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News Release

Cherokee County Community Foundation Grants More than \$25,000 to Local Nonprofits

GAFFNEY, S.C. – The Cherokee County Community Foundation recently awarded \$26,900 in grants to 10 nonprofits. The grants will support projects and programs that address the following key investment areas: crime and safety, education, food agriculture and nutrition, public health, housing, human services and social capital. Through these grants, the Foundation invests in organizations and programs that strive to increase stability and opportunity for individuals and families in Cherokee County.

Grants from this cycle include: \$5,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate to help five Cherokee County-area schools, \$5,000 for Cherokee County Meals on Wheels for vulnerable seniors, and \$3,500 to Broad River Baptist Church to provide food for children in Blacksburg.

Cherokee County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, and the grants are awarded by the local Cherokee County Community Foundation Board of Advisors.

“When we review grants every year, I am reminded how important the nonprofits are to this community,” said Barry Morgan, chair of the Board of Advisors. “This always creates a renewed determination by the board to grow our endowment, which will increase our ability to provide needed funds to local organizations as Cherokee County continues to grow.”

One recipient of grants funds this year was The Jerusalem Project, which coordinates approximately 400 adults and teenagers to do home repair to help local homeowners make necessary house repairs.

“Since 2004, The Jerusalem Project helps local homeowners that need repairs on the exterior of their homes, such as porch and step repairs and wheelchair ramps,” said Martin Hogg, treasurer of The Jerusalem Project. “This work is done at no charge to the homeowners because local adults and students provide the labor and grants, like the one through the CCCF, covers the cost of the building materials.”

The 2022 Grants from Cherokee County Community Foundation include:

- \$900 to Academic Technology and Wellness Academy for their new wellness initiative.
- \$5,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate to serve 450 children in Cherokee County.
- \$3,500 to Broad River Baptist Church to the Backpack Buddy Ministry for Blacksburg schools.

- \$5,000 to Cherokee County Meals On Wheels to provide nutritious meals, services and personal contact for vulnerable seniors in Cherokee County.
- \$2,000 to Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas to fund travel, lodging, meals and essential homecare for Cherokee County oncological pediatric patients and their families.
- \$500 to Gaffney Fire Department to provide and install smoke alarms for those in need.
- \$1,000 to Junior Achievement of Central South Carolina to support eight JA programs in Cherokee County schools.
- \$2,000 to Pure Heart Food Pantry to cover the loading dock to protect food donations from the weather.
- \$5,000 to The Jerusalem Project to provide home repairs to homeowners in Cherokee County at no cost to the homeowner.
- \$2,000 to Upstate Workforce Futures Corporation to provide transportation assistance for adults advancing their education.

About the Cherokee County Community Foundation:

Established in 1994 as a permanent endowment, the Cherokee County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Cherokee County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving, and strengthens the community. Visit www.cherokeecounty-cf.org for more information.

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