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In Final Round, York County Community Foundation Awards \$50,000 from COVID-19 Relief Fund to Eight Local Nonprofits Serving Those Impacted by the Pandemic

YORK, SC – The York County Community Foundation awarded \$50,000 in the final round of grants from its York County COVID-19 Response Fund to eight local nonprofits providing food, shelter and healthcare to those most vulnerable. Total, through two rounds, the fund issued nearly \$180,000 in grants to nonprofits serving those impacted by the pandemic. The YCCF is a regional affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas.

The fund was made possible through combined commitments from the following families, foundations and companies: The Williams/Davis Family, The Springs Close Foundation, Dehler Hart, Frances Close, Elliot Hart, The Craze Family, The Springsteen Foundation, Springs Creative, Shaun Barnes, Gill Insurance, Family Trust Federal Credit Union, Rock Hill Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Christi and John Gettys, April Hershey and Elizabeth and Henry Owen, as well as other community members

Fort Mill High School student, Luke Garabedian, was one of those community members who contributed. Garabedian donated his monthly earnings from mowing lawns – more than \$600 – to the York County COVID-19 Response Fund.

“Thanks to the generosity of local families, foundations, companies and community members who gave, we can help nonprofits provide food, shelter and healthcare to those who need it the most,” said Alice Williams Davis, member of the York County Community Foundation board of advisors. “As York County continues to deal with the effects of this pandemic and the resulting economic downturn, it’s important we not forget that lots of people in our community still need help.”

Grants were approved by the York County Community Foundation board of advisors. They include:

- \$10,000 to **Adult Enrichment Center** to help transfer clients to RN care.
- \$10,000 to **Community Care Café** to purchase food for distribution.
- \$3,750 to **Early Learning Partnership of York County** to fund the Reach Out and Read program.
- \$4,750 to **HOPE, Inc.** to help clients with utility bills.
- \$6,500 to **NAMI** to provide mental health support.
- \$5,000 to **The Manna House Pantry** to purchase food for distribution.
- \$5,000 to **Tender Hearts Girls Home** to fund its food pantry items and help clients with emergency assistance.
- \$5,000 to **York School District 1** to purchase Chromebooks for students who lack access to technology.

For more information on the York County Community Foundation, visit yorkcounty-cf.org or contact Katie Russell at 704.973.4559 or krussell@fftc.org.

About the York County Community Foundation

Established in 1988 as a permanent endowment, the York County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of

charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the York County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community.