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LOUISA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND ANNOUNCES \$95,500 OF GRANTS TO 17 NONPROFITS

Charlottesville, VA, June 2022 – The Louisa County Community Fund is pleased to announce its Spring 2022 grant funding decisions, totaling over \$95,000 and supporting 17 nonprofits working in Louisa County.

Administered by the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, this competitive grant cycle is supported by a diverse group of Louisa County community members whose personal and professional backgrounds make them uniquely positioned to review applications and identify organizations working to improve quality of life for all residents of Louisa County.

The Louisa County Community Fund supported a wide range of initiatives this cycle, including child development and family self-sufficiency, housing repairs, dental assistance, community reentry from incarceration, the arts, and the archiving of oral histories for local African American residents. See below for a full list of Spring 2022 grant recipients.

In 1997, Ruby and Albert Bazzanella, long-time residents of Louisa County, established a donor advised fund at the Community Foundation to benefit Louisa County. In 2007, the Community Foundation received a significant bequest of \$1.5 million from Mr. and Mrs. Bazzanella with the stipulation that the income be directed in perpetuity to benefit Louisa County. Since then, the Louisa County Community Fund has made 179 grants (totaling \$1,102,377) to organizations impacting lives in Louisa County through its annual grant cycle.

“The Bazzanella family’s legacy of generosity and support for the Louisa County community continues in this year’s awards,” says Ethan Tate, the Community Foundation’s Donor Relations Manager for Donor Advised Grantmaking. “This year’s grant partners have remained focused in their commitment to meeting the needs of Louisa County residents. We are thankful for the wisdom of the Louisa-based grant review committee. Their knowledge of the needs and opportunities in the county are critical to this work.”

Applications for the next cycle of the Louisa County Community Fund will open in January of 2023.

Full list of Louisa County Community Fund grant partners in 2022: Adult Community Education; Child Health Partnership; Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation; Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council; Giving Words; Louisa County Historical Society; Louisa County Resource Council; Louisa Downtown Development Corporation & Louisa Arts Center; Louisa Reentry Council; My Three Chambered Heart; One Shared Story; Piedmont Housing Alliance; ReadyKids; Sexual Assault Resource Agency; Shelter for Help in Emergency; USTA Mid-Atlantic Section Inc.; and Virginia Hunters Who Care.

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The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation was established in 1967 as an engine for positive change in Charlottesville and the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and Orange. The Community Foundation works with local residents, nonprofits, and public and private organizations to facilitate philanthropy and create an equitable region where everybody can thrive. For more information, visit www.cacfonline.org.