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NEWS RELEASE

Cherokee County Community Foundation Grants More than \$29,000 to Local Nonprofits

GAFFNEY, S.C. – The Cherokee County Community Foundation recently awarded \$29,500 in grants to eight nonprofits. The grants will support programs that address a wide range of community needs. Through these grants, the Foundation invests in organizations and programs that strive to increase stability and opportunity for individuals and families in Cherokee County.

Grants from this cycle include: \$5,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate to support after-school programming; \$5,000 to United Way of the Piedmont for their SC 2-1-1 Resource Referral and Information line, which helps connect individuals to the resources they need; and \$3,000 to Cherokee County Meals on Wheels to support their nutrition assistance program for seniors.

“United Way of the Piedmont is grateful for the award from the Cherokee County Community Foundation to fund the 2-1-1 program for our tri-county area,” Merissa Ramantanin, Director of Grants for United Way of the Piedmont, said. “Our aim is that the 2-1-1 program provides resources so that individuals can meet their basic needs and build a foundation for self-sufficiency. You are helping make this impact possible so that every family has the opportunity to thrive!”

Cherokee County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, and the grants are awarded by the Cherokee County Community Foundation board of advisors, made up of local residents and community leaders.

“We are excited to support eight deserving local nonprofits with grant funding, recognizing their vital contributions to our community,” said Charles Wyatt, chair of the Cherokee County Community Foundation. “The board’s annual review of grant applications reminds us of the critical role these organizations play in our community’s well-being.”

The 2024 grants from Cherokee County Community Foundation include:

- **\$2,500 to Academic Technology and Wellness Academy** to support the Backpack Buddies program that provides students with healthy easy-to-prepare food during the school year.
- **\$5,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate** to support after-school programming.
- **\$3,000 to Cherokee County Meals on Wheels** to support their nutritional assistance program for seniors.
- **\$3,000 to Junior Achievement of Central South Carolina** to provide learning experiences focusing on workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.
- **\$5,000 to The Jerusalem Project** to provide exterior home repairs to homeowners in Cherokee County.
- **\$5,000 to South Carolina Hunters and Land Owners for the Hungry** to provide food for people experiencing food insecurity.
- **\$1,000 to Palmetto Council, Scouting America** to provide STEM programming at their Goucher Summer Reading Camp.

- **\$5,000 to United Way of Piedmont** to support their SC 2-1-1 Resource Referral and Information line that connects individuals to local, state, regional, and national resources.

About the Cherokee County Community Foundation:

Established in 1994 as a permanent endowment, the Cherokee County Community Foundation benefits a wide range of charitable purposes. As an affiliate of Charlotte-based Foundation For The Carolinas, the Cherokee County Community Foundation inspires philanthropy, increases charitable giving, and strengthens the community. For more information, visit www.cherokeecounty-cf.org

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