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Craven County Community Foundation awards more than \$120,000 in local grants

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The board of advisors of the Craven County Community Foundation announces more than \$120,000 in local grant awards from its community grantmaking fund, according to Tyler Harris, board president.

This year's nonprofit recipients include:

- \$5,000 to Backpack Blessings for Holiday Blessings
- \$7,000 to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh for the Senior Pharmacy Program
- \$1,000 to the Children's Home Society of North Carolina for family recruitment
- \$10,000 to the Coastal Women's Shelter for support for operating costs and relocation assistance for victims of domestic violence
- \$2,000 to Craven Concerts for bringing the magic of live music to school children
- \$9,060 to Craven County Partners in Education for Graphing Calculators Hand Held Technology
- \$10,000 to the Craven Literacy Council for Standards for Success
- \$2,500 to Craven Smart Start for summer kindergarten readiness kits
- \$10,000 to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina for feeding families in Craven County
- \$10,000 to the MERCI Clinic for health care access
- \$5,000 to the New Bern Civic Theatre for phase I of interior renovation of the Athens Renaissance Project
- \$5,000 to the New Bern-Craven County YMCA for summer day camp scholarships
- \$2,000 to the New Bern High School Booster Club for the New Bern High School Wall Ball
- \$3,500 to New Bern Police Department Citizen Volunteers, Inc. for the New Bern Police Department 2017 Youth Outreach Program
- \$3,000 to the North Carolina Symphony Society for Ensembles in the Schools for Craven County elementary students
- \$2,000 to Prevent Blindness North Carolina for Star Pupils Craven

- \$5,000 to the Public Radio East Foundation for general operating support
- \$2,500 to Reach Out and Read for the Craven County Reach Out and Read early literacy initiative
- \$7,500 to Religious Community Services for BEE: Build, Engage, Empower –
 Building New Bern's Safe Haven through Faith, Hope and Love
- \$7,500 to Religious Community Services for the Perishable and Prepared Food Recovery Program
- \$2,500 to Reviving Lives Ministries of New Bern, Inc. for the Reviving Lives Ministries 12-Step Residential Recovery Program
- \$2,500 to TROSA (Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc.) for residential substance abuse recovery services for individuals from Craven County
- \$5,000 to True Justice International for human trafficking awareness and education for Craven County youth
- \$2,500 to the Tryon Palace Foundation for Recognizing Mother Nature: Botanical Identification at Tryon Palace

Harris thanked the community for its support of the Craven County Community Foundation. "These grants are important to our community and our quality of life," he said. "Critical programs would not be possible without the generosity of many individuals and organizations that have supported Craven County's community fund."

About the Craven County Community Foundation

The Craven County Community Foundation was founded by a group of committed citizens to serve as a local resource to meet community needs through permanent endowments that fuel grantmaking. In addition to Harris, board members include: Jonathan Segal (vice president), Peter Moeller (secretary), Lee Knot (treasurer), Alice Tolson (immediate past president), James Briley, Maria Cho, Dr. James Congleton, Martha Cook, James Davis, Dorothy Dove, Marc Finlayson, John Haroldson, John King, John Kirkland, Ken McCotter, Chuck Meekins, Gregory Peacock, Dan Pritchett, Dan Roberts, Anthony Salem, Linda Staunch, Brian Taylor, Scott Thomas, Susan Ward and Rex Willis. CCCF is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation, which administers its funds.

Tax-deductible contributions, made payable to the Craven County Community Foundation, can be mailed to the North Carolina Community Foundation, 3737 Glenwood Ave. Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612. Contributions can also be made online at nccommunityfoundation.org.

For further information, contact NCCF Regional Director Kim Ball at 252-288-5706 or kball@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made \$116 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$222 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with a network of affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

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