

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation
Awards \$460,000 in Family Stability and Social Capital Grants**

CHARLOTTE – The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation – a regional affiliate and grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – recently granted \$460,010 to 28 local nonprofits. A portion of the grants, \$310,000, was part of CMCF’s newly launched Family Stability grantmaking program, designed to bring about positive change and reduce intergenerational poverty. The remaining funds, \$150,010, were granted to projects that foster social capital.

The Family Stability grant program was announced in September and aligns with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force recommendations. Living in a stable family and community environment is one of three critical determinants the Task Force identified for increasing upward mobility, along with early care/education and career/college readiness. The grant cycle was open to organizations serving residents of Mecklenburg County.

Among the Family Stability grants were \$50,000 to Care Ring for a program to improve pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and \$20,000 to International House to increase staffing for its Ginter Immigration Law Clinic, which provides legal representation to low-income clients.

“The Family Stability was created to fulfill the vision of CMCF, which is of a community where every resident is afforded the opportunity to be well-educated, safely housed, meaningfully employed and actively engaged in community decisions,” said Brian Collier, executive vice president at Foundation For The Carolinas. “We also wanted to align our work with the findings of the Task Force. We feel these grants accomplish both of those goals.”

Social Capital grants include \$10,000 awarded to 100 Words Film Festival for a student mentorship program, and \$12,000 to Police Activities League of Charlotte for a “lifestyle navigation” program that will expose youth in low-income neighborhoods to opportunities.

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 \$54 million in grants from the endowment.

Family Stability grants (visit www.charmeck-cf.org for full project descriptions):

Care Ring, \$50,000
Children’s Home Society of NC, \$30,000
Common Wealth Charlotte, \$20,000
Communities in Schools, \$30,000
Crisis Assistance Ministry, \$30,000
Hope Haven, Inc., \$30,000
International House, \$20,000
McClintock Partners in Education, \$25,000
Refugee Support Services of the Carolinas, Inc., \$15,000
Safe Alliance, \$25,000
Thompson Child & Family Focus, \$15,000
YWCA Central Carolinas, \$20,000

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Social Capital grants: (visit www.charmeck-cf.org for full project descriptions):

100 Words Film Festival, \$10,000
Andreas H. Bechtler Arts Foundation, \$9,650
Behailu Academy, \$10,000
Community School of the Arts, \$10,000
Fulton Mentoring Initiative, Inc., \$9,000
Generation Nation, \$10,000
North Carolina Outward Bound School, \$13,860
Opera Carolina, \$8,000
Police Activities League Charlotte, \$12,000
QC Family Tree, \$10,000
Que-Os, \$5,000
Students for Education Reform, \$10,000
Sustain Charlotte, \$5,000
The Arts Empowerment Project, \$10,000
Women's Inter-Cultural Exchange, \$10,000
YWCA Central Carolinas, \$7,500

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