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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Celebrating Holiday Thankfulness - Cape Fear Literacy Council is the recipient of five grants**

*Cape Fear Literacy Council has been awarded five grants totaling nearly \$39,000. Please read below for a synopsis of the grant awards received throughout 2014. These are a portion of the grants awarded to CFLC in 2014. Forty percent of CFLC's operating budget is funded through grants.*

**CFLC's "Raising the Roof" Building Renovation**

In 2014, Cape Fear Literacy Council embarked on its "Raise the Roof" building renovation to up-fit a building on the CFLC campus to provide educational services to significantly more adults in the Cape Fear region. Renovating this building expanded Cape Fear Literacy Council's teaching facility by 75%. Construction began in June 2014, was completed in September 2014. Students and tutors began using this additional facility in September. The following grants, received in 2014, created an effective learning environment to support Adult Literacy (AL) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) instructional programs:

- **\$25,000 from the Cannon Foundation, Inc.**
- **\$10,000 from the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation \*\***
- **\$1,600 grant from the Landfall Foundation \*\***

*(\*\* - These two grants contributed towards CFLC's successful fulfillment of two capital campaign challenge grants, totaling \$35,000, for CFLC's "Raising the Roof" building renovation project. The first is a \$25,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor through the New Hanover County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. The second challenge grant of \$10,000 has been generously committed by Dr. George Huffmon and Atlantic Neurosurgical & Spine Specialists, P.A. The building renovation capital campaign is separate from CFLC's operating budget.)*

**Instructional Material Grant Award**

In addition to the building renovation grant awards, CFLC received a **\$1,300 grant award from International Paper's IP Foundation** for instructional materials material for CFLC's ESOL program. These materials included textbooks, CDs and instructional journals.

**General Operating Support Grant Award**

In August 2014, CFLC received **a \$1,000 grant award from Wells Fargo through their “Community Connection Grant Program”** to cover general operating expenses.

CFLC’s objective is to maximize adult learners’ chances and likelihood of success in building their literacy/ language /math/computer skills so that they can reach the life goals they have set for themselves. Of prime importance is increasing employability by helping them: study for/earn their GED/high school equivalency, getting/keeping/being promoted on a job, pursuing additional education such as certificates or associate’s degrees, and earning US citizenship.

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