

NC Community Foundation reaches \$237 in total assets

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The North Carolina Community Foundation has reached \$237 million in total assets and \$101 million in lifetime grant making since the Foundation's creation 27 years ago, according to NCCF CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside. In the fiscal year ending March 31, \$12 million in grants were awarded on behalf of fund holders and affiliates.

The largest grant category for the fiscal year was \$6.9

million for education. The second largest area of grant making was \$1.3 million for human services. NCCF also administers direct scholarships and provided \$730,430 so 335 students could pursue their post-secondary education last academic year.

The foundation administers grants for donor advised funds and community grant making programs through its network of 60 affiliate foundations throughout the state as well as other categories

of endowments, including scholarships and those held by nonprofits, corporations, government agencies, small businesses and private foundations.

"These grants make a significant impact on communities and the lives of many North Carolinians across the state," Whiteside said. "It is our honor and privilege to serve as stewards of philanthropy for our generous fund holders who make all this possible."

A full breakdown of grant

categories and other information is detailed in NCCF's online annual report available at www.nccommunityfoundation.org.

Those interested in creating funds or contributing to existing funds administered through NCCF should contact Beth Boney Jenkins, NCCF's vice president of development, at 919-256-6932 or bjenkins@nccommunityfoundation.org.

For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org.

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"This is an important step forward," Schnare said in a press release released by Civitas. "The ruling affirms that the petitioners have standing to bring this suit under North Carolina law. We can now argue the merits of why and how the NC Department of Environmental Quality broke the law."

The couple owns a home

on Swamp Road near where Iberdrola is building the project known as Amazon Wind Farm East.

The judge's ruling comes at a time when Perquimans County residents are calling for tougher rules on wind projects. The current ordinance requires a setback of two and a half times the height of the wind tower as measured from the top of the blade at the highest point. The turbines Iberdrola is looking to erect are about 600 feet, so the setback would be 1,500 feet.

Earlier this month the Perquimans County Planning Board voted to recommend increasing the setback to one half mile from the nearest home. The 1,500 setback would still apply to properly lines and roads.

However unless Iberdrola is forced to go back to square one in the permitting process, the higher restrictions would not apply since they are already permitted. The tighter rules would apply to another project — Timbermill, which is proposed for land

the straddles the Perquimans-Chowan line. Apex Clean Energy, the company proposing the project has yet to submit an application for a conditional use permit.

"As far as the county is concerned, the lawsuit in itself doesn't stop the local project," County Manager Frank Heath said. "That would have to be a judge's order."

Perquimans County presently has a moratorium on the approval of new wind power projects until Feb.

2. The moratorium was designed to give the planning board ample time to review the issue.

The Perquimans County Commission will take up the planning board recommendation when it meets on Jan. 4.

Heath said a public hearing would be held. After that the board could act on the planning board recommendation or it could decide to act later.

"I can't guarantee they'll vote on it that night, but they might," Heath said.

But until a judge orders construction halted on the Iberdrola project, the county's stance is the company has a valid permit and should be allowed to proceed. So far construction has been limited to improving roads throughout the site so they can handle the heavy load of the towers and turbines when they arrive next year.

Badawai said the planning board recommendation doesn't go far enough.

"We're hoping for a mile (setback)," she said.

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from a student was during my second year as a second grade teacher. This particular student had just transferred from out of state three weeks before Christmas. On the last day before break, the students were bringing gifts for me. This student came to me secretly and gave me a star shaped bottle filled with sand and a half filled bottle of perfume that belonged to

his mom. He said that she had passed away recently and I reminded him of her. Just thinking of it brings tears to my eyes as well as a warm feeling in my heart. I still have that gift 17 plus years later. I also tell the story to my students to let them know the impact that gift had on me."

Nena Felton - 8th grade English/Language Arts

"After teaching for approximately three years, a student gave me a light-

house. It was approximately 10 inches in height and when held upside down there was a button to turn it on. When turned on you could see a flashing light, hear the sound the ocean roaring and the sound of sea gulls. It was so refreshing and really, really touched my heart. I'll never forget it and still have it today."

Holly Winslow - 2nd Grade

"The most memorable gift was a picture that I received from a student of mine and

that student, but the special gift was not found until two years later when another student accidentally knocked it off my wall and broke the frame. As I was cleaning it all up, I found a special note that the family had written to me about how much I meant to them. The beginning of the letter even stated that they were not sure when I would find the note, but they wanted to let me know how special I was to them. It was the most heart warming gift that I have ever received.

The next time I saw this family at a sporting event, I just ran up to them and hugged them. I never realized how much it meant to them, what I do every day TEACH! I love my job!"

Traci Pierce 1:1 Mentor-Perquimans Central School

"In 2013, when I was Hudson Mimplitsch's one-to-one mentor, and worked in the EC self contained class at Central school, he and his sister Leila, game me a beautiful sterling sliver

locket. Inside was a lock of each of their hair. As I was fully aware of the disease he and Leila had, I also knew the eventual outcome. Their mother, Brittany, told me, with this locket, you would always have a piece of them close to your heart. It meant the world to me then but now since they both have passed, it is a gift I will forever hold very dear and close to my heart. I wear it as a reminder at their strength, love, and motivation. They will always hold a special place in my heart."



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