



E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle Newsletter

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Who We Are

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is a vehicle to promote excellence in E.E. Smith attendance area schools. Members contribute \$250 annually and commit to three years of membership

Our Mission

Our vision is that E.E. Smith area schools will have a large, diverse, and committed community of individual and corporate givers

E.E. Smith area schools will be known for excellence in math and science

Program Support

The E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is hosted by Cumberland Community Foundation. All donated funds will be matched by Cumberland Community Foundation up to \$50,000 through 2009.

As always, we are excited about our plans for the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle. The 2008-2009 school year is winding down but we look forward to continuing our work with the schools in the E.E. Smith school district over the summer and the upcoming school year.

What's New? What's The News?

New Members!

Our newest members are Marzella Worley, Julian Brown, Pauline Makia, and an anonymous member. Mrs. Mildred Braxton transferred her "Friend" status to become a member. The Circle now has 23 members.

New Gifts!

- John and Mary Holmes made a donation from the John and Mary Holmes Advised Fund of Cumberland Community Foundation
- Carlos and Terri Union Zukowski made a donation in memory of Mrs. Jennie Brown
- We received a gift from Mount Sinai Church and Johnsie Burgess
- Ms. Marilyn Sanford and Mr. & Mrs. James R. Currie, Giving Circle "Friends" for 2008, gave again for 2009.

We have 18 "Friends" and 1 Employer match.

Thank you!

We would like to thank our many "Friends" for their donations in 2008 to help us raise \$10,000. We couldn't have done it without you. If you would like to continue to support the work of the Giving Circle in 2009 or if you would like to become a "Friend" or member of the Giving Circle, send your donation to P.O. Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302. Please make your check payable to Cumberland Community Foundation with E.E. Smith in the memo line.

It's Time!

Members, it is time to renew your membership for 2009. All money raised in 2009 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 by Cumberland Community Foundation and NCGives. Let's not miss this tremendous opportunity! Please make your check payable to Cumberland Community Foundation with E.E. Smith in the memo line.

Useful Link

[U.S. students gain in math, stay flat in science](#)

American kids are doing better than people think in math and science, a new international study has found. But some Asian countries have an edge in math that just keeps growing.

eSCHOOL NEWS This Week

Useful Link

www.ncjustice.org

In 2001, nearly 30 percent of North Carolina's students in grades three through eight were not earning the equivalent of a passing grade on end-of-grade reading and math tests.

During the 2007-08 school year, 49.1 percent of students in grades three through eight did not earn the equivalent of a passing grade on end-of-grade reading and math tests.

*By Rochelle Williams,
Education Policy Analyst, NC
Justice Center*

Great News!

The Membership Contribution amount to join the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is only **\$250** dollars.

Birthdays

Julian Brown- March 11th
Dan Griffin, III-May 14th

Activities

- March 26th - "Cause to Celebrate"-Giving Circle members met to reflect and celebrate the first year of the Giving Circle as well as kick-off 2009. This meeting took place at The Barn Restaurant.

*Erica Gordon of Cumberland
Community Foundation (far left)
presented the Giving Circle members
with a \$10,000 check to match the
funds raised to bring the total
available for grantmaking to \$20,000*

*Giving Circle members presented Mrs.
Mildred Braxton with an award of
appreciation for her hard work and
dedication to the giving circle.*

- **April 23rd**- Giving Circle members met to discuss plans for the summer. Members are working on a new project called "Dime Time." This is a coin drive fundraiser that will build support for the schools in the E.E. Smith area. Our goal is to promote and improve youth philanthropic giving by children in these schools.
- **April 30th**- Kimmi Teague Nettles gave a few brief remarks highlighting the work of the Giving Circle at the "After Five" Informational Session on the State Budget/Stimulus Funds meeting. Representative Elmer Floyd and the Cumberland County Legislative Delegation hosted this meeting at the Smith Recreational Center.
- **May 23rd- Blue and Gold Community Day-** E.E. Smith Alumni and Friends Reunion Weekend 2009 is Friday, May 22nd –Sunday May 24th. The members of the Giving Circle will have a table at the Blue and Gold Community Day on Saturday, May 23rd at 12:00 pm. Please stop by to chat with a member to learn more about the Giving Circle and our plans for 2009.

Members

Attorney Glenn Adams
Attorney Harold L. Boughman
Mrs. Mildred Braxton
Mr. Julian Brown
Dr. Jeannette Council
Mrs. Dorothy Fielder
Dr. Samuel Fleishman
Mr. Daniel Griffin, III
Dr. John R. Griffin, Jr.
Mr. Leslie Griffin
Mr. Chris Harris
Mrs. Tammy Holland
Mr. Thaddeus Jenkins
Rev. Jamale Johnson
Mr. Donald LaHuffman
Attorney Pauline Makia
Ms. Dineen Morton
Mrs. Marny Penix
Mr. Clinton Robinson
Smith Chapel Church
Ms. Frances Wesley
Mrs. Marzella Worley
Member (anonymous)

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Learn More!

You can check us out on the web at www.cumberlandcf.org/giving_circles.php. Learn more about how the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle works, how to join or become a “Friend” with downloadable forms that make it easy to use and easy to share with friends and family. If you are interested in hosting a “Learn and Lead” meeting, or know of an organization or group that would be interested in hearing more about the E.E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle, please contact Kimmi Teague Nettles at 910-483-4449 or at Kimmie@cumberlandcf.org.

Members Speak Out!

“I have served as a volunteer at E. E. Smith for most of the current school year and have gained a much better appreciation for the saying, ‘It takes a village to raise a child.’ There is no question that adequate resources are needed if a significant impact and difference is to be made in the performance of students in the E. E. Smith attendance area.

Now more than at any other time everybody in the ‘village’ must step up and make an investment in the future of our young people. The E. E. Smith Academic Excellence Giving Circle is an ideal vehicle for you to use to make a difference. Your investment will be maximized and managed in ways that will assure our young people in the E. E. Smith attendance area can enhance their chances to succeed.” Please join today!

Mr. Julian Brown, Giving Circle Member

Kimmi Teague Nettles
Cumberland Community Foundation