

GRANT AWARDS RECEIVED

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Albemarle Hopeline is pleased to announce a number of grants awarded by northeastern affiliates of the North Carolina Community Foundation. Awards, to assist with general agency operations, are as follows:

Ann L. Sams Endowment, Chowan Community Funds Foundation: \$1000
Women Givers of Northeast North Carolina: \$1000
Judge Thomas Watts Memorial Endowment, Northern Albemarle Community Foundation: \$1500
Currituck-Dare Community Foundation: \$1000
Currituck-Dare Women's Fund: \$500

The North Carolina Community Foundation is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made \$101 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$237 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 60 affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance in 67 counties across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels. Local affiliates include the Chowan Community Foundation, Currituck Community Foundation and Northern Albemarle Community Foundation (Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans and Gates Counties). For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org or contact Natalie Jenkins Peel, Regional Director, Northeast Region at 252-216-8908.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Mail a check to Albemarle Hopeline at the address listed below.
2. Donate online. Go to our website www.albemarlehopeline.org and follow the link.
3. Donate through Albemarle Area United Way and designate "Albemarle Hopeline."
4. We also provide opportunities for major gifts of land and other real estate property, as well as bequests. Please talk to our Executive Director or a member of our Board of Directors for more information.

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2016 PATHWAY PARTNER

Hopeline recently received \$3000 from the 2016 Pathway Partner Award by Xenith Bank (formerly Bank of Hampton Roads / Gateway Bank). The Pathway Partners' Community Service Program provides grants and other assistance to non-profit organizations across the Company's markets in Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia which offer a range of community services in areas from early childhood education to domestic violence support. Xenith Bank is committed to supporting the communities in which their employees work and live.

Funds from the Pathway Partners Project will provide for essential necessities of domestic violence victims residing in Hope House shelter facility and to assist with individual emergency needs that cannot be supported by any other means.

Pictured below are (left to right) Melanie Jordan, Executive Director of Albemarle Hopeline, Annalisa Morgan, Vice President / Commercial Relationship Manager, and Claudine Beaman, representative of Xenith Bank.



WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES®

There is a saying: "You can't understand another's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes." Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® asks men to literally walk one mile in women's shoes to get the community talking about violence against women. Albemarle Hopeline will sponsor such an event on Saturday, October 8 at Northeastern High School's athletic field in Elizabeth City. Registration is at 8:00am with the walk beginning at 9:00. There is no fee to walk, and men, women and children are invited to come and participate.

Men representing law enforcement and fire departments across the Albemarle region will start the walk off by walking a lap around the track in women's shoes with other walkers falling in behind to walk a 4 lap mile.

This event is part of Hopeline's recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each October Hopeline joins other organizations around the country in honoring those affected by intimate partner abuse and remembering those lives lost to the violence. During the first eight months of 2016, 40 women, men and children in North Carolina died as a result of domestic violence. This number will surely rise before the end of the year

OTHER HOPELINE HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER

- Art Walk on Friday, October 7 from 5 – 9 pm. Survivors of domestic violence will display their own artwork during this Elizabeth City monthly event. Artwork will be displayed in the window of the old Selig Jewelers building on Main Street.

HOPE LINES

ALBEMARLE HOPELINE'S NEWSLETTER
FALL 2016

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

- Annual "Purple for Peace Day", Friday, October 29. Individuals, businesses, schools, and organizations are encouraged to show support by wearing purple and sending photos to Hopeline to post to the agency's Facebook page.
- For more information on any of these events, call Albemarle Hopeline at 252-338-5338.

"BACK TO WORK - BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA"

The Back to Work - Back to School Extravaganza took place on August 12th. This year's event assisted 100 individuals with school supplies, clothing and toiletries; 71 children received book bags and school supplies; 29 women received clothing, shoes and accessories for work. Of those 29 women, 10 are currently attending College of the Albemarle in pursuit of Associate Degrees, Pharmacy Tech and EMT Certifications and 2 are taking transfer classes toward Bachelor Degrees. The smiles and gratitude we receive on this day each year are wonderful to see. Thank you to all who donated supplies and clothing to make this annual event a success! Special thanks to Kadesh AME Zion Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, New Day Church, Albemarle Hopeline board members & staff, the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, Walmart of Kitty Hawk and all of the individuals within the community that support us and this worthy cause.



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WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

When I was offered the position of Displaced Homemaker Program Coordinator I wasn’t sure that I really wanted to take advantage of the offer. I thought, “What could I possibly teach these women and men about success?” I quickly learned that everyone’s definition of success was very different. Some obstacles small, some huge, and then there are those that seem insignificant to the average person that are actually major obstacles for a few. The outlook of the program quickly changed and we adopted the name Power to Improve.



This year I got to see four of the women who began their journey with Hopeline

obtain their “Power” on paper as they received their Associates Degrees. Two of the women began their journey with the program, but completed it independently. Another was one of my very first clients who didn’t yet

have a High School Diploma when we began working together. I also got to see one of my most challenging clients receive the WISP Scholarship for three semesters and her story be used as inspiration for the scholarship committee. She was personally mentioned by Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer during the commencement address at College of the Albemarle and labeled as dedicated, hardworking and inspiring. She graduated with honors!

I cannot begin to tell you the pride and honor I felt to be included in not only the journey, but the celebration of a new beginning. I have watched these women struggle, doubt, get frustrated, cry, smile, celebrate and most importantly tell their kids, “If I have to do my homework and get good grades then so do you!” While their names are not mentioned, they know who they are. Thank you ladies for inspiring me every day and for allowing me to tag along on your journey. I cannot wait to see what’s next!!!

Regina Sawyer, Power to Improve Program Coordinator

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2016

Domestic violence thrives when we are silent. But if we take a stand and work together, we can end domestic violence. We can end it by telling our friends and family that we will not tolerate domestic violence and by asking them to take a stand with us. We can end it by supporting the programs and shelters that provide refuge and safety for hundreds of thousands of survivors every year. We can end it by ensuring that our communities hold abusers accountable for their actions. Throughout this month, help us raise awareness about domestic violence and join us in our efforts to end violence. **Together, we can make a difference!**

“WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?”

- 1. Wear purple** – purple ribbons all month, purple clothing on Friday, Oct. 29
- 2. Walk** – join men (and women) from across the community at Northeastern High track on Saturday, Oct. 8; encourage buddies to join you – the more, the merrier!
- 3. Speak out** – talk to a friend, family member, colleague, or neighbour about domestic violence and that help is available, confidentially and free of charge
- 4. Join social media** – follow Albemarle Hopeline’s Facebook page and share information to your own page and to friends; post a selfie on 10/29 of you and friends in purple attire
- 5. Donate** – give to Hopeline in honor of those effected by domestic violence; give much-needed items to Hope House shelter or to Hopeline’s Clothesline Thrift Store; drop off old cell phones at the Hopeline office
- 6. Plan** – to help a Hopeline family have a merrier Christmas (not too early to start now); call Carol Patterson at Hopeline for more information



A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVOR'S STORY

(The following is an excerpt from a letter Hopeline recently received from a client. Her name and location and that of Hopeline staff have been omitted due to privacy and safety concerns.)

I am from [the west coast] and recently had to move to North Carolina due to the domestic violence that I had experienced in the past year. After I was forced to leave my home, my situation went from bad to worse when the only place I was able to seek refuge was a shelter [out of state] geared towards both survivors of domestic violence and drug and alcohol abuse. I lived in a chaotic environment while having to commute back and forth to [my home state] due to a parenting case that my daughter’s father opened to continue to harass my family. After the parenting case was closed, I made the ill-informed decision to relocate to North Carolina. I ended up in an even more traumatic situation after answering a Craigslist ad for rooms to rent. The man who rented to me claimed to be the landlord and then he said he would be my roommate! Both my daughters and I were harassed daily and lived in fear of our lives and safety. I called Hopeline and had a counseling session with [a staff member]. She was very concerned for us and advocated that we move into Hopeline’s shelter. Although I was somewhat ambivalent, I finally agreed with her and moved my family there. This ended up being one of the best decisions of my life!

“...it all begins with what we are willing to put up with. I believe this wholeheartedly to be true. Now that I am stronger, I know that I deserve better.”

I was accepted into the shelter program, where both my daughters and I received extensive counseling. There was no shortage of food and there was even Wi-Fi that helped me maintain contact with my relatives back on the west coast. It was very quiet, and I had a lot of time to focus on the decisions that brought me to the shelter. The staff helped me work on my self-esteem, and they were very kind and patient with me. They helped me to realize that people do care about me, and it started with how Hopeline staff cared for me first. When I would check in with [the shelter manager] and tell her my progress, I could tell that she was genuinely excited for me. This was so encouraging to me!

My two teenaged daughters really enjoyed the children’s counseling. They were shown so much consideration and I am so thankful for the care that they were given. When my daughters finished up the school year, we were ready to drive back to the west coast. We were even given gas and food money by Hopeline to make the trip back. I felt ready and for the first time in a long time, excited of what I might be able to accomplish. I am now residing at a shelter program in [my home state].

I would highly recommend Hopeline to anyone who finds themselves in a situation that has become volatile or dangerous. Before I left the shelter, I asked [staff] what they felt was the main reason women found themselves in an abusive situation. They told me that it all begins with what we are willing to put up with. I believe this wholeheartedly to be true. Now that I am stronger, I know that I deserve better. My daughters have someone strong now that they can lean on. I am so blessed to have met the people at Albemarle Hopeline, and want to let everyone know that they are helping people like me who can go on to be successful individuals.

Signed, *A Grateful Survivor*

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Albemarle Hopeline is a private, non-profit agency serving victims of domestic and sexual violence in the counties of Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Perquimans, Chowan and Gates in rural northeastern North Carolina. Direct, comprehensive services include 24-hour crisis line, shelter, individual counseling, court advocacy, information, referral, outreach and awareness / prevention education for schools, churches, civic groups and the community-at-large.

Hopeline has offices in Elizabeth City, Edenton and Currituck and sees victims in the other counties as needed. The agency has a thrift store outreach site, Hopeline’s Clothesline, located in Elizabeth City.

If you are in need of any of our services or if your organization would like a Hopeline representative to provide information to your group, call the main Hopeline office at 252-338-5338.

All services are free of charge



ON JULY 8 Hopeline’s Janet Stone-Nielsen and Melanie Jordan attended the retirement ceremony for Lieutenant Commander Stephanie K. Hurst at the US Coast Guard Air Station. Stephanie served on Hopeline’s Board of Directors for a number of years. She and her husband have moved to Alaska.