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**Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund awards \$67,500 to seven local nonprofits serving those impacted by the pandemic in latest round of grants**

CONCORD – \$67,500 has been awarded to seven local nonprofits in the third round of grants from the Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund. Through [three rounds of grantmaking](#), the fund has issued more than \$400,000 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. To give to the fund, visit [fftc.org/CabarrusGives](http://fftc.org/CabarrusGives).

Grant awards were 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.

“As this crisis continues, nonprofits need our help more now than ever,” said Russell. “This latest round of grants will help local organizations provide food, shelter, financial and educational assistance, mental health services and more to local community members who are desperate for help.”

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

- \$20,000 to **Cooperative Christian Ministry** to assist families with rent, mortgage and utility payments.
- \$10,000 to **Boys & Girls Club of Cabarrus County** to provide food and other resources to families in need.
- \$10,000 to **The Salvation Army - Concord** to provide shelter and emergency financial assistance to those in need.
- \$10,000 to **Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County** to help cover construction costs for affordable homes for low-income families.
- \$7,500 to **Families First in Cabarrus County** to fund the Ready4K Trauma Relief project for K-3 students, a program that hopes to mitigate trauma, build skills and maximize positive family routines.
- \$5,000 to **Academic Learning Center** to provide instructional resources to students to mitigate the loss of teacher instruction and in-school experiences.
- \$5,000 to **Special Olympics North Carolina** to provide equipment to athletes for at-home training and fitness activities.

“I’m so grateful for the community for its support of this vital cause,” said Floyd. “Our COVID-19 Response fund is assisting Cabarrus County nonprofits helping those who need it the most. Working through our local nonprofits, these funds will make a real difference in people’s lives.”

The board plans to award a fourth round of grants in the coming weeks, as the local need remains great. To

give to the fund and learn more, visit [fftc.org/CabarrusGives](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://uwcentralcarolinas.org).