

Eight Local Nonprofits Receive Grants from African American Community Foundation
*ActionNC, Alluvium, Black Leadership Social Capital Initiative, CMS Foundation,
GardHouse, Home4me, Hope Vibes and The Vogue Room Foundation Receive Grants*

CHARLOTTE – The African American Community Foundation has announced its 2020 grant award recipients. The grants were awarded in August, in honor of Black Philanthropy Month's Giving Black Day. The following grant awards support a range of activities benefiting Charlotte's African-American community:

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1. **ActionNC (\$2,500 in honor of CLTGraffiti)** confronts and reduces the root causes of poverty, underdevelopment, and social and economic inequality through grass-roots education, training, organization and mobilization.
2. **Alluvium (\$2,500)** utilizes education mentoring and life skills training to repurpose the less-than-perfect characteristics and qualities of imperiled youth by highlighting and developing attributes, habits and talents that will help them craft fertile and productive lives.
3. **Black Leadership Social Capital Initiative (\$2,500)** provides complementary mentoring/coaching workshop with CEOs/Executive Directors for minority "Junior and Senior"-level managers in the not-for-profit space, with a desire to LEAD.
4. **Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Foundation (\$2,500)** works to generate financial investment to support Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and develop a community-wide culture of "schoolanthropy" – the support of public education.
5. **GardHouse (\$2,500)** increases post-graduation employment opportunities for college students of color by maximizing work-based programs. The first of its kind, GardHouse developed a pipeline to employment for college students of color through local minority-owned businesses.
6. **Home4me (\$2,500)** is "A Voice for Teens in Foster Care" taking the concerns of homelessness from teens "in" and "aging out" of foster care.
7. **Hope Vibes (\$1,000)** exists to bring awareness, hope and real solutions to the homeless epidemic in the Charlotte-Metrolina region by providing dignity through personal hygiene products, mobile laundry/shower vehicles and conversation.
8. **The Vogue Room Foundation (\$1,500)** provides first-generation college students with a successful transition into university living.

The AACF is a grantmaking program managed by Foundation For The Carolinas. The grant funds were made possible through the Lethia Henderson Fund Endowment and the Elizabeth S. Randolph African American Fund Endowment managed by Foundation For The Carolinas. The Henderson Fund was established at FFTC in 1981 to support nonprofit programs and organizations with an emphasis on health and community service. The Randolph Fund was established in 1993 at FFTC to foster philanthropy and to support nonprofit programs and organizations that address African-American concerns.

With the 2020 grants, the Henderson and Randolph Funds have made over \$500,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations. Persons or groups interested in contributing to the Henderson and Randolph Funds or opening a new fund may contact Qiana Austin at Foundation For The Carolinas: 704.973.4535 or qaustin@fftc.org. All contributions are tax deductible.

The application process for the 2021 funding cycle will begin in February 2021. For more information on grant award requirements and funded projects, visit www.fftc.org/grants.

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