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Jack and Jill, NCCU students benefit from gifts

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DURHAM -- A couple of Durham business owners put some of their money where their hearts are.

Tommy and Gail McNeill, owners of Gail's Hair Salon and Pampering Women, both located on Guess Road, donated \$100 on behalf of the salon to Durham's chapter of **Jack and Jill** of America Inc.

"At Gail's Hair Salon, we are supportive of your mission to seek constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreation, social and service programs for children. We also believe **Jack and Jill** of America Inc. is a major player in social and emotional mentoring shaping a generation of young men and women," Gail McNeill said.

The organization's website states **Jack and Jill** is an African-American organization of mothers who nurture future leaders by strengthening children ages 2-19 through chapter programming, community service, legislative advocacy and philanthropic giving.

Yolanda Clemons is president of the local **Jack and Jill** chapter, which has supported several local causes including CAARE, Inc. and Read Seed.

CAARE is a community-based provider of supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their affected families. Read Seed is a literacy program for children.

The local **Jack and Jill** chapter also helped assemble one million dried, high-protein meals for people in Haiti, Bolivia, Ghana and Guatemala.

The McNeills also have donated \$1,000 to establish the Tommy and Gail McNeill Journalism Award at N.C. Central University. An annual award of \$100 will be given to a deserving student on staff with the Campus Echo, **NCCU's** student newspaper.

Campus Echo editor Ashley Griffin accepted the donation from the McNeills.

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