



News Release

York County Community Foundation awards \$53,600 in grants to 19 organizations

74% increase in grants over last year thanks to Give, Grant, Grow program

The York County Community Foundation recently awarded \$53,600 in grants to 19 local nonprofits, including Arts Council of York County and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas. Grants support causes ranging from creating a vibrant arts community in York County to serving area children.

Grants awarded totaled 74% more than in 2016. This growth in grant funding is thanks to a new partnership between the York County Community Foundation and Foundation For The Carolinas titled, “Give, Grant, Grow York County.” Under the program, current and former board members’ contributions were matched by FFTC and awarded to local nonprofits.

Board Chair Laurie Leader shared, “The board understands the needs in our community are great. We were excited to step up and add to our grantmaking funds, and especially appreciated Foundation For The Carolinas’ matching dollars.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas was one of the beneficiaries of York County’s increased grant funding this year. BBBS provides one-on-one mentoring relationships between York County students and corporate mentors and will use this grant to expand the program through partnering with The Boys & Girls Club of Rock Hill. This expansion and partnership will allow children to meet weekly with their mentors, where they will spend more time together reading, doing homework, and playing games while developing strong and impactful relationships.



“Big Brothers Big Sisters knows we can do more and we are committed to finding ways to serve the children in the York County community, with year-over-year growth. We have identified another partner to help us with our expansion – The Boys & Girls Club of Rock Hill. Through the generosity of the York County Community Foundation and other local funders, we can begin hiring the staff needed to provide enrollment (process child and volunteer intake), match support (to monitor for safety) and programs/activities for children who are at risk in the community. Many thanks for your support” – Donna Dunlap, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas.

Grants awarded include:

Allegro Foundation

Allplaytogether

Arts Council of York County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas

Boys & Girls Clubs of York County

Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation

Camp Canaan

Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council

Habitat for Humanity of York County

Hope, Inc.

Hospice & Community Care

National Inventors Hall of Fame (Invent Now)

Palmetto Council, Boy Scouts of America

Renew Our Community

RideAbility Therapeutic Riding Center

Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte

The Palmetto School at the Children's Attention Home

York County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Keystone Substance Abuse Services

York County Free Clinic

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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