



News Release

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United Way of Central Carolinas and Union County Community Foundation grant \$75,000 to 7 local organizations serving those impacted by COVID-19 *Through two rounds, \$183,000 has been awarded to local nonprofits*

MONROE – United Way of Central Carolinas and the Union County Community Foundation, a regional affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas, awarded \$75,000 in grants to seven local nonprofits aiding those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Through two rounds of grantmaking, \$183,000 has been awarded to local organizations.

The grants will support nonprofits providing medical assistance, food, shelter, financial assistance and healthcare to those most vulnerable.

“These nonprofits provide compassionate, critical services to our community year-round, but during times of crises, their work is needed more than ever,” said Ivy Allen, regional development director (Union and Anson Counties), United Way of Central Carolinas. “These funds will help strengthen the work they are doing, which in turn strengthens the community.”

“Because of the generosity of others, many in our community will have food, healthcare, housing and other basic needs during this pandemic,” added Ron Hinson, chair of the Union County Community Foundation board of advisers. “We must continue to support those most vulnerable during this crisis.”

Grants include:

- \$10,000 to **Common Heart** for operational support and to expand service to food-insecure individuals.
- \$5,000 to **Community Health Services of Union County** for staffing support, personal protective equipment and testing supplies to ensure safety for patients and staff.
- \$17,000 to **Community Shelter of Union County** for housing and utility assistance for those in need.
- \$6,000 to **HealthQuest of Union County** for medications and diabetic supplies for those in need.
- \$5,000 to **The Arc of Union/Cabarrus** for at-home therapy for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- \$10,000 to **Turning Point** for trauma-focused counseling for residential and non-residential clients recovering from previous domestic violence.
- \$22,000 to **Union County Crisis Assistance Ministry** for housing and utility assistance for those in need.

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.

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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