



News Release

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United Way of Central Carolinas and Union County Community Foundation grant \$108,000 to 8 local organizations serving those impacted by COVID-19 *Donations from Lowe's, First Citizens Bank and Union Power Cooperative funded grants that support nonprofits providing food, shelter, financial assistance and healthcare*

MONROE – United Way of Central Carolinas and the Union County Community Foundation, a regional affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas, awarded \$108,000 in grants to eight local nonprofits aiding those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The funds were available thanks to donations from Lowe's, First Citizens Bank and Union Power Cooperative in response to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

The grants will support nonprofits providing food, shelter, financial assistance and healthcare to those most vulnerable. Grants were awarded by an advisory group of local leaders representing the two organizations: Ron Hinson, UCCF board of advisors chair; Lisa Hildreth, UCCF immediate past chair; Denise White, UWCC regional board member; and Tonya Edwards, UWCC Union County advisory board member and community impact chair.

"We are so thankful for the incredibly generous corporate donations that made this funding possible to our community agencies," said Ivy Allen, regional development director (Union and Anson Counties), United Way of Central Carolinas. "Because of them, many people in our community will be fed, receive health and educational resources, and remain secure in their homes during this crisis."

"Being one of 12 siblings and knowing the importance of helping each other," Hinson added about the Union County Community Foundation, "it does my heart good to be a part of an organization that is able to give back to those in need."

Grants include:

- \$10,000 to **Community Health Services of Union County** for personal protective equipment and testing supplies to ensure safety for patients and staff.
- \$20,000 to **Community Shelter of Union County** for housing and utility assistance for those in need.
- \$8,500 to **Council on Aging in Union County** for medical and safety equipment for seniors at risk.
- \$8,000 to **HealthQuest of Union County** for medications and diabetic supplies for those in need.
- \$6,000 to **the Arc of Union/Cabarrus** for at-home therapy for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- \$17,100 to **Turning Point** for trauma-focused counseling for residential and non-residential clients recovering from previous domestic violence.
- \$30,000 to **Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry** for housing and utility assistance for those in need.
- \$8,400 to **Union-Anson County Habitat for Humanity** for food and utility assistance for those in need.

For more information on United Way of Central Carolinas, visit uwcentralcarolinas.org. For more information on Union County Community Foundation, visit unioncounty-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.

About the Union County Community Foundation

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

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