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Lincoln County Community Foundation Board Awards \$29,695 in Grants to 15 Organizations *From 2016 to 2018, grant awards increased 53 percent thanks to Give, Grant, Grow Lincoln County*

For the second year in a row, the Lincoln County Community Foundation awarded more than \$29,000 in grants. This year, the board awarded \$29,695 to 15 local nonprofits, including Special Olympics North Carolina and the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Grants support causes ranging from health to human services. LCCF – an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas – has awarded a record \$59,225 combined over the last two years.

Under Give, Grant, Grow Lincoln County – a new partnership between the Lincoln County Community Foundation and Foundation For The Carolinas – local grants have grown 53 percent since 2016. With Give, Grant, Grow Lincoln 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 Walter Clark, Lincoln 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.”

Special Olympics North Carolina was one of the beneficiaries of LCCF's increased grant funding. They provide health services to the community and will use the grant to host the first two-week summer day camp for Lincoln County children with intellectual disabilities.

“We are so grateful for support from the Lincoln County Community Foundation, as these funds will help us expand our inclusive sports program for people with intellectual disabilities and their peers who do not have an intellectual disability,” said Keith Fishburne, president and CEO of Special Olympics North Carolina. “Additionally, we look forward to introducing new sports during our summer camp.”

Additionally, the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence received a grant to update their playground for children at the shelter, and the United Way of Lincoln County received a grant for outdoor recreational repair at both the Oaklawn Development Center and Asbury Resource Center. For a full listing of the grants awarded by the Lincoln County Community Foundation, visit www.lincolncounty-cf.org.

About the Lincoln County Community Foundation

Established in 2001 as a permanent endowment, the Lincoln County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes in Lincoln County. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Lincoln County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For more information please visit www.lincolncounty-cf.org.

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