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**Cape Fear Regional Theatre Announces Receipt of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.  
Mary Lynn McCree Bryan Leadership Award Honoring Carole Goforth**

Fayetteville, NC — July 18, 2017 — Cape Fear Regional Theatre (CFRT) is pleased to announce the receipt of the Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.'s Mary Lynn McCree Bryan Leadership Award. This \$1,000 grant honors Mrs. Carole Goforth will support professional development opportunities for CFRT's leadership team.

Carole Goforth has been an active member of the CFRT Board of Directors since 1988. Although Carole has served in numerous roles, her strengths are leadership and fundraising. She served as Board President in 1993 and 1998, has been chair of the Co-Producer Committee for 25 years, a member of the Finance Committee for 23 years, and was chair of the Renovations Committee in 1998 which lead the building of CFRT's Glass Block Room with additional interior renovations, adding more office spaces and refurbishing. In her time with CFRT, Carole has raised more than \$2M to help CFRT bring outstanding live theatre and theatre education programs to Fayetteville and the greater region.

"She has mentored many new board members including myself," says former CFRT Board President, Reshma Patel Beal. "Carole takes on challenging roles that others may shy away from and goes beyond meeting all of the criteria for exemplary board service."

Funding provided by this award is helping CFRT provide professional development and networking opportunities to our new Artistic Director, Mary Catherine Burke, to ensure a seamless transition. Mary Kate joined CFRT on July 1 succeeding Tom Quaintance who left the theatre to join Virginia Stage Company as producing artistic director last fall.

For more information about Cape Fear Regional Theatre, please visit [cfrt.org](http://cfrt.org) or call 910-323-4234.

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**About Cape Fear Regional Theatre:** Cape Fear Regional Theatre was organized in 1962 by a small group of local actors and friends who gathered to dream. Together they founded the Fayetteville Little Theatre, which would evolve into one of the finest theatres in the state of North Carolina. With the community's support the founding group was able to purchase a former movie theatre building at 1209 Hay Street. This would become the current three-story complex, which houses a 327-seat main stage. In 1986, the theatre changed its name to Cape Fear Regional Theatre to reflect its growing importance to southeastern North Carolina.