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Good afternoon,

I have attached a copy of notes about our recent Power of Giving Opportunity Fair. I would like to thank Commissioner Larry Dix for coming to read for our Money Smart Week and share our presentation on the "Past, Present, and Future of the Ashe Library Endowment." Thank you for including us on your agenda and we will see you next Monday morning (May 6).

Best Regards,

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The Ashe County Public Library hosted a Power of Giving Opportunity Fair on April 6, 2019 to highlight work of The Ashe Community Foundation and its family of funds. Community organizations were also invited to solicit funding support as well as new members and volunteers. Tabletops were set up throughout the library for visitors to learn about opportunities for charitable giving and volunteering in our community.

Organizations that participated in the fair included Ashe County Schools Endowment, Children's Trust Endowment, Communities in Schools, Imagination Ashe, Friends of the Ashe County Public Library, Ashe Services for Aging, Ashe Sharing Center, Keep Ashe Warm, and the Ashe County Marathon Jam. Information was also distributed about Partnership of Ashe and The Nest Alliance for Children.

It was wonderful to hear about all the good work going on in our county and it is obvious that there are always opportunities for engaging in a giving way. There are many ways to give, whether it is with money, expertise, or time. It is knowing that these gifts are touching lives in a positive way inspires purpose and joy in living.

#### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Ashe County Schools Endowment:** Supports new and innovative approaches to learning in the classroom.

**Ashe County Children's Trust Fund:** provides resources and programming for Partnership of Ashe and Ashe County 4-H ... Partnership of Ashe programming includes Triple P – Positive Parenting Program and services of A.S.H.E. to support and advocate for survivors of domestic and sexual assault as well as education, empowerment, and support for children, adolescents, and teens to work towards ending the cycle of domestic violence.

**Communities in Schools:** Strengthening Families - parenting skills programs, Friends of Youth Mentoring Program, Lunch Buddies – mentoring and encouragement with elementary children, Sight for Students – eye exams and glasses, Stuff the Bus School Supplies, Bulldog Bites Food Pantry

**Imagination Ashe** benefits the preschool children of Ashe county, North Carolina, ages birth to age 5, by providing the gift of books to promote reading for pleasure and lifelong learning.

**Friends of Ashe County Public Library:** Libraries are an integral part of the areas they serve. They help to define us, as individuals and as a community. They educate, inspire, and perhaps most importantly, give us free reign - to explore, imagine, believe. In that context, Ashe County Public Library provides an array of services to Ashe County residents - and the Friends of Ashe County Public Library are proud supporters of their efforts.

**Ashe Services for Aging** provides services, activities, socialization, and intergenerational opportunities to older adults. Meals on Wheels, Transportation Services, Health & Wellness Checks, Exercise and Art Classes, Quilting & Sewing, Card Games, Board Games, and more ...

**Ashe Sharing Center** provides assistance to those in need with the Ashe County Sharing Center Food Pantry and the Children's Pantry & Backpack Outreach. They also support WCC Ashe Campus with a pantry for students and serve NW Ashe with a mobile pantry.

**Keep Ashe Warm** is a service to help families and individuals in need of heat during the winter months. Organizations are solicited to help with fundraising efforts ... bake sales, yard sales, silent auction or talent shows. Volunteers are also needed to help cut and deliver wood.

**Ashe County Marathon Jam** is an annual benefit to raise money for Ft. Bragg and Camp Lejeune's Fisher Houses. Each year during Armed Services weekend musicians gather to join in an acoustic Open Jam at Ashe Arts Center. Fisher House provides a temporary home for families of wounded military members so they can be together during medical treatment.

**Nest Alliance for Children** is a Christ-centered ministry that focuses on bringing children in to the Nurturing, Establishing, Securing, Trusting love of God. The alliance seeks to provide a place of refuge and hope to children and their families--whether biological, foster, or adoptive. The NEST Alliance is a children's alliance of people who will give of their talents, gifts, and abilities to meet the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of the children they serve.