



BLACK Philanthropy INITIATIVE
of The Winston-Salem Foundation

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Black Philanthropy Initiative Announces 2016 Grant Recipients

The **Black Philanthropy Initiative** (BPI) announces **\$16,350 in grants** awarded in late 2016 from the Black Philanthropy Fund's ninth grant cycle, supporting programs that are improving the lives of African Americans in the areas of **education** and **financial literacy**. Grants were awarded to:

- **Crosby Scholars: \$2,550** to support African-American Males Pursuing Educational Dreams (AAMPED), a program designed to attract and retain African-American males as Crosby Scholars. Students in the program participate in college tours, workshops, community service activities and cultural activities.
- **Habitat for Humanity: \$3,300** to support a youth financial literacy summer program. Participants in the workshops will learn about money management through hands-on activities and presentations.
- **R.I.S.E. 4 Girls: \$3,000** to support Resilience Inspired through Sisterhood and Empowerment (R.I.S.E.) 4 Girls, a program at Philo-Hill Magnet Academy designed to increase adolescent girls' self-esteem and decision-making skills through peer-to-peer mentoring. Participants in the program will learn skills in conflict resolution, decision-making, and goal-setting, and will have an opportunity to attend college tours.
- **Wake Forest University: \$5,000** to support a collaboration between Wake Forest University's Department of Education and Paisley IB Magnet School to provide a weekly after-school sports literacy program. Students in the program will receive instruction through social activities and young adult literature on sports.
- **Wiley Magnet Middle School: \$2,500** to support League of Extraordinary Gentleman, a program designed to prepare young men for leadership through an emphasis on academic excellence and character development. Students in the program will participate in academic goal-setting, community service, and college tours.

BPI is also pleased to announce that its **Black Philanthropy Initiative Endowment**, which was established in 2014 with \$25,000, has now grown to over **\$116,000**. Income from this endowment will supplement funds that are raised annually to provide grantmaking for programs supporting the African-American community. In 2014, **First Tennessee Bank**

committed to a three-year \$10,000 annual matching challenge grant to support the Initiative's endowment, and thanks to generous donor support, BPI received matching grants of \$10,000 in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Roger Hyman, Chair of the Black Philanthropy Initiative, states, "The three-year match from First Tennessee Bank has made a huge impact on our endowment, which will provide vital grantmaking support in the years ahead. BPI has awarded more than \$162,000 in grants since its inception, and it is all thanks to the generosity of our wonderful donors and community partners."

Grant Celebration on February 21

The community is invited to a grant celebration honoring BPI's grantees on Tuesday, February 21 at Goodwill Industries at 2701 University Parkway. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30am with a program to follow at 9:00am. RSVP to Lisa Avinger at lavinger@wsfoundation.org.

*The Black Philanthropy Fund was created through fundraising efforts of the **Black Philanthropy Initiative** (BPI), which was established in 2000 to celebrate the traditions of sharing in the African-American community while expanding models of charitable giving through education and engagement. Over the course of the past nine years, the Black Philanthropy Initiative has provided \$162,027 in program grants to local nonprofits.*

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