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NEWS RELEASE

Lincoln County Community Foundation Grants a Record-Breaking \$33,595 to Assist Children, Families and More

LINCOLNTON, N.C. – The Lincoln County Community Foundation recently awarded a record-breaking \$33,595 in grants to 13 local projects – the largest annual grantmaking in the LCCF’s history. The grants will support programs that address a wide range of community needs across Lincoln County.

Grants from this cycle include \$5,000 to United Way of Lincoln County to support the Emergency Assistance Fund; \$2,500 to Helping Animals to Survive to host a free microchip and vaccination clinic for Lincoln County residents and their pets; and \$2,000 to Shining Hope Farms to provide equine-assisted therapies to Lincoln County children with disabilities.

“As our community continues to navigate challenges from the pandemic, United Way is committed to healing Lincoln County through long-term recovery efforts and providing relief to those impacted,” said Alisha Dameron Friday, Executive Director of United Way of Lincoln County. “United Way works alongside many local organizations to serve our community’s most vulnerable neighbors. Through generous support from funders like Lincoln County Community Foundation and partners like Helping Hands, United Way has organized an Emergency Assistance Fund to assist individuals in Lincoln County with their most basic needs such as, rent or mortgage, utilities, food, and shelter. Together and only together, we can rebuild and reimagine a strong future for our community.”

The Lincoln County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas. The grants were awarded by the LCCF’s local Board of Advisors as part of an annual grantmaking program. The Board of Advisors raised \$10,000 to support this year’s grantmaking, thanks to an anonymous donor’s pledge to match up to \$3,000 in contributions. This led to a record year of grantmaking for the foundation. The Lincoln County Community Foundation has invested more than \$250,000 in projects and programs that have supported Lincoln County residents since 2002.

The Lincoln County Community Foundation’s 2021 grant awards include:

- **\$2,000 to Boy Scouts of America – Piedmont Council** to provide financial assistance for Lincoln County youth to participate in Cub Scouting programs.
- **\$1,500 to Communities in Schools of Lincoln County** to support the after-school program at East Lincoln Middle School and Lincolnton Middle School.
- **\$2,500 to Helping Animals to Survive (HATS)** to host a free microchip and vaccination clinic for Lincoln County residents and their pets.
- **\$500 to Hased House of Hope** to install outdoor lighting that enhances the safety and security of residents and visitors.
- **\$1,995 to the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence** to help enhance the organization’s storage abilities.
- **\$1,300 to the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse** to support Operation Warmth, a program that provides coats to children in foster care.
- **\$4,800 to Lincoln County YMCA** to support enrollment in the preschool program for Lincoln County children for the 2021-2022 academic year.

- **\$5,000 to the Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties** to provide financial assistance for early care and education to Lincoln County families.
- **\$2,500 to Sally's YMCA** to support the Wisdom, Opportunity, Knowledge and Excellence (W.O.K.E.) Academy, a small-group workshop program that connects teens of color with mentorship on topics that range from networking to financial literacy.
- **\$2,000 to Shining Hope Farms** to provide equine-assisted therapies to Lincoln County children with disabilities.
- **\$2,000 to Speak Up for Children** to help support the various needs of Lincoln County children in foster care.
- **\$2,500 to Special Olympics North Carolina** to support events for Lincoln County athletes of all ages and abilities.
- **\$5,000 to the United Way of Lincoln County** to support the Emergency Assistance Fund, which provides financial assistance to programs and services addressing the needs of Lincoln County residents.

For more information about the Lincoln County Community Foundation, visit www.lincolncounty-cf.org.

About the Lincoln County Community Foundation:

Established in 2001 as a permanent endowment, the Lincoln County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes in Lincoln County. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Lincoln County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For more information, visit www.lincolncounty-cf.org.

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