

Greenville Tech Foundation's STAR Center Provides Critical Resources



Representatives from the Truliant Foundation, the Truliant Community Engagement team, and the Greenville Tech Foundation visit with STAR Center staff and a work-study student.

Access to safe housing, healthy food, and reliable transportation are critical to economic mobility. Too often, a lack of basic needs can derail personal goals. Especially for those juggling employment and pursuing higher education goals.

The unexpected — car troubles, unanticipated medical bills, rising food costs—can force students to make

tough decisions about whether to continue with an education. Greenville Technical College student Javontey, a single father, found himself struggling with this difficult decision.

Support came from the Greenville Technical Foundation's STAR Center, a program funded by the Truliant Foundation that provides emergency funds to help students stay on track academically.

"I'm forever grateful to the Truliant Foundation and Greenville Technical College Foundation for supporting me. Their financial assistance was critical in helping alleviate stress and made it possible for me to focus on my studies," said Javontey. "As a result, I've earned a place on the dean's list for multiple semesters. I look forward to continuing my academic journey and achieving my professional goals."

Javontey is on track to pursue a degree in social studies. His future, and that of others facing similar struggles, is brighter because resources were available to help him reach his goals.

Visa Supports Charitable Initiatives

The Truliant Foundation appreciates Visa's charitable support of its purpose to lift up and transform Truliant member communities through charitable giving, collaboration, and meaningful partnership.

Visa's multi-year contributions to the Foundation have been critical in establishing the Foundation's Employee Relief Fund and supporting the continued work of its Community Giving program.

A Visa representative recently visited Truliant's headquarters in Winston-Salem, N.C., to present their 2025 donation, which supports the Foundation's mission and honors Visa's partnership with Truliant and the Truliant Foundation.



Visa representative, Rafael Torres, presents Truliant Foundation Executive Director Atticus Simpson, with a check to support the Foundation's charitable work.

The Truliant Foundation is a community bridge to a brighter tomorrow!

Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

The first half of 2025 has been an impactful time for the Truliant Foundation, thanks to donors and the unwavering support of Truliant Federal Credit Union. To ensure your generous support makes the biggest impact, we will continue to spark positive change through our charitable programs intentionally designed to address community needs.

Since January, the Foundation has impacted more than 50 nonprofit organizations, public schools, and scholarship recipients and contributed more than \$250,000 across Truliant member communities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Southwest Virginia.

We will continue to make a positive difference through the remainder of 2025, guided now by an updated mission and a refreshed logo which we are excited to share. We believe these core pillars help us to understand needs while also being known as a catalyst of growth in Truliant member communities.

For example, I recently met an inspiring young man named Demari. Despite facing personal hardships and challenges that left him few options, Demari connected with Foundation grantee Jennings O'Neil Career Academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional cook.

Through workforce training, personal coaching, and mentorship, Jennings O'Neil provided Demari with a well-defined pathway to employment and financial stability. Most importantly, they gave Demari a place to find confidence and hope.

This is a perfect example of the Foundation acting as a community bridge to a brighter tomorrow, providing



Truliant Foundation Executive Director, Atticus Simpson, far right, during a recent visit to the Jennings O'Neil office.

nonprofit organizations the resources and guidance they need to accelerate their impact. Our network of vetted nonprofit organizations means donors maximize the power of their dollar, making their gifts even more meaningful and helpful to young adults like Demari.

Together, we can spark change throughout Truliant member communities. I invite you to join the Foundation on this new journey. To learn more and to give, visit Truliant.org/Foundation.

Thank you for your support!

Atticus Simpson
Executive Director
Truliant Foundation

The Foundation Makes Feeling Good About Giving Back Easy!

The Truliant Foundation has the strong backing of Truliant Federal Credit Union, which covers 100% of the Foundation's operating costs, allowing all donor dollars to be invested into our local communities, with a focus on social mobility, workforce education, and financial wellness.

Guided by collaboration, a commitment to transformational growth, and the belief that small steps can spark big change, we are building bridges to a brighter tomorrow in Truliant member communities. When we give back, we all move forward together.

The Truliant Foundation. Give Brighter.

Ways to Give

Giving is simple. You can make a monthly contribution to the Foundation through the Foundation's secure online giving page or directly from your paycheck if you are a Truliant employee. Donations to the Truliant Foundation are fully tax-deductible, and a receipt will be provided for filing purposes.

To donate online, visit Truliant.org/Foundation and complete the form found by clicking "Donate to the Foundation."

To donate by mail, send your check to:
Truliant Foundation
3200 Truliant Way
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

People Helping People Spotlights



Anneliese Wall pictured with boxes of beds waiting to be assembled and distributed to children in need.

Beds and Books for Children in Need

In 2019, Anneliese Wall was serving as a victim services coordinator for the State of North Carolina, but it was not crime that kept her up at night. It was knowing that children in her community were forced to sleep on floors, on towels, or sometimes on a pile of their own clothes because they did not have access to a bed.

Anneliese could not ignore the voice telling her to help. That year, she founded A Bed and A Book, with the

Fast-forward to today, and Anneliese and her small staff have gifted over 400 beds to children in North Carolina's Forsyth and Guilford Counties.

They work closely with referring agencies that submit requests on behalf of families and a team of dedicated volunteers – including Truliant employees – who assemble and deliver beds, bedding, and books for children and teens. Additional chapters have been opened in Davidson and Watauga Counties. In 2024, the Truliant Foundation partnered with the organization to fund about 30 beds.

Anneliese recently wrote: "This funding doesn't just provide beds; it offers a sense of security, warmth and a good night's sleep, which undoubtedly shapes the future of these children, enabling them to grow academically and personally," she said.

"Because of the Truliant Foundation's help, they can now rest easy and dream big. Thank you for being a part of our mission and for helping us make such a meaningful difference in a child's life."

Those who generously support the Truliant Foundation make it possible to fund organizations like A Bed and A Book, which improve lives in our communities.

simple mission of delivering beds and books to children in need.

Literacy NRV Transforms Lives Through Education

The dedicated team at Literacy NRV makes a significant impact through free programs designed to empower, support, and educate adults in the New River Valley of Virginia, fostering personal growth and improving literacy skills in the community.

Reading and writing instruction, GED preparation, U.S. Citizenship test preparation, and digital literacy are among the skills delivered through one-on-one tutoring or in a classroom setting, both in-person or virtually.

Literacy NRV is driven by a small staff and a team of committed volunteers. The Truliant Foundation is particularly proud to support Skill Up NRV, a workforce-preparedness program that assists clients with essential skills required for success in today's workplace.

One young man eventually found a job with Goodwill Industries after coming to Skill Up NRV to improve his basic computer skills.

He created a resume with his tutor, and together they applied for jobs online. He continues to see success in the workplace today.

"Thanks to the help from my tutor and the office staff at Literacy NRV, I learned how to apply for jobs on my own and what I need to do at work to keep the job," he said. "They were very helpful in making sure that I had everything I needed to get the job."



Literacy NRV in Christiansburg, Va., is driven by a small staff, including the Executive Director, Ginny Ayers (pictured, left), the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program Coordinator, Blake Hritz (pictured, right), and a team of volunteers.

Jennings O'Neil Career Academy Creates Opportunities

Michelle Jennings-Anderson knows firsthand how important it is to connect with vulnerable youth. She remembers being labeled a “bad kid” and sent to an alternative school, where she was nearly forgotten about until a mentor stepped in.

That person encouraged Michelle to obtain a college degree, which resulted in a long and successful corporate career. Today, she channels energy to create lasting change into her nonprofit, Jennings O'Neil Career Academy, where she builds employment opportunities and financial stability for disadvantaged youth in the Charlotte community.

Recently, Michelle introduced the Truliant Foundation to Demari Mobley, a young man learning culinary job skills through Michelle's newest program, “Taste and Talent Culinary Institute.”

The program provides essential practical training and career counseling to facilitate a smooth transition for participants into the workforce. It has proven to be a valuable resource, opening doors that may have otherwise remained shut.

Support from the Truliant Foundation has helped grow the impact of Jennings O'Neil's initiatives, providing further opportunities for growth and success.



Michelle Jennings-Anderson's (right) efforts are providing Demari Mobley (left) with a pathway to his dreams of working in the culinary industry, and one day being the chef of his own restaurant.

“The Truliant Foundation's gift was more than just financial support – it was an affirmation of our work and our vision. It reinforced our belief that with the right resources, we can make a significant difference in our community,” Michelle Jennings-Anderson recently said.

Education Grants Support Innovative School Projects

The Truliant Foundation has announced the recipients of its annual Education Grants, awarding \$45,000 to twelve public schools in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

This year's grants support innovative programs aimed at enhancing educational experiences and promoting student success in grades 6-12, with each school receiving up to \$5,000 for projects in media, workforce skills, engineering, robotics, and creative expression.

“We are proud to support these schools in their innovative efforts to improve learning and success in the classroom,” said Atticus Simpson, executive director of the Truliant Foundation. “We are consistently impressed by the high caliber of ideas presented by educators to provide different, creative and impactful learning programs for their students.”

A program of the Truliant Foundation, the Education Grant Program has awarded more than \$382,500 to over 100 educators since its inception in 2016.





Leo Hidalgo lends a hand moving furniture at the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Thrift Store.

Hidalgo Named Truliant Foundation Employee Volunteer of the Year

The Employee Volunteer Program (EVP) offers employees paid volunteer time to give back to their communities in meaningful and impactful ways. Each year, one volunteer is awarded the opportunity to donate \$1,000 to the nonprofit of their choice.

Congratulations to the 2024 Truliant Foundation Employee Volunteer of the Year Leo Hidalgo, branch manager of our Downtown Winston-Salem location! This award is given to an employee who exemplifies volunteer service in their community.

To earn it, an employee must complete their full allotment of volunteer hours and explain what volunteering with Truliant means to them. As part of Leo's recognition, the Truliant Foundation made a \$1,000 gift to the National MS Society in his honor.

People Helping People Building Bridges to a Brighter Tomorrow



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
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