



Catawba Connect: COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

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Catawba Connect Round Two Grantee Report

Fall 2021

The Catawba Connect: COVID-19 Relief Fund was created on March 20, 2020 in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic through a partnership between the Arras Foundation, the United Way of Chester County, and the United Way of Lancaster County. The Fund is designed to complement the ongoing work of public entities and to expand the capacity in Chester and Lancaster counties to address emerging needs as we respond to the impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus. In August 2020, the second round of Catawba Connect funds were distributed to the community. The following 10 nonprofit organizations applied and were selected for Round Two funding by Catawba Connect volunteers:

- Battered But Not Broken (BBNB)
- Communities in Schools Lancaster (CIS-YouthBuild)
- Giving In A Needy Time (GIANT)
- GoldenCare
- Horse N Around
- Lancaster County Community Center (LCCC)
- MUSC Chester Medical Center
- MUSC Lancaster Medical Center
- NAMI Piedmont Tri-County
- Revitalizing UR Neighborhood (RUN)

Catawba Connect: COVID-19 Relief Fund Round Two Snapshot

\$50,000.⁰⁰

10

5,517

327

5,190

Total Amount
Awarded

Total Number of
Grants

Total Number of
Individuals Served

Number of
Individuals Served in
Chester Co.

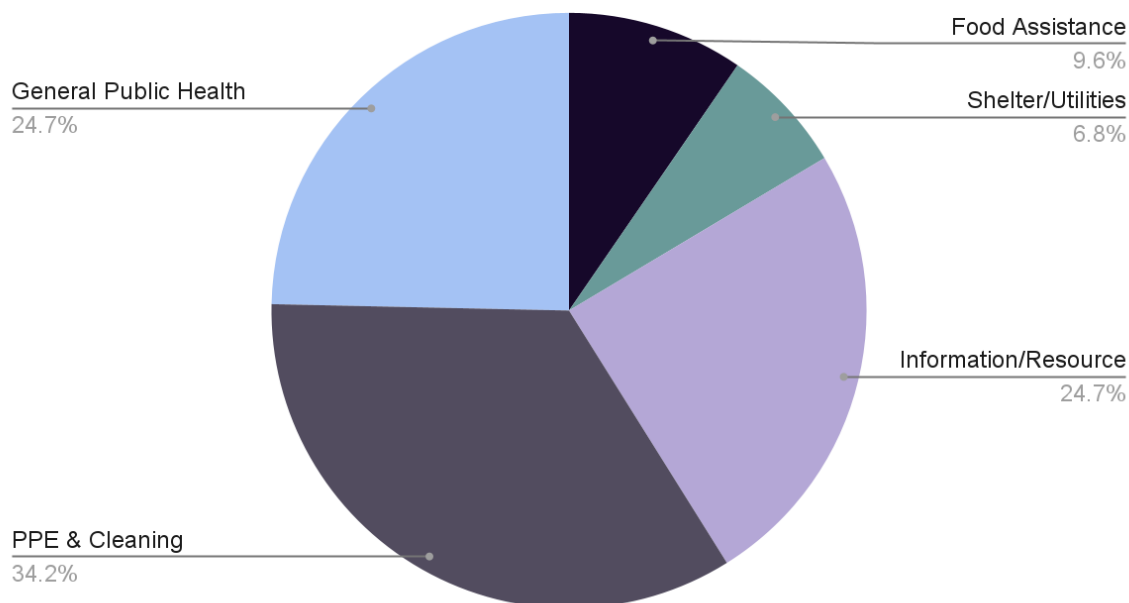
Number of
Individuals Served in
Lancaster Co.

Round Two Impact Areas

	Food Assistance	Shelter & Utilities Assistance	Information or Resource Distribution	Personal Protective Equipment & Cleaning Supplies	General Public Health Aid
No. of Individuals Served	141	138	5,100	5,199	4,294
Grantee by Work in Impact Area	GoldenCare Horse N Around	BBNB LCCC	GIANT LCCC MUSC Chester MUSC Lancaster RUN	CIS-YouthBuild GIANT GoldenCare LCCC MUSC Chester MUSC Lancaster RUN	Horse N Around MUSC Chester MUSC Lancaster NAMI

Each Round Two grantee supplied a Final Report, outlining the impact made using the Catawba Connect grant. This documentation was returned to the Arras Foundation, the United Way of Chester County, and the United Way of Lancaster County and used to generate this Round Two Report. Of the \$50,000 distributed amongst the 10 Round Two grant recipients, the majority of the funds were used in the Personal Protective Equipment & Cleaning, Information & Resource sharing, and General Public Health impact areas.

Catawba Connect Round Two Fund Distribution by Impact Area



Many of the grantee organizations found new ways to reach community members and, in some instances, pivoted from their usual service delivery methods. Along with the quantitative data given in the grantee reports, qualitative data was also reported. This qualitative information recorded heartfelt stories, grateful comments, and examples of our community members coming together to support one another through the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples include:

- [A statement of thanks from GoldenCare:](#) *"GoldenCare staff was grateful to receive additional protective equipment and cleaning supplies to comply with WHO and CDC coronavirus recommendations. Staff members conveyed that this made them feel safer at work while performing their duties and also offered a sense of relief that they were not bringing the virus home to family members."*
- [An example given by Horse N Around:](#) *"With our new policies being strictly enforced, we are able to add new clients to our waiting list and are able to maintain health and safety. Our outdoor obstacle course has been an outstanding success! The material cost was met, and we were able to craft something clients of any age can interact with and gain new muscle strength and coordination skills."*
- [A statement shared from MUSC-Chester:](#) *"Over the past year, many of us have felt the pains that have come with this virus. We've felt it even more in the walls of our hospitals each day as we serve patients trying to fight this virus. The grant support of Catawba Connect allowed us to provide top quality care for our patients, both in the hospital and in the community."*

The Catawba Connect: COVID-19 Relief Fund focused on three priority areas for the second round of grant-making: 1) Access to Healthcare; 2) Strengthening and Supporting Families; and 3) Healthy Economy. Of the 10 grantees for Round Two, all 10 fell into the priority areas of Access to Healthcare and Strengthening and Supporting Families.

4 Overarching Goals of the Catawba Connect Initiative		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving local attitudes regarding healthy behavior during the pandemic - Connecting local people to resources to help mitigate negative effects of the pandemic - Leveraging funding and local philanthropy to support our residents - Advocating for policies to improve conditions for our residents 		
Vision Statements/Three Priority Areas for Round Two		
Access to Healthcare	Strengthening & Supporting Families	Healthy Economy
We envision communities where residents can easily access quality medical support and prevention services.	We envision resilient communities that offer empowering supports for family wellbeing, safe neighborhoods, and community trust.	We envision communities where people and businesses are willing and encouraged to work, invest, donate, and spend their resources locally.

Along with partner agencies, the Catawba Connect: COVID-19 Relief Fund is led by community co-chairs and three committees, the Leadership Advisory Committee, the Grants Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee. Each committee is composed of local leaders and dedicated citizens. These volunteer committee members gave their time and expertise to develop the Catawba Connect initiative to help our community mitigate the effects of COVID.

Community Co-Chairs				
<p>Ashley Shannon, Director, Marketing & Community Relations, MUSC Chester and Lancaster Divisions</p> <p>Steve Sherrill, Market Executive, First Citizens Bank</p>				
Leadership Advisory Committee		Grants Committee		Youth Advisory Committee
<p>Bill Bundy Chester Healthcare Foundation</p> <p>Brooke Clinton Chester Co. Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Audrey Curry Former City Councilman, Lancaster</p> <p>Tommy Darby Chester County</p> <p>Susan DeVenny The Arras Foundation</p> <p>Dean Faile Lancaster Co. Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Kristin Fairfax United Way of Chester County</p>	<p>Jerry Holt Retired</p> <p>Amber Jackson United Way of Lancaster County</p> <p>Rick Jiran Duke Energy</p> <p>Michele Lineberger Springs Close Foundation</p> <p>Jodie Plyler First Palmetto Bank</p> <p>Linda Sudol TruVista</p> <p>Veronica Thompson Lancaster County</p>	<p>Alison Alexander Lancaster County</p> <p>Richard Band Retired, Lancaster Co. Library</p> <p>Lisa Bridges Retired Educator</p> <p>Abby Brunson Chester County Schools</p> <p>Erick Crawford Crawford Funeral Home</p> <p>Ed Darby Chester Emergency Management</p> <p>Kathy Davis Retired, Spratt Savings & Loan</p> <p>Justin Hallman Comporium</p> <p>Jackie Harris Lancaster Children's Home</p> <p>Ernest Jenkins USCL</p>	<p>Lucille Mackey Springs Close Foundation</p> <p>Susan Marion Retired</p> <p>Paul McKenzie Lancaster County Schools</p> <p>Dr. Roy Still Retired, Barnett Family Medical</p> <p>Sharon Teague Founders Federal</p> <p>Wallace Thompson Brown's Corner</p> <p>Nicole Trull Comporium</p> <p>Mike Vaughn Chester County Council</p> <p>Tammy Woods Springs Close Foundation</p>	<p>Paul Bobai</p> <p>Emma DeVenny</p> <p>Michael Howe</p> <p>Abigayle Morrison</p> <p>Effie Spears</p> <p>Reagan Thompson</p> <p>Ryleigh Waiters</p> <p>Keeonn Wilson</p>

From Our Partner Agencies

“Resilient communities stay connected during times of crisis. Thanks to all of our Catawba Connect volunteers, partners, donors, and front line workers for pulling together to help Chester and Lancaster County residents stay safe and healthy during the pandemic. Together, we will always be stronger.” - Susan DeVenny, President & CEO
The Arras Foundation

“During a time that no one anticipated, we were shown how strong and caring our communities are through the impact of the Catawba Connect: COVID-19 Relief Fund. The collaboration of non-profit agencies, volunteers, community members and so many others truly was an eye-opening experience and something I am very proud to have been a part of while navigating through this pandemic. Although it is not over, these efforts have made a positive impact and will continue to do so in the days ahead. Trying times have shown me personally that there is a tremendous amount of good in this world. I am grateful for everyone who has made Catawba Connect such a great asset to our communities.” - Kristin Fairfax, Executive Director
United Way of Chester County

“Witnessing our community make every effort in supporting one another during this pandemic through the Catawba Connect relief fund has been amazing. The pandemic has revealed just how much we need our community, volunteers, nonprofits and each other’s support to move forward and it’s been a privilege to work alongside many of these nonprofits who risk their own health to ensure the health and safety of others in need.” - Amber Jackson, Executive Director
United Way of Lancaster County

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The Catawba Connect: COVID-19 Relief Fund was made possible by so many committed partners, volunteers, and donors who continue to contribute their time, talent, and treasure to helping our community through this difficult time. Thank you to all who have supported this cause and collaborate with the Catawba Connect team as we continue this work.