

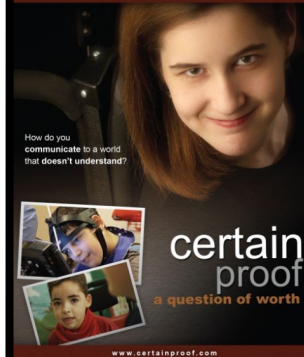


NEW VOICES

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2016 IMPACT REPORT

**Improving
the
Education
of
Children
with
Communication
and
Mobility Issues**





"Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals have far-reaching effects." Dalai Lama

2015 was a busy year for New Voices. Don and I would like to share some of New Voice's accomplishments from this year.

New Voices made grants to two school systems to provide additional assessment tools and materials for fine motor development. The therapist and teacher were grateful to New Voices for making their jobs more efficient and improving the education of students.

In April, New Voices recognized three outstanding professionals with Lara Jane Parker Awards. New Voices also provided scholarships to 14 professionals to develop their skills to better serve New Voices children. In turn, they shared what they learned across their school districts.

In October, New Voices visited with Merck employees and demonstrated the equipment used by New Voices children. New Voices also met and answered questions from students from area universities who had just watched Certain Proof offering these students a different perspective of New Voices children.

New Voices advocates for children with complex communication needs and mobility issues by working with other like-minded organizations like the NC Assistive Technology Program and the Wake Special Education Advisory Council. Having a seat at the table ensures New Voices children are represented at statewide conferences and at local family resource fairs.

Starting this year, New Voices is publishing monthly newsletters. New Voices has also increased our presence on social media, bringing posts about education, communication, equipment, and personal experiences to our growing audience. I invite you to "friend" New Voices on Facebook and go to our website (www.NewVoicesNC.org) to sign up for our newsletters. We'd like to hear from you.

Thank you for dedicating your financial resources to New Voices. We are so grateful to you, our supporters, volunteers, and partners who make New Voices kids a priority.



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11 Years of Giving

\$339,000 awarded in grants and for programs

48% - Improve Existing School Resources

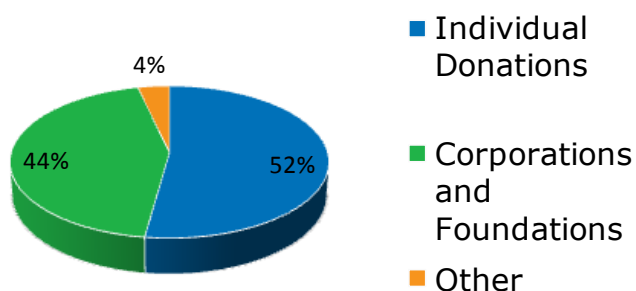
27% - Increase Access to Equipment

15% - Increase Awareness

9% - Training and Recognition

Your Support

Who Gives to New Voices?



Makes A Difference



"I was deeply honored to receive the LJP award but more than that, I felt that someone cared about what we were doing with the children. Our work often goes unrecognized and totally misunderstood. New Voices understands connecting children with communication systems. The LJP award program gave me hope, and I learned about the work that New Voices does with our nonverbal population." Trudy Maness

"I am so proud to be associated with all you do and have done. It is an honor to know you.

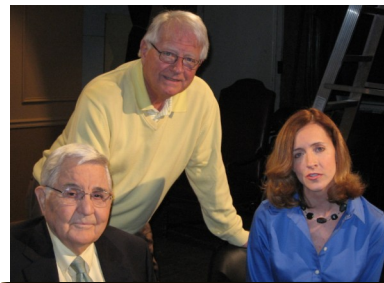
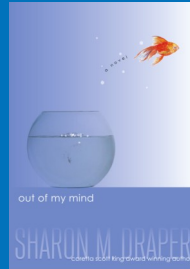
On to the next ten years!"

Sharon Draper





Sharon Draper, Author of *Out of My Mind*, visits with future teachers from NCSU, Meredith and William Peace University as well as children from local schools



Bill Friday features *Certain Proof* with producer Susan Ellis on UNC TV show *North Carolina People*



Teachers and therapists learn new tools and techniques at specialized training sessions. In 2015, 14 training scholarships were awarded.



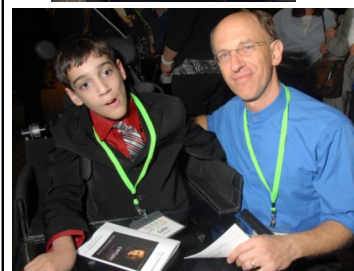
Classroom project at Durham's Easley Elementary provided equipment and assessment tools for evaluation in a classroom setting



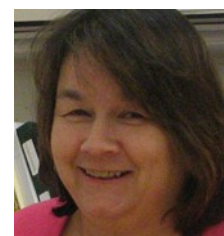
Grant awarded to the Ctr for Literacy and Disabilities Studies at UNC-CH for an Interdisciplinary Assessment Project at local schools.

What New Voices Does

Grant awarded to establish a Kenan Fellowship for an AT Specialist

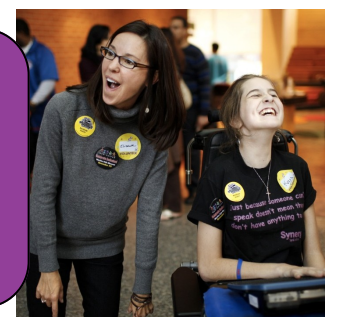


Award-winning documentary depicts challenges of 3 local "New Voices" kids shown at film festivals across the world and used to increase awareness at local screenings for a variety of audiences



Duke BioMed students show families how to adapt devices for switch access

December 2010 ALL Kids Can Play Day of Inclusion at Marbles Kids Museum



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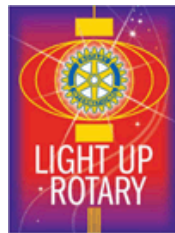
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