

# Winston-Salem Foundation announces award winners

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The Winston-Salem Foundation announced the recipients of the 2015 Winston-Salem Foundation Award and the 2015 ECHO Awards at its annual Community Luncheon with a record-breaking crowd of 1,100 people.

A video link to his presentation as well as his Powerpoint presentation is available on the Foundation's website at [www.wsfoundation.org/2015communitylunch](http://www.wsfoundation.org/2015communitylunch).

The recipients, announced May 6, are as follows:

**2015 Winston-Salem Foundation Award:**  
Woody Clinard

**2015 ECHO Awards:**  
Books for Dudes, Jake Denton, Terry Hicks, WinstonNet

The keynote speaker was John McKnight, co-director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute and professor emeritus of Education and Social Policy at the Northwestern University Institute for Public Policy Research in Evanston, Illinois.

His remarks focused on how the Winston-Salem community can make its neighborhoods stronger through asset-based, as opposed to deficit-based, approaches, and he stressed the importance of returning to a village-based approach as we seek to positively impact the crucial development of our youth.

### The Winston-Salem Foundation Award

This award was established in 1996 and is given to individuals who demonstrate the Foundation's values of generosity, excellence, inclusion, and integrity along with visionary leadership in a community activity or on behalf of a community organization, particularly in the recent past.

Woody Clinard "is a tremendous example of a person who finds seeds of opportunity in our community and who works collaboratively with others to feed and nurture them," the Foundation says. "He is often found in our community tutoring children, getting projects started, attending teacher workshops, supporting fundraisers, and mentoring youth and adults alike."

"A native of Winston-Salem, Woody has nurtured many community organizations and efforts over the years, including El Buen Pastor and the Hispanic League. His generosity is a sign of his desire to create positive change in the world, a value he shared with his wife, Helen, who passed away in 2013. Those close to Woody will tell you that in his very large heart there lies a special place for public education and for Hispanic youth and their families."

Clinard is credited for helping to energize and revitalize Old Town Elementary School in part to his passionate interest and leadership. Not only did Woody's financial support fund among other things, materials, and a visit by education expert Eric Jensen, teacher trainings by a Jensen colleague, leadership training for teachers, and three iPads for each classroom, but also created the "Change the World" movement at the school.

Principal Rusty Hall, who nominated Clinard, sums up Clinard's nomination best by saying, "I have found a champion for education, and an agent for change - for real change. I have found a new role model to emulate in all that I do."

With this very well-deserved recognition comes a \$10,000 Foundation grant, which Clinard has designated to 10 organizations: Bread for the World,



ECHO award winner Jake Denton



ECHO award winner Terry Hicks

El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services, CHANGE, Children of Vietnam, Forsyth Education Partnership, The Hispanic League, Interfaith Winston-Salem, Planned Parenthood of the Triad, the Augustine Project at Read WS, and the World Relief for Anti-Human Trafficking program.

### 2015 ECHO Awards

The Foundation and ECHO Network jointly presented the 2015 ECHO Awards to four recipients who are creatively building social capital. Each recipient is uniquely connecting people and building trust among people in order to make our community stronger and each will receive \$1,000 to grant to a nonprofit organization of their choice.

- Books For Dudes is Forsyth County Public Library's book club for men. Members are encouraged to share their own literary finds, thoughts on current events and personal stories. They range from recent high school graduates to retirees and from the unemployed to businessmen - resulting in close, trusting relationships and bridging social capital among this diverse group of community members.

- Jake Denton is "a one-person social capital machine," who lives out his values and builds trust among many. Jake's involvement with Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County has ranged from being a volunteer/neighborhood organizer to currently serving as an AmeriCorps National Service member. He has built trusting relationships with his neighbors and with Habitat homeowners and volunteers from diverse race, age, class and social circumstance. Denton demonstrates an innate ability to connect with others in an open and genuine way that has erased stereotypes while creating greater understanding in our community.

- Terry Hicks is a choral music teacher by trade, but his social capital-building impact ripples through generations. For over 25 years he has encouraged students at R.J. Reynolds High School to create lasting bonds across race, class, neighborhood, religion, stereotypes and even high school cliques, in the pursuit of making beautiful music together. Hicks' community outreach extends beyond the classroom walls through community performances. His nomination was echoed by dozens of former students, parents, teacher colleagues, and community members whose lives he has touched and whose minds he has opened.

- WinstonNet provides invaluable local leadership on a broad range of issues related to technology in our community, including its work to close the "digital divide" by ensuring that all Forsyth County residents have affordable and convenient Internet access and training opportunities in free computer labs. It has also created strong connections

between local universities, community colleges, the school system, governmental agencies, and nonprofits.

WinstonNet is building social capital by bridging the technology gap, and by offering positive and life-changing interactions among individuals that are unlikely to exist without the labs and online access.

### About The Winston-Salem Foundation

The Winston-Salem Foundation is a community foundation that supports charitable programs in the greater Forsyth County area. Founded in 1919 with a \$1,000 gift, it now administers about 1,300 funds and had total custodial assets of \$384.3 million at the end of 2014. In 2014, the Foundation granted \$24.8 million to charitable causes, over \$2 million of which was through the Community Grants program.

Learn more at [www.wsfoundation.org](http://www.wsfoundation.org).



(L-R) Winston-Salem Foundation (WSF) President Scott Wierman, award winner Woody Clinard and WSF Committee Chairwoman Janet Wheeler.



ECHO award winner Books for Dudes



ECHO award winner WinstonNet

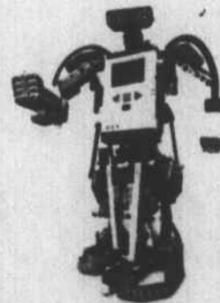
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