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News Release

Cleveland County Community Foundation Grants More than \$25,000 to Local Nonprofits

CLEVELAND COUNTY, N.C. – The Cleveland County Community Foundation recently awarded \$25,574 in grants to eight local nonprofits. The grants will support projects and programs that address: education, food insecurity, housing and shelter, and youth development. Through these grants, the Foundation invests in organizations and programs that strive to increase stability and opportunity for individuals and families in Cleveland County.

Grants are awarded by the local Cleveland County Community Foundation Board of Advisors. Grants from this cycle include: \$5,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland County to their Power Hour project; \$3,674 to Children’s Homes of Cleveland County for fire safety upgrades a foster care home; and \$3,000 to the Communities In Schools of Cleveland County to help students graduate from high school.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to provide financial resources to support worthy nonprofits as they address critical needs in our community,” said CCCF Board Chair Jason Winn. “The board is impressed with the quality of our 2023 applicants, and we encourage other local programs to consider us for funding in the future.”

One award recipient, Habitat for Humanity of Cleveland County, works with volunteers, contractors and families to build homes in the Young Oak Square area.

“Habitat for Humanity in Cleveland County has built 34 houses that became homes for our partner families supporting our mission that ‘everyone deserves a decent place to live,” said Amy Allen, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Cleveland County. “The Foundation’s support of HFHCC enables us to continue to build in the changing housing market and allows us to sell our homes at zero percent interest. The Foundation is a part of our efforts to make decent, affordable housing and home ownership a reality for families in Cleveland County.”

Cleveland County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas.

The 2023 Grants from Cleveland County Community Foundation include:

- \$5,000 to Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland County to help youth with learning & homework in fun and engaging way.
- \$3,674 to Children’s Homes of Cleveland County to update necessary fire alarm systems in one of their residential homes for foster children.
- \$3,000 to Communities In Schools of Cleveland County to encourage and hold students accountable to graduate from high school.
- \$2,500 to Community Math Academy to its Bright Scholars program.

- \$2,000 to the Council on Aging of Cleveland County for its Meals on Wheels program.
- \$2,500 to Habitat for Humanity for the Young Street Development Project in Shelby.
- \$1,900 to Walls Memorial Baptist Church Food Pantry to provide emergency food for those in need.
- \$5,000 to Washington Outreach Ministry to help the food insecure population of Cleveland County and the surrounding areas.

For more information about the Cleveland County Community Foundation, visit www.clevelandcounty-cf.org.

About Cleveland County Community Foundation:

The Foundation is a permanent endowment established in 1985 by local leaders to benefit a broad range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Cleveland Foundation assists donors in making charitable contributions to the community, provides services for nonprofit organizations to create new or manage existing endowments, and awards grants to organizations serving the Cleveland community. For more information visit www.clevelandcounty-cf.org.

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