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York County Community Foundation Board Awards More Than \$52,000 in Grants to 16 Organizations *From 2016 to 2018, grant awards increased 69 percent thanks to Give, Grant, Grow York County*

For the second year in a row, the York County Community Foundation awarded more than \$50,000 in grants. This year, the board awarded \$52,011 to 16 local nonprofits, including the Boys and Girls Club and the Early Learning Partnership of York County. Grants support causes ranging from education to human services. YCCF – an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas – has awarded a record \$105,000 combined over the last two years.

Under Give, Grant, Grow York County – a new partnership between the York County Community Foundation and Foundation For The Carolinas – local grants have grown 69 percent since 2016. With Give, Grant, Grow York County, current and former board members' contributions are matched by FFTC and awarded to local nonprofits.

“Our board is thrilled to see our grantmaking continue to grow,” said Alice Williams Davis, York County Community Foundation board chair. “We are fortunate to have strong local nonprofits and we are grateful to be able to support their important work.”

The Early Learning Partnership of York County was one of the beneficiaries of YCCF's increased grant funding. They provide educational services to the community and will use the grant to promote literacy for young children through the Reach Out and Read program.

“Reach Out and Read is an evidence-based program that is an integral part of our mission to prepare children, birth to age 5, for school success,” said Julie Neeley, Early Learning Partnership of York County board president. “This program integrates pediatric primary care to promote positive parenting activities, such as reading aloud and play, while promoting social-emotional development across all socio-economic levels. Encouraged by the American Academy of Pediatrics, we know that this program exposes children to a lifelong potential of learning.”

Additionally, the Boys and Girls Club received a grant for its Summer Brain Gain Educational Field Trips program, and the York County Free Clinic received a grant to increase access for free healthcare. For a full listing of the grants awarded by the York County Community Foundation, visit www.yorkcounty-cf.org.

About the York County Community Foundation

Established in 1988 as a permanent endowment, the York County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes in York County. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the York County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For more information please visit www.yorkcounty-cf.org.

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