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\$750,000 in Flexible Funding Awarded to 15 Triangle Nonprofits

Special Distribution from Triangle Community Foundation Showcases Resiliency Amidst the Pandemic

Research Triangle Park, NC: Triangle Community Foundation has released \$750,000 in unrestricted funding to 15 local nonprofits through the <u>Transforming the Triangle Award</u>, a special program designed to acknowledge the critical role nonprofits played in supporting their communities during unprecedented challenges due to the pandemic.

"COVID-19 tested the resiliency of nonprofits like never before, as they were tasked with quickly evolving and oftentimes increasing services due to extraordinary need and rapidly changing circumstances," said Lori O'Keefe, President & CEO. "As an organization we felt we needed to tangibly recognize that fierce determination and care for their constituents."

Each of the awardee organizations was recognized for having made a meaningful impact in the Triangle aligned with the Foundation's impact areas (Capacity Building, Cultural Arts, Sustainable Communities, and Education & Youth) and for whom the \$50,000 in flexible funding could have a transformational effect, with opportunities for peer learning, storytelling, virtual and/or in-person events, and other methods of support in addition to funding.

"The Transforming the Triangle Award aims to acknowledge and appreciate the perseverance and critical services these nonprofits provide in our community," said Sarah Guidi, Director of Community Engagement. "These fifteen organizations have demonstrated their ability to provide services in the most complex and unusual of circumstances. We know this award alone won't permanently ease the burden of fundraising, but we hope it's a helpful bit of relief as they continue carrying out their organizational missions."

The Transforming the Triangle Award grantees are:

- Arts Access Inc.
- **BUMP: The Triangle**
- Diamante Arts & Cultural Center
- Durham Success Summit, Inc.
- Haw River Assembly, Inc.
- Hispanic Liaison of Chatham County
- Kiran, Inc.
- NC Congress of Latino Organizations NCCLO
- Partners for Environmental Justice
- Pee Wee Homes
- Pupusas for Education
- Raleigh Immigrant Community Inc.
- The Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History
- TheGifted Arts, Inc.
- Urban Community Agronomics Catawba Trail Farm

About Triangle Community Foundation | Founded in 1983, Triangle Community Foundation works to build a brighter future for everyone in the Triangle region of North Carolina. By working with dedicated donors and strong nonprofits, the Foundation is able to guide gifts in strategic ways to fill in gaps, reduce inequities, and solve the region's most pressing challenges. Learn more at <u>trianglecf.org</u>.