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Families Forward Charlotte announces funding partnership with National Fair Housing Alliance

National Fair Housing Alliance provides grant funding for families living in poverty

Charlotte, NC — Today, Families Forward Charlotte (FFC) announced an award of \$27,000 in grant funds from the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA), which will provide financial assistance for rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention for families supported through FFC's Family Success Program.

"We are excited to announce this latest partnership with the National Fair Housing Alliance," said **FFC President and Founder, Carrie Christian**. "At the start of our current program year, over half the new families in our Family Success Program were either living in a hotel/motel, shelter or vehicle, temporary housing or with family/friends. This partnership will help these families secure stable housing, a necessity to realizing long-term stability for their families."

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Charlotte has become one of the fastest growing cities in the nation and, with that, has experienced exponential growth in housing demand and housing prices. Urban and suburban development continues to displace low-income residents as they are priced out of housing options and the availability of affordable housing dwindles. With the increasing economic strain of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of Charlotte's low-income residents are at risk of being evicted and becoming homeless. Participants in FFC's Family Success Program receive mentorship, educational opportunities and financial assistance to support them on their path to long-term financial stability. As a component of this assistance, and with the help of NFHA's grant funds, FFC is providing financial support for hotel costs, rent deposit and rent payments, utility payments and mortgage assistance.

In June of this year, NFHA reached a settlement with Independence Place of Charlotte, Inc., which owns more than 165 apartments in Charlotte, N.C., following a familial status housing discrimination

complaint against the company. As part of the settlement agreement, Independence Place of Charlotte, Inc. agreed to provide \$27,000 in grants for NFHA to distribute to a nonprofit that provides housing assistance to low-income families in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. NFHA chose Families Forward Charlotte.

“Gentrification is a phenomenon taking place in many cities nationwide, and it’s putting housing out of reach for many, particularly people of color and other marginalized groups,” said **Sherrill Frost-Brown, NFHA's Vice President of Member Services and Community Development**. “With COVID-19 continuing to ravage communities nationwide, access to housing is more important than ever. In light of this, the National Fair Housing Alliance is proud to support Families Forward Charlotte’s Family Success Program, which will help protect people from homelessness and, consequently, decrease exposure to COVID-19,” Frost-Brown added.

For more information on Families Forward Charlotte click [here](#).

For more information on National Fair Housing Alliance click [here](#).

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About Families Forward Charlotte

Families Forward Charlotte partners with families living in poverty in Mecklenburg County, NC. We provide individualized mentoring, educational opportunities and essential support as we walk alongside each family on their journey toward long-term stability and economic mobility. We envision our city’s children and families living free of the challenges of poverty. For additional information please call (704) 299-6009 or visit www.familiesforwardclt.org. You can also follow us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

About The National Fair Housing Alliance

Founded in 1988, NFHA is a consortium of more than 200 private, nonprofit fair housing organizations and state and local civil rights agencies from throughout the United States. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., NFHA works to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, outreach, membership services, public policy initiatives, community development, advocacy, and enforcement. Visit www.nationalfairhousing.org to learn more.