Collaboration is essential to improve health and wellness throughout Greater High Point. The Foundation’s strategies are informed by best practices from academia, government, the private sector, and the non-profit sector. Programs that demonstrate the power of collective impact include:

- **Ready for School, Ready for Life** represents an expansive community collaborative effort to develop an integrated, innovative system of care for Guilford County’s youngest children and their families. (getreadyguilford.org)

- **Guilford County Community Indicators Project** will provide a dedicated resource of community-specific data to help community members and leaders be better informed as they tackle issues and develop strategies and solutions to meet community needs.

- **Non-Profit Internship Program** is supported by the Foundation and six other foundations across NC, led by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. It offers paid summer internships for college students with non-profit organizations to help develop the next generation of non-profit professionals. (www.zsr.org/non-profit-internship)

- **NC Early Childhood Funders Collaborative** represents a partnership of 45 foundations across the state. It explores opportunities to work together to promote early development of children and to strengthen families.
The Foundation began capacity building investments in 2016, recognizing the importance of strong non-profit partners, with whom to collaborate to address difficult issues. In partnership with the Guilford Non-Profit Consortium, the Foundation introduced a unique program which combined concepts of design thinking and action learning. A report is available on the foundation’s website. (bit.ly/2F9RVVd)

HEALTHY BEGINNINGS INITIATIVE

With nearly $2 million invested to date, the Foundation continues to address critical issues including infant mortality, low birth weight, and adolescent pregnancy for young women and children. Our complementary strategies for the initiative include:

- **Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention** to ensure that the community and individuals have access to support and implement evidence-based approaches to improve adolescent health.
- **Healthy Pregnancy and Delivery** to ensure appropriate prenatal care for mothers so they can deliver babies at full gestation with a healthy birth weight to promote optimal birth outcomes.
- **Healthy Early Child Development** to ensure optimum child development for young children. **Ready, Ready** receives support from local agencies, government, and local, state, and national funders to promote systems change efforts.

CONVENINGS

The Foundation recognizes the extraordinary power of convening to encourage shared dialogue, help organizations identify opportunities to learn from and work together, and catalyze new ideas for community impact. Examples from 2018 include:

- **Annual Grantee Luncheon.** Lynn Fick-Cooper of The Center for Creative Leadership spoke about the value and benefits of innovation to advance opportunities for improvement and optimal service.
- **Quarterly Healthy Beginnings Convening Events.** Represent ongoing opportunities for community non-profit partners to engage in dialogue to address community issues.
- **Capacity Building Events.** The Foundation hosted two events to share experiences from its capacity building investments. In the spring, reunited program participants candidly shared outcomes and learnings from participating in the program. The fall event allowed these innovative organizations to share their lessons learned with the community.
- **Grantseeker Information Sessions.** In January, the Foundation hosted a session to assist non-profits in more successfully receiving and implementing grants.

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