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**HandsOn Northwest North Carolina Expanding Equity-Focused Programming;   
Hiring New Program Coordinator**

**Winston-Salem, NC-** [**HandsOn Northwest North Carolina**](http://www.handsonnwnc.org) is pleased to announce it has received a significant programmatic grant from the [**Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust**](http://www.kbr.org) to build capacity for nonprofit organizations led by or primarily serving Black, Indigenous, and other people of color working with under-resourced neighborhoods and traditionally marginalized communities in Forsyth County. The grant is based on HandsOn’s extensive experience providing professional, culturally competent training and leadership development programs that strengthen and sustain nonprofits and individuals. The funds will support participation in programs that provide technical assistance and coaching to small grassroots nonprofits in a variety of functional areas important to nonprofit operations, as well as train emerging BIPOC community leaders to serve as effective nonprofit board members. The funding also provides the opportunity for HandsOn to hire a new Program Coordinator to oversee program logistics and outreach.

“We are excited and heartened by this investment from the Trust in our equity-focused programming, which will allow us to expand our efforts to support these smaller, grassroots groups led by Black, Indigenous and other leaders of colors,” says Amy Lytle, HandsOn Executive Director. “Together with our board, HandsOn has been on an equity journey since our founding in 2007, and we’re looking forward to putting our established expertise in training nonprofits and their leaders to work in these expanded and much-needed efforts. Since the Trust has been a long-time funder and partner with HandsOn, it’s fantastic that we’re taking this next step on our journey together.”

HandsOn’s first goal in the roll-out of these initiatives is to hire a new Program Coordinator, who will work closely with HandsOn’s Program Director to plan and implement all of HandsOn’s training programs with a focus on those programs supported by the Trust’s grant funds. “Being able to expand our small, close-knit team to support these efforts will be crucial to their success,” states Lytle. “We’re looking for someone with experience working or volunteering in local nonprofit organizations, who preferably has lived experience as a BIPOC community leader as well.” Recruitment for the full-time, hourly position, which includes benefits, has already begun, with hopes that the person will start in September. A full position description and application instructions can be found in the “About Us” staff section of [**HandsOn NWNC’s website.**](https://www.handsonnwnc.org/about-us-2/)

**HandsOn NWNC**, based in Winston-Salem, mobilizes people and organizations that inspire community change in Forsyth, Surry, Stokes, Davie, Davidson, and Yadkin counties. They work within a network of more than 500 different nonprofits, engage approximately 5,000 volunteers in meaningful service a year, and have trained thousands of local nonprofit professionals since their founding in 2007. They are also a proud member of Points of Light’s Global Affiliate Network. All of their training and capacity-building offerings, along with a continuously-updated list of volunteer opportunities, can be found on their website at [**www.HandsOnNWNC.org**](http://www.HandsOnNWNC.org). They have also curated a list of local equity-focused resources for both nonprofits and volunteers on their site at [**volunteer.handsonnwnc.org/equity**.](file:///C:\Users\Kathy%20Davis\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\RQ2L270D\volunteer.handsonnwnc.org\equity)

**The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust** was established in 1947 and is now one of the largest private trusts in North Carolina. The mission of the of the Trust is to improve the health and quality of life of financially disadvantaged residents in North Carolina. The Health Improvement in North Carolina program area supports community-wide health solutions across the state. The Local Impact in Forsyth County program area fosters equitable and sustainable solutions to improve the quality of life in Forsyth County. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. serves as the sole trustee.

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