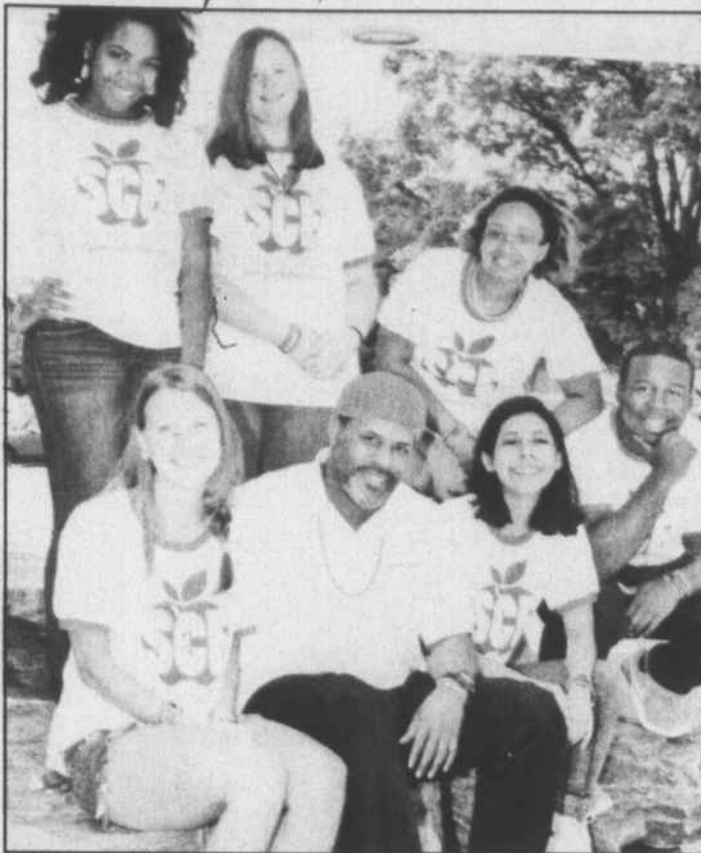


# Foundation gives scholarships, honors



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**Scott Abdul-Salaam (seated, second from left) poses with scholarship winners (front row) Kati Gray-Altmann, Eliana Rodriguez, Joseph Miller (back row) Jada Castillo, Makayla Lawson and Chardonnay Campbell.**

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The 8th Annual ScottCares Foundation Awards Gala was held Saturday, June 7 at the Milton Rhodes Arts Center.

College scholarships were presented to high school seniors Eliana Eilizabeth Rodriguez, Mt. Tabor; Jada Castillo, Weaver Academy of Greensboro; Makayla Lawson and Chardonnay Campbell, North Forsyth; Katie Gray Altmann, R. J. Reynolds High School; and Joseph A. Miller Jr., Carver High School. All the students will use the funds to pursue degrees and careers in the arts.

"Students that share a passion for creativity should be celebrated," said the ScottCares Foundation founder and president Scott Abdul-Salaam. "Our community is also comprised of special humanitarians that give of themselves everyday for the betterment of service to humanity. These heroes are what make our community a great place to live."

The ScottCares Foundation started awarding scholarships in 2007. Since that time, more than 50 students have received scholarship awards.

Humanitarian Awards were also presented. Courtney Omega Taylor of Positive Image Performing Arts received the Humanitarian in Arts honor; the Humanitarian in Education award went to Ed Price; the Humanitarian in Technology award was presented to Dr. Tony L. Burton III, CEO of MudPies; the Humanitarian in Community Service honor went to Jonathan A. Mason, the 34th International President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Mason was also slated to give the keynote address.

In addition to an annual step show and other family events, the annual gala celebration serves as a major event to help support the ScottCares Foundation's programs and students.

Learn more at [www.scottcares-nc.org](http://www.scottcares-nc.org) or call 336-525-1723.

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neighborhood and appreciative of our neighbors there, but the building wasn't really suited for providing the services we provide through out the community," said ESR Board Chair Larry Herzberg. "We knew we needed a more efficient site: one, to serve our clients better and, two, we were renting from the North Carolina Housing Foundation. While they were a good landlord, we also knew we didn't want money going into rent every year; we want that money to be going into programs to serve our clients."

The agency launched a capital campaign to pay for the new building. To date, it has generated more than \$2.7 million, said campaign chairman Tommy Hickman.

Funds are still being raised through the sale of engraved bricks that will be cemented into the sidewalk at the new site; spaces on the building's donor wall are also available.

"The work that ESR does around empowering people to be more self sufficient or self reliant, empowering people to help themselves, is something that resonated very well in this community as we went out and told the story," Hicks said.

The night before the ribbon-cutting, a donor reception was held at the new building; Johnnie Draft III spoke at the event, detailing his experience in ESR's self reliance program. In it, clients like Draft learn strategies to rise above the poverty level, which 92 percent of the program's participants succeed in doing.

Draft earned a high school certificate of completion and, with the program's guidance, is taking GED and CNA classes at Forsyth Technical Community College. The single father - who is employed full time as the minister of music at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church - plans to eventually attend Wake Forest University Divinity School and take to the pulpit one day.

"When you come into Experiment in Self-Reliance, you come into a family, but they are going to push you to be better than what you are," he said.

Stephon Hicks is an ESR success story. These days, he volunteers at the agency to help others, but years ago, a battle with drugs and alcohol left him homeless. He got into one of ESR's housing programs and lived for four years in one of the agency's furnished, subsidized units on Fifth



Photos by Todd Luck  
**Sally Hughes (front, center) a 92-year old retired ESR employee, with (left to right) ESR client Johnnie Draft III and ESR staffers Beverly Alexander and Debra Bradshaw.**



Stephon Hicks

Street. ESR also got him the help he needed to conquer his demons. He said the assistance changed his life.

"It gave me something to fight for," he said.

These are heady times for ESR. In addition to its new building, the agency is marking its 50th anniversary. Board chairs from the past were invit-

ed to help cut the ribbon. They included ESR's first board chair William Womble, Dr. Frank James, along with Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke, whose late husband, Logan, was chair in the 1970s and 80s.

For more information about ESR, visit [eistr.org](http://eistr.org) or call 336-722-9400.

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The N. C. Department of Transportation is implementing a new system, called Strategic Transportation Investments, for prioritizing transportation improvements in five categories: highway, public transportation, aviation, rail & ferry, and non-motorized (i.e. bicycle and pedestrian projects).

As a result, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation and the Winston-Salem Transit Authority are soliciting feedback for their proposed priorities for transportation projects in the Winston-Salem urban area, which includes Forsyth County and adjoining parts of Stokes, Davie and Davidson counties.

Citizens can view the proposed priority lists for all categories and leave written comments at a drop-in meeting Thursday, June 19, from noon to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First Street, Winston-Salem.

The lists are also posted at [DOT.CityofWS.org](http://DOT.CityofWS.org) and are available at public libraries in Forsyth County and King, each municipal town hall, the N.C.DOT office at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, and the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation, Room 307, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem. Citizens may comment by letter, fax or e-mail.

Only written comments will be accepted. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. July 11 and should be sent to:

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