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Lincoln County Community Foundation Grants \$39,400 to Support Housing, Human Services and More

LINCOLNTON, N.C. – The Lincoln County Community Foundation recently awarded \$39,400 in grants to 15 local projects. The grants will support programs that address a wide range of community needs across Lincoln County.

Grants from this cycle include \$5,000 to United Way of Lincoln County to help support the United Neighborhood initiative in Lincoln County; \$3,000 to Communities in Schools of Lincoln County to support monthly after school programs; and \$2,500 to Special Olympics North Carolina to help support the expansion of the bocce court facility in Lincoln County.

“Ten years ago, I began working to build bocce courts for our Special Olympics Lincoln County athletes to train on,” said Madeliene Safrit, director of communications at Special Olympics. “Shortly after the completion of the project, a storm flooded the new courts. To help reconstruct the courts, a Lincoln County family donated crucial funds to Special Olympics Lincoln County. Since, support from the Lincoln County Community Foundation, Metrolina Landscape and Bob Smith has allowed Special Olympics Lincoln County athletes to continue training in the sport they love for years to come.”

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 of Advisors is very pleased to be able to award a record amount in grants 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. We feel fortunate to be able to help meet many of those needs through the fund earnings and gifts from the Foundation’s supporters.”

The Lincoln County Community Foundation’s 2023 grant awards include:

- **\$2,000 to Autism Society of North Carolina** to support Autism Resource Specialists in Lincoln County.
- **\$2,000 to Boy Scouts of America - Piedmont Council** to provide financial assistance for Lincoln County youth to participate in scouting programs.
- **\$2,000 to Carolina Cross Connection** to support the home repair program in Lincoln County.
- **\$2,000 to Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas** to provide financial support to Lincoln County families with children undergoing cancer treatment.
- **\$3,000 to Communities in Schools of Lincoln County** to support monthly after school programs.
- **\$500 to Helping Animals to Survive** to help support no-cost vaccine and microchip clinics for pets for Lincoln County residents.
- **\$5,000 to Hesed House of Hope** to help provide family counseling and mental health services to residents.
- **\$2,500 to Least of These Carolinas** to provide Bags of Hope to Lincoln County children entering foster care.
- **\$1,400 to Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse** to help support Operation Warm, a

- program that provides new coats to Lincoln County children in foster care.
- **\$5,000 to Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence** to help support the installation of a playground at the newly built shelter and services facility.
- **\$2,000 to Make-A-Wish Central and Western North Carolina** to support a wish family in Lincoln County.
- **\$3,000 to Speak Up for Children** to help fulfill the needs of Lincoln County children in foster care.
- **\$2,500 to Special Olympics of North Carolina** to help support the expansion of the bocce court facility in Lincoln County.
- **\$1,500 to Shining Hope Farms** to help support equine assisted therapy for Lincoln County children with disabilities.
- **\$5,000 to United Way of Lincoln County** to help support the United Neighborhood initiative in Lincoln County.

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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