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NEWS RELEASE

Foundation For Black Philanthropy

Grants \$20,000 for Education, Health Care and Business Development

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Foundation For Black Philanthropy recently awarded \$20,000 in grants to local nonprofits. The grants will support programs that address a wide range of community needs across Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Foundation For Black Philanthropy is an affiliate of the Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas. FFBP's local board of advisors awarded the grants as part of an annual grantmaking program, which has invested more than \$600,000 in Charlotte/Mecklenburg residents since 1993.

The following grant awards support a range of activities benefiting Charlotte's African American community:

- **The Arts Empowerment Project**, which supports Life Navigation Through Creative Connections, combines arts-based workshops and a Culinary Arts Boot Camp to support youth aging out of foster care. The project builds social capital by fostering relationships, providing life skills and offering career exploration to help participants connect to opportunities and achieve their goals.
- **CrossRoads Corporation for Affordable Housing and Community Development** to support Health for the Holidays (H4TH) is an annual community wellness and holiday support event in Grier Heights. The event brings together families, service providers, and community partners to promote health, wellness and economic stability. H4TH ensures families have access to vital health and financial resources before the holiday season.
- **Do Greater Foundation, Inc.** to support the Start Upward Brand Camp, a two-week program that immerses Charlotte youth in brand building, design and entrepreneurship. Youth collaborate with Black-owned businesses to develop branding strategies guided by professional mentors. Participants gain real-world experience and a portfolio project, while businesses receive a custom brand playbook or marketing strategy.
- **Evolutionary Aquatics** will assist a six-month pilot program offering adult water safety clinics with pre-scheduled two-hour sessions. Participants will learn aquatic self-rescue, bystander rescue techniques and CPR/First Aid for both aquatic and dryland emergencies. These hands-on sessions are designed to increase water safety awareness and emergency preparedness within the community.
- **University City Partners** supporting a Small Business Initiative. Funds will support Black-owned small businesses in the University City area through mentoring, networking, brand awareness/marketing and community-building efforts (e.g., community safety and beautification).

For more information about this event, please visit www.fftc.org/FFBP.

About Foundation For Black Philanthropy:

The Lethia Henderson Fund Endowment was established at Foundation For The Carolinas in 1981 to support nonprofit programs and organizations with an emphasis on health and community service. The Elizabeth S. Randolph African American Fund Endowment was established in 1993 at Foundation For The Carolinas to foster philanthropy and to support nonprofit programs and organizations that address African American concerns. Learn more about [Lethia Henderson's Legacy](#) and the story of [Elizabeth S. Randolph](#).

Persons or groups interested in contributing to the Henderson and Randolph Funds or opening a new fund may contact Qiana Austin at Foundation For The Carolinas: 704.973.4535 or qaustin@fftc.org. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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