

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation Awards
More Than \$800,000 to Local Nonprofits Serving Children and Families**

CHARLOTTE – The board of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation – a regional affiliate and grantmaking arm of Foundation For The Carolinas – recently granted more than \$800,000 to 37 local nonprofits. CMCF’s Family & Child Stability grantmaking program announced grants this week totaling \$300,200. The remaining \$500,000 was granted in June to projects that focus on children, youth and young adults. Both grant programs align with Leading on Opportunity report recommendations.

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Included among the Family & Child Stability grants are (full list below):

- \$25,000 to the West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition for its Seed for Change project, which teaches life skills to young people by hiring them to work on an urban farm and weekly farmer’s market.
- \$28,250 to the Camino Community Development Corporation for its Familias Fuertes Comunidades Unidas program that provides health and mental wellness services to Latino parents.
- \$12,500 to Center for Community Transitions to hire a part-time program assistant to work with families affected by incarceration.
- \$25,000 to Care Ring, which provides vulnerable families with parenting education and other support services.

Examples of Children, Youth & Young Adults grants include (full list below):

- \$50,000 to Heart Math Tutoring to provide one-on-one tutoring in 23 high-poverty elementary schools.
- \$15,000 to the Augustine Literacy Project – Charlotte to recruit and train volunteer tutors.
- \$10,000 to the Latin American Women’s Association for its Latino College and Career Readiness program.
- \$10,000 to Foundation for Girls to take 65 teen moms through a nine-month life-skills program.

“The funds provided by these two grant programs demonstrate CMCF’s long-term commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Leading on Opportunity report,” said Brian Collier, executive vice president at Foundation For The Carolinas. “It is our expectation that our grants, combined with support from others across the community, will have a meaningful impact on the lives of our children and the adults who care for them.”

CMCF’s grantmaking program was established following a \$35 million bequest from Lucille Puette Giles in 1995. To date, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation has awarded more than \$56 million in grants from the endowment.

Family & Child Stability grants (visit www.charmeck-cf.org for project descriptions):

Ada Jenkins Families & Careers Development Center, \$25,000

Camino Community Development, \$28,250

Care Ring, \$25,000

Center for Community Transitions, \$12,500

Charlotte Rescue Mission – Dove’s Nest, \$9,000

Christ Lutheran Church, \$11,450

Common Wealth Charlotte, \$15,000
Communities in Schools, \$25,000
Crisis Assistance Ministry, \$25,000
Families Forward Charlotte, \$20,000
Foster Village Charlotte, \$24,000
Heal Charlotte, \$25,000
Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, \$20,000
Thompson Child & Family Focus, \$10,000
West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition, \$25,000

Children, Youth & Young Adult grants: (visit www.charmeck-cf.org for project descriptions):

Ada Jenkins Families & Careers Development Center, \$25,000
Augustine Literacy Project – Charlotte, \$15,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas, \$10,000
Carolina Youth Coalition, \$20,000
Charlotte Bilingual Preschool, \$35,000
Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center, \$20,000
Circle de Luz, \$10,000
Communities In Schools, \$35,000
EmpowHERment, \$10,000
Foundation for Girls, \$10,000
Freedom School Partners, \$15,000
Greater Charlotte Apartment Association Education Foundation, \$5,000
Heart Math Tutoring, \$50,000
International House, \$20,000
Latin American Women’s Association, \$10,000
ourBRIDGE for KIDS, \$25,000
Profound Gentleman, \$30,000
Reach Out and Read Carolinas, \$20,000
Safe Alliance, \$10,000
Thompson Child & Family Focus, \$20,000
Time Out Youth, \$15,000
UNC Charlotte – Ucity Family Zone, \$10,000
UrbanPromise Charlotte, \$25,000
Young Black Leadership Alliance, \$25,000
Youth Villages, \$30,000

About Foundation For The Carolinas

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