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## News Release

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### **York County Community Foundation Celebrates Nearly \$52,000 Awarded to Local Nonprofits**

*Historic grantmaking celebrated at the Old Cotton Factory in Rock Hill*

ROCK HILL, SC – Friends and supporters of the York County Community Foundation gathered on February 27 at the Old Cotton Factory to highlight last year's grant recipients and celebrate the growth in philanthropy throughout the region. In 2019, the board awarded nearly \$52,000 to 15 local nonprofits, representing nearly a 70% increase over the grants awarded three years ago.

"We are grateful for this opportunity to gather with so many friends and neighbors and thank both the nonprofits for the work they do and the generous donors who make our grantmaking possible," said YCCF Board Chair Elizabeth Owen.

Each year, the York County Community Foundation's board of advisors oversees a competitive grant cycle. Eligible organizations, which include 501(c)(3) nonprofits benefiting residents of York County, are invited to submit an application for the board's consideration. The 2020 grant cycle opened on Monday, March 9 and all applications must be submitted online by noon on Friday, March 20.

The York County Community Foundation was established in 1988 thanks to a gift of \$10,000 from a donor. Since inception, the YCCF has benefitted a wide-range of charitable purposes in York County. As an affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas, the York County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community.

Over the past 30 years, the York County Community Foundation has awarded nearly \$560,000 to nonprofits supporting residents of York County. This growth is due in large part to Give, Grant, Grow York County, where Foundation For The Carolinas matched contributions from past and present board members, and the funds were granted to local nonprofits.

"The singular mission of the York County Community Foundation Board is to award as many grants to York nonprofits as is fiscally possible," said Board Chair Elizabeth Owen. "The board is very excited to award grants this year, and we look forward to receiving great applications."

To give to the York County Community Foundation or for information on how to apply for a grant, contact Katie Russell at 704.973.4559 or [krussell@fftc.org](mailto:krussell@fftc.org), or visit [www.yorkcounty-cf.org](http://www.yorkcounty-cf.org).

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