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Welcome to The GIST!

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Governor's Crime Commission newsletter. This newsletter is designed to give you a monthly update on some of the most interesting people, events and accomplishments in and around GCC. It will cover topics involving subrecipients, grant awards, staff members, new ideas, best practices and related issues. We're sure you'll find it all engaging, entertaining and informative. We promise that it will never be "too long to read," and that you'll look forward to each new edition. So sit back, take your time and dig into this first edition of The GIST.

Grant Applications Update

The total dollar amount requested by all 541 applications submitted was \$112,734,747. GCC has recommended 304 grants totaling \$40,319,476.12.

On the Horizon

We're planning for GCC's September Workshop. This is an opportunity for updates and training in the use of Grant Enterprise Management System and in pre- and post-award guidelines. Stay tuned for information about in-person vs. online sessions.

NEW and NOTEABLE

Deb Flowers Wins National Crime Victims' Service Award

Each year, the national Office for Victims of Crime in the U.S. Department of Justice announces the winners of the National Crime Victim's Rights Week awards. This year, North Carolina's Deb Flowers was the recipient of OVC's National Crime Victims' Rights Week Crime Victim's Service Award in the Allied Professionals' category. [Read more.](#)



Deborah Flowers, MSN, RN, CPNP, SANE-A, SANE-P | Allied Professional Award, Child Advocacy Centers of North Carolina, Pittsboro

Chatham County's Powerful Outreach to Crime Victims

Chatham County receives funds from GCC's Crime Victim Services Committee. Victims of Crime Act and Violence Against Women's Act funding have helped Chatham County successfully build three programs to serve crime victims of their county. The three programs, Chatham County Law Enforcement, Family Violence, GPS and Phone Monitoring; Chatham County Victim Services; and Chatham Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, serve the community through a collaborative effort amongst law enforcement officers, victim's assistance advocates and non-uniform civilians.



Kit Stanley, Project Director, Family Violence Prevention Services; Reghan White, Victim Services Coordinator, Sheriff's Office; Yarumy Nava, Advocate, Family Violence Prevention Services; Edna Villasenor, Advocate, Family Violence Prevention Services; Dawn Stallings, Victim Service Coordinator, Sheriff's Office; Scott Meulendyke, Staff Sergeant, Sheriff's Office

Chatham Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services receives survivor referrals from the Judicial System, the Department of Social Services, and in some cases from non-profit organizations. All staff is bilingual. They operate a 24-hour crisis hotline and advocate support in the courtroom. According to Kit Stanley, program director, the most critical of services GCC funding has supported is for transportation and housing which allow survivors to escape their abusers. In Chatham County, careful coordination between the judicial system, the sheriff's office, Victim Assistance Coordinators and civilian contacts results in a strong implementation of GCC funds to assist victims.

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