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Wilkes Community Foundation awards more than \$6,500 in local grants

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The board of advisors of the Wilkes Community Foundation recently announced \$6,530 in local grant awards from the community grantmaking fund, according to Michael Cooper, Jr., board president.

This year the board granted:

- \$1,305 to Appalachian State University for Appalachian Senior Programs
- \$1,000 to Project Lazarus for Lazarus Recovery Services programs
- \$1,000 to the Autism Society of North Carolina for autism resource specialists in Wilkes County
- \$1,725 to the Wilkes Community Partnership for Children for the flu shot program
- \$500 to the Yadkin River Greenway for the Mulberry Fields to Memorial Park Yadkin River Connector Project
- \$1,000 to the Mediation and Restorative Justice Center for Restorative Justice Awareness programs in Wilkes County

Cooper thanked the community for its support of the Wilkes Community Foundation. "We are proud to support these nonprofit programs that are so vital to the community," he said. "We are grateful to the many generous individuals and organizations that have supported the Wilkes Community Foundation and our work to inspire philanthropy across our community."

For further information, contact NCCF Regional Director Colby Martin at 828-358-0030 or cmartin@nccommunityfoundation.org.

About the Wilkes Community Foundation

The Wilkes Community Foundation was founded in 1993 and is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. WCF 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 Wilkes County. In addition to Cooper, board members include: Charlie White (secretary-treasurer), Amanda Perry (vice president and grants chair), Shanna Bell, Susan Cogdill, Kenneth Foster, Evan Handy, Bill Harris, Jerry Smithey, Barbara Van Meter, Graham Wyche and Scott Young.

Tax-deductible contributions, made payable to the Wilkes 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.

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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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