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Work On Wilmington Seeks Projects

Wilmington, NC—The Wilmington Chamber Foundation’s Leadership Wilmington class of 2015 is now accepting project proposals from area non-profit organizations and schools for service projects for Work on Wilmington 2015. The event, to be held Saturday, April 25, 2015, will deploy as many as 2,000 community supporters to volunteer throughout the area.

This annual event brings together a broad spectrum of Wilmington area individuals and businesses to work together to make Wilmington a better place to live. Projects completed in 2014 included interior painting and interior wall fixing at Coastal Horizons Center; floor painting and replacement of lighting at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina; refurbishing landscaping, and adding shrubbery and picnic tables at Roland-Grice Middle School; upgrading of garden beds at the Yahweh Center; pressure washing and painting at the Harrelson Center; interior painting at the Carousel Center; mural installation at Williston Middle School; fence building at the New Hanover County Arboretum; adding rock/marl (complete re-do) to the driveway/parking lot at The Open Gate Domestic Violence Shelter; repairing benches and constructing a boardwalk at the Cape Fear Center for Inquiry; painting, weeding and adding planters added at the Family Neighborhood Institute; landscaping and pressure washing at Laney High School; adding benches and vegetable garden at Sunset Elementary School; and garden maintenance and invasive plant removal from constructed wetland at Bradley Creek School. Other organizations that benefited last year from Work on Wilmington included: Good Shepherd Center, Cape Fear Literacy Council, Kelly House , DAV-Chapt 11, and Rachel Freeman School.

In the last 4 years this Wilmington Chamber Foundation event has raised and spent in excess of \$250,000 in direct costs on Work On Wilmington for area non-profits and schools projects. Major sponsors include: PPD, The Grainger Foundation, Corning Foundation, GE Hitachi Nuclear, The Home Depot Foundation, and New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Applications for service projects are being accepted until November 28th, 2014. Please visit <http://www.workonwilmington.org/> for additional details on submitting a proposal or volunteering for the event.

About Work On Wilmington

Work On Wilmington is an annual community service event organized by Leadership Wilmington, a civic leadership development program of the Wilmington Chamber Foundation. Work On Wilmington was launched by the 2006 class of Leadership Wilmington. The mission is to make a difference by inspiring people to work together on community projects that make Wilmington a better place to live. For details, visit www.workonwilmington.org. To learn more about Leadership Wilmington, contact Haskell Rhett, Wilmington Chamber Foundation, at (910) 762-2611 (ext. 204) or rhett@wilmingtonchamber.org.

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