



HAPPY HOLIDAYS CWL MEMBERS!!!!

Holiday Greetings from Binford

Dear Children's Welfare League Members,

I hope this Holiday Season has been full of love, good health & happiness. I wish to thank the Board of Directors and Standing Committee Chairs for their ceaseless work to make 2017-2018 a huge success in terms of helping students succeed in school.

With your assistance, our homeless students, especially, are feeling extra support with sturdy book bags as well as gas cards for transportation to and from school and work. Many of our CWL stipend recipients hold down jobs and keep their grades up. This is no small accomplishment, leading them down the road of attaining goals, which can serve them well the rest of their lives.

When the counselors visited us in November, one said that our incentive is quite often the only incentive some of these kids ever know. The absence of a parent or grandparent encouraging them to do well is an experience most of us cannot imagine, yet that is the

reality that many of our CWL kids know.

The students say that even though they don't know the women who help them stay afloat every month, they want to say "thank you". They strive to maintain their grades, attendance and positive attitude, so they can remain a participant in the program that gives them hope....hope that their future can be bright. Being a productive member of society is their goal, and is our goal as well, for them. The impact of the work we do is not able to be quantified or measured, but do not doubt for a minute its' value and far-reaching effect. Thank you for your support and membership of this fine organization.

Happy Holidays!

Binford

Dec. 28, 2017

January CWL Meeting!!!

Tuesday, January 2, 2018
NOON
DoubleTree by Hilton

**Special Guest: Sheriff Van
Duncan -Opioid Epidemic**

If you have not RSVP'd contact:

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Treasures Report

November Highlights

- Paid \$9,400 for November student stipends
- Paid \$25,000 to Community Foundation for "The Children's Welfare League Fund"
- Paid \$719.99 for Special Requests (\$4,723.69 in total)
- Deposited \$780.46 in SOS donations (\$10,249.34 in total)
- Deposited \$1,000.00 in Corporate Fund Raising

Looking Ahead

- December stipends and Holiday gifts (\$50) have gone out
- 16 mid year graduates will receive a \$50 gift

Support our Students by Anita Metcalf, Chair

Dear Children's Welfare League
Friends,

Thank you to each and every one who has already generously contributed to the Support Our Students (SOS) Fund. As you are aware, this fund supports our Special Requests from high school counselors and social workers on behalf of students who are experiencing critical and emergency needs. At this time, 48 (45%) of our Active members and 42 (31%) of our Associate members, have contributed to this important CWL effort.

At this Season of Giving, may I offer a suggestion as you consider your end-of-year donations? Please consider giving a gift that will continue to give throughout the year

– a donation to SOS in honor and/or in memory of someone you hold dear. What a thoughtful way to recognize their importance to you.

The students we seek to serve have many needs created by circumstances beyond their control and not of their making. Yet, their young lives are negatively impacted in multiple ways. Your support may be their lifeline at a time that is consequential to their future – a successful future, that at that moment they can never imagine. Please consider this opportunity.

Please send donations to Anita Metcalf, 221 Liberty Road, Candler, NC 28715 or go to the CWL website at www.cwl-asheville.org and donate on line by clicking the "Donate" button.

Note: Please be sure to include the names of those you wish to honor or



to remember with your donation and how you will like for them to be acknowledged. Mailing addresses of those you wish to acknowledge will be appreciated.

On behalf of our deserving students, thank you!

Our many wishes for a healthy and safe New Year.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By: Shelia Elingburg, Chair

Members of the Ways and Means Committee responsible for planning the 2018 fundraising event, The Asheville Spring Gala, are off and running. They are beginning to solicit auction items for the event including gift certificates to the many great restaurants here in our town so we can expand our 'Restaurant Row', which was very successful at the Mardi Gras ball this year.

We need the assistance of all CWL members to update the Gala invitation list as well as add new guests that you would like to have invited. Since many of you may be addressing your Holiday cards at this time, please look over your mailing list and if there are friends who you would like to receive a 'Save the Date' card and an invitation to the Gala, please email their name, address, email address, and phone number to GLENN HADEN, the Ways and Means Committee member who is in charge of the Gala's mailing list---- glenn@beverly-hanks.com. She will also have a form on each luncheon table at our general meetings for January – March where you can also add new guests' information that will then be added to our master mailing list. We appreciate your assistance with this since we always want to have new invitees join us at our annual fundraiser, and we hope to have the largest crowd ever next year for our Spring Gala.

The excitement of planning for this event is in the air!!!!

CAPTURED IN THE MOMENT



Counselor Remarks at the Dec. Meeting



Diamond Brand Outdoors

Friday at 12:09 PM · Instagram ·

Adventure Is Local + so is giving! With your help, we just gave \$734 to the Children's Welfare League to purchase backpacks filled with food + supplies for local high school students to enjoy over the extended winter break when school cafeterias are closed. Thanks! #AdventureIsLocal



Diamond Brand shout out on the success of the fundraiser.

CWL Website Access

Members and Associate Members can access the current CWL annual budget, meeting minutes, and 2017-2018 Yearbook by registering your email and creating a password. You can do this by signing-in to the website. If your email address has changed, you can create a new account. If you've forgotten your password, click the link to reset your password and a message will be sent to your email inbox. If you have any questions, please email Shelley White at: sywhite123@gmail.com.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – *Winter Highlights*

By: Nancy Waldrop, Chair

WINTER/MID YEAR GRADUATION REPORT

- All high schools with mid year graduates turned in a report for those seniors
- 16 CWL Stipend Students will graduate mid year, receiving a \$50 graduation bonus
- All 16 students are seeking a higher education; one committing to a 4 year school.
- Seven participated in CWL for 1 year; Seven participated 2 years; Two participated 3 years

DIAMOND BRAND NON PROFIT SALE DAY

- Occurred December 2nd from 10AM -3PM @ Diamond Brand/South Asheville
- \$734.00 in proceeds will go to CWL from this effort...which equals 10% of the total sales for the day
- 5 volunteers staffed the table provided by Diamond Brand: Binford Jennings, Kay Beardsley, Debbie Heffner, Shelia Elingburg, and Nancy Waldrop
- HUGE thanks to Shelia Elingburg/CWL SAC/ Ways and Means Chair and Chris Bubenik/Diamond Brand for organizing this event.
- Thanks to all members who came out and supported CWL and Diamond Brand in this effort.

NEXT COUNSELOR'S LUNCHEON/FEBRUARY 2018

Schools represented/invited :

- North Buncombe High/Betsy Boggs
- Owen High/Jennifer Abshire
- TC Roberson High/Michelle Eldridge
- AC Reynolds High/Lauren Ward
- Nesbitt Discovery Academy/Felicia Carter

SPECIAL REQUESTS/TRANSPORTATION AID FUNDING

- We have had 23 special requests so far this year
- All requests for funding have been approved
- The new Transportation Aid Funding for Homeless Students is now in place and being used. We have had one request for that funding already.