



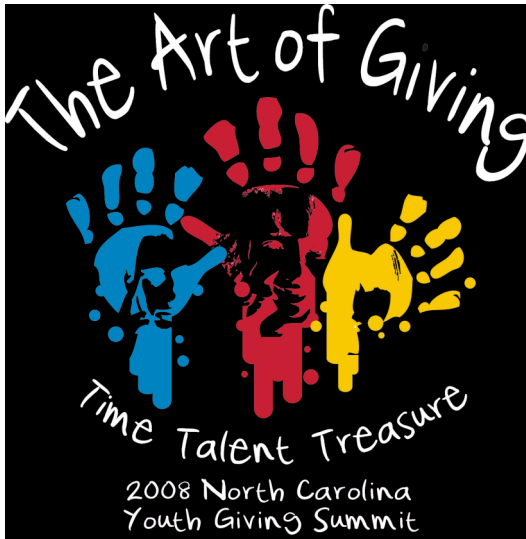
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300 NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH GATHER TO GRANT \$160,000+ TO HELP N.C COMMUNITIES

GREENSBORO, NC – On Saturday,
October 25, 2008 more than 300 high school-
aged youth from across North Carolina will come
together at the Greensboro Downtown Marriott
from 10:00am – 4:00pm for the Third Annual
North Carolina Youth Giving Summit. Entitled

“The Art Of Giving”, the Summit is designed to prepare how and where these high school students will grant over \$160,000 to help their communities. The funds have been donated from philanthropic organizations across the state and will be entrusted to these youth for allocation. The planning and training for the decision-making is taking place, but actual decisions on how to spend the money will take place in individual communities later in the program year. Highlights of the conference will include the 10:00am opening ARTISTIC HUMAN SCULPTURE kickoff and 3:00pm closing ROCK-ART-EXPLOSION session.

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The North Carolina Youth Giving Network (NCYGN) is a statewide collection of 16 different youth philanthropy sites, from as far east as Rutherford County to as far west as Northampton County. Leading To Change, a nationally recognized training organization based in Charlotte, in partnership with NCGives, coordinates the NCYGN. NCYGN members at the Youth Giving Summit will learn strategies to assess the needs of their communities, techniques to effectively facilitate meetings, and methods to further develop resources in their communities. Community leaders and churches selected youth from their areas that are committed to giving back to the community for participation in the Summit.

The Summit draws youth from over 25 counties, including Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Vance, and Wilkes Counties. Additionally, the statewide organization NCNAYO (North Carolina Native American Youth Organization) will also participate with youth representing over 10 tribal communities throughout NC.

This Summit marks only the third ever convening of all of these counties for youth philanthropic efforts. Sponsors of the event include NCGives, Foundation for the Carolinas, North Carolina Community Foundation, the Winston-Salem Foundation, Communities In Schools, Generation Engage, and the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro.

VISUAL/REPORTING HIGHLIGHTS: The Summit will open at 10:00am with 300 NC Youth creating human sculpture masterpieces with their bare hands, and the closing session will start at 3:00pm by world-renowned Rock-Artist David Garibaldi (previous work includes MTV, NFL, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Blue Man Group, Barack Obama Campaign, Special Olympics - garibaldiarts.com), who will deliver a message of “artistic giving” while painting to music six foot murals of Martin Luther King, Kanye West, Alicia Keys, and Albert Einstein.

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