

Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation awards more than \$1.2 million in grants to local nonprofits for families, children, young adults and social capital programs

CHARLOTTE – The [Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation](#) recently awarded more than \$1.2 million to local nonprofits through three grant programs benefitting Children, Youth and Young Adult; Family and Child Stability; and Social Capital (*see list below for grantees and awards*). CMCF is the primary discretionary grantmaking arm of [Foundation For The Carolinas](#).

All three grant programs align with the recommendations of the [Leading on Opportunity](#) report. Awards went to area nonprofits such as Ada Jenkins Center, Charlotte Bilingual Preschool, the Black Social Capital Initiative, Time Out Youth, Mental Health America of Central Carolinas and The Steve Smith Foundation.

Grants will help support a variety of initiatives: \$15,000 to GardHouse to provide yearlong academic internships and fellowships to local students; \$5,000 to Changed Choices for a mentoring program for women impacted by incarceration, among other grants; \$15,000 to Theatre Gap Initiative to promote social capital for BIPOC students in arts; and \$10,000 to Rebuilding Together to provide home repairs that allow families to stay in their community and avoid displacement.

CMCF has awarded more than \$57 million in grants since it was established in 1995 following a \$35 million bequest from [Lucille Puette Giles](#). Since the fund is an unrestricted endowment, it provides a permanent source of grantmaking for community needs as they evolve over time.

Recent Children, Youth and Young Adult grant awards 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** to recruit and train volunteers who will tutor 300+ young, aspiring readers in under-resourced communities.
- **\$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 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 to low-income students.
- **\$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 EOG 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 enrolled in CMS schools with incarcerated parents.
- **\$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 to successfully transition into adulthood.

Recent Social Capital grant awards include:

- **\$10,000 to Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen** to support their Pathway Program for Teens.
- **\$15,000 to Arts+** to support Project Harmony, a community-based orchestra outreach program for Charlotte-area youth.
- **\$10,000 to Black Social Capital Initiative (The Lee Institute)** to provide an eight-session training program for Black junior and senior-level nonprofit leaders.
- **\$10,000 to Bruce Irons Camp Fund (Wayfinders)** to increase social capital through mentorship and enrichment for scholars in grades 4-12.
- **\$5,000 to Changed Choices** for a mentoring program for women impacted by incarceration.
- **\$10,000 to Charlotte Symphony Orchestra** to support the Charlotte Youth Ensemble program, which aims to build bridges through musical experiences.
- **\$10,000 to Charlotte is Creative** for Charlotte Entrepreneur's Initiative.
- **\$10,000 to Digi-Bridge** to provide mentors to STEAM scholars.

- **\$15,000 to Generation Nation** to increase social capital networks and access to opportunity for 250 students from high schools throughout Mecklenburg County.
- **\$15,000 to Gen-One, Inc.** to enhance their Navigator mentorship program.
- **\$15,000 to International House** to help immigrants integrate throughout community connections.
- **\$10,000 to Latin American Women's Association** for mentoring workshops for first generation Latino college students.
- **\$25,000 to Mustangs and Lions**, a documentary project that will highlight the impact of Swann vs. Board of Education on the class of 1983 40 years later.
- **\$10,000 to ourBRIDGE** for building social capital for immigrant and refugee families.
- **\$10,000 to Refugee Support Services of the Carolinas** for their help center for refugee families navigating community resources.
- **\$10,000 to Right Moves for Youth** for small group mentoring for CMS students.
- **\$10,000 to She Built This City** for women from diverse backgrounds to build successful careers in skilled trades.
- **\$10,000 to Sports Biz Cares** to provide Charlotte area high school students with career exploration and college readiness.
- **\$10,000 to Stiletto Boss University** to connect young women to opportunities, build social capital and create the next generation of community leaders through program expansion.
- **\$10,000 to StriveCLT** to enhance social capital through year-round mentorship to families living in Southside Homes.
- **\$15,000 to The Academy of Goal Achievers** to support a high school mentoring program that provides monthly leadership development sessions, study hall and team building activities for students and parents in Mecklenburg County.
- **\$10,000 to The Arts Empowerment Project** for promoting peace and justice through art programs, such as murals.
- **\$10,000 to The Relatives** for a mentoring program for young adults.
- **\$15,000 to Theatre Gap Initiative** to promote social capital for BIPOC students in arts.
- **\$10,000 to Thompson Child & Family Focus** for their two-generation program that pairs Charlotte-area youth from high-poverty ZIP codes with a professional mentor to build social capital and escape intergenerational poverty cycle.
- **\$10,000 to World Affairs Council of Charlotte** to provide a leadership program for high school students in low to moderate income neighborhoods that allows participants to engage with experts on world affairs, expand their worldview, network with community and business leaders and learn more about internationally centric careers.

Recent Family and Child Stability grant awards include:

- **\$50,000 to Planned Parenthood South Atlantic** to provide health services and education in Mecklenburg County.
- **\$30,000 to Care Ring** for the Nurse-Family Partnership, which promotes prenatal care and parent education and resources.
- **\$30,000 to Communities in Schools** for the Safe Journey Program, which assists teen parents with completing their high school education and strengthening their connection with their children/families/communities.
- **\$30,000 to Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy** to provide stabilization support for low-income families by increasing access to opportunity and employment.
- **\$20,000 to Safe Alliance** to fund a Peer Support Specialist at the Domestic Violence Shelter.

- **\$30,000 to Charlotte Bilingual Preschool** to advance equity for Latinx families through its workforce development program.
- **\$25,000 to Renaissance West Community Initiative** for the Cradle to Career Success Program, which aims to remove barriers through holistic, place-based programs and services for Black and Latinx families.
- **\$25,000 to The Steve Smith Foundation** to support the Smith Family Behavioral Health Urgent Care facility.
- **\$15,000 to Foster Village Charlotte** for the Partners in Permanency program, which builds relationships between birth and foster parents by providing critical tools for healthy family foundations.
- **\$20,000 to Freedom Communities** for the Moms Moving Forward program, which aims to build healthy habits for mothers and their families.
- **\$15,000 to The Center for Community Transitions** for the expansion of its program that supports social and emotional wellness and academic achievement.
- **\$15,000 to Crisis Assistance Ministry** to support the organization's homeless prevention services and partner agency network.
- **\$20,000 to Mental Health America of Central Carolinas** to provide parent-to-parent peer support, integrated person-centered care teams, and targeted education empowerment activities to parents and youth.
- **\$15,000 to Thompson Child & Family** for Thompson's Child Development Center.
- **\$15,000 to ParentChild+** for the expansion of programming that supports underserved families.
- **\$10,000 to Families Forward** to provide adult mentorship, monthly educational workshops and financial assistance through its Family Success Program
- **\$10,000 to Habitat for Humanity** to support Habitat's Money Matters financial literacy program.
- **\$10,000 to Matthews HELP Center** to provide short-term crisis assistance to help families avoid eviction and utility disconnection.
- **\$10,000 to Rebuilding Together** to provide home repairs that allow families to stay in their community and avoid displacement.
- **\$5,000 to Charlotte Rescue Mission** for mothers receiving addiction recovery services while living with their children at CRM's facility.
- **\$5,000 to Common Wealth Charlotte** to provide trauma-informed financial education and counseling.

For a complete list of CMCF's recent grants – or for more information on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation – visit charmeck-cf.org.

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