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NEWS RELEASE

Union County Community Foundation Grants More Than \$89,000 to Provide Educational Opportunities, Health Care Access and Other Local Support

MONROE, NC – The Union County Community Foundation recently awarded \$89,155 in grants to 17 local projects. The grants will support programs that address a wide range of community needs across Union County.

Among these grants: \$3,000 to Alliance for Children to support the Early Childhood Education Agriculture Initiative; \$6,000 to Community Health Services of Union County to provide at-home glucose testing strips and other supplies to patients with diabetes; and \$5,955 to Union-Anson Habitat for Humanity to support its urgent home repair program in Union County.

“We are very appreciative of the grant from the Union County Community Foundation,” said Mike Reece, director of development at Union-Anson Habitat for Humanity. “This funding will allow us to continue to serve over 40 families per year through our critical home repair program in Union County.”

The Union County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas. The grants were awarded by the UCCF’s local Board of Advisors as part of an annual grantmaking program. The Union County Community Foundation has invested more than \$1.5 million in projects and programs that have supported Union County residents since 1994.

The full list of Union County Community Foundation’s 2023 grant awards includes:

- **\$3,000 to Alliance for Children** to support the Early Childhood Education Agriculture Initiative.
- **\$2,000 to Autism Society of North Carolina** to help individuals with autism build fulfilling lives in their communities and to connect Union County families to resources tailored to their needs.
- **\$5,000 to Bridge to Recovery** to provide scholarship assistance for Union County residents to access residential clinical treatment for substance use disorders.
- **\$8,000 to Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center** to help support no cost speech-language screenings for children in Union County.
- **\$4,000 to Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas** to provide financial support to families of Union County children who are undergoing cancer treatment.
- **\$6,000 to Community Health Services of Union County** to provide at-home glucose testing strips and testing supplies to uninsured patients with diabetes.
- **\$3,500 to the Council on Aging in Union County** to provide durable medical equipment to aging adults in Union County to reduce fall risks and promote successful aging in place.
- **\$1,000 to Foster Village Charlotte** to help provide welcome packs and support to Union County children entering foster care.
- **\$9,000 to HealthQuest of Union County** to purchase and provide prescription medications and diabetic testing supplies to uninsured Union County residents.
- **\$1,000 to Matthews Free Medical Clinic** to help reduce barriers to transportation for Union County residents seeking health care.
- **\$3,500 to Mephibosheth Farms Angelic Riders** to provide therapeutic horseback riding sessions for children and adults with disabilities.
- **\$6,000 to Special Olympics North Carolina** to support Union County athletes.
- **\$11,000 to Turning Point** to continue to provide shelter and additional support services to victims of

domestic violence and their dependent children.

- **\$6,000 to the Union County Community Arts Council** to help support arts education programs for Union County students.
- **\$10,000 to the Union County Education Foundation** for the LIFT and the GROW grant programs, which provide financial assistance for innovative projects that benefit students.
- **\$4,200 to the Union Symphony Society** to support POPS on the PLAZA, an annual musical program featuring live symphonic music from the Union Symphony Orchestra.
- **\$5,955 to Union-Anson Habitat for Humanity** to support its urgent home repair program in Union County.

For more information about the Union County Community Foundation, visit www.unioncounty-cf.org.

About the Union County Community Foundation:

Established in 1989 as a permanent endowment, the Union County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Union County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. Visit www.unioncounty-cf.org for more information.

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