

Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Awards \$400,000 to 26 Local Nonprofits for Projects Serving Families in Mecklenburg County.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation – a regional affiliate and the primary grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – recently granted \$400,000 to 26 local nonprofits for projects that are designed to bring about positive change and reduce intergenerational poverty.

Living in a stable family where every resident is afforded the opportunity to be well-educated, safely housed, meaningfully employed and actively engaged in community decisions were determined by the Leading on Opportunity report – which provided a roadmap for increasing upward mobility in the community – as the most predictive correlation of economic mobility. The grant cycle was open to organizations serving residents of Mecklenburg County.

"With today's grants from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation, our focus extends beyond traditional grantmaking; we're dedicated to catalyzing transformative initiatives designed to reduce intergenerational poverty," said Federico Rios, senior vice president, Robinson Center for Civic Leadership. "These grants are not merely isolated efforts; they align seamlessly with the recommendations outlined in the Leading on Opportunity report, providing a strategic roadmap for enhancing economic mobility in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. These grants support projects that emphasize stable family environments, accessible education and secure housing."

Grants from this cycle include, among others: \$25,000 to Despierta for their Mujer Despierta program that provides support for adolescents navigating the healthcare system; \$20,000 to Council for Children's Rights for their Custody Advocacy Program that provides legal representation for youth and targeted educational trainings for families; and \$25,000 to Housing Collaborative to introduce a Flexible Housing Subsidy pool model to increase units for program-connected tenants.

Grants include:

- \$5,000 to **Adoption Support Alliance** to help families formed through adoption receive the support they need to thrive.
- \$19,208 to **Brave Step, Inc.** to empower the Latin community to be strong advocates for their children, family and friends as it relates to sexual violence.
- \$12,000 to **Care Ring** for their Nurse-Family Partnership Program.
- \$10,000 to **Caterpillar Ministries** for their marriage and family strengthening services.
- \$25,000 to **Charlotte Bilingual Preschool** to provide a pipeline of Latinx bilingual educators.
- \$20,000 to **Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy** to stabilize low-income families and increase access to opportunity through legal representation, systematic advocacy and community education.
- \$15,000 to **Charlotte Family Housing** to help families gain the skills, tools and confidence to achieve long-term housing stability and financial sufficiency.
- \$10,000 to **Common Wealth Charlotte** to provide trauma-informed approach to financial literacy, credit education and access to 0% interest, no-fee loans.

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- \$15,000 to **Communities in Schools** for their Safe Journey Program.
- \$20,000 to **Council for Children’s Rights** for their Custody Advocacy and Family Engagement.
- \$25,000 to **Despierta** to expand their program to provide aid for underserved Latinx youth and families.
- \$10,000 to **Families Forward Charlotte** for their Family Success Program.
- \$15,000 to **Florence Crittenton Services** to provide education for expectant mothers-to-be.
- \$15,000 to **Foster Village Charlotte** for their Partners in Permanency program.
- \$20,000 to **Freedom Communities** to provide an employment liaison for their Moms Moving Forward program.
- \$15,000 to **Hope Haven, Inc.** to help families build a foundation of recovery and address past trauma.
- \$25,000 to **Junior Achievement of Central Carolinas** to support their BizTown and Finance Park.
- \$10,000 to **Matthews HELP Center** to provide crisis assistance to help families avoid eviction and utility disconnection.
- \$18,792 to **ourBridge** to help mitigate the cultural and language barriers facing immigrant and refugee families.
- \$25,000 to **Planned Parenthood South Atlantic** to provide health services and education in Mecklenburg County.
- \$10,000 to **Rebuilding Together of Greater Charlotte** to prevent neighborhood displacement for Hidden Valley families in need.
- \$15,000 to **Safe Alliance** to help fund a peer support specialist at the domestic violence shelter.
- \$10,000 to **Supportive Housing Communities** for their Keeping Families Together program.
- \$15,000 to **The Center for Community Transitions, Inc.** to expand their Enrichment Institute for caregivers at CMS schools.
- \$10,000 to **YWCA Central Carolinas** to provide safe affordable housing and one-on-one comprehensive support services.

CMCF’s grantmaking program was established following a [\\$35 million bequest from Lucille Puette Giles](#) in 1995. To date, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation has awarded more than \$57 million in grants. Because the fund was established as an unrestricted endowment, it provides a permanent source of grantmaking for community needs as they evolve over time.

For more information about the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation, visit www.charmeck-cf.org.

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