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About the Project: With the grant money awarded by the N.C. Healthy Start Foundation we were able to obtain educational materials to impact women of all ages and indirectly have impact on their families. In public health prevention by education is key. Each year our health department serves approximately 600 to 700 clients through our family planning clinics and another 150 to 200 through our prenatal programs. We purchased educational materials on topics from breast and cervical cancers to effects of substance abuse on pregnancy. Our educational purchases such as display charts on substance use during pregnancy, STDs, and abnormal pap smears are already on display throughout the health department and will be used within the month in several community health fairs and speaking engagements.

In addition, with the N.C Healthy Start funding we were able to obtain a 32-inch flat screen TV and DVD player to replace a 13-inch TV. All the media we were receiving free from different agencies was on DVD, only we didn't have a DVD player. In addition, the television was pitifully small. Since installing our flat screen TV and DVD player we have been able to make use of the media in a waiting room for all clients to see.

Successes: We serve and have the ability to impact women of all races, ages, and from all economic backgrounds with these educational purchases. We appreciate the confidence and opportunity you have given us by investing financially in the education of our clients.

