

**2023 Impact Report** 

## Creating a legacy of charitable impact.



"It was always my dream to take a CNA class. Thanks to the grant, I get to do for others what Carolina Caring hospice did for my mom."

Barbara Lloyd
Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program Graduate
Carolina Caring Foundation

## A Message from Donald DiPette, M.D. CCME Foundation Board Chair

The CCME Foundation awarded \$262,975.16 in grants to seven nonprofits in North and South Carolina in 2022–2023. I'm happy and proud to report that each year we've been able to grow our funding and the number of organi–zations we're able to support. I congratulate all the awardees for the 2022–2023 granting year. Your extraordinary dedication and efforts are improving the lives of individuals in need across a spectrum of demographics and with a spectrum of needs related to health care access. The real winners are our citizens of North and South Carolina. Keep up the wonderful work, and I look forward to further growth and awards in the future.





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In FY 2022–23, seven nonprofits in the Carolinas were awarded grants totaling

\$262,975

In FY 2023-24, 15 nonprofits in the Carolinas were awarded grants totaling

\$502,480

Since 2021, a total of

\$1,032,536

has been awarded in grants and funding

The CCME Foundation works to improve the health of individuals and communities by providing charitable grants to nonprofit organizations in North Carolina and South Carolina seeking to improve health quality and equity. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per organization. We prioritize projects that focus on measurable outcome improvements and have a high impact on health care improvements and access, particularly for uninsured and underserved populations.

### TYPES OF PROGRAMS WE FUND

Healthy lifestyle and quality of life programs

Access to culturally and linguistically appropriate care

Health-related educational information

Consumer-centered care and decision-making

Patient safety programs



### South Carolina Immunization Coalition | Cayce, SC

### Turned every visit into a vaccine visit with outreach and education

- \$49,480 grant provided for EV3, an outreach and education program.
- Provided 1,779 vaccinations to children at 56 school-based vaccine events.
- Distributed social media kits to all 46 counties in South Carolina.
- Provided motivational interview training to 150 public health care providers.
- Providers will receive further training at the 2024 South Carolina Public Health Association Conference.



"We've been able to expand into schools in counties where we've not been before. We're able to bring vaccines to the students, teachers, and families to make sure entire communities are vaccinated."

Alexandra Hayes
South Carolina Immunization Coalition

### Carolina Caring Foundation | Newton, NC

### Created an inaugural in-house certified nurse assistant (CNA) training program

- \$5,495.16 grant provided for start-up equipment.
- Graduated eight new hospice CNAs from the program; all passed the state exam.
- 100% staffed in-aide services for hospice.
- Program's presentation to the Leadership Conference at the Home and Hospice Care
  of North Carolina.

### Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center | Summerville, SC

### Expanded forensic and clinical services for victims of child abuse

- \$50,000 grant provided for mental health services for victims of child abuse in the remote, rural, and impoverished areas of southeastern South Carolina.
- Hired and trained three additional staff for Berkeley Children's Advocacy Center.
- Served 70+ additional clients due to delayed opening of Berkeley Children's Advocacy Center.

### Southwestern Child Development Commission | Webster, NC

Supported first-time mothers through the Nurse Family Partnership Program

- \$50,000 grant provided for education and support for lower income first-time mothers.
- Expanded translation language services to three additional counties, for a total of seven counties in western North Carolina.
- Provided training to additional nurse home visitors to continue service to all seven counties in western North Carolina.
- Provided supplies for new mothers in all seven counties in western North Carolina.

### EmmanuWheel | Lexington, SC

Provided wheelchair ramps for the mobility impaired

- \$7,500 grant provided to build wheelchair ramps.
- Constructed six wheelchair ramps, for a total of 68 total ramps constructed in 2022.

### **AWAKE Child Advocacy Center | Sylva, NC**

Provided 24/7 child medical evaluations for victims of child abuse

- \$50,000 grant provided to fund eight months of 24/7 access to child medical evaluations.
- Provided services and medical evaluations to 156 children in eight months.
- 75%-92% increase in effectiveness of assistance by the center's staff.
- 98% of all multidisciplinary team meetings included four of six major partner representatives.
- Conducted 100% of medical evaluations within five business days or less.
- Provided a forensic interview and medical evaluation for 100% of all acute or emergency cases within two business days or less.



"With your help, we were able to provide medical services and forensic interviews to more than 156 children."

Crystal Jones, Executive Director AWAKE Child Advocacy Center

### Association for Home & Hospice Care of North Carolina | Raleigh, NC

Addressed the nursing shortage in home health and hospice care

- \$50,000 grant provided for dissemination and expansion of newly piloted programs.
- Provided clinical rotation information and access to onboarding models to all North Carolina-approved nursing programs and home health and hospice association members.
- Provided onboarding models to 100+ home health and hospice agencies.
- Partnered with 40 nursing programs at home health and hospice agencies for student nurse clinical experiences.
- 75% of agencies surveyed report they now hire new RN graduates.



"These funds are helping us expand the use of two important models to help address the severe nursing shortage in our industry and build a potential pipeline to recruit and employ more newly graduated RNs into our industry."

Tim Rogers, President & CEO
Association of Home & Hospice Care of North Carolina

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# "We were able to fund language interpretative services so we could serve non-English speaking clients in all our counties."

Vicki Lewis

Nurse Family Partnership program

Southwestern Child Development Commission

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