

Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Announces Opening of Children & Youth Grants Program

CHARLOTTE -- The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation is currently accepting applications from eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for its 2016 Children and Youth Grants Program.

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Grants will be awarded to projects and programs that seek to achieve the following results for the children and youth of Mecklenburg County:

For programs serving children from birth-middle school:

- Enter school ready to learn.
- Achieve at or above grade level.
- Exhibit positive behaviors during out of school hours with an emphasis on educational, emotional and/or social growth.
- Engage in healthy behaviors, and avoid risky or dangerous behaviors.

For programs serving high school students:

- Exhibit positive behaviors during out-of-school hours with an emphasis on educational, emotional and/or social growth
- Are prepared to enter/complete post-secondary education and/or identify a career path with the potential to earn a living wage.
- Engage in healthy behaviors, and avoid risky or dangerous behaviors.

The Children and Youth Committee is dedicated to fostering a landscape of economic opportunity for all children. Funding priority will be given to programs that encourage economic opportunity for children in our county.

The 2016 grant cycle will be conducted through Foundation For The Carolinas competitive grants portal. To find more information about the guidelines, or to begin the application process, grant seekers should visit fftcgrants.communityforce.com

Completed applications must be submitted **by noon on Friday, April 8, 2016**. Contact Eli Kahn, Community Programs & Civic Leadership Associate, with questions at 704.973.4542 or ekahn@fftc.org

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation is a permanent endowment at Foundation For The Carolinas that envisions a community where *every* resident is afforded the opportunity to be well educated, safely housed, meaningfully employed and actively engaged in community decisions. Further, CMCF believes that the preservation and protection of our natural resources and environmentally conscious decision-making are vital to maintain our community's quality of life. Thanks to a generous bequest from Lucille Giles in 1995, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation has awarded more than \$32 million to nonprofit organizations serving Mecklenburg County residents.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

Foundation For The Carolinas is a nonprofit community foundation serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of \$1.7 billion, the Foundation encourages and makes possible philanthropic giving by individuals of all means to benefit their communities. Visit www.fftc.org.

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