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Foundation Awards \$200,000 In Pandemic Response Grants

Triangle North Healthcare Foundation's Board of Directors has awarded \$200,000 in grants to local organizations that are responding to community needs from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"We are pleased to be able to assist our local agencies and nonprofits in providing relief and recovery from the effects of the Pandemic," said Val Short, executive director for the Foundation. "Our hope is that these grant awards will help keep our children and adults in Vance, Warren, Granville, and Franklin counties safe, healthy, and engaged with school and work," said Short.

The ten grants approved by the board are funding a variety of programs throughout the region, including summer enrichment programs for youth, PPE kits for elementary schools, Wi-Fi connectivity in Oxford, and healthy food boxes for those in need,

"We are very appreciative and grateful for the passionate and committed nonprofit leaders in our communities who are helping our children and families recover from the trauma of this Pandemic," said Short. "We are proud to be their partner."

The grant recipients and their projects for first round of Community Response Grants includes:

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central NC** – *Promising Pathways* provides opportunities for remote learning in collaboration with the local school systems, focusing on academic success, character development, and good citizenship.
- **Gang Free** – *Operation Cover the Child* provides PPE (personal protective equipment) kits for elementary school students and teachers in Vance County.
- **Henderson Family YMCA** – 1) *Back to School Academy* – provides support and assistance with school work for students, plus supervised play and exercise activities; 2) *Summer Day Camp* – provides remedial academic assistance plus traditional camp activities during the summer months.
- **Masonic Home for Children at Oxford** – *Academic Wellness Program* – incorporates physical activity into the online school curriculum to help students overcome sedentary habits and improve physical and mental well-being.

Our Mission

To encourage, support and invest in quality efforts that measurably improve health in the Triangle North Region.

Our Vision

To live in a healthy community.

Our Focus Areas

The Foundation gives priority to grant projects that will have a positive impact and improve health in these priority areas:

- Chronic Disease
- Nutrition & Physical Fitness
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Reproductive Health
- Child Well-Being

Community Response Fund Grants available through September 2021. Contact us to discuss your grant ideas, **252-430-8532**. Go to the Foundation's website, **www.tnhfoundation.org**, to review the Community Response Fund guidelines.

• **Oxford Housing Authority** – *Educational Wi-Fi Program* – covers the cost of installation and fees for internet services for 193 households in Oxford to support online connectivity for school and work.

• **Shepherd Youth Ranch** – *Trail Blazers* – Extends the Trail to Success program, which provides skill building for youth suffering from grief, loss, abandonment and abuse, to include quality time with mentors.

• **TROSA** (Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc.) – *Cost-free Residential Treatment During COVID-19* – funding will assist in maintaining a clean and safe environment during the Pandemic for participants in this two-year residential substance use recovery program.

• **Turning Point Community Development Corporation** – 1) *Creating Success Education Center*— provides academic enrichment for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade students during the summer months, including exploration of STEAM, Robotics, and dramatic arts. 2) *Summer Produce Box Distribution* – staff and volunteers will distribute 800 fresh food boxes to families in need during the summer; each box will feed a family of four for one week.

The Foundation's Community Response Grant program will be open through the end of 2021 and new applications are now being accepted. Call the Foundation office at 252-430-8532 for more Information or visit the Foundation's website at www.tnhfoundation.org



Sydnei Wheeler, a Kindergartner at Dabney Elementary School is one of 1901 Vance County Schools elementary students who received an anti-Covid kit from Gang Free.



Oxford Housing Authority residents and First Graders Scarlett Seaman and Mariyona Richardson benefit from the OHA Wifi program.



2000 Vance County Schools staff members received anti-COVID kits from Gang Free, Inc. From left to right, Zeb Vance Elementary School, Eddie Hicks (Community Health Worker), Regina Miles (Assistant Principal), C'Monee Wilkins (Multi-Classroom Leader), Cheri Johnson (School Counselor), Dr. John Hargrove (Principal).



Access to internet is now available for Oxford Housing Oxford Housing Authority Residents, front row, left to right, Scarlett Seamon, Mariyona Richardson, Seth Brizendine, Ryan Brizendine, Shacarra Richardson Braden Seaman, Stephen Seamon, K'Miya Seaman. Back row, Micah Brizendine and Ethan Brizendine. Residents in Grades First-Tenth now have access to internet to complete school assignments thanks to the Community Response grant.

TNHF's Relief Program Funds Special Olympics Virtual Training

Special Olympics North Carolina received funds from the Triangle North Healthcare Foundation COVID-19 fund to implement Partner Up Power Up with Special Olympians in Franklin and Vance Counties. Partner Up Power Up is an at-home and virtual program to promote sport training and conditioning, as well as health and wellness education to individuals with intellectual disabilities. Participants who registered this spring received fitness equipment and a fitness guide that included exercise instruction, wellness tips, a weekly fitness plan, and a progress tracker that kept athletes accountable to structured wellness. Live Zoom sessions offered four days per week for 10 weeks complemented the guide. 270 participants were involved from Franklin & Vance Counties in the Partner Up Power Up program this spring. Franklin County had a total of 151 participants and Vance County had a total of 119.

Presidential Scholar Award Established for Students at VGCC

Triangle North Healthcare Foundation has given \$25,000 to the VGCC Foundation to establish a presidential scholarship that will benefit full-time students enrolled in a health career program.

Triangle North Healthcare Foundation is a nonprofit grantmaker based in Henderson, which serves the four-county northern piedmont region, including Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties. In addition to funding grants for local organizations that support health programming, the Foundation has endowed four additional scholarships at VGCC for local students pursuing health careers.



VGCC Endowment Executive Director Eddie Ferguson, left and VGCC President Dr. Rachel DeMarais accept the Presidential Scholar Award from TNHF Executive Director Val Short, center and TNHF Scholarship Chairman Emilee Johnson and TNHF Board of Directors Chairman, Xavier Wortham.



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Located in Henderson, Triangle North Healthcare Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and schools in Vance, Warren, Granville, and Franklin counties.

The Foundation's grant funding has been made possible by the endowment that was established after Maria Parham Health merged with the for-profit Duke-Lifepoint in 2011.

Information about our grantees and future grant opportunities is available on the website at www.tnhfoundation.org or call 252-430-8532.

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