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NEWS RELEASE

Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund awards more than \$165,000 to 18 local nonprofits serving those impacted by the pandemic in latest round of grants

CONCORD – \$165,814 has been awarded to 18 local nonprofits in the second round of grants from the Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund. Through two rounds of grantmaking, the fund has issued more than \$335,000 to local nonprofits providing critical support to those most affected by the pandemic.

The fund was established through a partnership between the Cabarrus County Community Foundation – a regional affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas – and United Way of Central Carolinas. So far, the fund has raised more than \$500,000. Local nonprofits serving the community are experiencing increased needs as local unemployment rates increase, stay-at-home orders cause disruptions, the economy tightens and those without health insurance face additional challenges. To give to the fund, visit fftc.org/CabarrusGives.

Grant awards are determined by a Response Fund Committee, made up of the Cabarrus County Community Foundation’s board of advisors and representatives from United Way of Central Carolinas. The committee is co-chaired by Vernon Russell, board chair of the Cabarrus County Community Foundation, and Brian Floyd, Cabarrus County chair for the United Way of Central Carolinas’ Board of Directors.

“These nonprofits are on the front lines providing food, shelter, health care, education support and human services to those who need them the most,” said Russell. “These grants will ensure these nonprofit organizations can continue to serve our community. We must continue to support them at this crucial time.”

The most recent grants from the Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund include:

- \$5,000 to **Amazing Grace Advocacy** to ensure families continue to have access to staff and mentors.
- \$10,000 to **Cabarrus Big Brothers Big Sisters** to provide mentor, advocacy and mental health support.
- \$5,000 to the **Cabarrus Arts Council** for emergency assistance to offset financial losses due to the pandemic.
- \$20,000 to **Cabarrus Cooperative Christian Ministry** to assist families with rent, mortgage and utility payments.
- \$1,500 to **Cabarrus Rotary Charitable Works** to purchase food for its food pantry.
- \$9,934 to **Church of God Children’s Home of NC** for medical supplies, utilities and food for the children it serves.
- \$5,000 to **Classroom Central** to supply 400 students at eight Kannapolis-area schools with kits that include school supplies, hygiene products and dental items.
- \$10,000 to **Coltrane LIFE Center** to retain trained staff that work with seniors and adults with

disabilities.

- \$20,000 to **Community Free Clinic** to purchase prescription medications and supplies for patients with chronic conditions.
- \$5,000 to **Dream on 3** to provide virtual sports-related wishes for children with chronic illnesses, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or life-altering conditions.
- \$10,000 to **El Puente Hispano** to distribute food vouchers and groceries to undocumented immigrant families in need.
- \$10,000 to **Esther's Heart for Transformation Ministry** to purchase food for distribution to families and seniors.
- \$5,000 to **Families First in Cabarrus County** to provide curriculum, craft and meal deliveries to families to promote healing together and decrease chances of child abuse or neglect.
- \$10,000 to **Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County** to help cover construction costs for affordable homes for low-income families.
- \$4,380 to **Hope Haven** to sustain its long-term substance-abuse recovery program for men.
- \$5,000 to **Piedmont Residential Development Center** for extra staffing to continue daily routine schedules for children with disabilities.
- \$15,000 to **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina** for the creation of food boxes for distribution to families and seniors.
- \$15,000 to **The Salvation Army Concord** to provide shelter and human services to those in need.

“As these grants show, it is vitally important that we come together as a community to continue to help those who need it the most,” said Brian Floyd. “These nonprofits are often providing valuable resources to people who have nowhere else to turn. We are appreciative of all who have given to the fund so far and encourage continued support in this time of need.”

The Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund is currently accepting applications from eligible 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations for a third grant cycle. For this phase, the committee anticipates awarding grants up to \$10,000. However, it will consider larger requests for exceptional applications that would be impactful to residents of Cabarrus County. To apply, visit fftc.org/grants and click Apply Now. On the following page select "Cabarrus County COVID-19" in the Grant Program Name dropdown field. **Completed applications must be submitted by this Thursday, April 30, at 5 p.m.**

To give to the fund and learn more, visit fftc.org/CabarrusGives. Corporations and foundations that wish to make a donation may contact Kindl Detar, vice president of planned giving at FFTC, at 704.973.4581 or kdetar@fftc.org; or Kellie Cartwright, Cabarrus County regional development director at United Way of Central Carolinas at 704.786.4179 or kcartwright@uwcentralcarolinas.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.

About United Way of Central Carolinas

United Way fights for the education, health and financial stability of every person in our region, improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of local communities in Charlotte/Mecklenburg, Mooresville/Lake Norman, and Anson, Cabarrus and Union counties. For more information, please visit uwcentralcarolinas.org.