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Iredell County Community Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary by Awarding Nearly \$125,000 to 14 Local Organizations

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As it celebrates its 30th anniversary, the Iredell County Community Foundation awarded \$124,219 in grants to 14 nonprofits, including I-CARE and Habitat for Humanity. ICCF – an affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas – has awarded more than \$2 million in grants over the past 30 years.

The awards were made through the Iredell County Community Foundation’s annual competitive grant program, which targeted two key investment areas in 2019: Literacy for children ages 5-10 and workforce development. Through these grants, ICCF works with organizations to increase stability and opportunity for individuals and families in Iredell County.

This year, the board’s grantmaking was significantly increased thanks to a generous gift from the estate of General William D. Lackey, a former board member of the Iredell County Community Foundation, and a continuing match partnership between ICCF and Foundation For The Carolinas, known as Give, Grant, Grow Iredell.

“Our board is humbled by the generosity of General Lackey and the trust he placed in our board,” said David Green, Iredell County Community Foundation board chair. “Through his estate gift, the General has helped increase the grantmaking reach of this foundation for generations to come.”

Additionally, under Give, Grant, Grow Iredell, current and former board members’ contributions are matched by FFTC and awarded to local nonprofits.

“For the past three years, our board has benefited from Give, Grant, Grow Iredell,” said Marian S. Clark, Iredell County Community Foundation board member. “We are thankful for the commitment Foundation For The Carolinas has to our annual competitive grants process and our community at large.”

I-CARE was one of the beneficiaries of ICCF’s grant funding this year. The grant will support workforce development opportunities for 17 unemployed individuals ages 18 and older. ICCF’s funding will provide these individuals with soft skills, vocational training and paid internships to help them find sustainable employment.

“Workforce development continues to be an area of critical need in Iredell County,” said Bryan Duncan, I-CARE executive director. “The receipt of this funding will benefit both employers and program participants as they gain the education, employability skills training/re-training, and soft skills training necessary to become high-quality employees. Our goal is for participants to access living wage employment opportunities. We look forward to maximizing these foundation funds to help our clients achieve their career goals and attain self-sufficiency.”

Our Towns Habitat For Humanity in Iredell County was another recipient of 2019 grant funds. Funds will support students studying electrical work at Mitchell Community College by allowing them to have the opportunity for hands-on training with a licensed contractor.

“With the ever-increasing need for skilled tradespeople in our area, we are excited about this hands-on learning opportunity,” said Chris Ahearn, Our Towns Habitat for Humanity Executive Director. “This collaboration pairs the expertise of Gibson Electric and Mitchell Community College students’ eagerness to learn the electrical trade to benefit the community through work on new Habitat for Humanity homes, starting with the Fall 2019 academic year.”

Additionally, Fifth Street Ministries, Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church, and Lowe’s YMCA received funding. For a full listing of the grants and projects 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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