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The Grainger Foundation Supports Greater Wilmington Chamber Foundation

Wilmington, NC, October 4, 2013 - The Grainger Foundation has donated \$10,000 to the Wilmington Chamber Foundation in support of its 2014 Work On Wilmington community service event.

“This grant will be used to purchase supplies to complete projects at area schools and non-profit organizations that otherwise wouldn’t be possible,” said Haskell Rhett, Director of the Wilmington Chamber Foundation. “Work On Wilmington serves as the class project for Leadership Wilmington and its goal is to make Wilmington a better place by encouraging community service. We are grateful to The Grainger Foundation for its generosity.”

The 2013 Work On Wilmington event attracted 1,800 volunteers and completed 24 projects. The estimated labor donated totaled \$200,000. Past projects have included installing playground equipment at schools, small construction projects, painting and landscaping, or cleaning up a neighborhood or park. Work On Wilmington will be held on May 3, 2014.

This donation was recommended by Keith Lobbestael, Branch Manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.’s, Wilmington location. Grainger has been a part of the Wilmington business community for 24 years as the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products. “We are proud to recommend the programs offered by the Wilmington Chamber Foundation, in particular Work On Wilmington,” said Lobbestael. “We understand the need for Work On Wilmington and are proud to have supported the event for several years.”

The Grainger Foundation, an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois, was established in 1949 by William W. Grainger, founder of W.W. Grainger, Inc.

The Greater Wilmington Chamber Foundation, established in 1973, began its active support and sponsorship of educational programs in 1996. Since then, the Foundation has become a catalyst for promoting excellence and equity of education, and workforce development. The Foundation supports

community-based partnership among people, businesses, the community, and public schools to improve education.

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