



## Press Release

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**The Beehive Collective's annual fundraiser, the Bee Ball, has record breaking year allowing organization to give \$60,000 to an area nonprofit working in Health and Health Care in 2017.**

On May 6, 2017, The Beehive Collective's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bee Ball broke the local giving circle's fundraising records by raising more than \$35,000.

The Bee Ball, held at The Maywood, primarily raised funds through a court of eight community members who solicited donations in the month prior and on the night of the event. This year's fundraising leaders were Liz Hester and Amanda Finch, who individually raised more funds than many prior Bee Balls have totaled. Other generous fundraisers were Camille Wigely, Regina Twine, Brad Johnson, JoJo Polk, Joseph Giampino, and Napoleon Wright II.

The Bee Ball was supported by the following local business sponsors:

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The Beehive Collective is a volunteer based giving circle and all funds go directly into grants to area nonprofits that demonstrate a direct impact on Raleigh. The subject area for The Beehive's annual large grant is community sourced through a meeting that is open to membership and the public in March. Through this process The Beehive creates impactful grants that address immediate needs in Raleigh's community.

This year's theme, Health and Health Care, is defined as follows:

Every person, regardless of where they live, how much money they make, or whether or not they have health insurance, should have access to basic health care. Communities of low income, with mental health challenges, and of color have historically faced systemic barriers in accessing quality health care for themselves and their families.

Projects could focus on providing funding to keep basic programs afloat (perhaps related to community outreach/knowledge, and/or advocacy), or focus around specialized projects that could get lost in the shuffle as advocates hone in on saving the most basic programs.

The Beehive Collective is particularly interested in projects that provide or work toward a more fair, equitable, and just healthcare system by examining and addressing health care systems/issues through an intersectional lens.

Prior to releasing the Request for Proposals, The Beehive Collective will hold a panel on Health and Health Care to learn about Raleigh's needs. The theme panel will be June 6, 2017 at 6:30 at Google Fiber. For more information please see The Beehive Collective's website.

*The two-fold mission of the Beehive Collective is to put philanthropy within everyone's reach and inspire women leaders in the community. To raise money for grants, the organization's 50-person membership donates half of one percent of their income yearly. Additionally, the Beehive Collective hosts fundraising events throughout the year, such as the Bee Ball, and is supported by hundreds of participating community members. Since 2008, the Beehive Collective has given away more than \$150,000 to local nonprofits.*

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For more information on the Beehive, visit their website:

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