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Lancaster County Community Foundation Grants Over \$18,000 to Local Nonprofits

LANCASTER, S.C. – The Lancaster County Community Foundation recently awarded \$18,500 in grants to five nonprofits. The grants will support projects and programs that address the following key investment areas: housing and shelter; human services; mental health and crisis intervention; 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 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: \$3,500 to United Way of Lancaster County for hygiene kits in the LACH Community Shelter; \$5,000 to Alston Wilkes Society to support services to individuals at risk of homelessness in Lancaster County; and \$2,500 to Magnolia Memory Care for their Dementia Care Navigator Program to coordinate care, eliminate barriers and reduce the burden for patients, families, and caregivers.

“As a lifelong resident of Lancaster County, I am proud of the efforts of The Lancaster County Community Foundation to serve its citizens well,” Jill Newman, board chair of the Lancaster County Community Foundation Board, said. “Our partnership with local nonprofits directly impacts some of the most dire needs of our community. We are grateful to be able to fund some of the best programs these agencies have to offer. We look forward to seeing the progress we know these programs will produce to better our community.”

“We are grateful to the Lancaster County Community Foundation for their generous grant, which will enable us to provide vital peer support at our Lancaster County drop-in center,” expressed Robert White, Executive Director of NAMI Piedmont Tri-County. “We sincerely thank the Foundation for its partnership and investment in the mental health of the Lancaster community.”

The 2024 grants from the Lancaster County Community Foundation include:

- **\$5,000 to Alston Wilkes Society** to support former offenders and others at risk of homelessness in Lancaster County as they transition back into the community.
- **\$2,500 to Girls on the Run-Tri County SC** to provide running shoes for participants in local Title 1 schools.
- **\$2,500 to Magnolia Memory Care** for their Dementia Care Navigator program.
- **\$5,000 to NAMI Piedmont Tri-County** to support their Certified Peer Support Specialist program which will help enhance mental health services offered.
- **\$3,500 to United Way of Lancaster County** for the LACH Community Shelter hygiene kits.

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 lanastercounty-cf.org.

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