

Paul Green Foundation

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STATE OF THE FOUNDATION

Dear Trustees and Friends,

I thought as a way to end the year – this the **35th Anniversary of the Paul Green Foundation** and on the last day of 2017 – that I would take this time to share some of its history and its great accomplishments.

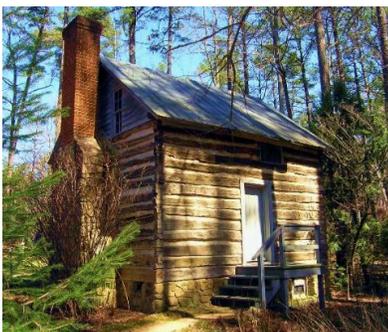
Established in **1982** following the 1981 death of Paul Elliot Green, Elizabeth and her four children (Paul, Byrd, Betsy and Janet) decided to begin a foundation, with the royalty income, that would carry on Paul Green's work for the Arts and Human Rights that had been at the forefront of his long and successful literary and activist life.

The physical location of the Foundation has been in various directors' homes as well as the c. 1930 White Cross School in Orange County on Rt. 54 West and the former Chapel Hill Museum that was located at 523 East Franklin Street in Chapel Hill where an elegant Paul Green Legacy exhibit was installed.

By 1984 the first grant for \$1097 was made to outfit the Paul Green Memorabilia Room at the Paul Green Theatre on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus and we see that the next two years provided \$300 scholarships for young writers to attend a Young Writers Conference at Duke University. And so we began.

Through the years the Foundation has provided modest grants to nonprofit organizations for many different **ARTS** and **HUMAN RIGHTS** projects – to name just a few:

- ❖ North Carolina Central and Women's Prison writing programs
 - ❖ Support for theatre companies' lighting, costumes and sets
 - ❖ Visiting Poets at Duke Medical Center for terminal patient encouragement
 - ❖ Support for outdoor dramas across the country
 - ❖ Anti-death penalty projects and programs for:
The Lone Vigil, People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, ACLU of NC and others
 - ❖ Paul Green Awards to young theatre artists
 - ❖ Grants and books for public and university libraries
 - ❖ Distribution support for publications
 - ❖ Grants to grassroots organizations working for justice and peace
 - ❖ Writing competition awards
 - ❖ Support of Paul Green's plays – such as "Hymn to the Rising Sun" and *In Abraham's Bosom*
 - ❖ Support of Paul Green's musical works such as *Johnny Johnson*
 - ❖ North Carolina Freedom Park grant – to build a major work of public art, for school children and the public, in downtown Raleigh, that honors the African American experience
- ...and the list goes on and on for a whopping **\$572,261 in grants since 1982!**



Plus, the Paul Green Foundation has provided funds for the **Paul Green Cabin** at the North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill, with hopes we can continue to support the Cabin's restoration in 2018.

Happy New Year!

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