We are all navigating a new reality as the pandemic continues to change the way we operate. We think you will be proud to know the Davie Community Foundation (DCF) is living its new mission of inspiring philanthropy to strengthen Davie County for present and future generations, even in these challenging times! Although we are operating differently, we are still making important investments in our community because of the philanthropy of so many charitable donors. When times are toughest, YOU shine the brightest and are making an important difference in Davie County!

COMMUNITY GRANTS

In 2013, the Davie Community Foundation launched the 5n5 Community Impact Challenge asking the community to contribute $5 Million in unrestricted funds over five years. In 2018, the challenge was met by our generous community! As a result of the generosity of so many, community grant dollars are greater now than ever before!

In 2020, the importance of unrestricted funds really came to light. The unrestricted endowments enabled the DCF Board to redirect some of the grants to help with community emergencies during a pandemic.
In March, the DCF Board voted to create the **Davie County COVID-19 Response Fund** with $50,000. The dollars were matched by the Mebane Charitable Foundation and the fund received gifts from the community. To date, $133,590 has been contributed!

The **Davie County COVID-19 Response Fund** allowed the foundations to provide immediate support to organizations meeting emergency needs arising from the pandemic. More than $80,000 has been awarded to feed hungry children and senior citizens; keep families in a home or motel; ensure childcare is available for essential workers; assist cancer victims; and provide emergency assistance through organizations such as Just Hope, the Cares Project and Salvation Army.

The Davie community rallies when there is a need in our county and it was certainly evident during the last six months as dollars given were complimented by hundreds of volunteer hours! Thank you to all who worked so hard to help others!

DCF also awarded $151,611 in community grants to eleven organizations. Each of these grants represent an investment in our future NOW!

### INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION

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The DCF Board of Directors had planned to do a listening Tour in the first half of 2020 as preliminary work for a new 5-year strategic plan. Sadly, the listening tour transitioned into many Zoom calls and questionnaires answered via email and Google docs. In spite of the challenges the Board is finalizing the strategic plan that will guide us through 2024!
In February, grant checks went to 35 non-profit organizations and churches who benefit from an endowment administered by the Foundation. Each of these endowments provide important annual support for the organizations. This year, grant checks were received with special appreciation for the generous donors who contributed to the endowments!

The following organizations benefit from an endowment administered by the Davie Community Foundation:

- A Storehouse for Jesus
- Bethlehem United Methodist Church
- CareNet Counseling of Davie County
- COGNICTION of Davie County
- Concord United Methodist Church
- Cooleemee Elementary School
- Cooleemee Historical Association
- Davie County 4-H
- Davie County High School
- Davie County Public Library
- Davie County Schools Exceptional Children Program
- Davie County Senior Services
- Davie County Young Life
- Davie Medical Center
- Dulin United Methodist Church
- Episcopal Church of the Ascension
- Family Promise of Davie County
- First Baptist Church, Mocksville
- First Methodist Church, Mocksville
- Fulton United Methodist Church
- Humane Society of Davie County

"Davie County Senior Services benefits from five endowments. The support is vital to keep our programs and services going. Over the years, funds have provided vital services such as meals on wheels and respite for caregivers. Thanks to the support from our endowment funds, our seniors don’t have to be placed on waiting lists and potentially go without needed services. We are grateful to receive the check every year!.”

Kim Shuskey, Aging & Adult Services Director, Davie County Health & Human Services

S.U.R.F. BOARD YOUTH GRANTMAKERS

S.U.R.F., as we affectionately call the 21 high school students who made up the 2019-2020 SURF Board, carried out their own version of grantmaking during the pandemic.

Thankfully S.U.R.F. held a successful POPSICLE 5K in February before the world changed! Abby Boger and Parker Prysiasniuk led the board through grantmaking during a pandemic. They had money to award for youth-led projects in Davie. S.U.R.F. conducted interviews with applicants via Zoom calls and made award decisions with the hope that life would return to normal and the projects could be completed.

DC Early College High School received $550 for the Bundles of Love Project for the Dragonfly House. The project provides bags of snacks, hygiene products, candy, goodies, and index cards with Bible verses to the children who are served by the Dragonfly House. It is being done in memory of Adrianne Barber, who led the project in 2018 and was tragically killed in an auto accident in July 2019.
Adrianna’s classmates will continue to be uplifting, supportive, and spread the love of Jesus in her memory. Her life and her project touched many young people in our community.

Davie High Hunger Fighters received $3,000 for school supplies to be delivered to Hunger Fighter families in Christmas stockings. S.U.R.F. certainly understands the need to restock their school supplies after the first semester. They were concerned about peers whose families need to focus on providing food and shelter as a first priority and may not have money for school supplies.

Davie High School received $2,500 for the War Eagle Motor Sports Project Sunburn. S.U.R.F. was concerned about whether the project would be able to move forward in a COVID environment, but they wanted to support a collaborative project that connects so many different student talents in one goal - a solar powered car.

S.U.R.F. also set aside $3,815 to do some special projects of their own in May. They wanted to help peers and their families while also supporting Davie businesses who had supported the 5K. S.U.R.F. purchased 150 BBQ sandwiches from Deano’s BBQ for distribution in Cooleemee, and they purchased 150 $5 gift certificates from Miller’s and 601 Burgers & Brews for distribution to Mocksville Elementary and William R. Davie students. To thank Ketchie Creek Bakery and A Full Measure for their support of the POPSICLE 5K, S.U.R.F. purchased 700 chocolate chip cookies from each business for feeding site distribution to children on two different occasions.

S.U.R.F. empathized with peers who were hurting and did their best to provide treats to brighten the day of others. Thank you S.U.R.F. for having such a big heart and reminding us that everyone can be part of making a positive difference in very uncertain times!

As summer approached and the pandemic remained in full force, the S.U.R.F. Board interviewed candidates to replace departing seniors via Zoom. Interviews went surprisingly well and eight new board members were selected for the 2020-2021 SURF Board.

2020-2021 S.U.R.F. BOARD

**Seniors**
- Jack Nixon
- Kristain Lyons
- Cren Rosenbaum
- Luke Stillson

**Juniors**
- Ashley Tatem
- Roxanne Barney
- Mary Cain
- Kyndall Correll
- Whitney DeLoach
- Louis Pope

**Sophomores**
- Morgan Creason
- Keelyn Oakes
- Madi Rogers
- Avery Yount
- Stephanie Bueno
- Makenna Groff

**Freshmen**
- Mya McGowan
- Bonnie Jo Taylor
- Caroline Lakey
- Dylan Hanes
- Tatum Childress
- Brooklyn Lakey

In their first activity as a new board, S.U.R.F. discussed race through small group Zoom calls in August. Facilitators Chuck Taylor and Timogi Jackson from Sage Garden Care Center guided the discussion by asking board members for definitions of words such as stereotype, prejudice, discrimination, bias, racism, racist, and social justice. Understanding the meaning of these words provided the basis for some insightful comments from S.U.R.F. members. They left the conversation with a challenge to see people as individuals and when they are exposed to situations that make them uncomfortable, say so. Simply stating, “I am uncomfortable with what you are saying or what you are doing” and walking away can make a difference in the behavior of others. Good advice for all of us!
As you probably know, March, April and May are busy months at DCF as scholarship applications are received, reviewed and award decisions made. The process was definitely different in 2020 with more than 200 applications to review! Committees met by phone or by Zoom to get their jobs of selecting students completed.

A Night at the Oscars could not be held, much to the disappointment of the generous donors, students and the DCF Board! Melissa O’Connor found a safe way to recognize recipients. Congratulatory emails were sent announcing their awards and full page and ¼ page ads listed every scholarship with its recipient(s).

After several selection cycles and months of decision making, 134 recipients received investments totaling $283,928!!!

The amazing total is only possible because of the incredible philanthropy of our community who continue to invest in Davie’s greatest resource: our children! Thank you for investing in our future NOW!

Selection was made for the **First Recipient of the Vernon Thompson Continuing Education Scholarship** in August. The scholarship invests in educators who pursue post-graduate degrees in the field of Education. Candidates must live or teach in Davie County. The committee was excited to make the first award to Megan Cooper, First Grade Teacher at Shady Grove Elementary.

Megan attended Davie County schools. She grew up in Advance and graduated from Davie County High School. Megan came back to teach where she went to school as a child to help make a difference for the students in the community where she grew up. Congratulations Megan!
June saw little change in the pandemic but a great change in DCF fundraising! Sounds of Summer in Hawaii, the DCF fundraiser for operations was postponed to June 2021. To ensure operations could continue as normal, we put away the grass skirts and leis and the fundraiser went virtual.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER – SAFE FROM HOME featured a limited Silent Auction with many of the items purchased and donated by DCF board and staff. Purchase of Sounds of Summer Raffle tickets was handled online with cash prizes won by Al Seymour and Meredith Wagstaff!

For entertainment, DCF hosted a COMPETITION FOR A CAUSE giving Davie singers, musicians and comedians a chance to shine. The community voted for their favorites with $1 per vote. We were so honored to have 21 talented participants! At the end of the event, Steve McSteve was crowned top entertainer with Katherine Lakey claiming the second-place spot and Brant Wimmer and Lake Carver claiming third place! We were very thankful for all of the talent shared with us for the virtual event. Davie County has some tremendous talent!

SOUNDS OF SUMMER – SAFE FROM HOME was a terrific success thanks to the generosity of the community in sharing their talents, bidding in the Silent Auction, purchasing of Raffle tickets, and voting in the Competition for a Cause! We thank you all! The most humbling support was received from our sponsors who chose to support DCF even without a physical event! Our community continues to amaze us!

SPOTLIGHT ON PLANNED GIVING

Paul Foster, Sr. was a dedicated member of Dulin United Methodist Church during his life time. In 2008, Paul began conversations with his attorney and the Davie Community Foundation about his desire to leave a fund to pay his monthly tithe to his church. The solution agreed upon by all parties was the creation of a designated fund at the Foundation to be invested forever and send a monthly check to the church from the earnings of the fund.

Paul passed away in November 2019 at the age of 97. Eleven years after the planning, his wishes were carried out. In 2020 the Paul Foster Memorial Fund was created in his memory with proceeds from his life insurance company. The fund does what Paul wanted; sends monthly checks to Dulin United Methodist Church to continue Paul’s tithe and to provide for the upkeep of the cemetery. Paul’s legacy lives on at Dulin United Methodist Church.

Funds at the Davie Community Foundation provide an opportunity to leave your legacy in the community where you lived and worked. You can decide who is helped through your fund or you can establish a Community Fund and let the board at the time make decisions based upon current needs in the county. How do you want to be remembered? Let us help you leave your legacy of caring. Contact the Davie Community Foundation at 336-753-6903, jsimpson@daviefoundation.org, or visit our website at www.daviefoundation.org.
NEW MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION: The Davie Community Foundation inspires philanthropy to strengthen Davie County for present and future generations. We are “Investing in our future NOW!”

VISION: We envision Davie County as a vibrant community where everyone can thrive!

VALUES: We believe in:
- Integrity, Stewardship and Trust
- Importance of Endowment
- Impact of Collective Giving
- Inclusion
- Innovative Initiatives and Leadership

Where “I” becomes “We”!

Members of the selection committee for the Davie County Hospital Foundation Fund also had to alter their meeting and did their best to make decisions through a Zoom call. The fund was created in 2019 after the closing of the Davie County Hospital Foundation. The goal of the fund is to make a positive difference in the health of Davie residents.

Four Projects Received Awards:

- **Davie County Schools** - $8,000 to purchase a Spot Vision Screener for Davie County students. One of the biggest challenges school nurses see in Davie County is children with poor vision. If you can’t see… you can’t learn! It’s that simple.

- **Cancer Services** - $3,000 to provide funding for direct financial assistance, when no in-kind resources are available. This approach helps to ensure that a more comprehensive level of support is secured for cancer patients while also stretching grant dollars to their greatest impact.

- **A Storehouse for Jesus** - $11,342 to assist with medical care for low income uninsured clients. Their goal is to provide an improved health status and quality of life for individuals who cannot afford medical care.

- **DC Economic Development** - $10,000 for The Park at Lake Louise; whose purpose is to provide the community with a free location to be able to improve their overall health and wellbeing. The playground is installed and Phase I of the park is well underway!

The 2020-2021 Leadership Team of Pearls of Empowerment is also navigating the new world differently. Pearls of Empowerment is a giving circle of women that seeks to improve the lives of women and children in Davie County.

Grant applications were submitted by nine agencies in August for Pearls grant money. Organizations are being interviewed via Zoom and recommendations will then go to the membership for a vote. Although everything will be handled differently, Pearls will make investments in projects that make a difference for women and children this November!
The match has been lit! IGNITE DAVIE has its first class! Seventy-one students from the Class of 2020 are continuing their education at Davidson County Community College this fall. IGNITE DAVIE is providing last dollar scholarships to pay tuition and fees with a stipend of up to $250 per semester for books for eligible students attending full time.

Students in the inaugural class of IGNITE DAVIE are studying majors such as nursing, criminal justice, business management, welding, and many are seeking their Associate’s Degrees with the intent of going on to a 4-year college or university.

These students will give back to the Davie County community by volunteering five hours per semester in Davie County and participating in Career Connections. Through Career Connections, students are matched with local businesses aligned with their course of study, giving students the opportunity to experience onsite learning and develop working relationships with local employers.

IGNITE DAVIE is playing an instrumental role in preparing students for their future careers and at the same time is saving these students and their parents thousands of dollars in tuition and fees.

YOU can be part of the change that IGNITE DAVIE is sparking in the community by Committing to Our Kids. It will take true community-wide support to secure the dollars needed to endow the program for future generations of Davie students. Visit www.ignitedavie.com to learn more.

YOUR philanthropy can be part of strengthening Davie County for present and future generations!

IGNITE DAVIE students are committing to their community by:
- Enrolling full-time at DCCC
- Maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Completing at least 2/3 of credit hours attempted each semester
- Participating in Career Connections
- Volunteering at least 5 hours per Semester in Davie County

It’s time to Commit to our Kids and support IGNITE DAVIE!

YES! I want to Commit to Our Kids and be the Match that Lights the SPARK!

I/We will contribute:

___ $2,500 One-Year Tuition for an IGNITE DAVIE Student
___ $1,250 One-Semester Tuition for an IGNITE DAVIE Student
___ $500 One-Year Books for an IGNITE DAVIE Student
___ $250 One-Semester Books for an IGNITE DAVIE Student
___ Other Amount: $ ________________

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

MAILING ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please make checks payable to Davie Community Foundation and return to IGNITE DAVIE, 135 S. Salisbury St., Suite 200, Mocksville, NC 27028.