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Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Foundation Announces \$50,000 in Grants to Support Arkansas Communities

Little Rock, Ark. (May 25, 2022) – Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Foundation (ABHOF) awarded \$50,000 in grants to support projects focused on education, health and wellness, youth development, strengthening families and economic development for minority and under-served communities in Arkansas. The grants, administered by Arkansas Community Foundation, were presented online on May 24. "We are pleased to support the efforts of grassroots and other nonprofit organizations in Arkansas through our grant program," said Charles Stewart, Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Chairman. "These organizations serve a myriad of causes and programs that support community development and strengthen families. We are proud of our partnership with these great Arkansas institutions."

Over the past 18 years, ABHOF has made \$667,288 in grants to Arkansas nonprofits. This year's grant recipients:

- **Arkansas Broadcasting Foundation (Statewide)** – will help fund a one-hour show that runs weekly called Black Consumer News.
- **Bohemia Cares (Pulaski County)** – provides programs for those struggling with mental illness.
- **Brayboy Safety Against Domestic Violence Crisis Center (Lee, Phillips, St. Francis counties)** – provides emergency housing assistance for women with children.
- **Carters Crew (Pulaski County)** – will host monthly family nights as part of a program called UN-Repeating the Cycle.
- **Centers for Youth and Families Foundation (Pulaski County)** – will engage youth in its Day Treatment and Outpatient Counseling programs in a unique gardening curriculum.
- **Community Service Youth Foundation (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Perry, Pope, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Stone, Van**

- Buren, Washington, Yell counties)** – will enhance a mentoring program for youth adjudicated for committing a crime.
- **Creative Institute of Central Arkansas (Faulkner, Pulaski counties)** – provides career coaching and job placement support to low-income students starting careers in the creative workforce.
 - **Harmony Health (Pulaski County)** – provides medical and dental care for those currently uninsured or underinsured.
 - **Historic St. James Missionary Baptist Church (Washington County)** – the food pantry program serves those facing food insecurity in South Fayetteville.
 - **Junior Achievement of Arkansas (Benton, Faulkner, Jefferson, Lonoke, Madison, Pulaski, Saline, Washington counties)** – will launch the first "Virtual Pitch Competition" where African American middle and high school students will "virtually pitch" creative entrepreneurial new ideas on products, services or solutions.
 - **Mr. Macs Learning and Arts Center (Pulaski County)** – provides a safe environment for youth to perform music (Drum Academy) and choir vocalization (Singer Academy).
 - **Pulaski County Friends of CASA (Perry, Pulaski counties)** – will recruit African American volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates for children of color in foster care.
 - **Southeast Arkansas College (Arkansas, Jefferson counties)** – offers a Kids Virtual Learning Summer Camp
 - **St. Luke – Pine Bluff United Methodist Church (Ashley, Jefferson, Pulaski counties)** – funds will provide gear for children attending camp that will develop survival skills, wildlife appreciation and agricultural science knowledge.
 - **UCA Center for Community and Economic Development (Statewide)** – will partially fund the Arkansas Racial Equity Summit.
 - **Women & Children First (Faulkner, Jefferson Lonoke, Pulaski, Saline counties)** – provides funds to support Camp HOPE for children of domestic violence.

Arkansas Black Hall of Fame Foundation aims to provide an environment in which future generations of African American achievers with Arkansas roots will thrive and succeed. Arkansas Black Hall of Fame honors the contributions of African Americans through its annual Black Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and awards grants to support charitable endeavors in underserved communities. Learn more at www.arblackhalloffame.org.

Arkansas Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization with over a half billion dollars in assets, fosters smart giving to improve communities. The Community Foundation offers tools to help Arkansans protect, grow and direct their charitable dollars as they learn more about community needs. By making grants and sharing knowledge, the Foundation supports existing charitable programs that work for Arkansas and partners to create initiatives that address unmet needs. Since 1976, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$314 million in grants and partnered with thousands of Arkansans to help them improve our neighborhoods, our towns and

our entire state. Contributions to Arkansas Community Foundation, its funds and any of its 29 affiliates are fully tax deductible.

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