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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE DAN RIVER REGION ANNOUNCES \$681,461 AWARDED IN NEW COMPETITIVE GRANTS

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The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region announces today a total of **48** new grants to non-profit community agencies. The grants, totaling **\$681,461**, are the result of The Community Foundation's 2021 competitive grant cycle.

Approved by The Community Foundation's Distribution Committee and Board of Directors, the grants were awarded from the Community Impact Fund, Danville Regional Foundation Fund, Field of Interest Funds, and Donor Advised Funds. The Community Impact Fund is composed of the following unrestricted funds: James Russell Anderson and Zora Carter Anderson Fund, Buck-Wayland Fund, Faith Home Endowment Fund, Clarence L. Giles Fund, Harry Melton Hood Fund, Elizabeth (Betty) W. Jefferson Fund, D. Webster, Jr. and Elizabeth S. Marshall Fund, The Opportunity Fund, James A. and Anne V. Robertson Fund, Barbara H. Sater and Herbert W. Sater Memorial Fund, and John C. Swanson, Jr. Fund.

The following grants are listed in alphabetical order by grantee name, amount of grant, and purpose of grant:

American Red Cross (\$14,768) to cover the cost of holding blood drives in Danville and Pittsylvania County and cover the specialized and time-sensitive additional cost of COVID-19 antibody testing (Community Impact Fund)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Danville Area (\$7,000) to market the need for mentors to serve at-risk youth and hire mental health professionals to train and support the mentors/families (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Community Impact Fund)

Blairs Fire & Rescue (\$14,980) to purchase replacement firefighter turnout gear (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Danville Area (\$10,000) to support the purchase of temperature scanning kiosks, hand washing stations, program material and supplies and vital cleaning supplies and services that must be implemented due to COVID (Community Impact Fund; Faye Carter Fund)

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Caswell Cancer Resource Fund c/o Caswell Family Medical Center (\$37,200) to provide cancer patients in Caswell with direct financial support to help with medical transportation, medical and pharmacy copays, nutritional supplements, durable medical equipment and support groups/education (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Community Impact Fund)

Caswell County Parish (\$25,000) to assist families who are in danger of having their electrical service terminated or who do not have the means to purchase needed heating fuels such as oil or propane or wood (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Community Impact Fund)

Caswell County Partnership for Children (\$3,400) to provide Kindergarten Transition and Family Engagement learning kits to children participating in the NC Pre-K program (Gamewood Technology Fund)

Changing Lives Outreach Center CDC (\$5,000) to purchase food for Project Feed 500 (Community Impact Fund)

Dan River Basin Association (\$9,135) to develop and provide virtual programming that has the same interactive, positive outcomes as their award-winning in-classroom and out-in-the-field EE programs (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Community Impact Fund)

Dan River Nonprofit Network (\$7,189) to offer the Financial Leadership in Practice (FLIP) training course presented by OrgForward to area nonprofits which will enable them to use financial management as a strategy, evaluation, and leadership development process that improves their organization's ability to successfully create community change (Community Impact Fund)

Danville Area Training Center (\$8,000) to purchase textbooks and software packages for students who will be entering the Rescue Academy set to begin in late Summer of 2021 (Community Impact Fund; The Daniel Fund)

Danville Church-Based Tutorial Program, Inc. (\$36,000) to support academic capacity for the Danville Church-Based Tutorial Program which consists of forty-two tutorial learning centers (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Laurie S. Moran Rotary Service Fund; Faye Carter Fund; Community Impact Fund)

Danville Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. (\$25,000) to upgrade Danville Community College's Graphic Imaging Technology program through accomplishment of upgrading program equipment to meet current industry standards (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Community Impact Fund)

Danville DSS - Neighbors Helping Neighbors (\$50,000) to support stabilization of individuals and families in the community by assisting with shelter needs which include utilities, delinquent rent, deposits and occasional motel stay (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Community Impact Fund)

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Danville-Pittsylvania Cancer Association, Inc. (\$40,000) to assist and purchase cancer-related prescriptions for those served in the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County community (The Free Clinic of Danville Fund)

Danville Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity (\$25,000) to purchase building materials and supplies for the next house build for a family in need of decent affordable housing (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Ahmed Children's Fund; The Daniel Fund)

Danville Science Center, Inc. (\$17,000) to provide virtual science education enrichment opportunities to underprivileged children with the Church-Based Tutorial and the Boys and Girls Club of the Danville Area (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; The Daniel Fund)

Danville Speech and Hearing (\$15,000) to support the "Speech for Success Scholarship Program" - the only nonprofit speech and hearing program in the region (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Community Impact Fund; The Daniel Fund)

Danville Symphony Orchestra (\$6,000) to provide sponsorship for direct costs related to one of the Project's planned concerts for the 2020-21 concert season (Community Impact Fund; The Daniel Fund)

Fairview United Methodist Church (\$16,000) to continue the Backpack Food Program (Community Impact Fund; The Daniel Fund)

Feeding Southwest Virginia (\$10,000) to implement a long-term food distribution project in Danville to provide 500 family food boxes per month (Community Impact Fund)

Fine Whines and Lickers (\$1,677) to build a play area for dogs that are currently waiting for forever homes while in rescue (Community Impact Fund)

Friends of the Danville Public Library (\$7,460) to establish programs that work with for-profit and non-profit organizations, private businesses, government agencies, and other groups to maximize the benefit to patrons (Community Impact Fund)

God's Storehouse (\$45,000) to purchase food for God's Storehouse's food distribution program during February to May and August to October when food donations decrease and for utilities, vehicle fuel, and telephone expenses (Community Impact Fund; Stratford House Fund; P. Niles and Carol Daly, Jr. Fund; Philip and Frances Daly Fund; The Daniel Fund)

Goodwill Industries of the Valleys, Inc. (\$7,500) to support Goodwill's Danville Career Center (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

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Grace A Lot, Inc. (\$1,800) to provide new winter coats for free to individuals and families needing cold weather protection within Pittsylvania County (Gamewood Technology Fund)

Just Kids Child Development Center, Inc. (\$12,000) to provide a comprehensive Summer program for children aged 6-12 that promotes growth in all four developmental domains with Developmentally Appropriate Practices (Community Impact Fund)

Middle Border Forward, Inc. (\$12,500) to cover direct project costs, marketing and advertising, and a community-wide project kick-off book read (Community Impact Fund)

Mount Hermon Volunteer Fire and Rescue (\$6,800) to update computer hardware in offices and ambulances, as well as add mobile tablets to fire apparatuses, in order to improve operational readiness and prepare for the transition to ESO Suite from ImageTrend Elite EHR systems (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center, Inc. (\$20,000) to distribute food to the low and fixed income families residing in the northern portion of Pittsylvania County, Virginia (Community Impact Fund; W. Earl & Elise M. G. Allen Fund)

Pelham Volunteer Fire Department (\$4,840) to purchase Rescue 42 Truck Kit and Hurst 106 Ton Airbag Kit, used in stabilization of vehicles and confined space rescue (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Piedmont Community College Foundation (\$24,414) to purchase equipment that will be used to expand and enhance the learning experience of students so they have more hands-on learning practice and thereby be better prepared to successfully enter the workforce (Community Impact Fund)

Prospect Hill Volunteer Fire Department (\$7,899) to purchase a MSA Evolution 6000 Plus thermal imaging camera (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Providence Fire & Rescue, Inc. (\$12,500) to upgrade rescue equipment on the recent purchase from Danville Life Saving Crew (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

Revitalization for a Greater Gretna (\$15,000) to build a wooden pedestrian bridge over a retention pond behind Centra Medical Center, to connect the northern-most trailhead with the rest of the trail (Community Impact Fund)

Second Chance Outreach Ministries (\$4,000) to help further assist with improvements and enhance large families with children, as well as the smaller ones, for yearly missions with Educational Tool Kits for Kids (Community Impact Fund)

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC (\$15,000) to purchase additional food for seniors and children who have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic and its ramifications (Community Impact Fund)

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Southside Area Tennis Association (\$10,500) to purchase necessary equipment, cover participant fees for over 350 youth, and cover transportation costs for the after school program, volunteer training workshop, and volunteer background checks (Community Impact Fund)

Southside Soccer Club (\$3,500) to replace worn out athletic equipment (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

SPCA of Pittsylvania County (\$5,000) to be used for the 2021 TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) Project to assist Pittsylvania County citizens who are caring for feral cat colonies (Community Impact Fund; Animal Welfare Fund; Irving H. & Louise Hambrick Scarce Animal Welfare Fund)

Special Olympics NC (\$2,500) to purchase health and fitness equipment, award recognition for athlete participation, as well as office supplies, printing fees, and technology needed for at-home workouts (Community Impact Fund)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church (\$6,952) to host programs at St. Luke's that will promote healthy lifestyles for members of the community as well as to hold a forum on participation in the THRIVE! initiative by area faith-based organizations (Stratford House Fund)

The Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History (\$21,282) to support three months of funding to help pay operational costs during this time when it is difficult to fund raise and difficult to access state and federal grants without a two-year track record of competitive museum programming (Danville Regional Foundation Fund; Mary Cahill Historic Preservation Fund; Community Impact Fund; The Daniel Fund)

The Doorways (\$5,000) to provide direct service to the Foundation's residents who must travel to Richmond often for weeks and months at a time to access prescribed medical care that is not available in their communities (Community Impact Fund)

The First Tee of Caswell County/Danville (Triad) (\$6,500) to provide scholarships to 50 participants throughout the 2021 programming year, including Spring and Fall seasons, conducting three outreach experiences and opportunities, and extending the National School program, reaching the remaining Pittsylvania County schools and all Caswell County elementary schools (Community Impact Fund)

Virginia Dental Association Foundation (\$3,000) to provide case management for the DDS program in Danville and Pittsylvania County (The Free Clinic of Danville Fund)

Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc. (\$25,000) to help pay a portion of the legal professionals in the Danville office to help low-income residents of the Dan River Region preserve safe and affordable housing (Community Impact Fund)

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Yanceyville Volunteer Fire Department (\$12,165) to add technical rescue capabilities and upgrade communications on Yanceyville's Ladder Truck that serves all ten Caswell County Fire Departments and Danville/Pittsylvania County under automatic mutual aide agreements (Danville Regional Foundation Fund)

The Community Foundation's next competitive grant cycle begins in June 2021 for projects to be funded in 2022. The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region is a public charity established in September 1996 by a steering committee of civic leaders to improve and enrich area lives through the generosity of donors.

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