



News from The Tomorrow Fund

June 2011

THE FUND AWARDS \$79,000 IN GRANTS

More than \$132,000 raised since summer 2009

The Tomorrow Fund has awarded \$79,000 in grants to eight North Carolina colleges for the benefit of Hispanic students from low-income families. The grants will help to bridge students' financial aid gaps.

Appalachian State University, Central Carolina Community College, Davidson College, High Point University*, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Meredith College*, North Carolina A & T*, and Salem College will receive grants at varying levels. (*indicates 2nd year of grants). Congratulations to these schools and their recipients!

The grants were made based in part on a college's successful recruitment, enrollment and graduation rates of Hispanic/Latino students. Colleges also must provide some level of institutional funding or assistance to each student; we want them to also be invested in these students. Colleges complete a Request for Funding Proposal and a grant committee of The Tomorrow Fund reviews the applications, and in some cases further questions are posed by email or telephone call. Colleges are notified in early June.

During the Fund's first year, \$39,000 worth of grants were made and three schools were funded. All of last year's student recipients, except for one, are re-enrolled for fall 2011 at their respective schools.

From the Founder:

The Tomorrow Fund exists because of people like you who believe in the importance of post-secondary education for Latino immigrants from low income families. Every cent donated is allocated to the grants we make! Any costs associated with the fund (such as printing, mailing) are underwritten by a donor.

Thank you for your support. Your trust in our fund has translated into changing the lives of students in need. (See our next page for a note from one of last year's recipients.)

Lastly, keeping in mind that we are all inundated with mail - both electronic and paper - I try to be sensitive with the frequency of updates to our donors and friends. The advisory board, by the way, isn't so lucky! As they meet only a few times a year, they receive frequent emails from me.

However, I would like to be certain that you feel connected to the fund, its mission and to some degree the students we help. If you would like to receive updates more frequently, please send me an email and I will be happy to update more frequently.

I hope you continue to believe in these young people and in our mission. ¡Gracias!

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Thank you to our Grants Committee:
Maricela Cooperberg, Ingemar Lanevi, Nancy Milio, Brendan Moylan, Sandra Rodriguez, Jennifer Trapani, Carole Wilson

Blue Cross Blue Shield \$10,000 Gift

In May, The Tomorrow Fund received a generous corporate gift of \$10,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, the largest corporate gift to date for the Fund.

"I was the first member of my family to go to college, and the opportunity to get that education was life-changing for me," said Brad Wilson, CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. "All of us who have enjoyed the blessings of education should make sure our neighbors have those same opportunities. That's why I'm so proud that we're helping Hispanic students achieve their dreams through The Tomorrow Fund."

The BCBS \$10,000 gift allowed us to provide a grant of the same amount to a North Carolina college we had not previously collaborated with for the benefit of an Hispanic student. Blue Cross has also generously supported the Fund's Hermanas Latinas Women's mentoring program at Meredith College.

We are very grateful to Blue Cross Blue Shield for their support of post-secondary education for Latino students in North Carolina.

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Brad Wilson,
CEO,
Blue Cross Blue Shield NC



Esaul at a recent conference.

A Student's Perspective:

"I am thankful for the Tomorrow Fund grant that is allowing me to study Architectural Drafting. I have been given this opportunity as a gift. Sometimes, something is given to you and you just accept it and go with it. This summer I had another source of inspiration to become educated: I worked vaccinating chickens, a job that demands all your strength and tests your patience, but pays almost nothing. I know I can do better for myself, my family and my community."

--Esaul C. Tomorrow Fund recipient at NC A & T



8th Grader Raises \$650 for Fund!

Sofia, an 8th grader at a local Catholic school, chose The Tomorrow Fund for her school project on changing the world!

Through a letter Sofia wrote and sent to friends and family, she raised \$650 for the Fund. Sofia is an example of the impact young people can have in their communities and in changing the world.

Thank you, Sofia!

Hermanas Latinas

by Angie Intriago

I am excited to announce that our women's circle is growing! In the 2010-2011 school year we established a social mentoring program with 15 young women that attend Meredith College.

When we first launched this program I wasn't sure what to expect. Over the past year I have been blown away on how professionals and students have come together in making this program a success. Mentors and Mentees maintain contact on a continuous basis, whether that is by phone, email, text or in person meetings. As any new program, we are ever evolving and making changes where needed to improve the success of these relationships.



A Meredith mentee and her mentor

So what's to come in the 2011-2012 school year? Hermanas Latinas wants to bring another college into the mentoring program. This will allow the students to meet others from around the state and build relationships with professionals in the community.

In addition to our social mentoring program, I would like to create a group that consists of women that solely concentrate on fundraising for The

Tomorrow Fund. Looking for volunteers that have this talent to spear head this group!

If you are interested in either becoming a social mentor or participating in fundraising please contact me by phone or email.

- Angie Intriago, Chair of Hermanas Latinas

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How to Make a Difference

There are several ways to donate. Donations are tax-deductible.

Checks:

You may contribute by check payable to:
The Triangle Community Foundation
(Please note on the memo line of your check the fund name: The Tomorrow Fund For Hispanic Students.)

Please send to:

The Tomorrow Fund for Hispanic Students
c/o Triangle Community Foundation
324 Blackwell St #1220
Durham, NC 27701-3690
(919)474-8370

Credit Cards:

You may also contribute online at www.trianglecf.org
(click on DONATE and search for the pages listing the individual funds by name)



Thank You to the Triangle Community Foundation for all their assistance! As a donor-advised fund held at TCF, we rely heavily on their expertise and help. Our thanks especially to Sandra Rodriguez!

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