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THE SPOTLIGHT

COASTAL CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

A Quarterly Newsletter from the Coastal Credit Union Foundation

TOP STORY

A Quarter Full of Impact

The third quarter was a busy one for the Coastal Credit Union Foundation, with opportunities to support our communities, connect with nonprofit partners and create experiences that make a difference. Here's a look back at some of the highlights.



60 Beds Built for Sleep In Heavenly Peace

Coastal Credit Union employees traded keyboards for power tools and rolled up their sleeves for a Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build. We built 60 twin beds for children in need of a safe, comfortable place to sleep. It was a hands-on reminder that sometimes the best way to make an impact is to grab a hammer and get to work.



Sip, Savor & Celebrate

The Foundation joined Coastal Credit Union members, community partners and the Coastal team to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of our Carrboro branch. Sip, Savor and Celebrate was an opportunity to raise a glass and connect with the community while celebrating the people and organizations helping make a difference. A special "thank you" to Ripe for Revival and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce for helping us celebrate this milestone.



Women In C-Suite: Celebrating Women Who Lead

Our Foundation partnered with the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation and the Tar Heel Chapter to bring together leaders for a Women in C-Suite event focused on leadership, connection and sharing perspectives. The event featured an engaging conversation with women in leadership, including Danielle Abbott of Civic FCU, Tabitha Allen of First Flight FCU, Leigh Brady of SECU, Christie Smith of Acclaim FCU, and was moderated by Emily Nail, Coastal CU Foundation Executive Director. Events like this create opportunities to learn from one another, build relationships and celebrate the women helping shape the future of the credit union and nonprofit communities.



Coastal Credit Union Music Park Education Series

What happens when you take students out of the classroom and put them behind the scenes at a major music venue? You get a memorable lesson in career possibilities, financial education and the business behind the music. As part of the Coastal Credit Union Music Park Education Series, students visited the venue for a behind-the-scenes tour and heard from Live Nation leaders about career opportunities in the music industry, including production, management and technology. It was a field trip experience that combined a venue tour, career-path discussions and financial education.

Investing In Community, Inspiring Change

The Coastal Credit Union Foundation is proud to support nonprofit organizations making a positive impact across North Carolina. Through our grants, we help address essential community needs, from financial well-being and affordable housing to workforce development, access to vital resources, and family support services. By investing in organizations that strengthen our communities, we help create opportunities, support individuals and families, and turn meaningful ideas into lasting impact.

2026 Second-Quarter ***FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS***

100 Black Men Triangle East

Through mentoring, educational programs, and leadership development, 100 Black Men Triangle East empowers young people to achieve academic success, build confidence, and become future community leaders.

100bmte.org





Money Box Academy

Money Box Academy promotes financial literacy and economic empowerment, equipping youth, families, and entrepreneurs with practical skills to manage money, build financial confidence, and pursue brighter futures.

moneyboxacademy.org

Oak City Cares

Oak City Cares connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness with coordinated services, essential resources, and support to help them overcome barriers and move toward stable housing.

oakcitycares.org



Champions For Change Is Changing

Sometimes It Pays To Volunteer

CHAMPION FOR CHANGE

Champions for Change is making a change. In 2027, we will be shining the spotlight on people you'd find behind the scenes, making a difference every day. They are the volunteers we like to call the real "Champions for Change."

Beginning in early 2027, the Coastal Credit Union Foundation will invite all the nonprofit organizations we support as well as Credit Union members and people from the communities we serve to nominate an outstanding volunteer to be recognized as a Champion for Change. The nominees will be those who go above and beyond, who give their time, energy and heart to help make their community stronger, someone who champions change. And we'll make it worth everyone's while. We'll select 1 name from all the nominees each quarter. The volunteer and the nonprofit they represent will each get $1,000!

If you know a Champion for Change, stay tuned! More information, including nomination dates and how to participate, will be coming soon.

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The Foundation awarded $273,000 in grants to 24 nonprofit organizations in the third quarter.



2026 Third-Quarter **GRANT RECIPIENTS**

From helping families access resources to creating educational opportunities and building stronger communities, every grant represents an investment in a better future.

- Dress for Success Triangle
- StepUp Ministry
- PLM Families Together, Inc
- North Carolina Housing Coalition, Inc
- KTLMinistries DBA Mom and Pops Giving Closet
- Jill M Taylor Dance Company
- Triangle Family Services
- Urban Ministries of Durham
- PORCH Communities
- Southeast Raleigh Promise
- I AM LIGHT MINISTRIES
- Camp Chameleon
- Youth Education for Savings (YES) Consortium
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle
- BEST NC
- Triangle Youth Music
- Habitat for Humanity Greater Raleigh
- Latinx Education Center
- Pee Wee Homes
- Families Moving Forward
- Urban Ministries of Wake County
- Hope Renovations
- United Way Greater Triangle
- The North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE)

Scholarship Applications Now Open!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2027

Planning for college? The Carolinas Credit Union Foundation Student Scholarship Program is now accepting applications for the 2027–2028 academic year. Students across North and South Carolina who are members of participating credit unions, including Coastal, are encouraged to apply. Scholarships recognize students who demonstrate qualities such as academic excellence, leadership, financial need and community involvement.



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Gather key materials, including transcripts, recommendation letters and your personal statement, and get started.

Save the Date



The 2027 Philanthropy Summit

April 27, 2027

Coastal CU Headquarters in Raleigh

The Coastal Credit Union Foundation and our credit union foundation partners are preparing for the next Philanthropy Summit in 2027. It's become an annual tradition with the nonprofit sector across the Carolinas, providing nonprofit organizations and community leaders with opportunities to share ideas, learn from one another and strengthen the impact of their work.

Stay tuned for registration details in early 2027.

Upcoming Community Events

THURSDAY October 29
TRUNK OR TREAT
1080 N. Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount

MONDAY November 9
WAKEED PARTNERSHIP STARS OF EDUCATION GALA
5pm-8pm | Raleigh Convention Center

GET INVOLVED

Hat Trick For The Home Team!

The NHL hockey season is back and Coastal Credit Union Foundation Nights are returning with the Carolina Hurricanes! We are once again partnering with the Canes to offer specially priced tickets to select Hurricanes games. And there's an added reason to get in on the action: a portion of every ticket sold supports the Coastal Credit Union Foundation.

TUESDAY December 8	**HURRICANES VS. RANGERS**
SATURDAY January 23	**HURRICANES VS. DUCKS**
THURSDAY February 25	**HURRICANES VS. SHARKS**
SUNDAY March 7	**HURRICANES VS. MAMMOTH**

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Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
canesgroups.com/Coastal

Last Chance To Enter The Music Park 50/50 Raffle



There's still time to get in on the Coastal Credit Union Music Park 50/50 Raffle! Visitors attending concerts and events at the Music Park can support the Coastal Credit Union Foundation while entering for a chance to win. So, if you're heading to the Music Park before October 30, keep an eye out for your chance to participate.