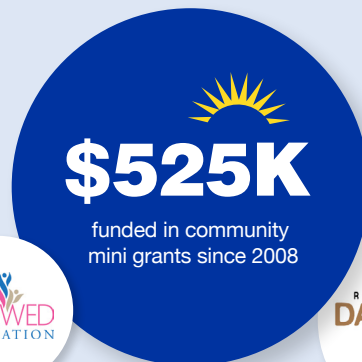


Community Mini Grants

Supporting the Work Behind the Work



Most people associate nonprofits with the programs they deliver and the people they help, but it wouldn't be possible without the behind-the-scenes work known as capacity building. Capacity building includes investing in essential infrastructure, skills and systems nonprofits need to do their work effectively and sustainably.

The Truliant Foundation's Community Mini Grants support community-based nonprofits in building this capacity, with a particular focus on professional development for staff and volunteers. Now in its 18th year, the Foundation is excited to help 30 community-based organizations lay the groundwork to better serve the neighbors we share.

Because of the generosity of the Foundation's donors, for the first time ever, this year's grants increased from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per organization.

"Behind every nonprofit is a group of people showing up—day after day—for their neighbors, often with limited resources and limitless heart," said Atticus Simpson, Executive Director of the Truliant Foundation. "Our Community Mini Grants are a small but meaningful way to help them do more to serve families with dignity and hope."

Congratulations to this year's recipients. The Foundation appreciates all that these organizations do to make our shared communities a better place to live.

2026 Recipients

A Giving Heart Project

A Legacy of Hope, Inc.

Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate

Big Wave Family

Bold 2 B U Community

Chase's Chance, Inc.

CODA Connections, Inc.

Eliza's Helping Hands, Inc.

Feeding Charlotte

First Impression of South Carolina

Gate City 180, Inc.

Gene Xcellence

Glenwood Together

HandsOn Northwest NC

Joyful Soul Treasures, Inc.

Juneteenth GVL, Inc.

Just Do It Movement, Inc.

Level Up Parenting

Money Magnets Club

Mosaic Educational and Arts Program

Neighborhood Focus

One On One Mentoring & Empowerment, Inc.

Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread

Renewed Inspiration

Strong Like AK

The FACTS Initiative

The Park Community Development Corporation

Vittles for Vets

YouthBASE

Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Truliant Foundation, our Trustees and the donors who support us, thank you for taking the time to read about the work we are doing to address needs in Truliant Federal Credit Union member communities. So far this year, our efforts are helping to bridge the gap, providing support to organizations and people to help them achieve what they may not be able to otherwise.

This year, the Foundation increased awards to our Community Mini Grant recipients to help with capacity building, increased scholarship awards for first-time college students and launched a new Bridge Grant program to provide multi-year support to vetted nonprofit partners seeking reliable resources to support the needs of the people they serve.

All these exciting developments reflect our vision to be a catalyst of growth for community nonprofits like our friends highlighted in the "People Helping People" spotlights. Not only do Adriane, Kyla, Karen and Andrew represent the true spirit of the credit union philosophy, they also represent how the Truliant Foundation, guided by collaboration, a commitment to transformational growth and the belief that small steps can spark big change, is doing more to build a community bridge to a brighter tomorrow.



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Of course, this work would not be possible without the remarkable support from Truliant, which covers 100% of the Foundation's operating costs, or our donors, including Truliant employees, members, vendors and community members. It's amazing to see how much more we can do with their support, and we are deeply thankful for their commitment to us. That's *Brighter Giving*!

Together, we can spark change! To learn more about the Foundation and to give brighter, visit Truliant.org/Foundation.

Thank you for your support!



Atticus Simpson

Atticus Simpson
Executive Director
Truliant Foundation

Scholarships

Investing in Tomorrow's Leaders

Twenty first-time college students who are members or dependents of members of Truliant Federal Credit Union were awarded scholarships to support their pursuit of higher education beginning this fall. Recipients from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia will use the funds to pursue degrees in biology, business, medical engineering, nursing and more, for a total of \$40,500 in academic assistance.



People Helping People

Recognizing leaders who are building a community bridge to a brighter tomorrow.



From left, Adriane Scott-Singleton, Triad Hub Manager; a program participant; and Sarah Johnson Blackwell, Program Manager for the Truliant Foundation.

Empowering Career Mobility

Adriane Scott-Singleton can jump start a person's life just as easily as she can jump start a car battery. As Triad Hub Manager for Wheels4Hope in Greensboro, NC, Scott-Singleton spends her days matching economically challenged families and individuals with reliable, affordable vehicles, allowing them to find work, take their children to school and safely move about their community.

"Without funding from foundations like yours, we would not be able to fulfill our mission," said Scott-Singleton. "Last year, Wheels4Hope was able to place 69 vehicles with participants referred to our program." Wheels4Hope used Truliant Foundation's funds to pay for parts and repair five donated cars, which received tune-ups, brakes, oil changes, tires and engine work.

For example, Diana was working as a secretary, but there was just one thing standing between her ambition and a better job—a reliable vehicle.

One year after receiving her car, Diana landed a great opportunity as an administrative assistant. "Her infectious smile, newfound success and gratitude are an inspiration to everyone around her," said Scott-Singleton.

Helping Women Rebuild Their Lives

Through hands-on programming that fosters emotional healing, creative confidence and workforce readiness, the hardworking staff of BraveWorks equips women to overcome trauma and bridge the gap from pain to purpose.

"While some women are entering the workforce for the first time, many are returning after extended gaps due to trauma recovery, unsafe living situations or caregiving responsibilities," noted Kyla Harvey, Executive Director, BraveWorks.

Unlike short-term programs that rush women into jobs before they're ready, BraveWorks gives participants a full year of consistent, one-on-one support, addressing not just job skills, but the emotional, financial and relational barriers that keep women from thriving. The generous support of organizations like the Truliant Foundation makes it possible for the Charlotte, North Carolina nonprofit to fulfill its mission, touching the lives of countless women who are committed to securing and sustaining employment.

"We meet women where they are and equip them with the tools needed to move toward economic stability and self-sufficiency," said Harvey.



Program Assistant Brooke Slone meets with participants of the BraveWorks Emerge program.



Executive Director Karen Jones pictured in the Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread kitchen.

Feeding the Community's Most Vulnerable

Every day, you can catch Karen Jones and her dedicated team of volunteers serving their neighbors a hot lunch in the community dining room, prepping meals for takeout or packing up food for delivery.

As the Executive Director of Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread in Radford, Virginia, Jones is committed to the nonprofit's mission: mitigating food insecurity among seniors, low-income individuals, disabled persons and those facing homelessness.

Truliant Foundation is proud to provide funds that support its Dining Room and Takeout and Meals on Wheels programs in Radford.

"We are so proud that the Truliant Foundation provided funds to support our Dining Room, Takeout and Meals on Wheels programs for the Radford community," said Jones. "This support makes a true difference in our community!"

The organization has been serving residents of the City of Radford and the Fairlawn community of Pulaski County with meal programs for over 30 years, fueled by a deep desire to feed everyone who comes their way, no questions asked. During this time, they've done so much more than reduce food insecurity—they've provided much-needed warm welcomes and friendly smiles to the people they serve.

Building Brighter Financial Futures

The staff and volunteers of Hispanic Alliance foster collaboration and connectivity among people, resources and cultures to build thriving communities. A gift from the Truliant Foundation supported the nonprofit's Financial Stability Community Team in Greenville, South Carolina.

"We are deeply grateful for this investment, which has meaningfully strengthened our ability to serve the Hispanic community in the Upstate," said Andrew Skinner, Director of Public Relations & Development. "This support enhanced our ability to offer fully bilingual, multi-night financial education programs, completely free of charge to participants."

Skinner and his dedicated team hosted a three-day Spanish-language Personal Finance Workshop, which provided participants with foundational skills in budgeting, banking, credit building, insurance and financial planning. These investments in the community will pay long-term dividends for families for years to come.

"The Truliant Foundation's support helped us reach individuals who might not otherwise have access to this kind of Spanish-language financial education," said Skinner. "It deepened our capacity to deliver programming that advances our mission of building thriving, economically empowered communities."



Participants and volunteer presenters gather with Hispanic Alliance staff at a Financial Stability workshop.

Recognizing Martin, 2025 Employee Volunteer of the Year

Selflessness, compassion, dedication. Those three qualities sum up why Nicole Martin, Manager of Purchasing, has been named the Truliant Employee Volunteer of the Year.

The Truliant Employee Volunteer of the Year Award was created as an incentive for participation in the Truliant Employee Volunteer Program (EVP). The annual award is based on the employee's use of volunteer time and their commitment to volunteer service in the community where they live and work. To qualify, employees must complete their full allotment of volunteer hours and submit a self-nomination explaining what volunteering means to them.

"This program makes a difference in my life," said Martin, "and it helps me to feel like I can make a long-lasting difference in the lives of others."

As part of her recognition for this award, the Truliant Foundation made a donation to Bookmarks in Martin's honor.



Nicole Martin volunteers at Bookmarks where she uses her passion for books to help people discover the magic of reading.



Econocheck's representative, Jim Bloom, presents Truliant Foundation Executive Director, Atticus Simpson, with a check to support the Foundation's charitable work.

Giving Brighter: Partner Spotlight

The Truliant Foundation appreciates Econocheck's charitable support of the Foundation's purpose to lift up and transform Truliant members' communities through charitable giving, collaboration and meaningful partnerships.

Econocheck's contributions to the Foundation have been critical in supporting the increased amounts awarded for both the Foundation scholarship and Community Mini Grant programs this year.

"We are deeply grateful for Econocheck, who committed to supporting our work over time," said Atticus Simpson, Executive Director of the Truliant Foundation. "Not only are they helping us to do more good, they are also helping us to build sustainable programs that impact people's lives year over year."

Econocheck stands out among Foundation donors as one of the early supporters of the Foundation's Corporate Partner program, which includes Truliant vendors who make multi-year pledges to support the Foundation.

About the Truliant Foundation

Established in 2023, the Truliant Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity with a purpose to lift up and transform Truliant member communities through charitable giving, collaboration and meaningful partnerships.

The Foundation strives to be a catalyst of growth for established nonprofits seeking the support and guidance they need to flourish and spark positive change in their communities. The Foundation also provides college scholarships to Truliant members and relief funds to Truliant employees facing unforeseen personal hardships.

Learn more or donate at Truliant.org/Foundation.



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