LEADERS IN PHILANTHROPY



The Marquis Society

2026 REGISTER



UNITED WAY
Cumberland County

United Way of Cumberland County celebrates philanthropic leaders whose dedication of time, talents, and resources drives meaningful change and addresses our community's most urgent needs.



Dear Marquis Family,

Thank you for being part of something bigger than any one person, organization, or program. Thank you for helping us expand the Circle of Hope across Cumberland County.

When the circle expands, hope expands with it and because of your generosity, we are seeing that hope in action.

Together, we are putting books into the hands of local children through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the Cumberland County Literacy Council. We are helping seniors and remain independent. We are helping families facing difficult seasons, supporting local food pantries, creating opportunities for youth, and helping connect people with critical health and community resources.

These are more than programs. They are moments of hope.

A child having access to quality literacy programing.
A senior receiving a meal and knowing someone cares.
A family keeping the lights on during a difficult month.
A young person finding a safe place after school.
A neighbor in crisis hearing the words, **"You are not alone."**

Your Marquis Society membership helps make it possible. Thank you for believing in Cumberland County. Thank you for standing with United Way. And thank you for helping us continue expanding the Circle of Hope.

Because when the circle grows, hope grows.

With sincere gratitude,

Scott Embry
Executive Director & CEO
United Way of Cumberland County

The Marquis Society recognizes its members across five distinguished levels, honoring their remarkable commitment to giving and the impact they make on our community.

ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE
gifts of $10,000 or above

MARQUIS
gifts of $5,000 to $9,999

COMTE
gifts of $2,500 to $4,999

BARON
gifts of $1,500 to $2,499

CHEVALIER
gifts of $1,000 to $1,499

As members of the Marquis Society continue to shape the philanthropic future of Cumberland County, United Way proudly reflects on more than 86 years of mobilizing resources and driving meaningful change.

The journey began on April 13, 1939, when seven local agencies came together to establish the Fayetteville Community Chest. Inspired by what The Fayetteville Observer called a "spontaneous demand on the part of citizens for an organization to combine drives for all worthy purposes into one big campaign," these pioneers laid the foundation for a lasting culture of community care.

Today, that same spirit of innovation and collaboration fuels United Way of Cumberland County, guiding our work to raise funds, build awareness, and support vital health and human services that strengthen and transform lives across the community.



ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE

Honoring gifts of $10,000 or above

Steve & Mavis Blanchard

Franklin S. Clark, lll

Dick & Ashton Fox

Ralph & Linda Huff

Wes & Lucy Jones

Ray & Daphne Manning

Sammy & Carol Short

Ben & Victoria Stout

MARQUIS

Honoring gifts $5,000 to $9,999

Dohn & Sharri Broadwell

Timothy Bryant

Jimmy & Nancy Duke

Donald E. Flow

Will Gillis

Paul & Carolyn Hinson

COMTE

Honoring gifts $2,500 to $4,999

Lisa G. Barbee
Howard & Marta Bullard
Jan Cobb
Ned Johnson
Beth Keeney
Karl & Lynn Legatski
Vanessa McClain-Gray
Mick & Karen Noland
Anonymous

BARON

Honoring gifts $1,500 to $2,499

Kevin & Jenny Bunn
Ike Copeland
Rita L. Gunter
Mary Flagg & Jim Haugh
Douglas Hewett
Jane Horrocks
Ashley Jackson
Alex & Juliana Keith
Candice S. Kirtz
Georgette Miller
Michelle L. Shaver
William & Kathryn Stiff
Jerry & Alice Teele
Jay C. Toland

CHEVALIER

Honoring gifts $1,000 to $1,499

Charlie Adams
Wells Alderman
Ernest L. Alston
Glenn Andersen
Samuel Atkins
Sandra Austin
Albert A. Baker
Seth Bailey
Seth Bailey Sr.
Sara Ballard
Tange Bennett
Jack C. Brady
Jason D. Briggs
Tiffany D. Brisson
Stephen Brown
Michael & Dawn Bryant
Alan & Lisa Buffaloe
Tyson Chavonne
Tony & Joanne Chavonne
Letitia R. Cisco-Smith
Louis & Edwina Clark
Joanne B. Copeland
Diona Curtis
Fred W. Cutter
Jacqueline Y. DeJesus-McGill
Murray Duggins
Scott & Misty Embry
Emmanuel Emekaekwue
Bill & Dede Hedgepeth

CHEVALIER CONTINUED

Honoring gifts $1,000 to $1,499

Willie J. Johnson
Tom & Anne Keith
Jane Fields
Bryan Floyd
Adam & Lauren Furr
Rhonda G. Graham
Anna M. Gray
Walter & Deborah Greene
Rakesh Gupta
George V. Hamilton
Daniel E. Harbaugh
Amanda R. Harrell
Bill & Judy Harrison
Alexandria T. Hasapis
Ka'Twon Hill
Robert & Dorothy Hine
Marie Hines
Peggy Holland-Grantham
Kevin A. Howell
Stephen C. Johnson
Donnisha Jones
Michael Kane
Todd Kenthack
Earl F. Klinck
Jim & Shirley Konneker
Mark O. Lawler

CHEVALIER CONTINUED

Honoring gifts $1,000 to $1,499

Garry W. McClendon
Adrein Leavitt
Marie M. Lilly
Carole E. Mangum
Maxwell Matthews
Derrick L. McArthur
Brian McGill
Grace McGrath
Megan Mears
Cassie Miller
Michael Millien
Richard Movius
Sharon Moyer
Yamile Nazar
Robert Oates
Virginia T. Oliver
Kelly T. Olivera
Duane Osborne
Yamilet Padilla
Pavan Patel
Tonya D. Palmer-Price
Henry & Diane Parfitt
Tyler Patton
Jodi W. Phelps
W.C. & Bunny Powers
Rose Rasmussen

CHEVALIER CONTINUED

Honoring gifts $1,000 to $1,499

Shannon Pow
Brook M. Redding
Melissa R. Reid
Tim Richardson
Jonathan G. Rynne
Ronnie A. Saenz
Deirdre Scott
Jeremy & Kristin Seeland
Shamar Sellers
Paula R. Shambach
Robert & Rory Spicer
Randall N. Spivey
Shirley Stallings
Timothy Stankiewicz
Max Taylor
David W. Trego
Rodney Tremble
Annette Webster
Kimberly L. Wright
Jeffrey Yates
Anonymous

OUR GRANTS

Partnership Program Funding Grant
Youth Growth Stock Trust Grant
Emergency Food & Shelter Program Grant

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT PARTNERS

American Red Cross
Better Health of Cumberland County
Catholic Charities of Raleigh Diocese
Connections of Cumberland County
Cumberland County CommuniCare
Cumberland County Council on Older Adults
Fayetteville Urban Ministry
Girl Scouts - NC Coastal Pines Council
Greater Life of Fayetteville
Scouting America - Occoneechee Council
Vision Resource Center

OUR CONTRACT PARTNERS

Partnership for Children of Cumberland County

COMMUNITY IMPACT AREAS

Basic Critical Needs & Financial Stability
Education
Health

INITIATIVES

Cumberland County Literacy Council
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
Leadership Development Program
NC 211

COMMUNITY FUNDED PROGRAMS

Adult Literacy & Education Center
Community Care Giving Circle
Community Engagement Program
Day Resource Center for Women and Children
Diabetes Management
Disaster Services
Domestic Violence Advocacy
Emergency Assistance
Emergency Medical Direct Aid
Find-A-Friend Mentoring Program
Food Pantry Services
Intervention & Prevention After School Programs
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services
Nehemiah Emergency Home Repair Program
Preparedness Health and Safety Program
Senior Nutrition Services
Services to Armed Forces
VRC On The Move Programs for Visually Impaired
Youth Scouting Program

Our community was built on vision, compassion and dedicated leadership. The same ideas continue to be what makes this community strong.

Thank you for your support!





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