

# CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2017 GRANTS \$1,020,010

## Children and Youth Grantmaking

**\$45,500 to Charlotte Bilingual Preschool** to enable the program to aid at-risk Latino children through innovative, research-based solutions to closing achievement gaps, bridging cultural differences and building social capital.

**\$70,000 to Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy and Coalición Latinoamericana** to provide renewal clinics, community education, and emergency planning for DACA recipients and their families.

**\$20,000 to Charlotte Speech and Hearing** to fund the Community Language/Literacy Impact Program, which brings together speech-language pathologists and childcare facilities to improve the language skills of low-income children.

**\$9,000 to Circle de Luz** to support its summer reading program and the Back to School meeting, provide funding for programming for its alumni, consisting of young Latinas, to support them through their college experiences and to support the College 101 mentoring program.

**\$25,000 to Communities in Schools** to prepare at-risk high school students for the next phase of educational and economic opportunity, helping them succeed in the classroom, stay on track to graduate, and prepare for post-secondary education and careers.

**\$12,000 to Digi-Bridge** to support #STEAM Saturdays at Allenbrook Elementary school - a Saturday morning experience that gives scholars hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics activities infused with college and career-readiness skills.

**\$25,000 to E2D** for its Re-Image CLT East program that trains and employs Garinger High School students as computer technicians to refurbish decommissioned laptops and distribute them to CMS families.

**\$15,000 to EmpowHERment, Inc.**, for its leadership academy and mentoring program, which equips girls in grades 6-12 with the skills, connections, access and resources to champion positive change.

**\$5,000 to Foundation for Girls**, a collaborative and scalable initiative to engage, empower, educate and employ at-risk and vulnerable youth in our community.

**\$40,000 to HEART Tutoring**, a math intervention program for students performing below grade level in math at high-poverty CMS elementary schools.

**\$10,000 to Latin American Women's Association** for its Padres y Padrinos Literacy Project, the goal of which is to increase the reading proficiency of K-5 Latino students to grade level or above.

**\$10,000 to The Learning Collaborative** for its Family School Readiness Program, which seeks to prepare the whole family for success in kindergarten.

**\$25,000 to MeckEd** for expansion to its Career Pathways program, which provides transformative experiences to youth who face obstacles limiting access to opportunity.

**\$25,000 to OurBRIDGE** to provide after school and summer enrichment to refugee, immigrant and first generation students through programming that has a proven track record of improvements in academic achievement and college readiness.

**\$30,000 to Profound Gentlemen** to fund a 10-month pilot program to increase access to college and career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics and the Humanities for young men of color.

**\$20,000 to Project Scientist** to help provide access to its year-round STEM programming to daughters from families with limited resources.

**\$10,000 to Reach Out and Read Carolinas** to deepen and expand the program. Focuses include strategic planning for core program components, expansion, mobilization of resources, collaboration and evaluation of outcomes.

**\$30,000 to Read Charlotte** for its Ready To Read program, a demonstration project to show local communities how to stimulate evidence-based literacy routines at home and in childcare programs.

**\$25,000 to Reading Partners** to train and support volunteers to help struggling readers master core literacy skills through data-informed, curriculum-driven, one-on-one mentoring and tutoring.

**\$15,000 to REAL School Gardens** for its Outdoor Learning program, which builds dynamic learning gardens at schools. The group also provides teacher training along with community and student engagement.

**\$30,000 to Right Moves for Youth**, which helps students learn and practice new skills, give and receive peer support, develop positive relationships with adult mentors, and find new meaning in succeeding in school and graduating.

**\$20,000 to UNC-Chapel Hill, Carolina College Advising Corps**, which places recent graduates of UNC-Chapel Hill as college advisers in underserved high schools. The advisers help students secure scholarship dollars, increase college-going rates and help foster a college-going culture.

**\$10,000 to United Way of Central Carolinas** for Tutor Charlotte, an initiative working to recruit, train, match and coordinate literacy and math tutors and reading mentors for children in grades K-3.

**\$50,000 to YBM Leadership Alliance for Top Scholars**, a college/career readiness, leadership development and community service program for under-represented, low-opportunity black students and their families.

**\$20,000 to YMCA of Greater Charlotte** for Y Readers, which teaches reading and provides confidence-boosting activities to kindergarten through third graders who read below grade level.

**\$8,500 to Youth Development Initiatives INC** for its Comprehensive After School Academy to engage 15 high school students from the Dillehay Courts public housing projects in a year-round, project-based, competency-building learning process to gain essential 21st century living skills.

**\$25,000 to Youth Villages** for its YVLifeSet program, a community-based approach serving young adults to ensure they leave foster care, juvenile justice and mental health systems with the intensive support and guidance they need to make a successful transition to adulthood.

### Family Stability Grants

**\$50,000 to Care Ring** to fund its Nurse-Family Partnership: A Proven Pathway to Opportunity program, an evidence-based program focused on improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, while increasing economically self-sufficient families.

**\$30,000 to Children's Home Society of NC** to support The Wise Guys Program, a program that reduces teen pregnancy, STIs and dating violence by changing attitudes and behaviors of adolescent males ages 11-17.

**\$20,000 to Common Wealth Charlotte** to fund the Trauma-Informed Financial Education - Advanced Financial Counselors, providing trauma-informed financial education, asset building services and products for families living in poverty.

**\$30,000 to Communities in Schools** for its Safe Journey Parents as Teachers® Program, assisting teen mothers with completing their high school education, delaying additional pregnancies, and providing information, support and encouragement to help their children develop optimally.

**\$30,000 to Crisis Assistance Ministries** for Economic Mobility: collaborative partnerships for stability and opportunity program, a service to help break the cycle of poverty by creating pathways to improved health, education and job partners.

**\$30,000 to Hope Haven, Inc.** to support the Hope Haven Families Recovery Program, providing life skills for chemically dependent adults and families.

**\$20,000 to International House** for expansion of its Ginter Immigration Law Clinic, which provides legal representation to assist low-income clients through the immigration process and closer to financial stability as naturalized US citizens.

**\$25,000 to McClintock Partners in Education** to support the Eliminating Barriers to Build Bridges Out of Poverty program, which helps parents create a roadmap to financial stability.

**\$15,000 to Refugee Support Services of the Carolinas, Inc.** to fund the Volunteer Coordinator position, which will expand the Help Center and job assistance services, and will also assist with the Fruitful Friends program expansion

**\$25,000 to Safe Alliance to fund the Sexual Trauma Resource Center**, providing advocacy and mental health counseling to sexual assault survivors in Mecklenburg County, with plans to expand current work by increasing efforts to focus on the entire family unit.

**\$15,000 to Thompson Child & Family Focus** for the Strengthening Families Initiative, a research-informed approach to increase family strengths, enhance child development and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by engaging families, programs and communities in building five protective factors.

**\$20,000 to YWCA Central Carolinas** for the Families Together, Families Stable program, providing transitional housing and comprehensive support services for families that have experienced homelessness.

### Social Capital Grants

**\$10,000 to 100 Words Film Festival** to support the 100 Words Film Festival Student Mentorship Program. Students are matched with industry professionals to create a 100 Words Film that tells the story of a charitable organization in their community.

**\$9,650 to Andreas H. Bechtler Arts Foundation** for its Creating Social Capital Through Inmate Arts Programming. Through different media, inmates

are challenged to consider and articulate how their social circumstances and personal choices played a role in their incarceration.

**\$10,000 to Behailu Academy** to fund its Meals, Minds, and Movement program, convening a diverse group of stakeholders monthly for a meal, dialogue and connecting. In culmination, participants will create a public mural reflecting the project.

**\$10,000 to Community School of the Arts** to support the Project Harmony program, an intensive orchestra outreach program for at-risk elementary school children in underserved Charlotte communities.

**\$9,000 to Fulton Mentoring Initiative, Inc.** for the Social Capital Mentoring Collaborative program, supporting mentees through exposure to new opportunities, networking, navigating barriers to success and teaching new life skills.

**\$10,000 to Generation Nation** to support the Youth Leadership Charlotte-Mecklenburg program, connecting youth from different schools and backgrounds to foster awareness of community history, challenges and opportunities

**\$13,860 to North Carolina Outward Bound School** to expand its Charlotte Unity Project, which empowers emerging leaders as change agents. A weeklong Outward Bound course builds social capital and leads to projects designed to promote schoolwide social capital.

**\$8,000 to Opera Carolina** to fund its I DREAM Education & Community Initiative. A new R&B opera, I DREAM renews Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message and courageous leadership, and explores these themes through an education & community initiative.

**\$12,000 to Police Activities League Charlotte** to support its ACCESS PAL program, exposing youth to opportunities they may not normally not have, and aiming to break the cycle of generational poverty and missed opportunities.

**\$10,000 to QC Family Tree** to fund the Youth Leadership Development Team, connecting youth with opportunities inside and outside their neighborhoods, developing leadership skills and building relationships across the community for future advancement.

**\$5,000 to Que-Os** to support BOOM Charlotte 2018, an annual showcase of experimental/contemporary art presented by local/national artists, creatives and grassroots organizations.

**\$10,000 to Schools for Education Reform** for Students for Education Reform NC, organizing efforts to amplify the voices of students and families in shaping public education. Students that are not normally at the table will have the tools to advocate and organize, so decisions reflect the needs and concerns of underrepresented communities.

**\$5,000 to Sustain Charlotte** to fund A Voice At The Table: Neighborhood-based Equity Partnership program, building a culture in which residents have an active, informed voice in transportation and land use decisions affecting their quality of life.

**\$10,000 to The Arts Empowerment Project** for Nurturing Social Capital, providing access to the arts for at-risk children and youth with the goal of improving community relations, life skills and literacy.

**\$10,000 to Women's Inter-cultural Exchange** for its Mentoring Across Difference program expansion and evaluation. Working with Johnson C. Smith University, Queens University, UNC-Charlotte and other regional colleges, as well as 15 young women from Garinger High School.

**\$7,500 to YWCA Central Carolinas** to support Building Social Capital: Finding Unity In YWCA's Mission, building social capital through meaningful annual events with a focus on volunteerism, philanthropy and civic engagement around issues pertinent to YWCA's mission to eliminate racism and empower women.