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ports our annual grants program which distributes money back into community nonprofits.

A gift to the Heart of High Point fund supports qualified organizations providing basic needs.

A gift to the Principals' Fund for Student Needs enables High Point school principals to cover unbudgeted expenses that provide a tangible benefit to students.

We believe that true success for us means reaching out and involving everyone in this community in giving.

We have so much to be proud of in this community and yet we have so much that needs to be addressed... each one of our citizens needs to be part of building a future that eliminates hunger, poverty, crime, illiteracy and lack of opportunity. Join and become the change you want

to see in High Point.

As always, thanks for your support and prayers for the High Point Community Foundation.

Sincerely,
Martha Yarborough, Chairman, HPCF

You will be reading a lot about social media projects the foundation is currently completing and they are significant signs of our commitment to reach out to a broader and more diverse support and participant base for the foundation. We believe that true success for us means reaching out and involving everyone in this community in giving. Wealth is not required to make a difference and I think we all forget that at times.

High Point has many wonderful attributes and many needs as well and we need everyone to be in the business of reaching out, giving and changing lives. This act of giving to the HPCF takes many forms – a gift to our unrestricted endowment sup-



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THE CATALYST:

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(kat'l ist) n something that causes activity between two or more persons or forces without itself being affected; a person or thing that precipitates an event or change; a person whose talk, enthusiasm or energy causes others to be more friendly, enthusiastic or energetic.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

There has been a lot of conversation lately about hunger in our community since the survey focused on food insecurity was reported in the High Point Enterprise. The statistics were daunting and like many of you, I have heard comments questioning the validity of these findings. After considerable thought I came to the conclusion that it really doesn't matter whether we are number two or number 99 - the fact of the matter is we have people, especially children, who are going hungry. That is the core issue that must be addressed. In a country and community as blessed as we are this is simply unacceptable.

We at the Foundation are proud to be partnering with Carl Vierling of the Community Resource Network and a remarkable cross-

section of local community leaders to form the Greater High Point Food Alliance (GHPFA) which has been working together for the past two months to develop a sustainable, effective and just system to address this need.

Why is this one issue so critical? Confidence in a secure and sustainable source of food - healthy food - is one of the basic building blocks for creating a healthy, educated and self-sufficient populace. You can't accomplish much in this world if you're hungry all the time. The operative word here is "self-sufficient," which means teaching folks about "healthy" food, where to find it, and how to prepare it. As one of our pastors, Reverend Sherman Mason, New Bethel Baptist Church, GHPFA member, shared at our very first meeting, "I learned about good food and how to prepare it from my grandmother and I've been

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cooking ever since. I'm afraid that's not happening anymore."

We don't need to simply hand out food - that is a temporary solution that only creates greater dependence. The solution is to equip our entire community to be

independent, discerning and proactive about food. That is how mindsets and lifestyles change.

The Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of life and building self-sufficiency in our community and we are grateful for your support.

Always,
Paul Lessard, President, HPCF

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.**

**For More information, please visit our website at
www.hpcommunityfoundation.org**



FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The new year is bringing changes at the Community Foundation, one of which is the launch of a new website that has been in the works for a number of months. The Foundation opened its doors in 1998 when the web was still maturing in the business niche and, while the organization had a website, it was not something that many people used and it was very basic. As the Foundation grew, the website received an upgrade free of charge from the IT staff at High Point University. Several years later another upgrade took place and gradually the website began to attract more interest. Over the past two years, it has become abundantly clear that if the foundation was going to broaden its base, a substantial upgrade to attract younger donors is required.

Alice Moore, a well-known community leader and former head of communications for the city of High Point recently joined the foundation board and promptly became chair of the marketing committee. One of the first items of business was to evaluate and address the current website issues. Coming from an organization with a




very active site, she was the perfect choice. The committee selected King's English to overhaul the site.

"I have seen what a very interactive website can do for an organization through my work with the Guilford County Partnership for Children," noted Moore. "It not only positions an organization as a venue that people see as a destination, but can also create and sustain loyalty and interest. We are working closely with the King's English folks to create a website that will become a trusted venue for philanthropic activity in the greater High Point community."

While this task may seem daunting, the key has been creating a visual experi-

ence that is inviting, informative and easy to navigate. The goal for the marketing committee is to create a website that attracts current donors and supporters, as well as encouraging new friends to learn more about the Foundation.

"One of the goals Martha has as chair is to broaden our base of support," shared Caralynn Vaughn, who is the staff liaison to the marketing committee. "The website will lead the charge in this effort as more often people visit an organization's website as a first step in learning about them. Because we want to meet the needs of donors and other supporters, we need to change in accordance with their preferences." 

***We honor the generosity
and support of donors
who have given to the
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SAY YES TO EDUCATION

Say Yes to Education is a nonprofit organization that galvanizes communities to help public school students get the support they need to graduate from high school ready for post-secondary education and then to help students afford and complete the certification or degree they choose.

How it Works: Say Yes works as an investor and facilitator bringing government, school, non-profit, community and parent leaders to the same table to make key funding and operational decisions focused on building successful pathways for students. Say Yes invests \$15 million over five years to help seed and expand key supports, to develop common measures, and to fund a small core staff to coordinate work across silos.

A Say Yes partnership focuses in three areas:

- Scholarships
- Student Supports
- School Success

Scholarships: A Local Scholarship Endowment would provide last dollar tuition scholarships for all graduates of Guilford County Schools to attend N.C. state colleges and universities. All Guilford County School graduates would be eligible regardless of family income. The Say Yes College Compact includes 70 private colleges and universities across the country. Students who are admitted to those private colleges and universities are also eligible for scholarships.

Student Supports: Starting

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with our youngest learners and ending only after students reach the goal of a post-secondary degree or certification, the Say Yes investment would help us connect and sustain the supports students and families need outside the classroom to clear the path to academic success. This might include tutoring, after-school programs,

success along the pathway, but the ultimate measure of success is post-secondary completion.

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summer programs, medical care, counseling and legal help. Our community would decide what supports are needed – not the Say Yes national organization.

School Success: As Say Yes works with the communities to support students and families outside the classroom, they also work with school leadership to ensure students are on the academic pathway to post-secondary completion. Student achievement measures, graduation rates and other metrics are indicators of

property values and more. Say Yes can help revitalize communities and improve economic outcomes, while also helping students and families achieve their dreams of a college education. This is an unprecedented opportunity for Guilford County to leverage our assets and the investment of a strong partner for the benefit of the whole community. This is just the beginning and we anticipate more opportunities for parent and community involvement in this exciting initiative as we move forward. 🌐



JACK BOLLINGER... LEAVING A LEGACY

Over the years the Foundation has received generous gifts from people in our community who have not been actively involved during their lifetime. The way these gifts typically occur is that a local banker, accountant, attorney or estate planner talks to a client who wants to do something good and tells them about the Foundation. They recommend us as they understand how the Foundation can help families with their philanthropy and provide tax relief in the process. Most of all they know that community foundations are designed for permanence - they will always be there to carry on the wishes of their clients. In Jack Bollinger's case, the key component was Bonnie Knox at High Point Bank and Trust.

"Bonnie was so key to the gift from Jack and we are so grateful to her and High Point Bank," notes Paul Lessard, president, HPCF. "Jack had a lot of history in High Point but he had no heirs. He wanted to be sure that his estate made a difference in the town he loved so a gift to the unrestricted fund made sense for him. We are deeply thankful for Bonnie and Jack – this unrestricted gift will touch lives for many, many years."

Unrestricted gifts like Jack's go into the funds that enable the Foundation to make grants each year and are a way



Jack Bollinger

Jack was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, which he supported throughout his life. He was a bachelor who loved travel both domestically and internationally. He had a life-long love affair with sports cars that kept him young at heart. He spent a lot of time in West Palm Beach, Florida, and it was not until his final years that he moved permanently back to High Point, residing at Pennybyrn.

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to insure that they will always impact lives in the High Point

community. Jack loved his hometown where he was raised and went to school from elementary school to graduation from High Point High School (now High Point Central High School). He attended High Point College, and then moved to Hollywood, CA and got involved in the theater and film industry. He later returned to High Point and became president of the family business, Daisy Hosiery Mills, which specialized in children's socks.

In addition to the unrestricted gift Jack has given to the Community Foundation, he has also been very generous to other nonprofits that were important in his life.

"Mr. Bollinger made a gift that will touch the community he grew up in for decades to come," noted Martha Yarborough, chairman, HPCF.

"It's amazing to think what great things will be made possible because one man had the love for and generosity to his hometown. We are so very honored and will never forget Jack Bollinger." 🌳



SHANE STUTTS – HOMEGROWN LEADERSHIP

Shane Stutts is a born and bred High Pointer whose lineage goes back to his paternal and maternal grandparents, his own parents and now his own family who have all called this community their home. He has always had a passion for the City of High Point and this commitment has driven him to get involved with projects and organizations that he believes can shape our city and make future generations proud. This service mentality has been a consistent theme in his personal, professional and volunteer life which keeps him very busy. As an attorney with the Roberson, Haworth and Reese firm he puts in long hours for his clients, but he finds time to serve the community through his work with the United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Piedmont and the High Point Community Foundation where he has recently been named as the Chairman of the Heart of High Point Fund.

“I have always loved High Point and I’ve tried to give back in ways that impact those who struggle,” shared Stutts. “That’s why I



Shane Stutts

felt drawn to the Heart of High Point Fund that reaches out to provide basic needs to those who need it most in a timely fashion.”

Shane has served on the Committee for over two years now and during that time has been embedded with the Salvation Army of High Point with whom he has liaison to learn about their needs so he can best advocate for them for HOHP grants.

“It’s actually a really cool process that places me amongst their leadership so I can see up close what their strengths, weak-

nesses and challenges are,” added Stutts. “It’s worked really well for the Committee because we become close to and knowledgeable about our agencies we can make better informed decisions that have even more impact.”

“Shane is very passionate and committed to everything he takes on and he as certainly done that with our Heart of High Point Committee,” stated Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. “I remember last year he was trying to help the Salvation Army fix up the kitchen at their shelter and there was a need for cabinets. Shane happened to know some folks at Marsh Cabinets and coordinated the project under budget. This Committee is all about relationships and pulling together for the common good. We could not have a better leader than Shane Stutts.”

If you are interested in supporting the Heart of High Point Fund feel free to contact us at the Foundation at 336.882.3298

HIGH POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS



In August, 2014 the Foundation partnered with the Kiwanis Club of High Point to celebrate the accomplishments of the High Point public schools from the previous year.



HEART OF HIGH POINT FUND MEETS EMERGENCY NEEDS



The Community Foundation is proud to partner with the nonprofits eligible for Heart of High Point funding that are serving the most needy in the greater High Point area. Currently they are:

Open Door Ministries
Ward St. Community Resources
West End Ministries
Alcohol & Drug Services
Caring Services
Helping Hands
Community Clinic
Fairgrove Family Resource Center
Triad Health Project
Mental Health Associates of the Triad
Salvation Army shelter
High Point Community Against Violence

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

To donate to this fund please make checks payable to:

High Point Community Foundation
Heart of High Point Fund

PO Box 5166, High Point, NC 27262

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www.hpcommunityfoundation.org

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Purchase of "Little Debbie II" box delivery truck



Computer upgrades needed to maintain services
Naloxone Kits to save lives from heroin overdose epidemic



Computer upgrades and offender assistance funds



Commercial Dryer Replacement & Installation



Emergency heater repair



Replace obsolete computers to maintain electronic medical records



HIGH POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2014 GRANT AWARDS

A total of \$314,201 was granted to 17 local nonprofit agencies

The High Point Community Foundation is dedicated to strengthening the community for both present and future generations through the growth, management and disbursement of donated funds. Grant applications are accepted beginning June 1.

Organization	Grant Award	Cory McInnis	Violet Hutchens	HPCF	Purpose of Grant
Backpack Beginnings	20,000.00	850.00		19,150.00	Program to feed children on the weekends
Big Brothers Big Sisters	10,000.00			10,000.00	Program to match 15 Oak View students with bigs
Family Service of the Piedmont	18,000.00			18,000.00	Credit Counseling program - budgeting skills
Girl Scouts Carolinas	4,900.00			4,900.00	Program to expand Girl Scout elective at Oak Hill
Go Far	5,500.00	5,500.00			Scholarships for runnings shoes and socks
Guilford Child Development	15,000.00			15,000.00	Youth & Parent education and outreach
HP Center for Children & Families	39,101.00		17,350.00	21,751.00	Case Management to support school success
Horsepower	5,575.00			5,575.00	Capital project for permanent theraputic riding center
Junior Achievement	5,000.00	5,000.00			Job Shadowing program to provide experience & training
NCCJ	10,800.00			10,800.00	ANYTOWN program scholarships
Open Door Ministries	50,000.00			50,000.00	Rapid Rehousing - move homeless to permanent housing
Out of the Garden Project	24,750.00			24,750.00	Box truck delivery of fresh food to HP families
Planned Parenthood Health Systems	15,000.00			15,000.00	Teens Taking Action peer self-esteem program
Reach Out First/Step Up	15,000.00			15,000.00	Job readiness training program at West End Ministries
Reading Connections	20,000.00			20,000.00	Adult literacy program
The Piedmont School	5,575.00			5,575.00	Scholarships for tuition
YMCA - Carl Chavis Branch	50,000.00			50,000.00	Capital project to construct a splash pad/park
Total	314,201.00	11,350.00	17,350.00	285,501.00	
Trustees Fund				10,500.00	
HPCF Endowment				275,001.00	



2014 CELEBRATION OF GRANTS WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Foundation celebrated the 17th year of its Annual Grants Program by awarding \$314,201 to seventeen non-profit organizations serving the greater High Point Community. Since opening the doors in 1998, the Annual Grants Program has given over 200 grants totaling over \$4 million to nonprofit organizations in the greater High Point community. In addition, the Foundation has also awarded more than \$34 million in donor advised fund grants, which brings the combined total to more than \$38 million in the last 16 years.



Neill McNeill, news anchor at WGHP Channel 8, hosted this year's event bringing humor and enthusiasm to the meeting. In addition, several past and present grantees shared how the Foundation had impacted their organizations. The program celebrated the true stars of the day, the grant recipients.

Jane McInnis awarded the grants funded by the Cory McInnis "Compassion in Education" Fund established to honor his legacy of courage and faith. Backpack Beginnings, Go Far, and Junior Achievement all provide programs that enhance the quality of life and education for students in High Point.



Susan Culp, Chair of the Grants Committee, gave an overview of the process for determining this year's awards. The grants committee focused on three areas of emphasis which were identified through strategic planning: education, food and community cohesion.

Year-end grants were also awarded to the Heart of High Point organizations. Organizations eligible for these grants must have at least 50% of their budget committed to basic needs (food, shelter, clothing, medical and rehabilitation). What makes this fund unique is that it is specifically designed to address unexpected emergency needs that need to be handled immediately. During 2014, the Heart of High Point Fund awarded \$136,250 in emergency and sustaining grants.





FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH VICTORY JUNCTION

Thanks to Jordan Washburn almost everyone in the High Point community knows about the Victory Junction camp. Jordan led the charge to raise money to build what has become one of the finest, state-of-the-art camping facilities for children with serious medical conditions in the country. The camp was built to honor and memorialize Kyle and Patty Petty's son, Adam, who tragically died while carrying on the family's racing legacy in New Hampshire. The spirit of Adam, a great young

Junction in this endowment relationship," stated Paul Lessard, President, HPCF. "I can still remember the day that Jordan first showed the video about the camp to our Rotary Club and I knew immediately I wanted to be a part of this amazing endeavor. We love working with the fine staff at Victory Junction who bring so much to the camp with their leadership, passion and commitment."

The Foundation manages endow-

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man with a perpetual smile and a compassionate heart, pervades the kid friendly camp. The campus combines beautiful, architectural excellence and well hidden medical technology.

Many folks and organizations from High Point were involved in the initial fundraising for this remarkable resource located in Randleman and one of their biggest cheerleaders has been the High Point Community

Foundation. Through annual grants and donor advised fund grants the impact made upon the camp has been significant, and it's been a relationship that has grown stronger throughout the years. This past fall that relationship became even closer as Victory Junction, along with their donor, Sprint, chose to create an endowment fund at the Foundation.

"We are excited to partner with Victory



ment funds for multiple nonprofits in the Triad. These funds are a wonderful way for nonprofit organizations to discipline themselves to raise long-term money that can play a huge role in their sustainability. The Foundation offers a sophisticated investment platform that maximizes earning potential, adds an additional layer of oversight and handles all the administrative work.

"The Foundation truly partners with our



endowment donors. We take great pride in seeing these resources grow and adding that all-important sustainable stream of income that all organizations need," shared Sherri Scott, Director of Donor Services and Administration, HPCF.

"We get to know our

endowment partners so well and this in turn helps us to serve them better. We are honored to be working with Victory Junction." 🌳

If you are interested in giving to the Victory Junction Camp endowment please call Paul or Sherri at the Community Foundation office 336.882.3298



CARALYNN VAUGHN JOINS FOUNDATION STAFF

The Foundation has recently added a new staff member, Caralynn Vaughn, who has brought along her own brand of Texas exuberance, strong administrative experience and a lifelong commitment to nonprofit work. Caralynn is coming from Westover Church (3000 members) where she has served for over nine years in a key leadership role that oversaw and mentored 12 volunteer teams (300 individuals), built and maintained relationships with supporters, created new ministry positions, worked closely with other department heads and senior pastoral staff, and organized major church events. While serving on staff at Westover, Caralynn worked every Tuesday night for nine years with Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center where she served as the lead advocate and established and headed the AR program.

"We are very fortunate to have found an experienced and committed nonprofit professional like Caralynn," stated Paul Lessard, president, HPCF. "We have a great



Caralynn Vaughn and family

staff and needed someone to help with administrative responsibilities, social media and special events."

Caralynn grew up in Dallas, Texas and attended the University of Texas in Austin where she completed her BA in psychology. She has been married to Chris Vaughn, a fellow UT grad who is a retired engineer, for 29 years. Together they have raised four children; Katie (32) who is married and lives near Durango, CO with her husband and two children; Spencer (24), engaged to be married, is a graduate of the NC State Chemical Engineering program who currently has an invention, the "Jar with a

Twist," in pre-production; Travis (23), recently married, is a VMI graduate and newly minted 2nd Lt. in the US Army headed to Ft. Lewis in Washington; and Rachel (9) is a 4th grader at Wesleyan Academy who keeps Mom and Dad on their toes.

Caralynn is an avid reader who goes through two books a week. She has a keen interest in all things relating to psychology and has a very outgoing personality that reflects her servant leadership mindset. She is currently in training for her first 5K run and she and Chris are avid motorcyclists who enjoy the open road.

"This was a very important hire for us as we are at an important point in our growth curve," noted Martha Yarborough, chairman, HPCF. "We have grown very quickly and are working on broadening our base of support. To accomplish this we needed to expand our social media presence and our development efforts. Caralynn has the personality and the skillset we needed and we are looking forward to watching her contribute." 🌐

KIWANIS CLUB OF HIGH POINT

The Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of High Point unanimously approved establishing an endowment fund with the High Point Community Foundation, and using their expertise to sustain and grow these funds with the goal of supporting its scholarship program. This fund will give current and past members of Kiwanis greater opportunities to support the local club through legacy gifts, honorariums



and memorials. The Kiwanis Club of High Point has committed a percentage (5%) of all fund-raising efforts (excluding Christmas

Cheer) be earmarked for this endowment to show its support for the growth of the fund.

The Kiwanis Club of High Point beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, will provide a two-year \$1,000 scholarship at Guilford Technical Community College for students attending High Point high schools with financial need. The application and qualifications can be found on the Kiwanis Club of High Point website. 🌐



IV AND LESLIE CULP – THE NEXT GENERATION

There are not many people these days who can say they were born, raised, educated and now work in their hometown. Homegrown talent like this is hard to come by and it's something the Community Foundation is delighted to see. One young leader in our community, Iv Culp, is blazing this trail with his wife, Leslie. They are impacting High Point through their volunteerism, enthusiasm and most of all, their love for this community.

Iv and Leslie met at UNC-Chapel Hill where they both attended as undergraduates. Iv earned a BS in business administration at UNC-Chapel Hill, and his MBA and masters in textile marketing from Philadelphia University. Leslie has a BA in psychology from UNC-Chapel Hill and an MA in speech pathology from Appalachian State University.

They have two children, George, and Anna Sloan, who keep them busy with school and soccer.

Iv stepped into the family business at Culp



Iv and Leslie Culp with their children.

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after a very successful tenure at Unifi, a yarn manufacturer that has been a vendor for Culp over the years. He learned the industry from the ground up. The fact that he learned another facet of the industry has given him credibility and the tools to be a great leader at Culp.

Over the last several years Iv has served as president of Culp's Ticking Division, the

most profitable component of the Culp business group. Like his father Rob, Iv is known for his solid work ethic, his rapport with the company employees and his discerning and thoughtful management style.

“I've known Iv since his soccer days at High Point Central High School when he captained an outstanding team that he led to the state championships,” remembers Paul Lessard, president, HPCF. “Even then

Iv was a mature, conscientious young man who cared for and served others and saw the big picture. I am excited they have established a donor advised fund with the foundation as I know it will be a vehicle through which they will do much good in this community.”

Iv and Leslie represent the future of High Point and the foundation. They are people who have a history with and love for the community and they have the vision and resources to be able to make a great impact. They represent a growing cadre of young, talented and committed High Pointers who will one day be running the show and guiding the next generation with their experience, passion and vision. 🌳



REMEMBERING BUD MCINNIS, A FAITHFUL AND GENEROUS FRIEND

Bud McInnis was a son of High Point who raised his family, built his business, and enjoyed a lifetime of friends in a town he loved to call home. For those who knew Bud, it is easy to remember his friendly smile, quick wit and his quiet commitment to do things right. He was a man who loved his family and built his life around caring for them and those things that were important to them. Jane, Ashley, and his son Cory were the center of Bud's life and all could see and respect the time and energy he and Jane put into loving Cory and allowing him to live an independent life.

"I knew Cory when he was at High Point Central and I so respected the independence that Bud and Jane instilled in him," remembers Paul Lessard, president, HPCF. "It would have been easy to overprotect and shelter Cory but Bud wouldn't have it and this made Cory happier and more resilient. I learned a lot about good parenting and loving children well from Bud."

One of the greatest blessings of Bud's life was his life-long friendship and business relationship with his father, Wade, with whom he shared many similar characteristics and physical traits. They were both quiet men who were independent, highly proficient, and committed to excellence. They cared about people and provided quiet leadership and resources that made positive differences for others in the community.

Bud was born February 8th, 1924 to Wade and Marion McInnis, and he spent his 59 years in High Point. He attended High Point High School and High Point University,



Bud McInnis

"For those who knew Bud, it is easy to remember his friendly smile, quick wit and his quiet commitment to do things right."

graduating in 1977. He married Jane Clark McInnis in 1990 and together they raised two children, Cory, who lived a life of great challenges and courage, and his beloved daughter Ashley Owens Garren and her husband, Rodney, who blessed them with two grandsons – Charlie and Cody.

Bud served as the secretary/treasurer of Hunter and Company, founded by his family in 1948. He began his career working at Snow Lumber Company in 1948. He and Jane were life-long members of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church where he served on the evangelism committee and church council.

Because of his deep commitment to his

community, he served as a trustee of the High Point Community Foundation where he established the Cory McInnis "Compassion in Education" Fund to memorialize his son, Cory. He was a valued member of the Foundation's annual grants committee where his wisdom and knowledge of the High Point community made him a key asset to this most important process.

Another organization that Bud cared deeply about was the High Point Kiwanis Club, which he joined in 1993. He became the perennial ticket sales leader for their signature fundraiser, Pancake Day, where he served as the head sausage cook. He was a loyal volunteer when the club rang the Salvation Army bell each year at Christmas and he was very committed and generous towards the Kiwanis Christmas toy giveaway. He was a

reading buddy to several children he helped learn proficiency in reading. His service and commitment were recognized when

he was named a George F. Hixon Fellow in support of the worldwide elimination of the largest preventable cause of mental retardation. Bud also gave back in his community with his leadership and vision through his service on the boards of Communities in School, Youth Unlimited, and the Housing Authority of High Point.

The High Point Community Foundation acknowledges with deep gratitude his numerous contributions to the life of this community. Bud McInnis will always be remembered as a man who loved his family, his friends, and his community with passion, faithfulness, and grace. 🌳



THREE THINGS I LEARNED FROM JACK SLANE

Every now and then God places people in our lives whom He uses to pass along wisdom, insight and truth... Jack Slane was one of those people for me. He was not your typical celestial messenger, for at times he could be abrupt, a little impatient and God help you if there was a meeting involved. He possessed a heart that was as big as High Point and he took a childlike delight in the act of giving. He was a genuinely humble man. I don't think I've ever known anyone whose sense of compassion was quite as sincere and consuming. He approached his philanthropy not simply as a sacred responsibility, but instead as a sweet privilege that he was excited to be a part of. I thought of Jack as a mentor, but he would have scoffed at the formality of that title and yet, the way he lived his life left us all some very poignant lessons on living,

Most of us lose this thirst for knowledge as we age, but Jack's only seemed to get stronger. I believe it kept him young at heart and it underscored the importance of intellectual persistence – if something was worth doing or investing in, then it darn well was important enough to understand.

Jack gave a lot of money away during his lifetime and it went to a



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Slane

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loving and caring for others.

First and foremost, Jack was easily the most inquisitive human being I've ever run across. I used to tell him he reminded me of the television detective, Columbo, because when he wanted to understand something he would simply barrage you with questions until he either got it or realized that you were full of it. At an informal gathering with the family last week his son-in-law, Bailey captured this spirit when he described Jack with this most insightful turn of phrase, “He was a conservative man who paradoxically had a wildly open mind set.”

variety of organizations. Yet he never just gave to institutions - he gave to people and he only did so if he respected their abilities, understood their vision and believed in their character. Early in our relationship he once shared the following thoughts, “At the end of the day it's always about people. I want to invest in good people; strong, honest leaders who are most effective at making the lives of others better.” Yes, Jack, you were right, it is about people and nothing can insure the success of an endeavor like a leader who has integrity, smarts and a good work ethic.

Perhaps the most important lesson Jack taught us was that life is richer and much more productive when approached with a trusted, loved and admired partner. I don't think I ever saw Jack make a decision without consulting with his beautiful wife, Marsha and he was a better and more successful man because of this. It was obvious by the way he looked at Marsha that he not only loved her, but deeply respected her perspective, compassion and wisdom. They were a true partnership in every fine sense of the word and the good they accomplished together was something to behold.

We will miss you, Jack... but we won't forget the lessons your life taught us and we are all better people for having known you. I wish you fair winds and calm seas on your journey home where you will finally learn the answers to every question you ever had... 🌳



GREATER HIGH POINT FOOD ALLIANCE

Following a series of articles written by Jimmy Tomlin and published by the High Point Enterprise concerning Greensboro/High Point being ranked number 2 in the nation in food hardship, a group of citizens came together the first week of December to begin addressing the issue of hunger. This group of concerned citizens would come to be known as the Executive Team of the Greater High Point Food Alliance (GHPFA). One of the beauties of this group is the diversity and different sectors of the community that are represented. This group includes business leaders, pastors, neighborhood association representatives, professors from High Point University, nonprofit leaders, community volunteers, nutritionists, the High Point Enterprise, and City employees. Students from HPU have been involved from the

very beginning helping develop promotional materials, develop a website, creating electronic media, planning the Food Summit and the *Can You Cook It?* event.

The Executive Team created five working teams around the areas of food access, food education, urban agriculture, neighborhood networks, and research, policy and advocacy. Each of these teams were charged with creating a strategy to alleviate hunger with both 90 day and one year goals. In order to address food hardship it was recognized that it was important to execute city wide and neighborhood focused initiatives. This is in line with the mission of the GHPFA which is, "...strive to coordinate and improve the effectiveness of entities in greater High

Point focused on alleviating hunger by creating and executing city wide and neighborhood focused initiatives to develop a more just and sustainable food systems." Three words are key to this initiative: Empower. Unify. Sustain.

The first ever Food Summit was held at the HPU Community Center March 20th and 21st. As the Food Summit was being planned it was uncertain what the turnout would be for the event. Differ-

teams, food education team, and the urban agriculture team had their own breakout sessions. Again, the discussion focused on issues surrounding each of these areas and developing a plan of action. Both the food education and urban agriculture teams put on demonstrations during their breakout sessions.

Saturday afternoon, the Executive Team shared both 90 day goals and a one year plan to begin the task of addressing food hardship and alleviating hunger.

The goals are available at www.ghpfa.org (also available as a Word document).

There are three keys for success in overcoming hunger in our community; community involvement, focusing on the mission, and being flexible in the days ahead.

Compassion was evident at the Food Summit. Neighbors were listening to the stories of those that struggle with poverty, food hardship, and hunger. Questions were asked and ideas shared. Tuesday morning I saw a couple at Open Door Ministries who I talked with at the Food Summit. They talked about how people really did care about those that were struggling in the community. They told me that after the Food Summit they talked with their church about how they could get involved to make a difference. This is what it is all about, neighbors getting involved to make a difference. 🌱

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ent members of the Executive Team met with community groups, did surveys of neighborhoods, and worked to encourage community participation. We could not know that over 500 people would attend the Food Summit. According to HPU student research, this was the largest Food Summit to date in the nation.

During the Friday morning session there were breakout sessions for the Burns Hills, Washington Street, and West End neighborhoods. The discussion was lively, passionate, and enlightening. Not only were concerns brought up, but as importantly, a plan to begin alleviating hunger in each of these neighborhoods was put forth.

Later that afternoon the food access



HUNTER DALTON ~ OUR FIRST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Hunter Dalton

Most folks wouldn't know that Hunter Dalton was the very first "Citizen of the Year" named

by the High Point Enterprise in 1971.

Hunter was a very humble and quiet man who had never

sought fanfare or recognition as he considered his many contributions to his community a pure labor of love. He is one of the last of his generation so often referred to as the "Greatest Generation" who viewed service, sacrifice for his community and country as a privilege and sacred honor.

Pleasant Hunter Dalton, Jr. was born December 13th, 1924 to Pleasant Hunter and Frances Ennis Dalton in High Point, NC where he lived, worked, raised his family and ran his business. He attended High Point High School where he graduated with honors and then attended Davidson College where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. His Davidson education was interrupted by the Second World War

during which he served in the US Navy; upon returning from the war he attended and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BA in Chemistry.

He married Edna Elizabeth "Libby" Andrews from Statesville, NC and together they shared a life-long love affair and raised three children; Marybeth Dalton Grein, Pleasant Hunter Dalton III and Dr. David Andrews Dalton who all together blessed them with six grandchildren. He began his career working at Snow Lumber Company in 1946 while still attending school; he started in the retail lumberyard and proceeded to learn the business from the ground up.

In 1968 he became the owner and President of Snow Lumber Company and during his tenure he presided over the addition of the Home Decorating Center, the move of the retail division to the store front on Main St. and he served in leader-

the Army's highest recognition, the Others Award. Perhaps his most influential community service role was serving as a Trustee of the High Point Regional Hospital Health System Board which he lead as Chairman of the Board from 1984-1985. Hunter's leadership and vision provided critical stewardship that helped lead one of the largest building campaigns in the Carolinas which enabled High Point to build the world class health system we enjoy today. He also served on the High Point Redevelopment Commission from its inception in 1961 to 1968 which was instrumental in the development of the "Magic Block" and the East Central Urban Renewal Project, whereupon Hunter became widely known as "Mr. Urban Renewal."

He was honored as the very first High Point Citizen of the Year by the High Point Enterprise in 1971 for his unsurpassed record of service to the aforementioned organizations and others which included: The


High Point Community Foundation where he served on the founding Board of Trustees, the High Point

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ship role with several industry organizations and boards that garnered much from his business acumen and his practical wisdom. Hunter sold the business in 1992 and formed PHD Enterprises where he continued working in real estate development and carried on well into his mid-eighties.

Hunter's deep love for his community led him to support and lead a myriad of civic projects and organizations during his life. He was a member of the High Point Kiwanis Club for over 67 years where he served as President in 1967. He received the George F. Hixon Fellow award in 1995; he sat on the Salvation Army Advisory Board for 14 years serving as Chairman of the Building Committee and in 1974 received

Historical Society for whom he served as President, Westchester Country Day School and the Glade School where he was a Trustee, High Point Bank and Trust Board of Directors where he served as Chairman in 1974, the High Point Merchants Association, the Presbyterian Home of High Point, the YMCA, the First Presbyterian Church and the High Point Country Club.

Hunter's lasting legacy will be his wisdom, mentoring and generosity that has forever impacted generations of High Pointers citizenry. His commitment and willingness to always step up to serve the community he loved has assured him a place in the pantheon of distinguished High Point civic and business leaders. 



LISA HAWLEY'S BIG HEART

Lisa has always been known for her beautiful smile, outgoing personality and the delicious traditional southern cuisine she serves at one of the Triad's most popular restaurant, Southern Roots. Like Lisa, Southern Roots, has a casual, inviting atmosphere that seems more like a family gathering than the award winning eating establishment it has consistently been recognized as over the years. The place has heart, just like Lisa, who sees her vocation as much more than a career.

"I love what we do here at Southern Roots," stated Hawley. "There's something very rewarding about seeing people enjoying our food while surrounded by their friends and family. I've always felt that each of us are put on earth for a reason and I believe my mission is feeding folks and that includes those who too often go without. That's why we started our efforts to feed our neighbors."

Lisa has never been one to seek attention for herself, but she is passionate about helping others who don't get enough to eat. On the first Wednesday of every month she and her friends get together to prepare 10 -12 meals for families in our community who need help. They drop off the meals at St. Mary's Church in the parking lot from 9 – 10 a.m. Currently, they are feeding healthy, nutritious food to 27 families.




Southern Roots Restaurant and Catering.

In the summer months they also prepare breakfast and lunch for children every week and give them enough food to last a week. Lisa works with Communities in Schools who provide the names of children who are in need. Last summer they fed 80 children! As we all know, there are many in our community who experience serious food shortages and too many of these are children. Lisa and her friends are committed to doing their part to help provide for this need. They would welcome any contributions from the community as all gifts go

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directly into providing food – there is no overhead as the entire enterprise is voluntary. "I have known Lisa since our girls were in school and played soccer together," remembers

Paul Lessard, president, HPCF. "She has always been a woman of great integrity with a truly compassionate heart. Her efforts are making a huge difference in the lives of so many and it is such a picture of what neighbors helping neighbors looks like at its very best. Lisa really gets it and I want to encourage all of our foundation family to not only consider contributing financially but also getting personally involved as that is the only way we are going to address this hunger issue in High Point."

Lisa Hawley is one of our community's unsung heroes and we hope all will rally around her efforts to feed, encourage and inspire those who struggle in our city. 

If you are interested in supporting Feeding Lisa's Kids, you may drop off donations at the YMCA of High Point (Hartley Drive) or send donations to:
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HIGH POINT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Jaquan Crawford and Alexis Widemon for being selected as the 2014 recipients of the High Point Central Class of 1960 Scholarship recipients. Jaquan is attending Winston-Salem State University and Alexis is attending UNC Charlotte.



“The High Point Central High School Class of 1960 Scholarship played an instrumental role in my freshman year of college. Not only did it help fund some of my college expenses, but it helped me to realize that with hard work and determination dreams can come true. Being a recipient of this scholarship has given me confidence and the hunger to fulfill my purpose and future goals. I made the Dean’s List this Fall and had to courage to run for Mr. Freshman. I would like to thank the High Point Community Foundation for selecting me for this scholarship and for believing in me.” ~ Jaquan Crawford