

Target gives away money at grand opening

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Target sets aside 5 percent of its pretax profits for community projects.

According to Mitch Stover, senior vice president, that amounts to about \$3 million a week. Target grossed \$65 billion in 2008, Stover said.

In keeping with the company's charitable service record, Target presented six grants at Tuesday's grand opening.

"The grant program supports organizations that positively impact the arts, early childhood reading and family violence prevention in the areas where we do business," said Amy Spencer, group manager of communications.

Tuesday's six recipients:

• Dudley Shoals Elementary School, \$1,000 for its Watchdogs group.

• Webb A. Murray Elementary, \$2,000 for Fun with Books.

• Jacobs Fork Elementary, \$1,000 for its art program.

• H.M. Arndt Middle, \$1,000 for its choral music program.

• Catawba Science Center, \$2,500 for Free Fridays.

• Newton Police Department, \$1,500.

According to Target, the company has donated approximately \$24,000 to the Newton-Conover school system through its Take Charge of Education Program.

Target grants helped fund 148 field trips for North Carolina students during the 2008-09 school year. For more information, go to www.target.com/community.