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Stanly County Community Foundation Grants More Than \$44,000 to Local Nonprofits

ALBEMARLE, N.C. – The Stanly County Community Foundation recently awarded more than \$44,000 in grants this year to 15 nonprofits. The grants will support projects and programs that address investment areas of arts and culture, education, health, housing and shelter human services, and youth development. The Foundation chose grants from organizations and programs that strive to increase stability and opportunity for individuals and families in Stanly County.

Grants from this cycle include \$5,000 to Stanly Community Christian Ministry to provide crisis assistance for families and individuals in Stanly County; \$4,000 to Uwharrie Players for their theatre performances for Stanly County elementary schools; and \$4,766 to Homes of Hope for materials to repair two of their transitional housing units.

Stanly County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, and the grants are awarded by the local Stanly County Community Foundation Board of Advisors.

"The Stanly County Community Foundation is proud to stand with our local non-profits, providing the support they need to continue their extraordinary work," said Brooke Senter, chair of the SCCF board of advisors. "This year's grants reflect our ongoing commitment to addressing the growing needs of our community and fostering a brighter future for all."

One recipient of grant funds this year was Least of These Carolinas, which assists children who enter foster care. "Thanks to the Stanly County Community Foundation grant, we are thrilled to provide every child in foster care in Stanly County with a Bag of Hope this year," said Susanna Kavanaugh, Least of These Carolinas executive director. "Each personalized duffel bag, embroidered with the child's name, includes essential items like clothes, toys, a blanket and a stuffed animal, offering comfort and a sense of belonging during this challenging time."

Tammy Albertson, executive director of the nonprofit Raising A Reader, a 2024 grant recipient, expressed her gratitude to the Stanly County Community Foundation.

"The Raising a Reader program supports families to build, practice and grow reading routines at home," she said. "Research shows that family book sharing is a predictor of early literacy success and future educational achievement. This goes along with the vision of Stanly County Partnership for Children as we want all Stanly County children entering school ready to succeed."

Stanly County Community Foundation's 2024 grants include:

- \$2,500 to Aspire Youth and Family to support their Kids at Work program in Stanly County.
- \$3,000 to Bridge to Recovery to provide transportation to and from treatment facilities.
- \$2,500 to Boy Scouts of America – Central Council to support the Exploring and Venturing Programs for at-risk youth.
- \$1,000 to Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas to provide financial support for Stanly County families with children undergoing cancer treatment.
- \$2,000 to Esther House of Stanly to provide transportation for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- \$4,766 to Homes of Hope for materials to repair two of their transitional housing units.

- \$4,500 to Least of These Carolinas to support their Bags of Hope program for Stanly County children entering foster care.
- \$4,500 to Older Adult Services in Stanly County to provide wheelchair ramps for Stanly County residents.
- \$2,000 to Pfeiffer University to support their Poverty Simulation Training program.
- \$2,140 to Rescue Unit of Stanly to purchase Personal Protective Equipment Turnout Gear.
- \$5,000 to Stanly Community Christian Ministry for crisis intervention for those residents who are facing eviction or utility disconnection.
- \$2,000 to Stanly County Arts Council to support a Summer Arts Camp for elementary school students.
- \$2,630 to Stanly County Family YMCA for their Summer Camp Open Doors Scholarship program.
- \$2,288 to Stanly County Partnership for Children for their Raising a Reader program.
- \$4,000 to Uwharrie Players to support their theatre performances for Stanly County elementary schools.

For more information on Stanly County Community Foundation visit www.stanlycounty-cf.org.

About Stanly County Community Foundation

Established in 1999 as a permanent endowment, the Stanly County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Stanly Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving, and strengthens the community. Visit www.stanlycounty-cf.org for more information.

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