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Onslow Caring Communities Foundation awards more than \$34,000 in local grants

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The board of advisors of the Onslow Caring Communities Foundation recently announced \$34,880 in local awards from the community grantmaking fund and the Dallas Fred Allen Endowment at a grant awards ceremony, according to Debbi Ray Rouse, board president.

This year the board granted:

- \$3,000 to Prevent Blindness North Carolina for the Star Pupils Onslow County program
- \$2,280 to the City of Jacksonville for the HARMONY Youth Grants Board Philanthropy Initiative program
- \$2,500 to Sturgeon City of Jacksonville for the Sturgeon City Program Expansion program
- \$1,500 to the Salvation Army for Project Reclaim
- \$3,500 to United Way of Onslow County for the Volunteer Onslow program
- \$650 to the American Heart Association for the CPR in Schools: Training the Next Generation of Lifesavers program
- \$1,450 to the Meditation Center of Eastern Carolina- Duplin for the Onslow County Teen Court program
- \$20,000 to the Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary for the Come Find Your CENTER (Caring, Eco-Therapy, Nature, Tranquility, Environment, Raptors) program

Rouse thanked the community for its support of the Onslow Caring Communities Foundation. "We are proud to support these nonprofit programs that are so important to our community," she said. "We are grateful to the many generous individuals and organizations that have supported the Onslow Caring Communities Foundation and our work to inspire philanthropy across our community."

For further information, contact NCCF Regional Director Anne Sorhagen at 910-202-6727 or asorhagen@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

The Onslow Caring Communities Foundation is a growing family of philanthropic funds, source of grants for local causes and partner for donors. OCFF was founded in 2000 and is led by a local volunteer advisory board that helps build community assets through the creation of permanent endowments, makes grants and leverages leadership – all for the benefit of Onslow County.

The OCFF board advises the Onslow County Community Fund, the unrestricted community grantmaking fund, to support local needs. This competitive grants program is held annually. Because advisory board members live and work in Onslow County, they can leverage resources to help meet local needs and access opportunities. In addition to Rouse, board members include: Robert Sheegog (vice president), Ann Marie Raymond (treasurer), James Howard (secretary), Pete Burgess, Alycia Kellum, Rodney Martin, Julee Sewell, Boyd Tisdale, Steve Wangerin and Gregory Williams.

The OCFF, through the NC Community Foundation, makes it easy to become a philanthropist, whatever your means or charitable goals. You can open an endowment for your favorite cause at any time – or contribute to an existing fund in any amount. Tax-deductible contributions, made payable to the Onslow Caring Communities 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.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than \$145 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$270 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,300 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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Onslow Caring Communities Foundation board members and grantee representatives gather for a photo at this year's grant awards ceremony where \$34,880 in local grants were awarded.

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