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Cabarrus County Community Foundation Announces \$74,000 in Grant Awards to Local Nonprofits *Local grantmaking increased thanks to meeting anonymous grant challenge*

The Cabarrus County Community Foundation recently awarded \$74,000 in grants to 18 local nonprofits. For the third year in a row, the foundation experienced tremendous growth in its grantmaking program, with local grants up from \$55,000 in 2016. The grants primarily supported arts and culture, education, health, housing, and human services initiatives.

This growth was thanks to the generosity of an anonymous Cabarrus County donor and the community's enthusiastic response. Combined, over the past two years, the community has raised more than \$75,000 from more than 80 gifts, resulting in match contributions of \$175,000.

"In the past two years, our grantmaking has dramatically increased and our endowment has grown nearly 30 percent," said Vernon Russell, board chair. "We are grateful to the anonymous donor – and to each and every community member who made a gift to help us meet the match."

Boys & Girls Club of Cabarrus County was one of the beneficiaries of a grant this year, with funds supporting an afterschool program. "We are so grateful to receive this grant," said Valerie Melton, executive director. "These funds will help our Project Youth participants with homework, tutoring, and learning activities to keep them successful in school."

Among the grants, were:

- \$8,000 to Cabarrus Cooperative Christian Ministry to help empower homeless families towards independent stability
- \$8,000 to Community Free Clinic to provide free treatment services
- \$5,000 to Junior Charity League for the Mariam C. Schramm Clothing Room
- \$5,000 to Opportunity House to provide housing for individuals in Cabarrus County

The Cabarrus County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas. For a full listing of the grants and projects awarded by CCCF, visit www.cabarruscounty-cf.org.

About the Cabarrus County Community Foundation

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

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