

## Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Announces New Family Stability Grant Program

CHARLOTTE – The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation has launched a new Family Stability grantmaking program to bring about positive change and reduce intergenerational poverty. The program aligns with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force recommendations and is open to organizations serving residents of Mecklenburg County.

The grant cycle opened Friday, Sept. 15, and applications will be accepted from nonprofits until **noon on Oct. 13**. Interested applicants should visit [www.fftc.org/grants](http://www.fftc.org/grants) to learn about the grant process and eligibility requirements, and to access the application and apply. For more information about the grant program, nonprofits may contact Will Jones at 704.973.4542 or [wjones@fftc.org](mailto:wjones@fftc.org).

“The vision of Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation 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 created this new grant program to better align our work with the findings of the Task Force and, ultimately, to get us closer to the fulfillment of that vision.”

CMCF – a regional affiliate and grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – is dedicated to supporting the recommendations that were released in the comprehensive Leading on Opportunity report in March 2017. 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 new Family Stability grantmaking program focuses on specific investment and result areas, such as family formation, financial security, innovative housing solutions, and parenting education and family support.

CMCF’s grantmaking program was established following a bequest from Lucille Puette Giles in 1995. To date, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation has awarded more than \$35 million in grant awards.

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