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## News Release

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### Lancaster County Community Foundation Grants \$19,000 to Local Nonprofits

**Lancaster, S.C.** – The Lancaster County Community Foundation recently awarded \$19,000 in grants to 10 nonprofits. The grants will support projects and programs that address the following key investment areas: arts culture and humanities, education, environment, food agriculture and nutrition, housing and shelter, human services, and mental health. Through these grants, the Foundation invests in organizations and programs that strive to increase stability and opportunity for individuals and families in Lancaster County.

The Lancaster County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, and the grants are awarded by the local Lancaster County Community Foundation Board of Advisors.

Grants from this cycle include: \$2,500 to United Way of Lancaster County for hygiene kits in the LACH Community Shelter, \$3,000 to Classroom Central that provide core school supplies for Lancaster County students and teachers, and \$3,000 to Battered Not Broken for supplies and necessities for Miriam's house, that gives shelter for women who have been incarcerated or suffer from abuse or addiction.

"The Lancaster County Community Foundation is here to support the residents of Lancaster County," said LCCF Board Chair Phil Neely. "The Board is grateful for the wonderful effects the hardworking nonprofits have on our community. We look forward to seeing the good that comes from the grants we were able to provide."

One recipient of grants funds this year was the Alston Wilkes Society to provide support to former offenders and people without homes.

"The Alston Wilkes Society is tremendously grateful for the Lancaster County Community Foundation's support of our efforts to meet the basic human needs of former offenders and the homeless as they transition back into the community, thus reducing recidivism in Lancaster County," said Kate Paolino, vice president of community service programs for Alston Wilkes Society. "These grant funds will be utilized for direct client assistance with things that we often take for granted such as shelter, clothing, employment supports, documentation needs (ID and birth certificates) and transportation. It is an honor to partner with the Foundation in rebuilding lives for a safer Lancaster community."

The 2022 Grants from Lancaster County Community Foundation include:

- \$3,000 to Alston Wilkes Society to support former offenders and homeless of Lancaster County.
- \$3,000 to Battered But Not Broken for Miriam's House supplies.
- \$1,000 to Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation for water cleanup in Lancaster County.

- \$2,000 to Christian Services, Inc for the Emergency Assistance Food Pantry.
- \$3,000 to Classroom Central for school supplies for Lancaster County students living in poverty.
- \$1,000 to James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation-Lancaster Satellite for the Sickle Cell Festival Family Day & Parade.
- \$2,000 to Lancaster County Council of the Arts for Destination Artists: Supporting Tourism, Culture through Art.
- \$500 to Lancaster County School District for their Summer Reading Kick Off program.
- \$1,000 to NAMI Piedmont Tri-County for frontline, first responder, and educator post-pandemic support.
- \$2,500 to United Way of Lancaster County for the LACH Community Shelter supplies.

**About the Lancaster County Community Foundation:**

The Foundation is a permanent endowment established in 1988. The Lancaster County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes within the county. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Lancaster Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving and strengthens the community. For information about the Lancaster County Community Foundation visit [lancastercounty-cf.org](http://lancastercounty-cf.org).

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