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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: SUMMER BRINGS GRANT AWARDS AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A MAJOR EVENT FOR CFLC

Grant and Foundation Awards

Cape Fear Literacy Council has enjoyed a successful first half of 2018, with the following grant awards:

A. Grant Awards from Local Funders total \$118,870:

- The Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation – For skill books for students 60+
- City of Wilmington (two grants) – Operating Expenses and Capital Improvements
- Corning Vibrant Community Grant – Operating Expenses
- Live Oak Bank – Challenge Grant for Literacy Luncheon, for operating expenses
- The Ministering Circle of Wilmington – Programing Support related to health
- NC Sorosis – Books for students
- New Hanover County – Operating Expenses
- New Hanover County Community Foundation (an affiliate of the NC Community Foundation) – 4 new laptops for student/tutor use
- United Way of the Cape Fear Area – Operating Expenses
- Wilmington Cape Fear Rotary – Programing Support related to employability

B. Grant Award from State Funders has been funded, allocation to be announced July 2018:

- NC Community College System – Programing Support

C. Grant Award from National Funders total \$12,000:

- Dollar General Literacy Foundation – Programing Support

“Winter Is Coming” to Wilmington – the 33rd Annual Literacy Gala – Saturday, November 17, 2018

Despite the heat now, *Winter Is Coming* and Cape Fear Literacy Council beckons you to vie for your own seat in the Seven Kingdoms at our 33rd Annual Literacy Gala – this year with a *Game of Thrones* theme. We celebrate

this popular adaptation of *A Song of Ice and Fire*, George R. R. Martin's series of fantasy novels in an evening of fun and fantasy, as we raise funds to make literacy a reality for hundreds of adults this year.

Cape Fear Literacy Council provides personalized instruction for adults who seek to improve their practical and academic skills. The organization offers two programs: Adult Literacy and English as a Second Language (ESL). The Literacy Council individualizes curriculum through one-on-one tutoring and small classes that are learner-centered and learner-paced. CFLC helps adults earn their citizenship, complete high school equivalency, read with their children or grandchildren, and achieve other personal and academic learning goals. Each year, CFLC serves about 500 adult learners.

As the 2018 Gala Co-Chair, Alexandra Lysik, enthusiastically affirms, "After last year's success with Harry Potter, the gala committee is excited to present this year's theme, *Winter Is Coming*. I can even confirm that there will be a dragon! Our Gala is definitely a huge part of the community, as we are able to raise funds that go directly back into our local area and help impact lives both socially and economically."

Come on out to stake your claim to the Iron Throne – whether you are a die-hard *Game of Thrones* fan or just want to have a fantastic night out, this is your event. The Literacy Gala is one of the most highly-anticipated fundraising events in the Cape Fear Area. Guests are invited to attend the Gala as their favorite *Game of Thrones* character (there are hundreds of them!) or don cocktail party attire.

Highlights include:

- ❖ **Dance the night away to live music by *Machine Gun***
- ❖ **Enjoy delectable cuisine catered by *Middle of the Island***
- ❖ **Partake in plentiful beer, wine, and signature cocktails**
- ❖ **Engage in an extensive Silent Auction with goods and services**
- ❖ **Experience various *Game of Thrones*-inspired activities**

All-inclusive tickets are **\$125** each.

Tickets and sponsorship information is available on August 1st at www.cfliteracy.org.

Any additional questions about the Gala can be answered by contacting the Cape Fear Literacy Council at info@cfliteracy.org or (910) 251-0911.

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THE CAPE FEAR LITERACY COUNCIL'S
33RD ANNUAL GALA



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018
6:30PM

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