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NEWS RELEASE

In final round, Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund awards more than \$100,000 to 19 local nonprofits serving those impacted by the pandemic

The fund gave more than \$600,000 to local nonprofits through five rounds of grantmaking

CONCORD – \$100,900 has been awarded to 19 local nonprofits in the final round of grants from the Cabarrus COVID-19 Response Fund. Through **five rounds of grantmaking**, the fund has issued more than \$600,000 to local nonprofits providing critical support to those most affected by the pandemic.

The fund was established in March by an anonymous donor through the Cabarrus County Community Foundation – a regional affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas. Shortly after the first anonymous gift, United Way of Central Carolinas joined the partnership effort, and the fund received numerous additional contributions, raising \$613,713.

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.

“I am so proud of the dedication of the grants committee during this unprecedented time of crisis,” said Kellie Cartwright, regional development director for United Way of Central Carolinas. “Through each of the five rounds of grants awarded, they have rolled up their sleeves to do the hard work required to make sure our nonprofits get help to the people who need them most.”

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

- \$4,288 to **Academic Learning Center** to employ after-school teachers for first, second and third grade students.
- \$3,660 to **Amazing Grace Advocacy** to help parents and children navigate behavioral health support systems.
- \$2,500 to **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas** to provide technological training to mentors to support students in school.
- \$10,000 to **Boys & Girls Club of Cabarrus County** to provide educational and enrichment activities to youth ages 5-18.
- \$10,000 to **Cabarrus Cooperative Christian Ministry** to provide emergency funds to families who have a verifiable crisis that puts their housing at risk.
- \$5,045 to **Cabarrus County Education Foundation** to provide Student Toolkits to children in need.
- \$5,045 to **Cabarrus Health Alliance** to provide emergency financial assistance to patients in need.
- \$5,045 to **Cabarrus Partnership for Children** to purchase supplies for childcare providers in Cabarrus County.
- \$5,045 to **Church of God Home for Children of NC** to create a remote-learning classroom.
- \$5,045 to **Classroom Central** to provide supply kits containing core school supplies.

- \$4,541 to **Coltrane LIFE Center** to provide transportation services to clients.
- \$5,045 to **El Puente Hispano** to provide food assistance to undocumented Latino families in need.
- \$5,045 to **Families First in Cabarrus County** to promote learning environments to boost language development, early literacy and social-emotional skills for families.
- \$5,045 to **Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County** to cover the construction cost for a new affordable home for a family in Concord.
- \$7,916 to **Opportunity House** to secure stable rental housing in the private market for individuals and families who are homeless.
- \$5,045 to **Piedmont Residential Development Center** to purchase extra personal protective supplies for staff.
- \$5,045 to **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina** to supply senior adults with food boxes.
- \$2,500 to **Arc of Union/Cabarrus** to assist families of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities with technology hardware, software and supplies for at-home therapy and education needs.
- \$5,045 to **Unity United Methodist Church** to continue serving meals to the elderly, physically disabled and convalescing persons in the church's program.

For a complete list of grants from all five rounds visit fftc.org/cabarrus_covid19_grants.

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 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.