



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF **GASTON COUNTY**

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Junior League of Gaston County Receives Grant from Community Foundation for \$3,000

GASTONIA, NC— The Junior League of Gaston County is pleased to announce it has received a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Gaston County. These funds will support the Junior League of Gaston County's 2019 Truck Fest. The event will be held April 13th, 2019, at the Rotary pavilion. This year Truck Fest will be coinciding with the Community Foundation Run in downtown Gastonia. This partnership allows both the JLGC and CFGC to mutually benefit as the over 5,000 participants of the Community Foundation Run will be treated to a fun, interactive, and informative experience at Truck Fest.

For the third year in a row all kinds of big rigs, emergency and military vehicles, food trucks, waste management trucks, and more will be in downtown Gastonia for The Junior League of Gaston County's Truck Fest. Truck Fest is a free, interactive event packed with fun experiences for the entire family. The event is open for all ages, from young children to adults who are young at heart. Vehicles will be available for participants to experience, learn and explore. This grant from The Community Foundation will not only support Truck Fest but also The Junior League of Gaston County's continued efforts to eliminate substance abuse and support and empower women in the community. This year the League started a new initiative to promote and educate women to have the tools to take on more leadership roles in our county. The league will continue to be able to provide this integral training with the help of this grant. The ongoing efforts of the JLGC to combat substance abuse in our community is producing results by assisting Gaston Controlled Substances Coalition collect over 35 pounds of discarded medications and distribute over 900 brochures to members of the community. These persistent efforts keep medications out of the wrong hands and the information disseminated throughout the community informs and educates about this important issue in our community.

Elizabeth Smithers, JLGC President 2018-2019, said, "JLGC is excited to be the recipient of this grant from The Community Foundation as it will help to continue to grow Truck Fest and expand this informative, educational, and most importantly fun event. The funds provided by The Community Foundation will also allow us to continue to support our growing programs and

resources within the community to work toward the elimination of substance abuse and influence positive change in women's health in our community."

The Community Foundation awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. "Junior League's annual Truck Fest gives children the opportunity to meet first responders in a fun, interactive environment," stated Ernest Sumner, CFGC President. "The Community Foundation Run and Junior League's Truck Fest are centered around family friendly fun and giving back to the community; it only seemed fitting to combine the events into one large celebration of community spirit. Funds from this grant will support the partnership as well as allow for the addition of a mammography truck at the event."

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About The Junior League of Gaston County –

The Junior League of Gaston County is a member of an International Organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and to improving the community through effective action and leadership. For almost 60 years, the Junior League of Gaston County has devoted its energy to passionately advocating for women and children of Gaston County. The 2018-2019 Community Focus is women and children and substance abuse. To learn more about the Junior League of Gaston County or to join our cause, visit www.jlgaston.org.

About the Community Foundation of Gaston County -

The Community Foundation of Gaston County is the leading steward of philanthropic giving by connecting donors with community needs to enhance the lives of present and future generations. The nonprofit organization has invested more than \$100 million in grants and scholarships over its 40-year history. At its core, the Community Foundation is an organization created with gifts from generous people committed to local causes. For donors, the Foundation serves as a philanthropic advisor. For the community, the Foundation serves as a grant maker and a civic leader. Through the support of its donors and fundholders, the Foundation has been able to address some of the community's most pressing needs, including hunger, housing and education. For more information, visit www.cfgaston.org.



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100 Dollars

For: Community Grant

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