

ESR hosts 5th annual Winter Wonderland event

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Experiment in Self-Reliance (ESR) hosted its fifth annual Winter Wonderland fundraiser event at the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter on Sunday, Feb. 16, to honor donors, celebrate the winter season, and commemorate 55 years of service to the Winston-Salem community.

The Winter Wonderland fundraiser was an opportunity to raise funds for ESR's programs and services, as well as a time of fellowship and thanksgiving for donors, partners and friends. Participants were able to connect with staff, clients and community partners while learn-

members of the Louise G. Wilson Legacy Society. ESR honored retired director of the Forsyth County Library, Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, for her service to the community and support of ESR. Also honored was the late Ward Miller, who served as the co-chair of the Louise G. Wilson Legacy Society with ESR.

The proclamation, read by Mayor Allen Joines, helped commemorate ESR's 55 years of service, and specifically named February "Community Action Month." ESR, the only Community Action Agency in Forsyth County and one of 34 in North Carolina, started serving the community in 1964 after President Lyndon B.

With Five," to encourage people to donate to the organization with a "five" theme.

This year's entertainment featured Mia Thompson Music with sound by Mr. Bill Productions. Participants were able to bid on silent auction items throughout the evening. Event sponsors included Truist, Winston-Salem Federal Credit Union, TruFidelity Federal Credit Union, Reynolds American, and the Innovation Quarter.

ESR is a nonprofit Community Action Agency that focuses on empowering people with low to moderate income to become self-reliant. The nonprofit has a history of community collaboration



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ESR Executive Director Twana W. Roebuck and ESR Board Member Sherrod Wood recognize the late Ward Miller for his service to ESR and the community. The award was accepted on his behalf by Vicki Miller, wife of the late Ward Miller.

ing about the impact of ESR's services.

The event celebrated ESR's successes in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County through music, dancing, and the recognition of key contributors by individual speakers.

Speakers for the event included Mayor Allen Joines, who delivered a proclamation from the City of Winston-Salem; Judge Denise Hartsfield, who served as the Mistress of Ceremony; a Self-Sufficiency program graduate who spoke on her success story; and members of ESR's board, who honored former and current

Johnson declared war on poverty.

Community partners, members, and funders from the past five decades joined the festivities in celebration of service. "It was incredible to see our community come out to celebrate ESR with us. We are so thankful for our sponsors, donors, and volunteers who have helped develop ESR over the past 55 years," said Twana Roebuck, ESR's executive director.

ESR promoted their 55th anniversary and five years of Winter Wonderland with the theme "Come Alive and Thrive

with organizations such as Crisis Control Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, and the Winston-Salem Foundation. ESR's programs help provide housing, teach clients to save, budget and improve credit scores, provide assistance for education, and help clients build assets like homeownership, as well as free tax preparation. All clients must be working.

For more information on ESR's services or the Come Alive and Thrive with Five campaign, visit ESR's website at www.eisr.org or call 336-722-9400.

Salem president announces departure

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Sandra J. Doran, the president of Salem Academy and College, announced today that she is concluding her tenure at the end of the academic year. She has accepted the presidency of Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Mass.

Named as interim president of Salem in April 2018, Doran was charged by the Board of Trustees to achieve financial sustainability and to position Salem for growth, according to Dara Folan, chairman of Salem's board of trustees.

In a video message to Salem's students, faculty, staff, alumnae and donors, Doran said, "I am making this move with mixed emotions: Salem is a splendid institution, founded before our country was a country and enriched by the talents, accomplishments and loyalty of its alumnae. The city of Winston-Salem and leaders around the state have been incredibly supportive of our mission. And Steve and I have made many dear friends here. At the same time, I am happy to have a new professional challenge, at another women's college."

"In addition, Salem's extensive strategic planning process is nearing conclusion, and we will soon be ready for the next phase—implementation. That means, too, that we are ready for new leadership. Because my charge was always to be a transitional leader, I decided the time was right for me to open the way for a new,



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Sandra J. Doran

longer-term president of Salem," Doran said.

"Sandy helped transform our institution by leading the successful Step Up for Salem campaign that exceeded its \$10 million goal and led the lifting of Salem's financial probation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) earlier than anticipated," said Folan.

"Under Sandy's leadership, Salem has strengthened its position as a vibrant part of the educational ecosystem," added Folan. "The Board of Trustees and the Salem

community are deeply grateful for Sandy's intellect, passion, tireless service, and charismatic leadership. Her greatest legacy is that she is leaving Salem well positioned for its next exciting chapter. Now we have the unique opportunity to find the right person to make our strategic plans a reality."

Folan said that the search process for Doran's successor will begin soon.

"The institution will seek candidates who embrace Salem's history and are enthusiastic about its future strategic direction," he said.

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- **March 21, 10 a.m.-noon**
Fourteenth Street Recreation Center
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