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## **YWCA LOWER CAPE FEAR RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM LIVE OAK BANK**

**WILMINGTON, N.C.**— YWCA Lower Cape Fear is the proud recipient of a \$20,000 grant from Live Oak Bank. The grant will benefit the Grandparent Support Network, a support group for grandparents who are providing full-time care to their grandchildren.

For over 10 years, Grandparent Support Network has provided peer support for more than 100 grandparents and their families. The YWCA became the official home to the Grandparent Support Network in March 2015. Grandparent Support Network is a collaborative of the YWCA, First Presbyterian Church, participants, volunteers, UNCW interns and community supporters.

Thanks to Live Oak Bank, the program will continue to provide free mentoring, tutoring, case management, resource connection, as well as physical, mental and emotional health support for these families.

“Empowering women and families is the core of our mission at the YWCA. We are honored to receive this grant from Live Oak Bank,” said Charrise Hart, Executive Director of YWCA Lower Cape Fear. “With their support, we will be able to add an Adolescent Program Facilitator for teens who have continued to remain involved with Grandparent Support Network since their early years. This ensures that our families will continue to have a safe, neutral place to interact with each other.”

For more information on Grandparent Support Network, the YWCA and its mission and programs, please visit [www.ywca-lowercapefear.org](http://www.ywca-lowercapefear.org).

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### About YWCA

YWCA Lower Cape Fear is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen our community. YWCA Lower Cape Fear has a 103-year history in Wilmington, and is part of an international movement serving over 2 million in the United States and 25 million worldwide. For comprehensive information about this important work, go to: [ywca-lowercapefear.org](http://ywca-lowercapefear.org)