has approved more than $31.9 million in Donor Advised Fund grants, bringing the combined total to $35 million over 15 years.

Community projects received $178,445 in grant awards. Piedmont Charity Sports Promotions received $32,950 to bring the National Criterium Cycling Championships to High Point for the next two years. This project not only will be the first national championship to be hosted in our community, but it also will bring national exposure to High Point and will be a boon to the downtown area. The Salvation Army of High Point was awarded $26,515 towards the purchase of a new delivery truck for the organization, a key component to daily operations and a continuing fight against poverty.

Educational grants included $20,775 to the Sisters of Charity St. Vincent de Paul, to be used to support the community’s only 5-Star bilingual pre-school program that has played a major role in aiding the Hispanic community’s assimilation into High Point. Dustins’ GreenHouse, an organization that offers high school students an innovative service learning opportunity, received $20,800 for their annual summer Globetrotters travel and cultural learning program.

Each year, two High Point families play a major role in the granting process with their funds supplementing educational projects. The Cory McInnis “Compassion in Education” Endowed Fund which was established to honor the courage of Cory McInnis who passed away in 2005 after an extended and valiant struggle with muscular dystrophy supplements programs that impact students in High Point schools. The Violet Hutchens’ Children’s Education Fund was established in 2006 and was given to the Foundation by Mrs. Violet Hutchens in her will to perpetuate her lifelong commitment to helping young people in the High Point Community.

Funding for health projects included a grant for $18,025 to underwrite Guideposts of Strength (GPS), an innovative mentoring program to assist and guide cancer patients and their families. Granting to the arts included $18,150 to the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival for the Shakespeare-To-Go program that brings plays and opportunities to learn to local public schools.

Win-Win Resolutions mentoring and tutoring programs for youth rounded out the giving receiving $7,500.

For more information about annual grants, please visit our website at www.hpcommunityfoundation.org.
The Community Foundation is proud to partner with the nonprofits that are eligible for Heart of High Point funding that are serving the most needy in High Point. Currently, they are:

- Open Door Ministries
- Ward St. Community Resources
- West End Ministries
- Alcohol & Drug Services
- Caring Services
- Helping Hands
- Community Clinic
- Triad Health Project
- Salvation Army shelter
- High Point Community Against Violence

Each of these organizations devotes over half of their budget and human resources to meet basic needs in the community.

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On June 21, a room full of proud relatives, friends, volunteers and staff, celebrated the graduation of 18 students who successfully participated in the Camp Cornerstone program sponsored by the Cornerstone Health Care Foundation. The Foundation’s mission is to encourage area youth to pursue careers in health care.

Students who participate in the camp are recommended by their school guidance offices and interviewed by the Camp Coordinator for final selection. High Schools invited to participate in the 2013 camp were High Point Central, The Academy at Central, Andrews, Southwest, Wheatmore, Glenn, Trinity, Thomasville, and the Middle College at UNCG. Two students from each school were selected for the camp. Recommended students are rising juniors who have a strong interest in a medical career with the aptitude and motivation to become medical professionals, but may lack the necessary resources to help them reach their goal.

Each student spends three days shadowing providers and staff at Cornerstone practices that have volunteered to give the students an inside look at their day-to-day duties and responsibilities. Students benefit from this exposure to the real world of medicine and medical professionals who may serve as mentors and references for future endeavors. The students are also provided with information on the college admissions process to better equip them to submit competitive applications.

It is the hope of the volunteers and staff at Cornerstone that participants will emerge from the camp more focused, confident in their skills, aware of future health related careers, and with an enhanced awareness of their own talent and potential. Congratulations to all graduates!!
THE IMPACT OF ANNUAL GRANTS
Spotlight on Salvation Army

Salvation Army workers are driving around the greater High Point area in a shiny new delivery truck that replaced one that had been in use for more than 14 years. Thanks to a grant from the High Point Community Foundation, an additional grant from the Heart of High Point Fund and gifts from local donors, the truck was delivered by Ilderton Dodge Chrysler Jeep dealership in High Point. Tim Ilderton, local philanthropist, of Ilderton Dodge Chrysler Jeep on North Main Street went to great lengths to make the truck affordable and worked with other vendors to help the organization get more for their money.

“The Salvation Army has been committed to creating a dependable revenue resource with their Furniture Sale and their delivery truck has always played a huge role in this event,” noted Martha Yarborough, Chair, Heart of High Point Committee. “We commend them for their commitment to create and sustain this unique business model that not only provides financial resources but also creates a positive image of self-sufficiency. We really liked the idea that our grants could be used to attract more money.”

For 10 years, the Women’s Auxiliary of the Salvation Army of High Point has held its popular Furniture Sale fundraiser, with shoppers lining up hours in advance for a chance to purchase new furniture at great prices and also support the local organization and its work. The delivery truck, which enables transportation of donated furniture to the annual event in addition to performing vital services for daily operations, carries the instantly recognizable Salvation Army trademark as well as the High Point Community Foundation and Heart of High Point logos.

The driving spirit behind the push for the vehicle was a long-term stalwart at the Salvation Army, board member and volunteer extraordinary Bill Goodman. Over the years, Bill and his wife, Robin, have made the organization the focus of their philanthropic endeavors. In 2012, they were presented the Salvation Army’s highest recognition for volunteers.

“The truck is a lifeline to the women’s shelter, foodbank, thrift store and more.”

Did you know that on any given day you could be walking by a child who has been abandoned by their parents either through neglect, abuse, addiction, economic crisis or emotional illness? Some of these children make it through their challenges and go on to live normal lives while many end up failing educationally, making bad decisions with alcohol and drugs, getting pregnant, participating in illegal activities or joining gangs which seguens them into the endless cycle of our legal system. One organization who has been playing a key role in saving and caring these children for over 128 years is the Baptist Children’s Home of North Carolina and they need our help.

Over the years this organization has provided hope and opportunity for thousands of boys and girls who have gone on to become doctors, teachers, lawyers, soldiers, nurses, college professors, and pastors and they have made great contributions to their communities, state and country. This year alone nearly 7,000 young people will be nurtured, loved and cared for by the Baptist Children’s Home.

The organization, which is constantly having to react to ever changing needs, offers traditional residential care, emergency care, after care, family care, Teen Mother and Baby Residential Care, Residential Wilderness Camping and a Developmental Disabilities Ministry which provides long-term residential care to special needs adults. These days the traditional family is under attack as never before and the needs of families in crisis will continue to change dramatically. This is where Baptist Children’s Homes becomes an invaluable resource as they are serving as a safety net providing for struggling families, children at risk and they are doing it in an environment that provides safety, love, Christian values and most of all a chance for young people to make a productive life for themselves.

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The organization, which is constantly having to react to ever changing needs, offers traditional residential care, emergency care, after care, family care, Teen Mother and Baby Residential Care, Residential Wilderness Camping and a Developmental Disabilities Ministry which provides long-term residential care to special needs adults. These days the traditional family is under attack as never before and the needs of families in crisis will continue to change dramatically. This is where Baptist Children’s Homes becomes an invaluable resource as they are serving as a safety net providing for struggling families, children at risk and they are doing it in an environment that provides safety, love, Christian values and most of all a chance for young people to make a productive life for themselves.

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NEW DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Attract Young Leaders of Vision and Compassion

It has been said that one is defined by the company they keep and these days the Community Foundation is definitely feeling proud of the newest members of their donor advised fund family. Each of these new donors bring their own style of philanthropy and collectively are infusing strong and impacting leadership that is changing the High Point community for the better.

Matt and Emily Thiel believe in faith, family, friends and community. Matt, a graduate of Notre Dame, served as an officer in the US Air Force rising to the rank of Captain before he moved into the financial world. These days he is helping his clients financially prepare for their future at Wells Fargo Advisors. Matt is known for his attention to detail, his commitment to his clients and a strong sense of integrity that emanates from his Catholic faith. These past few years he has emerged as one of the key young leaders in the community with his leadership in projects ranging from Furnitureland Boulevard Club’s charity auction which he took to a new level, to playing a key role in fundraising for the new Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Life and Education Center on Johnson Street and most recently stepping into the presidency at the Sting and Splinter Club. Matt’s wife, Emily, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is also well known for her passion for High Point and her contributions with the Junior League of High Point. Matt and Emily have two young children, a daughter, Sarah Brian, and a son, Adam. Their plans for their donor advised fund include using it as a means to support the causes and projects that they believe are significant to the future of our community.

“Emily and I were looking for a way to make our giving more meaningful, organized, and impactful,” notes Matt. “Paul and his team worked with us to develop an overall charitable strategy and to open our eyes to new opportunities for giving. Joining the High Point Community Foundation has allowed us to take our gifts and make the most of them.”

David Couch, President and CEO of the Blue Ridge Companies, is a local business man who has established himself as one of the premier developers in this part of the state and an innovator in both his work and the causes he supports. He is perhaps most well known for one of his signature projects, The Palladium in north High Point, which is an extremely successful development that has mixed retail, office and residential elements. In addition, Regal Cinemas and a variety of restaurants to create one of High Point’s favorite destinations. David, an outstanding athlete, played both football and baseball at Wake Forest University. These days his love for baseball continues through his involvement and generosity to the very successful Westchester County Day Baseball program where his son Andrew plays and he helps coach. David’s interests also include organic farming and developing healthy, local food sources which he raises on his working farm. One of David’s other passions is bringing character-based leadership into our local public schools in which he has been partnering with another Community Foundation leader, AB Henley. This past year they sponsored a program led by Joe Ehrmann of Coach for America who is a successful leader, AB Henley. This past year they sponsored a program which he took to a new level, to playing a key role in fundraising for the new Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Life and Education Center on Johnson Street and most recently stepping into the presidency at the Sting and Splinter Club. Matt’s wife, Emily, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is also well known for her passion for High Point and her contributions with the Junior League of High Point. Matt and Emily have two young children, a daughter, Sarah Brian, and a son, Adam. Their plans for their donor advised fund include using it as a means to support the causes and projects that they believe are significant to the future of our community.

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Steve and Kim Andrews live in Reidsville, NC and found their way to the Community Foundation through Scott Tilley, who has worked with them for years as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, a division of Bank of America. Steve has enjoyed a long and successful career in the business community. His formal education was in accounting which ultimately led him into corporate leadership and finally ownership. These days he is involved with a group called C12 which is a mentoring program for business leaders that emphasizes accountability, integrity and faith based leadership. Steve and Kim are strong Christians and their philanthropy has predominately supported missions and other Christian endeavors. They believe that one can tell a person’s priorities by how they spend their time and their money and they are making a firm statement that they are investing in things eternal.

“Steve and Kim are people whom I deeply respect for their outward commitment to live out their faith in all they do every single day,” noted Scott Tilley. “They have achieved so much in their lifetime; raised a great family and for most people that would be enough, but they see the bigger picture and are committed to serving God in all that they do.”

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Eric and Alyce Hill are a couple who have made key investments in our community. Eric is an entrepreneur who had been very successful selling products in the pharmaceutical field while Alyce has long been known and respected in the legal community having worked in litigation for over 15 years. The Hills approach their philanthropy with a very organized and businesslike manner that is underscored by not only investing their financial resources but also providing hands on leadership. They both share a common passion for supporting High Point Central High School. Alyce provides leadership through the school’s PTA and Eric is currently working on organizing and funding a program to help local students who struggle with obesity. They have also supported other public schools and the Communities in Schools program. Alyce and Eric have two boys, Andrew, and his older brother, Alex, who plays on the High Point Central tennis team.

“Eric and Alyce have been tremendously supportive of High Point Central these past few years,” shares Bob Christina, Principal, High Point Central. “They see the critically important role public education plays in this community and they are committed to sharing their time, leadership and resources to help all the students in this school. High Point needs more people like the Hill family.”

Four families, four different approaches to giving and leadership and they all share one common denominator, the High Point Community Foundation. Donor advised funds are one of the most flexible vehicles in the financial world and, according to the Fortuneges, DAF’s have become the most popular way to practice wise and effective philanthropy in the United States. They are easy to set up and very user friendly so that donors can concentrate on their giving and not have to worry about the administration, management of the assets, due diligence or paperwork.

“Our primary goal here at the Foundation is to help people accomplish their personal version of philanthropy,” states Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. “This is what makes our work at the Foundation so fulfilling as everyone is different and therefore have their own approach. We’re here to make it effective, efficient and fun. Donor advised funds are exciting because I can see how parents are using them to model their values and faith for their children and that is what family is supposed to be about.”
Dr. Joe Blosser, Director of High Point University’s Service Learning Program, is yet another symbol of our local university’s commitment to creating an academic environment that combines ethics, spirituality and academic rigor to form true servant leaders. He received his B.S. in economics and religion from Texas Christian University, an M.Div. from Vanderbilt University and a Ph.D. in religious ethics from the University of Chicago. In addition to this, Dr. Blosser is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has served several churches, including Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at the University of Chicago. He joined the HPU faculty in 2011 after teaching for three years at DePaul University. He currently teaches courses such as Business Ethics, Social Ethics, the Philosophy and Ethics of Education and Contemporary Christian Theology.

Dr. Blosser views HPU’s Service Learning Program as the foundation upon which young leaders. For example, HPU’s Biomedical Ethics course partners students with organizations like the Latino Family Center and St. Mary’s Episcopal Church where HPU students work with at-risk Latino high school students to help them with their homework and assist them in preparing their essays, resumes and applications for college. HPU students gain essential Spanish conversational skills that go beyond learning words and grammar, and, in turn, they help young Latinos in our community.

Expanding the Service Learning Program is a top priority for the University, with an aggressive goal of growing the number of students involved to 1000 by the 2015-2016 school year. Support for the program starts with the example set by Dr. Nido Qubein. “I was blessed to have a mother who mentored me and modeled for me the valuable principles of life,” shares Qubein. “She’d say ‘who you spend time with is who you become; what you choose is what you get; how you change is how you succeed. These messages were embedded in my life and Mariana and I taught them to our children. At the end of the day, our lives ought to transcend beyond success to significance, beyond earning to serving, beyond caring to sharing. That is exactly what Dr. Blosser teaches at HPU through our Service Learning Program. At HPU, he and others are committed to investing in our community and reaching out to our citizens.”

The High Point Community Foundation is particularly excited about Dr. Blosser’s program as they work with so many nonprofits in the community and constantly see opportunities in which HPU students could make a tremendous impact with their volunteerism. For over 15 years, the Foundation has been committed to “meeting the unmet needs of the community,” and so often this is accomplished through relationships that have developed over the years. The Foundation and the Service Learning Program are planning an ongoing program to connect local nonprofits with these students. The ultimate beneficiary will be a healthier, more productive High Point.
The High Point Community Foundation is proud to be a partner with the High Point Central High School Class of 1960 who established a scholarship program that impacts our local students here in High Point. Over the years the scholarship has become a prestigious honor that is both competitive and reflective of the principals and values of this great school that has served High Point so well over the years.

This year’s recipient is Kelly Stewart, a remarkable young woman by many of the more traditional standards of success. She has been a successful athlete with both the Softball and Cross Country teams, she has maintained a 4.57 GPA while taking part in the International Baccalaureate Program, she is a member of both the National Society for the Gifted and Talented and National Society of High School Scholars, as well as earning a Service Learning Diploma and being ranked in the top 10% of her class.

However, what makes Kelly truly significant is that she has accomplished all of this while enduring the loss of her mother from an incurable brain cancer. Instead of allowing this incredible tragedy to break her, she has instead used it as a way to memorialize her mother by dedicating her career to medicine and specifically to find a cure for cancer. This fall Kelly will be attending UNC Chapel Hill where she plans on pursuing a degree in pharmacy that will open doors for research and perhaps one day a cure.

The High Point Central Class of 1960 and the High Point Community Foundation take great pride and joy in honoring a young woman of great talent, character and courage as the 2013 Class of 1960 Scholarship recipient.