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Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Opens Family Stability Grants Cycle

CHARLOTTE – The <u>Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation</u> – the grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – recently opened its Family Stability Grants cycle. Applications will be accepted from eligible 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations through Friday, July 14, at noon.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation views itself as an investor in the community and is interested in creating the highest possible levels of community gain, focused on improving the lives of Mecklenburg County citizens.

Specific investment and results areas are outlined below and should be reflected in grant applications:

Family Formation:

Young women and men have access to the necessary information, resources and support to help them:

- Delay pregnancy when they chose to do so.
- Prepare for a healthy pregnancy and positive birth outcome when they chose to become a parent.
- Build and strengthen their families as they are being formed.

Financial Security:

Parents and families have access to the necessary information, resources and support to help them:

- Find a pathway to living wage employment, asset building and other means of creating financial stability, thus helping their children break the inter-generational poverty cycle.
- Become equipped with the basic logistical support and services they need to find and maintain employment.

Innovative Housing Solutions:

Parents and families have access to the necessary information, resources and support to help them:

- Live in safe, nurturing and stable residential environments.
- To become strong advocates for their children and have increased knowledge of and skills for early brain and other positive child development.
- Become well-connected to community resources and support.
- Succeed through peer support.
- Address their own and their mental/behavioral health issues to more effectively support their children's social/emotional needs and educational outcomes.
- Lessen the impact of a family's involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Especially fathers, to be positively engaged in the lives and futures of their children.

To apply – or for complete criteria – please <u>visit the online grants portal</u> and select Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation in the Grant Program Name field.

Visit <u>www.charmeck-cf.org</u> for a complete list of grants. For more information about the Family Stability Grants Program, contact Alex Wiltberger at <u>awiltberger@fftc.org</u> or 704.973.4914.

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