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**Giving Where You Live: Forsyth County Community Foundation Invites Community to Invest in Local Impact**

***Philanthropy in action creates a pivotal moment for Forsyth County nonprofits***

**Forsyth County, GA** — The Forsyth County Community Foundation (FCCF) is entering a new chapter in its mission to strengthen Forsyth County through generosity, local leadership, and community-driven philanthropy—creating a meaningful opportunity for the community to be part of what comes next.

Established in 2015 as an affiliate of the North Georgia Community Foundation (NGCF), FCCF was formed in response to growing local interest in philanthropy and a shared desire to support the nonprofit agencies serving Forsyth County.

At the end of 2025, NGCF pledged \$1 million to the Forsyth County Community Foundation to further strengthen and endow the FCCF Community Grant Endowment Fund—positioning it for the launch of its first-ever community grant cycle. This transformational investment was matched dollar-for-dollar by Tommy Bagwell, a longtime philanthropist, friend of NGCF, and champion of Forsyth County—bringing \$2 million in new investment to the fund and ensuring sustainable, long-term support for Forsyth County nonprofits.

The inaugural grant cycle will open April 1 and will be available exclusively to nonprofits serving Forsyth County. Community members are encouraged to give to the FCCF Community Grant Endowment Fund and come alongside this shared mission of strengthening Forsyth County.

“FCCF has faithfully built relationships, trust, and momentum around the power of philanthropy,” said Mary Helen McGruder, Chair of the Forsyth County Community Foundation Advisory Board and a founding member of FCCF. “This moment represents more than a grant cycle—it marks the beginning of FCCF’s annual commitment: an invitation for our community to come together, invest where we live, and ensure that Forsyth County nonprofits have the support they need year after year.”

Local nonprofits are facing increased demand alongside reductions in traditional funding sources, making community-driven philanthropy more essential than ever.

“The Forsyth County Community Foundation exists because this community has both the generosity and the foresight to care for its own,” said Michelle Prater, President and CEO of the North Georgia Community Foundation. “By administering FCCF and this grant cycle, NGCF is proud to help steward local giving in a way that is thoughtful, sustainable, and impactful. Giving to the FCCF Community Grant Endowment Fund provides a clear and trusted avenue for individuals, families, and businesses to support the nonprofits that serve Forsyth County every day.”

For more information about the Forsyth County Community Foundation or to learn how to give, visit [ngcf.org/fccf](https://ngcf.org/fccf).