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NEWS RELEASE

**Cleveland County Community Foundation Grants
\$27,200 to Address Human Services and Education in Cleveland County**

CLEVELAND COUNTY, N.C. – The Cleveland County Community Foundation recently awarded \$27,200 in grants to 11 local nonprofits to assist the community as it continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants will help fund projects and programs that address human services and education around Cleveland County.

Grants from this cycle include \$2,000 to Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry to help families facing a financial crisis with utilities, rent, food and clothing; \$3,000 to Foothills Farmers Market to finance a dollar-for-dollar SNAP incentive program that increases the buying power of low-income shoppers and encourages them to eat local, healthy foods; and \$3,000 to Communities In Schools of Cleveland County for its mentoring program for local youth.

CCCF is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas. The grants were awarded by the Cleveland County Community Foundation’s local board of advisors as part of its annual grantmaking program. CCCF has invested more than \$300,000 in projects and programs that support Cleveland County residents since 1985.

“Cleveland County Community Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to provide financial resources to support worthy nonprofits as they address critical needs in our community,” said David Schweppe, chair of the board of advisors. “The board is impressed with the quality of our 2021 applicants, and we encourage other local programs to consider us for funding in the future.”

Cleveland County Community Foundation’s 2021 grant awards include:

- **\$3,500 to Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland County** to prepare local teenagers for life after graduation.
- **\$2,500 to Community Math Academy** to equip students to meet academic success through high expectations, nurturing and community engagement.
- **\$3,000 to Communities in Schools of Cleveland** to provide youth with a one-on-one relationship with a local mentor.
- **\$2,500 to Destination Cleveland County** to present a community storytelling workshop for 7th and 8th grade students at the Earl Scruggs Center.
- **\$3,000 to Foothills Farmers Market** for a SNAP incentive program to encourage low-income shoppers to eat local, healthy foods.
- **\$2,000 to Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry** to help families facing financial crisis.
- **\$2,000 to Mental Health Association of Cleveland County** to its SOAR program that allows individuals access affordable housing, healthcare and mental health services.
- **\$1,200 to Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte** to cover the cost to provide Cleveland County families with a safe place to stay for one week.

- **\$1,000 to Samaritan’s Feet International** to provide proper-fitting shoes to vulnerable populations.
- **\$1,000 to Walls Memorial Baptist Church Food Pantry** to provide emergency food for those in need.
- **\$5,000 to Washington Outreach Ministry** to fund their emergency feeding program.

For more information about the Cleveland County Community Foundation:

www.clevelandcounty-cf.org

About Cleveland County Community Foundation:

The Foundation is a permanent endowment established in 1985 by local leaders to benefit a broad range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Cleveland Foundation assists donors in making charitable contributions to the community, provides services for nonprofit organizations to create new or manage existing endowments, and awards grants to organizations serving the Cleveland community. For more information visit

www.clevelandcounty-cf.org.

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