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**Tribute to
Mattie
Williams**

**Priscilla
Burton**

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NEWSLETTER

SFHA RECEIVES PNC 2020 HONOR AWARD

Sandhills Family Heritage Association (SFHA) was selected to receive the Preservation North Carolina (PNC) 2020 Stedman Incentive Grant of \$10,000 for the repair of the Spring Lake Civic Center windows and doors. The award, funded by the Marion S. Covington Foundation, was established in 1975 to assist in the rescue of an endangered historically and architecturally significant property.



Spring Lake Civic Center, located at SFHA's Farmer's Market Site

The Honor Award was presented during a virtual ceremony as part of PNC's Annual Conference on Friday, October 16. Ammie Jenkins, SFHA Executive Director, thanked Preservation NC and the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation for the grant and accepted the award on behalf of SFHA. You can view this ceremony online at https://youtu.be/zXUo5_C65L0

In the 1950s and 1960s the building served as a hub for social change, civil rights strategy meetings, voter registration drives, and school desegregation planning. It was also a place for teen activities, family reunions, birthday parties, VFW meetings, and a community resource center. It is a place of historical significance and a legacy to be preserved for current and future generations. SFHA is excited to receive this grant because it will help complete phase-1 of the building renovation project. The organization continues to seek funding for phase-2 which includes the interior renovation. The newly restored building will house the SFHA office, a community kitchen, an African American history archive, a community education center, and serve as a heritage tour site. Click this link to learn more about the building project. <https://www.sandhillsfamilyheritage.org/building-and-land> ."

What is #GivingTuesday?

GivingTuesday is a day dedicated to generosity and giving. It occurs the Tuesday after Thanksgiving-Dec. 1, 2020. It's a day to acknowledge the power of giving and simple acts of kindness.

Please join Sandhills Family Heritage Association (SFHA) on this day when individuals, communities and businesses come together to support the greater good.



The SFHA sponsors food pantries, a youth development program, and promotes health and wellness. The organization uses a comprehensive approach to address poverty, hunger, health, and cultural issues in under-served low-income communities.

We are excited to share that Cumberland Community Foundation (CCF) will be matching up to \$100,000 in gifts received throughout this Giving Tuesday campaign – so be sure to donate today in order to have your gift amplified! Your gift will help provide food for those in need and engage our youth in positive activities which is more vital now than ever before.

This campaign is one of the many ways we can make a difference. Donations will be accepted starting November 24 through December 3, 2020. Every donation and act of kindness counts.

OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL IS \$15,000!

Please visit our website https://cumberlandcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?grant_id=32926 for more information and how to give online.

To write a check or money order, please see the example below and call 910-309-2198 or 919-888-0389 for more information. Please mail checks to Cumberland Community Foundation, PO Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302. Checks must be received by CCF by December 3, 2020.

Please share the good news of our campaign with your family, friends and associates..



Example for checks and money orders

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
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MEMO Giving Tuesday—Sandhills Family Heritage Assoc.

The minimum gift amount of \$25 or more will be matched by Cumberland Community Foundation starting Nov. 24 thru Dec. 3, 2020.

TRIBUTE TO MATTIE WILLIAMS

By Priscilla Burton, SFHA Board Treasurer

We are saddened by the loss of a faithful and joyful member of our Sandhills Family Heritage Association circle of friends, members, well-wishers and family. Mattie Williams always gave of herself, her talents and resources to positively impact the sustainability and growth of SFHA.

Mattie was a founding member of Sandhills Family Heritage Association and remained active until her passing. She participated and made contributions to the Healing From The Land Project. The project led to the publishing of a book by the same name which details ways community elders used plants and herbs for healing. It continues to be published and shared with others and will remain part of Mattie's legacy for successive generations.

Mattie has supported the Sandhills Farmers Market at the Spring Lake Civic Center site on Chapel Hill Road. She volunteered and patronized the farmers and other vendors. Her efforts have helped sustain the market during its ebbs and flows.

Farmers and vendors have changed over time, but Mattie remained a constant, often entertaining us with humorous experiences from early days working on her grandparents' farm.



Mattie truly loved being a Sankofa Player. It showed in her performances of characters she played in the process of bringing alive the historic African- American experience. Sometimes tragic, and sometimes humorous—her roles came alive to reveal and convey the emotions of the character.



During the time when the SFHA sponsored the Sankofa Festival, she not only performed with the Sankofa Players, but she could be found in the Heritage House teaching about herbs, demonstrating how a butter churn works or explaining how our ancestors used the washtub. More recently, she has been a faithful volunteer with the Annual Rural Heritage Food Tasting. Patrons looked forward to her delicious collard greens and crispy fried fatback. Suffice it to say, Mattie Williams will be greatly missed by Sandhills Family Heritage Association. We are so grateful to have benefited from her humor, wisdom, kindness and love!

Food Distribution in the Sandhills



Sandhills Family Heritage Association

Thank YOU! Volunteers



We appreciate all that you do for the community!

" The November 21st Food Truck Drive Thru was a tremendous success and well-organized! Families from Spout Springs and surrounding communities were so grateful to receive food items just in time for Thanksgiving. Those who came through were also surprised with tickets to pick up hot Thanksgiving meals at Johnsonville AME Zion Church which were prepared and served by members of the Dunn-Lillington AME Zion District. Over 200 food boxes will allow families to enjoy Thanksgiving in the middle of a pandemic.

Thank you to the Food Distribution Team, volunteers, Second Harvest and Spout Springs Presbyterian Church for the success of this event."
 -Janet Brower