



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Union County Community Foundation Awards More Than \$89,000 to Local Nonprofits

**MONROE, NC** –The Union County Community Foundation recently awarded \$89,300 in grants to 17 organizations. The grants will support programs that address a wide range of needs across Union County.

Grants from this cycle include \$5,000 to HealthQuest of Union County to provide free prescription medications for low-income residents; \$2,500 to the Union County Community Shelter to support their winter warming station, which provides an overnight shelter during cold weather; and \$5,000 to Council on Aging in Union County to purchase fall prevention equipment and supplies to enhance safety and independence for aging adults.

“Food for Families sincerely appreciates the generous funding from the Union County Community Foundation for our supplemental food bags for seniors aged 65 and above,” said Executive Director Amy Niccolai. “We are committed to the well-being of the senior community and the important part nutritious food plays in their health and independence.”

“Thanks to the Union County Community Foundation for awarding funds to support Alliance for Children’s Early Childhood Education Agriculture Initiative,” said Trinisha Dean, director of strategy and development. “This grant will allow us to enhance the health and education of young children and early childcare educators in Union County.”

“On behalf of the Union County Community Foundation Board, I would like to express our appreciation to the many nonprofit organizations who work diligently to meet the needs in our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide funding to assist in their important work,” said Union County Community Foundation Board Chair Pat Kahle. “We also want to express our immense gratitude to the families whose generosity established the endowments that make the grants possible. Lastly, I would like to personally thank the members of the Foundation Board for the countless hours they invest in the grantmaking process. Together, nonprofits, donors, volunteers, and the Foundation are making an impact in our community.”

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 its annual grantmaking program. The Union County Community Foundation has invested more than \$1.6 million in projects and programs that have supported Union County residents since 1994.

The Union County Community Foundation’s 2024 grant awards include:

- **\$3,900 to Alliance for Children** to support the Early Childhood Education Agriculture Initiative.
- **\$2,500 to Autism Society of North Carolina** to help individuals with autism build fulfilling lives and to connect families to resources tailored to their needs.
- **\$5,000 to Bridge to Recovery** to provide scholarship assistance to Union County residents to access residential treatment for substance use disorders.
- **\$8,000 to Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center** to support free speech-language screenings for children in Union County.
- **\$3,000 to Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas** to provide financial assistance to families of Union County children receiving cancer treatment.

- **\$7,500 to Community Health Services of Union County** to provide at-home glucose testing strips, equipment and supplies to uninsured patients with diabetes.
- **\$5,000 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.
- **\$5,900 to Food for Families NC** to assist seniors by providing supplemental, tailored nutritional food delivered directly to their homes.
- **\$5,000 to HealthQuest of Union County** to purchase free prescription and over-the-counter medications for low-income residents in Union County.
- **\$4,000 to Mephibosheth Farms Angelic Riders** to provide therapeutic horseback riding sessions for children and adults with disabilities.
- **\$5,000 to Special Olympics North Carolina** to help Union County athletes develop new sports skills, build friendships, and participate in regular physical activity.
- **\$10,000 to Turning Point** 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 support arts education programs for Union County students.
- **\$2,500 to Union County Community Shelter** to support their Winter Warming Station, which provides overnight shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- **\$2,500 to Union County Playmakers** to support their production of three free performances for children at the Dowd Center Theatre in Monroe.
- **\$10,000 to the Union County Public Education Foundation** for the LIFT and the GROW grant programs, which provide financial assistance for innovative projects that benefit students.
- **\$3,500 to Union-Anson Habitat for Humanity** to support their urgent home repair program for eligible households in Union County.

**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. For more information, visit [www.unioncounty-cf.org](http://www.unioncounty-cf.org).

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