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**WHAT:** Success is Served! Grant will be awarded to Onslow County Teacher, Barbara Edwards

**WHEN:** May 18, 2015, 9:30 AM

**WHY:** To give back to the community and aid teachers' efforts

**HOW:** Through profits of Family Night dinners at the White Oak River Bistro

(May 15, 2015) After a school year of Family Night Dinners and a far reaching search for the recipient, The White Oak River Bistro will awarded this year's *Success is Served!* Grant on Monday, May 18, 2015 to Onslow County teacher, Barbra Edwards. The educator's project, *Winds of Change* will help students at four different middle schools in Onslow County.

Now in its second year, the grant was the idea of a local restaurateur and a long-time champion of this area. The White Oak River Bistro offers Family Night Dinners weekly. On Wednesday evenings during the school year, the fine dining restaurant offers a family-style meal at a family-friendly price. A portion of Family Night sales fund the Success Is Served! Grant which provides teachers with money for special projects or classroom supplies. "This is a very creative project, and one that impacts students in many different areas and ways—we're very pleased to be part of it," said Gene Heath, the owner and chef at the White Oak River Bistro. "Ms. Edwards has really come up with an 'outside the box' project that has the potential to impact students for years to come."

The Winds of Change project challenges students to research global issues of intolerance like the Holocaust. Student research then becomes a visual reminder in a memorial garden filled with wind chimes. Each wind chime is coded with a QR code that garden visitors may scan to get more information about the research subjects.

Grant recipient, Barbra Edwards is an AIG (Academically and Intellectually Gifted) Specialist for Onslow County Schools serving Dixon, Hunters Creek, Jacksonville Commons and Swansboro Middle Schools.

"We'd like to thank everyone who joined us for Family Night Dinners in support of our local schools. We're grateful to be part of the Onslow and Carteret County communities," said Heath.

*Media is invited to attend the award presentation at Swansboro Middle School*

*on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 9:30 AM.*

*Please call for additional details.*

*Photos are available upon request.*

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