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**Foundation For The Carolinas Announces \$109K in Funding to 7 Regional Nonprofits**  
*Nonprofits in Cleveland, Lexington and Lincoln Counties (N.C.) and Lancaster and Cherokee Counties (S.C.) receive grant awards from FFTC's Community Impact Funds*

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Foundation For The Carolinas has announced grants totaling \$109,000 to seven nonprofits addressing local needs across the Foundation's 13-county region. Grants will fund a wide range of charitable causes, including efforts to provide books, proper footwear and arts opportunities for school-aged children, as well as promoting sustainable farming practices; mental health support; and low-cost pet medical care and adoptions.

Grants were awarded from FFTC's Community Impact Funds, which support broad charitable interest areas throughout the region – such as education, human services, arts, animal welfare, environmental causes and unexpected community needs. Funding is made possible by donors who contribute to these funds, and grants are awarded to nonprofits by FFTC's team of grantmaking experts along with input from community members.

“Foundation For The Carolinas' Community Impact Funds provide strategic support to address urgent and emerging issues throughout our 13-county region,” said Laura Clark, president of Foundation For The Carolinas. “For this round of grants, we focused on supporting local needs and opportunities throughout our region – reaffirming our commitment to the counties we serve and investing in projects that improve the quality of life for residents in these communities.”

Recent grant awards include:

- **Cherokee County, S.C.:**
  - \$29,000 from the FFTC Environmental Sustainability Fund to Cherokee Soil & Water Conservation District to provide low-cost “no till drill” rentals to landowners and farmers to foster conservation.
- **Cleveland County, N.C.:**
  - \$10,000 from the FFTC Health & Human Services Fund to the United Way of Cleveland County to provide essential classroom supplies for teachers, holiday gifts and meals to families in need, shoes for children in need of footwear, and home libraries for school-age children.
  - \$10,000 from the FFTC Health & Human Services Fund to Mental Health America of Cleveland County for a youth suicide prevention program and support for students facing mental health and behavioral challenges.
- **Davidson County, N.C.:**
  - \$20,000 from the FFTC Arts & Culture Fund to the Lexington Youth Theatre to pay professional artists and provide an affordable Broadway experience to local residents, as well as new headset microphones for performers.
- **Lancaster County, S.C.:**
  - \$20,000 from the FFTC Education and Youth Fund to the Children's Council for “Baby Blocks,” which fosters prenatal and early childhood development, as

well as to provide books and 92 home visits from an early learning specialist.

- **Lincoln County, N.C.:**
  - \$10,000 from the FFTC Animal Welfare Fund to Helping Animals to Survive to provide financial assistance for veterinary care.
  - \$10,000 from the FFTC Animal Welfare Fund to Lincoln County Animal Services to support pet adoptions, rescue transfers, fostering programs and clinics.

“I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Foundation For The Carolinas for this generous grant of \$10,000,” said Tim O’Brien, president of the nonprofit Helping Animals to Survive. “What a wonderful gift to receive as we soon plan our 2025 budget! This grant not only helps us help the pets of Lincoln County residents, but it also helps us help the Lincoln County Shelter remain a ‘no kill’ shelter by being able to medically treat dogs and cats so their owners do not surrender them when they are injured or sick. We believe every animal deserves a chance, and this allows us to give even more companion animals a chance for a better life with their owners.”

FFTC Community Impact Funds provide donors a way to support broad charitable causes that are meaningful to them, while leveraging local grantmaking experts to disburse funding to nonprofits addressing the community’s most urgent needs. Gifts as small as \$25 can be made to these funds, and a wide array of assets can be donated – such as cash, stock, real estate and closely held business interest.

In particular, as year-end approaches, those with retirement accounts who must take a Required Minimum Distribution can donate their RMD to a Community Impact Fund and potentially leverage tax benefits. Some donors also choose to leave a portion of their estates to Community Impact Funds, ensuring continued support for their favorite causes after their lifetimes.

To learn more and to donate, visit: [fftc.org/CommunityImpactFunds](https://fftc.org/CommunityImpactFunds)

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#### About Foundation For The Carolinas

Founded in 1958, Foundation For The Carolinas is a nonprofit community foundation that serves a 13-county region across the Carolinas. FFTC helps people, nonprofits and companies amplify the impact of their charitable endeavors through service to fundholders and community convening to address critical issues. Our mission is to inspire philanthropy and empower individuals to create a better community. Visit [www.fftc.org](https://www.fftc.org).

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