

2024 Catawba County United Way Small Businesses Love Big Grant Summaries

Organization Name:	Grant
<p>Backpack Program – The Corner Table Soup Kitchen: The Backpack program provides nonperishable food for children to utilize at home when school meal programs are unavailable. Funds will be used to purchase food supplies, at cost, to fill our food bags that are sent home to students at the end of each week.</p>	<p align="center">\$2,000</p>
<p>Catawba County Council on Aging – West Hickory Senior Center Food Pantry: Food Pantry serves low-income seniors and helps relieve food insecurity in Catawba County, as well as provide delivery of food and necessities for those without transportation. Funds will be used to purchase food provided in the food pantry.</p>	<p align="center">\$1,750</p>
<p>Catawba Valley Community College Foundation – The Hawk’s Nest Food Pantry: CVCC recognizes that many students do not have the means to purchase meals from the food trucks that come to campus, or local restaurants. Funds will purchase ‘grab-and-go foods,’ paper goods and utensils to stock the pantry for one semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.</p>	<p align="center">\$2,500</p>
<p>Family Care Center of Catawba Valley, Inc.: Shelters homeless families with dependent children. Offers physical, emotional, social and educational support to families as they transition to self-sustainment. Funds will assist homeless families with dependent children with a rental deposit upon their finding permanent housing.</p>	<p align="center">\$3,000</p>
<p>Fostering Hope Catawba Valley: The agency supports the physical, emotional and social needs of local children in foster care. Funds will purchase bunk or twin beds and mattresses and distributed to families who care for children in the foster care system in Catawba County who have expressed need for such.</p>	<p align="center">\$3,000</p>
<p>H.O.P.E. (Helping Opportunities for People and Employers) Center at the Hickory Soup Kitchen: The center provides access to resources and employment opportunities for the socially and economically disadvantaged. This includes providing free transportation to work. Funds will be used to purchase a refrigerator to support providing meals to those being transported to work.</p>	<p align="center">\$500</p>
<p>More than Enough Ministries: The ministry provides clothing, hygiene, personal items and small household items to individuals and families in need. Funds will be used to support the ministries’ annual Big Back to School Giveaway project, specifically for the purchase of clothing, coats and shoes for local students.</p>	<p align="center">\$1,000</p>
<p>The Kindness Project: The Kindness Project addresses the immediate needs of the local unsheltered population while working towards long-term solutions. It offers access to nutritious meals, clean drinking water, hygiene supplies and mental health resources. Funds will support the provision of meals every Sunday for the next five months,</p>	<p align="center">\$3,000</p>
<p>Walk With Me Healing Steps: The agency provides mental health, wellness and learning services to the community regardless of cost barriers. It incorporates nature-based sessions that have the option to include equine assisted learning and psychotherapy. Funds will help with purchase of transportable round pens to increase the number of individuals served.</p>	<p align="center">\$2,000</p>
<p>Women’s Resource Center: The Women’s Resource Center’s mission is to support women’s self-sufficiency by providing individualized services and connections to local resources. Funds will support the WRC’s Womenade Program, which offers financial assistance through one-time grants of up to \$500 for individuals who are facing temporary setbacks or financial hardships.</p>	<p align="center">\$5,000</p>