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NEWS RELEASE

Lincoln County Community Foundation Grants \$36,000 to Support Housing, Education and More

LINCOLNTON, N.C. – The Lincoln County Community Foundation recently awarded \$36,000 in grants to 17 local projects. The grants will support programs that address a wide range of community needs across Lincoln County.

Grants from this cycle include \$4,000 to Lincoln County Senior Services to provide home repairs and accessibility modifications to ensure safe and independent living for low-income older adults; \$3,000 to Lincoln County YMCA to help support preschool enrollment for the 2022-2023 academic year; and \$5,000 to the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse to support Child Safety Matters, a program designed to empower children to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying and all types of abuse.

“Every child deserves to be safe,” said Sherry Reinhardt, executive director of the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse. “Current statistics show that one out of every 10 children are victimized. Child Safety Matters for elementary schools and Teen Safety Matters for middle and high schools are comprehensive, research-based, primary prevention programs that educate and empower students and all relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, digital dangers, trafficking, and all types of child abuse and exploitation.”

The Lincoln County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas. The grants were awarded by the LCCF’s local board of advisors as part of its annual grantmaking program. The Lincoln County Community Foundation has invested more than \$300,000 in projects and programs that have supported Lincoln County residents since 2002.

“The Lincoln County Community Foundation Board is very pleased to be able to increase the awards granted again this year,” said Joe Lampron, chair of the LCCF Board of Advisors. “The needs in our community continue to grow, as we saw with the grant requests submitted and we feel fortunate to be able to help meet many of those needs through the fund earnings and gifts from Foundation supporters.”

The Lincoln County Community Foundation’s 2022 grant awards include:

- **\$500 to Boy Scouts of America – Piedmont Council** to provide financial assistance for Lincoln County youth to participate in Cub Scouting programs.
- **\$1,500 to Carolina Cross Connection** to help support home repair projects focused on safe home access in Lincoln County.
- **\$2,000 to Children’s Cancer Partner of the Carolinas** to help provide financial assistance to Lincoln County families with children undergoing cancer treatment.
- **\$1,000 to Communities in Schools of Lincoln County** to support monthly after-school programs in the Oaklawn community in Lincolnton.
- **\$1,000 to ComServ (A Place to Grow)** to help purchase new equipment for the children’s outdoor learning environment in Lincolnton.
- **\$500 to Helping Animals to Survive (HATS)** to help support free microchip and vaccination clinics for Lincoln County residents and their pets.
- **\$2,000 to Hesed House of Hope** to help provide family counseling and mental health services to

shelter residents.

- **\$1,500 to Least of These Carolinas** to provide Bags of Hope that include clothing, toiletries, toys and books to children entering foster care in Lincoln County.
- **\$5,000 to the Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse** to support Child Safety Matters, a program designed to empower children to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, and all types of abuse.
- **\$5,000 to the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence** to help purchase bed frames and mattresses for the new shelter facility.
- **\$4,000 to Lincoln County Senior Services** to provide home repairs and accessibility modifications to ensure safe and independent living for low-income older adults in Lincoln County.
- **\$3,000 to Lincoln County YMCA** to help support preschool enrollment for Lincoln County children for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- **\$2,000 to the Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties** to provide financial assistance for childcare costs to Lincoln County families.
- **\$1,000 to Shining Hope Farms** to help provide equine-assisted therapies to Lincoln County children with disabilities.
- **\$2,000 to Speak Up for Children** to help support the various needs of Lincoln County children in foster care.
- **\$1,000 to Special Olympics North Carolina** to support a new bocce ball court in Lincoln County.
- **\$3,000 to the United Way of Lincoln County** to support the Financial Assistance Fund, which allocates funds to assist Lincoln County residents with exceptional circumstances related to housing, utilities, and employment.

For more information about the Lincoln County Community Foundation, visit www.lincolncounty-cf.org.

About the Lincoln County Community Foundation:

Established in 2001 as a permanent endowment, the Lincoln County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes in Lincoln County. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Lincoln County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For more information, visit www.lincolncounty-cf.org.

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