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Cabarrus County Community Foundation Celebrates Record Year of Grantmaking to Nonprofit Organizations

CONCORD, N.C. – The Cabarrus County Community Foundation recently awarded a record-breaking amount of \$118,250 in grants to 26 nonprofit organizations. The Foundation's investment focuses on key priorities identified by the Cabarrus community, including education, youth development, housing, and shelter. The funding will also support organizations working to combat food insecurity and enhance human services and healthcare.

Grants from this cycle include \$6,000 to Academic Learning Center to provide before-and-after-school tutoring to Cabarrus County students; \$8,500 to Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County to help homeowners with critical repairs; and \$3,500 to Beds for Kids to secure beds for families transitioning from homelessness.

"We are deeply grateful to the Cabarrus County Community Foundation for their generous grant, which allows us to sustain and expand our after-school program for underserved Latino children in Cabarrus County," said El Puente Hispano President Sandra Torres. "This initiative provides critical resources, including tutoring, mentorship and other enriching opportunities that children need to thrive both academically and personally. We aim to break some of the barriers these children face and pave the way for a brighter future for them and their families, and these funds are instrumental in helping achieve this goal."

"The rise in the number of homeless students has become a deeply concerning issue in Cabarrus County and Kannapolis City Schools," said S.T.U.D.I.O. President Tecola Patterson. "It's heartbreaking to realize these children, who should ideally be solely focused on their educational pursuits and enjoying childhood experiences associated with growth and freedom, are forced to live a life of survival. Receiving this grant from the Cabarrus County Community Foundation is indeed heartening because it means we can continue supporting these homeless students and their families when they need it most."

The Cabarrus County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas. The grants were awarded by CCCF's local board of advisors as part of an annual grantmaking program. The Cabarrus County Community Foundation has invested more than \$2.6 million in projects and programs that have supported Cabarrus County residents since 1991.

"As the board chair of the Cabarrus County Community Foundation, I am proud to reaffirm our commitment to the community by awarding \$118,250 in grants to address critical needs in education, youth development and housing," said CCCF Board Chair Eric Dearmon. "Our partnerships with local nonprofits are invaluable as we work together to create positive change. We remain dedicated to being champions for Cabarrus County."

The Cabarrus County Community Foundation's 2024 grant awards include:

- **\$6,000 to 1Can Inc.** to purchase supplies for its Blessing Boxes located around Cabarrus County, providing food or personal hygiene items to anyone in need.
- **\$6,000 to Academic Learning Center** to provide before and after-school tutoring to students in Cabarrus County and Kannapolis City schools.
- **\$6,000 to Amazing Grace Advocacy** to support its Life Skills Lab Program, which provides essential skills for young adults with disabilities.
- **\$4,000 to ApSeed Early Childhood Education** to supply 50 touchpads to students at West 22nd Street Head Start to prepare them for kindergarten.
- **\$7,000 to AYA House** to support wrap-around recovery services and transitional housing for participants in Cabarrus County.
- **\$1,500 to Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina** to assist its foster families in Cabarrus County with finances while housing children in foster care.
- **\$3,500 to Beds for Kids** to help purchase 112 twin mattresses for families in Cabarrus County transitioning from homelessness.
- **\$4,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas** to support the one-on-one mentoring program in Cabarrus County.
- **\$3,750 to Boys & Girls Club of Cabarrus County** for its Project Learn Program that engages youth in learning to achieve academic success.
- **\$3,500 to Cabarrus County Education Foundation** to support its Reading+Mentoring 4 Success Program to ignite students' achievement and confidence through reading.
- **\$5,000 to Cabarrus Meals on Wheels** to purchase holiday and inclement weather shelf-stable meals for Cabarrus County seniors.
- **\$2,500 to Cabarrus Partnership for Children** to provide the necessary items needed to meet the critical health and safety needs of children 0-5 years.
- **\$3,000 to Church of the Brethren Concord Fellowship** to help the Living Faith Food Pantry provide perishable food items to food pantry guests.
- **\$2,500 to Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast** to support the creation of a food pantry within the Atrium Health Levine Children's Healthy Futures clinic to serve patients experiencing food insecurity.
- **\$5,000 to Central North Carolina Council (Boy Scouts)** to support the Family Scouting initiative, providing youth with character development and value-based activities for lifelong success.
- **\$4,000 to Classroom Central** to support the distribution of school supplies to students and teachers in Kannapolis City Schools.
- **\$6,500 to Coltrane LIFE Center** to provide health-care services with monitoring, support and supervision for seniors and adults with disabilities.
- **\$6,000 to El Puente Hispano** to support its K-5 tutoring program focused on improving reading and math skills for underprivileged Latino students.
- **\$2,000 to Elder Orphan Care** to support the Safe and Loved at Home Program, which provides seniors with no-cost home assessments to determine their needs to age safely in place in their homes.
- **\$5,000 to Girl Scouts, Hornet's Nest Council** to support the Girl Scouts Leadership Experience Program in Cabarrus County.
- **\$8,500 to Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County** to support the Critical Home Repair Program in Cabarrus County.

- **\$8,000 to Junior Charity League of Concord** to support the Mariam C. Schramm Clothing Room, which provides clothing, shoes and toiletries to Cabarrus County students facing hardship.
- **\$6,000 for Opportunity House** to support the day shelter program for individuals experiencing homelessness in Cabarrus County.
- **\$4,000 to Present Age Ministries** to support the Discovering Your Value, a program that educates and supports girls at risk for human trafficking.
- **\$2,000 to The New North Carolina Project Foundation** to help educate Logan community residents on energy efficiency and sustainable homeownership.
- **\$3,000 to The S.T.U.D.I.O** to provide emergency housing for students and families suffering from homelessness.

About the Cabarrus County Community Foundation:

Established in 1989 as a permanent endowment, the Cabarrus County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Cabarrus County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For more information, please visit www.cabarruscounty-cf.org.

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