

Foundation For The Carolinas Announces \$110K in Grants to Regional Nonprofits

2025 awards support nonprofits in Stanly, York, Cabarrus, Iredell and Union counties

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Foundation For The Carolinas has awarded \$110,000 in grants to seven nonprofits across five counties in the Foundation's 13-county region. The grants will support a wide range of charitable programs – from youth mentorship and early childhood development to arts education, animal welfare and environmental conservation.

The grants were awarded through FFTC's Community Impact Funds, which support broad charitable interest areas such as education, human services, arts and culture, animal welfare and environmental sustainability. The funds are made possible by donors who entrust FFTC with discretionary resources to respond to urgent, emerging and strategic needs in the communities the Foundation serves.

"Community Impact Funds allow us to tackle local challenges and invest in solutions that strengthen our region," said Laura Clark, president of Foundation For The Carolinas. "We're grateful to the donors who make this possible and proud to support organizations driving real, positive change."

FFTC's Community Impact Funds allow donors to make gifts that support causes they care about while relying on FFTC's team of grantmaking professionals – along with local community input – to direct resources where they are needed most.

2025 grant recipients include:

- **Stanly County, N.C.:**
 - *Aspire Youth & Family* – \$5,000 to provide at-risk youth ages 12–18 with hands-on culinary arts training, food safety certification, life skills and job placement support.
 - *Stanly County Partnership for Children* – \$15,000 to conduct a strategic planning initiative, including a needs assessment focused on families with young children and the childcare sector.
- **York County, S.C.:**
 - *Nation Ford Land Trust* – \$20,000 to support the restoration of trails, habitats and waterways damaged by Hurricane Helene, while also implementing infrastructure improvements to mitigate future weather-related damage.
- **Cabarrus County, N.C.:**
 - *Opportunity House* – \$10,000 to meet the survival needs of individuals experiencing homelessness by providing meals, showers, laundry services and access to a nurse.

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- *The S.T.U.D.I.O.* – \$20,000 to provide emergency housing assistance, including hotel stays and foreclosure/eviction prevention, for working students and families identified as homeless by local school districts.
- **Iredell County, N.C.:**
 - *Lake Norman Humane* – \$20,000 to support the construction of a low-cost spay and neuter clinic aimed at reducing euthanasia rates and preventing unwanted litters, with services available to the public.
- **Union County, N.C.:**
 - *Lanti Foundation* – \$10,000 to fund *Curtains Up, Community In*, a program that expands access to live theatre and music for Union County children and families, eliminating barriers to participation and promoting inspiration, confidence and community connection through the arts.
 - *Union County Playmakers* – \$10,000 to present *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, a bilingual community production featuring children and adults. The heartwarming musical will be performed at the Dowd Theatre on Dec. 6.

Contributions of all sizes to FFTC's Community Impact Fund are welcome, and donors can give through various assets, including cash, stock, real estate or closely held business interests.

As year-end approaches, individuals with retirement accounts may also choose to direct their Required Minimum Distribution to a Community Impact Fund, potentially realizing tax advantages while making a lasting impact. Many donors also choose to leave a portion of their estates to these funds, ensuring continued support for the community long into the future.

To learn more or to contribute, visit fftc.org/CommunityImpactFunds.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

Founded in 1958, Foundation For The Carolinas is a nonprofit community foundation that serves a 13-county region across the Carolinas. FFTC helps people, nonprofits and companies amplify the impact of their charitable endeavors through service to fundholders and community convening to address critical issues. Our mission is to inspire philanthropy and empower individuals to create a better community. Visit www.fftc.org.

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