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Iredell County Community Foundation Board Awards \$127,700 in Grants to 7 Organizations *From 2017 to 2018, grant awards increased 20 percent*

For the fourth year in a row, the Iredell County Community Foundation awarded more than \$100,000 in grants. This year, the board awarded \$127,700 to seven local nonprofits, including the Iredell County Crosby Scholars and Iredell-Statesville Schools. Grants support causes ranging from workforce development to education. ICCF – an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas – has awarded \$233,417 combined over the last two years.

Under Give, Grant, Grow Iredell County – a new partnership between the Iredell County Community Foundation and Foundation For The Carolinas – local grants have grown 20 percent since 2017. With Give, Grant, Grow Iredell 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 Dr. Ralph Bentley, Iredell 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 Iredell County Crosby Scholars Community Partnership was one of the beneficiaries of ICCF's increased grant funding. They provide workforce development services to the community and will use the grant to offer a variety of career exploration tools to students.

“Iredell Crosby Scholars is committed to being relevant and engaging while preparing our students for further education after high school,” said Suzanne Wegmiller, Iredell County Crosby Scholars executive director. “Through partnerships with other community organizations, this initiative will allow us to reach more students in middle and early high school and expand our high-quality, career-focused curriculum. We are also excited that this grant will allow us to provide more college tours, probably the most requested and eagerly anticipated service we provide each year.”

Additionally, the Iredell-Statesville Schools received a grant to replace older library books, and Piedmont Veterans Assistance Council received funding to help provide transportation to Iredell County Veterans. For a full listing of the grants awarded by the Iredell County Community Foundation, visit www.iredellcounty-cf.org.

About the Iredell County Community Foundation

Established in 1989 as a permanent endowment, the Iredell County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes in Iredell County. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Iredell County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For more information please visit www.iredellcounty-cf.org.

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