Northwest Child Development loans art to Mayor Cavanagh

By CAROLYN WILLIAMS Special to THE CHRONICLE

Northwest Child Development Council, Inc. celebrated 27 years of caring for young children with their 3rd Annual Valentine Gala, held on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998 at the M. C. Benton Convention Center.

After a welcome by Northwest Gala Coordinator, Debra Jarrett, the program for the evening was cohosted by Janet Ray, an early childhood consultant, and the Rev. Seth Lartey, Pastor of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church (who was recently named The Chronicle's 1998 Man of the Year).

Ray's comments stressed the "power and influence" that parents and care givers exert in shaping and molding the brains of young children. "Parents are really the most powerful people in the world" she exclaimed. Lartey spoke on a child's need for love, nurture and care by the entire community. "it is important that we build a community that cares and & puts children first," he reiterated.

Following greetings from the City of Winston-Salem by Mayor Jack Cavanagh, Jr., corporate sponsors were acknowledged, which include: Sara Lee Corporation, The Crosby Foundation, Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, NovantHealth, The Winston-Salem Journal, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Piedmont Federal Savings and Loan, and NationsBank. Other contributors include the families of the gala's honorees — Mazie S. Woodruff and Barbara Behrens Hills (both deceased), as well as parents whose children attend Northwest centers in Forsyth, Davie, Stokes and Yadkin coun-

Proceeds from the affair benefit Woodruff-Hills Scholarships, which provide educational grants and emergency child care assistance to Northwest teachers and the families of the children they serve.

Paula McCoy Corbin, the executive director of Northwest, delivered the statement of purpose for this year's theme, "Legacy 2000 - ChildrenFirst," a threeyear commitment by Northwest to strengthen and support their teachers and families through fund-raising efforts that benefit Woodruff-Hills Scholarships.
"We remain committed to leading the child care

industry and the communities we serve into the 21st century by setting and exceeding the standards of early childhood education," she said. "Together, we are bridging a legacy of learning and caring for all children for generations to come, Legacy 2000, ChildrenFirst!

The program culminated with the unveiling of a commissioned painting by Artist C. I. Corbin, entitled "I Can Fly", for which he also wrote a poem. "Your loving smile was encouragement as I blinked into life's startling light..." he read, as he was accompanied on piano by Michael L. Wiliiams, a local musi-

Following the reading, the artist received a stand-



Paula Corbin Exec. Director Northwest Child

ing ovation, and the painting was presented to Mayor Cavanagh by Paula McCoy Corbin. The original painting will be on loan to the City of Winston-Salem for public display at City Hall through Feb. 13, 1999. Five hundred limited edition 16x20-inch color prints of the painting will be produced and sold for \$75 each to raise additional funds for the scholarship program.

A complimentary print will be given to the cohosts, and the Woodruff and Hills families. To order a print, call Northwest Child Development Council at (336) 721-1215.

The ceremonial portion of the evening ended around 9:30 p.m., and afterwards Valentine sweethearts danced to the fabulous sounds of the Phase Band until 1 a.m. Approximately 500 people attended the event. Northwest wishes to thank all those who supported the gala, whose commitments to-date total nearly \$12,700 toward the organization's projected short-term goal of \$25,000 by June 30, 1998. To make a tax-deductible donation, please make your check payable to WCDC/Woodruff-Hills, and mail to: Northwest Child Development Council, Inc., 530 N. Spring Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2729.





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The goal of Talent Search is to the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in the postsecondary education institution of their choice.

Dwight received her B.S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, her M.A. from Southern Illinois University and her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri at Columbia.



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