

Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Awards \$550,000 to 26 Local Nonprofits for Projects Serving Children, Youth and Young Adults

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation – a regional affiliate and grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – recently granted \$550,000 to 26 local nonprofits for projects that focus on children, youth and young adults.

Grants from this cycle include, among others: \$15,000 to CrossRoads Corporation for Affordable Housing and Community Development to provide programming for youth in the Grier Height community; \$25,000 to She Built This City to provide tuition-free, state-certified training targeting young women in low-income neighborhood; and \$30,000 to Youth Villages to provide support for young adults transitioning out of foster care, juvenile justice and mental health systems.

“Investing in children and the family members who care for them remains a top priority and is more essential than ever,” said Brian Collier, executive vice president, Foundation For The Carolinas. “Local nonprofits are working to fill gaps between public and private services and provide opportunities for those who need them most. These grants support that work and reflect the many ways organization are expanding opportunities, building social capital and advancing equity for young people.”

The children, youth and young adults grant program aligns with [the recommendations of the Leading on Opportunity report](#), which provides a roadmap for increasing economic mobility in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Grants include:

- \$25,000 to **Ada Jenkins Center** to provide students in elementary school with access to afterschool academic support and enrichment programming.
- \$10,000 to **Augustine Literacy Project-Charlotte** to provide support for volunteer training and recruitment for those tutoring to 300+ low-income first and second graders.
- \$15,000 to **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas** to provide mentorship, career and college guidance, and job shadowing opportunities for students.
- \$30,000 to **Carolina Youth Coalition** to provide high school students with mentors and college-preparatory resources.
- \$35,000 to **Charlotte Bilingual Preschool** to provide programming that will advance equity for Latinx children and families.
- \$25,000 to **Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center** to provide programming that promotes school readiness for low-income and at-risk children up to age 8.
- \$30,000 to **Communities in Schools** to provide an intensive college-readiness mentoring program that supports first-generation college students.
- \$15,000 to **CrossRoads Corporation for Affordable Housing and Community Development** to provide programming that supports youth in the Grier Heights Community, including college preparation, access to mental health support and mentoring.
- \$25,000 to **E2D** to provide computers for students lacking home-based computers sufficient to do their work.
- \$15,000 to **Florence Crittenton Services** to provide educational and vocational programming for adolescents and young adults.
- \$15,000 to **Freedom School Partners** to provide a summer program that offers literacy tutoring and community-building skills to local students.

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- \$15,000 to **GardHouse** to provide yearlong academic internships and fellowships to local students.
- \$5,000 to **Hack & Hustle Social Entrepreneurship Academy** to provide an introductory STEM training program that exposes youth ages 16-24 to in-demand technology and entrepreneurial skills.
- \$20,000 to **Heart Math Tutoring** to provide a math intervention program for students performing below grade level in CMS elementary schools.
- \$15,000 to **International House** to provide English students in grade 1-5 with intensive tutoring.
- \$15,000 to **Latin American Women's Association** to host bilingual workshops and tours at colleges for local families.
- \$30,000 to **Luminaria Learning Solutions** to provide their signature Life Navigator School Program designed to prepare students with concrete executive functioning skills, social-emotional learning, and life management tools.
- \$25,000 to **ourBRIDGE for Kids** to provide out-of-school programs for immigrant and refugee students in K-8.
- \$10,000 to **Project BOLT** to provide a summer literacy program intended to build social-emotional skills and increase the academic achievement of K-5 children.
- \$10,000 to **Road to Hire** to provide paid summer internships and in-school college prep classes to high schoolers at five Title I schools.
- \$20,000 to **S.T.A.R.S. Math & English Academy** to provide students with bootcamps, Saturday Academy, and summer programming.
- \$25,000 to **She Built This City** to provide their tuition-free, state-certified pre-apprenticeship training targeting young women in low-income neighborhoods.
- \$25,000 to **The Center for Community Transitions** to provide programming that addresses the adverse impacts of the pandemic for children with incarcerated parents enrolled in CMS schools.
- \$25,000 to **Time Out Youth** to provide programming that will ensure college readiness and career success for LGBTQ+ students in Charlotte.
- \$40,000 to **Young Black Leadership Alliance** to provide college and career advising, awareness and exploration for underserved students and parents in the Charlotte community.
- \$30,000 to **Youth Villages** to provide young adults leaving the foster care, juvenile justice and mental health systems with support and guidance.

CMCF's grantmaking program was established following a [\\$35 million bequest from Lucille Puette Giles](#) in 1995. To date, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation has awarded more than \$55 million in grants. Because the fund was established as an unrestricted endowment, it provides a permanent source of grantmaking for community needs as they evolve over time.

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