



May 4, 2017

Congressman Mark Meadows  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations  
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight & Government Reform  
1024 Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Meadows:

Thank you for holding a hearing on the important topic of Examining a Church's Right to Free Speech. The freedom to advocate is a fundamental right for all 501(c)(3) organizations, including churches. Because this right to free speech is embedded in existing law, the North Carolina Center *for* Nonprofits calls on Congress to fully preserve the longstanding provision in 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that strikes a perfect balance by enabling charitable nonprofits, religious institutions, and foundations to advocate while also protecting these organizations from the divisiveness and rancor of partisan politics that currently bedevils our country.

The North Carolina Center *for* Nonprofits – the largest sector-wide network of nonprofits in North Carolina, with nearly 1,500 active organizational members – is not alone in our firm opposition to any changes to this longstanding law. Last month, 396 organizations in North Carolina – charities, religious congregations, foundations, and others concerned about the health of the community, stood resolutely in opposition to changing the existing protection in Section 501(c)(3) sometimes called the “Johnson Amendment” (after then Senate Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson who offered an amendment adopted without opposition by the majority in the Senate and later passed by the Republican-controlled House and signed by President Eisenhower in 1954).

Those North Carolina organizations were part of nearly 4,500 organizations from all 50 states that signed a joint Community Letter in Support of Nonprofit Nonpartisanship. Many of our state's most trusted organizations and our nation's largest networks of Section 501(c)(3) organizations proudly signed the letter on behalf of the tens of thousands of their members. A sampling of the charitable nonprofits groups signing the letter includes: MANNA Food Bank, Literacy Council of Buncombe County, Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville, Henderson County Free Medical Clinic, Smart Start of Transylvania County, Tryon Fine Arts Center, United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County, Foundation For The Carolinas, Urban Ministries of Wake County, Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina, Special Olympics North Carolina, Americans for the Arts, Catholic Charities USA, Council on Foundations, Feeding America, Girl Scouts USA, Goodwill Industries, Habitat for Humanity, League of Women Voters, National Council of Churches, National Council of Nonprofits, and Volunteers of America. See the enclosed Community Letter delivered to your Washington office on April 5, 2017.

These charitable, philanthropic, and religious organizations must earn the public's trust daily in order to advance their missions. And the public has made very clear that they do not want the law weakened or destroyed. A recent nationwide poll revealed that 72 percent of Americans do not want partisan politics polluting their local nonprofits or houses of worship. The opposition of religious leaders to mixing church and partisan politics is even

starker, with almost nine out of ten evangelical pastors (89 percent) declaring that they want to keep partisan politics out of their churches.

The Johnson Amendment lays out the ground rules that help insulate 501(c)(3) organizations from getting entangled in partisan politics. The law provides that charitable nonprofits can't endorse or oppose candidates for office, can't coordinate their activities with candidates, political parties, or PACs, and must refrain from making political campaign contributions. While much of the discussion about the Johnson Amendment has focused on political speech by religious institutions, the underlying law is essential to preserving the integrity of all charitable nonprofits, including food banks, hospices, child care services, hospitals, arts organizations, schools, and affordable housing providers.

Eliminating or weakening the Johnson Amendment would mean that individual 501(c)(3) nonprofits could come to be regarded as *Democratic charities* or *Republican charities* instead of the nonpartisan problem solvers they are. In today's polarized political environment, this would diminish the public's overall trust in the nonprofit sector and consequently would limit nonprofits' effectiveness in carrying out their mission-related programs and activities.

The current law also ensures that donors' charitable contributions are used for the charitable, religious, and educational purposes for which they are intended rather than being diverted to political parties or candidates. Without this assurance, many donors will feel less comfortable giving generously to nonprofits. Also, if the prohibition on partisanship by 501(c)(3) organizations were eliminated, private foundations and community foundations (which also fall under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) would likely be pressured to spend their money on political campaigns rather than investing it in the work of community-based nonprofits.

A change in the law is not necessary to protect free speech rights of religious institutions and other charitable nonprofits. Under the current law, churches and other nonprofits – and their individual clergy, staff, and board leaders – have three significant legal avenues for making their voices heard on policy issues without getting involved in partisan politics.

First, 501(c)(3) nonprofits—including churches – can advocate on policy issues. Charitable nonprofits can help shape the public dialogue on topics related to their missions, such as the needs of homeless veterans, the effectiveness of early childhood education, or the best ways of delivering health care to individuals with mental illness. ***Leaders of nonprofit religious institutions often – and properly – help inform their congregations about a variety of policy issues important to their faith, such as the sanctity of all human life, social justice, immigration policy, and religious freedom.*** Federal tax law even allows charitable nonprofits to lobby to directly influence legislation related to their missions.

Second, nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers are free to get involved in politics as long as they clearly separate their personal political activity from their nonprofit's operations. Many clergy and nonprofit leaders share their political views on social media, work or volunteer for political campaigns, donate their money to political causes, and even run for office.

Third, nonprofits that are interested in taking sides in partisan politics have the option of seeking tax-exemption under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. While 501(c)(3) nonprofits must remain nonpartisan, other types of tax-exempt organizations – including 501(c)(4) social welfare organizations like the National Rifle Association and the Sierra Club, 501(c)(5) labor unions, and Section 501(c)(6) trade associations – can endorse candidates and contribute financially to political campaigns. Unlike 501(c)(3) nonprofits, these organizations don't rely on tax-deductible charitable contributions for their revenue, since the charitable deduction is premised on the notion that donations are used for public purposes that help entire communities rather than for potentially divisive political purposes.

The current law on nonpartisanship is a major reason why charitable nonprofits are safe havens from politics, a place where North Carolinians from across the political spectrum can come together to actually solve community problems rather than simply posture and attack people with differing viewpoints. Eliminating or restricting this

law would have significant negative ramifications for nonprofits, their donors, and the communities that they serve. Keeping the law the way it is would benefit all 501(c)(3) nonprofits, including churches, throughout the state of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R Heinen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David R. Heinen  
Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy

Enclosure:  
Community Letter in Support of Nonpartisanship – North Carolina and National signers (April 5, 2017)



# Community Letter in Support of Nonpartisanship

April 5, 2017

The Honorable Mark Meadows  
1024 Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Mark Meadows:

The undersigned organizations strongly oppose proposals that would politicize the charitable nonprofit and philanthropic community by repealing or weakening current federal tax law protections that prohibit 501(c)(3) organizations from endorsing, opposing, or contributing to political candidates.

Nonpartisanship is a cornerstone principle that has strengthened the public's trust of the charitable community. In exchange for enjoying tax-exempt status and the ability to receive tax-deductible contributions, 501(c)(3) organizations – charitable nonprofits, including religious congregations, and foundations – agree to not engage in “any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.”

That provision of law protects the integrity and independence of charitable nonprofits and foundations. It shields the entire 501(c)(3) community against the rancor of partisan politics so the charitable community can be a safe haven where individuals of all beliefs come together to solve community problems free from partisan divisions. It screens out doubts and suspicions regarding ulterior partisan motives of charitable organizations, as undoubtedly would occur if even just a few charitable organizations engaged in partisan politics. Nonpartisan credibility is critical to the ability of 501(c)(3) organizations to work with elected officials of all parties at the local, state, and federal levels to address community needs.

Charitable nonprofits, including religious congregations, are free to speak on important matters of the day and advocate on public policy issues and legislation. Private foundations, while barred from most lobbying activities, are free to engage in public debates, promote public education efforts, and fund a wide range of issue-focused activities. The relevant language in Section 501(c)(3) merely prohibits partisan campaign intervention, defined to include endorsing or opposing candidates for public office, publishing or distributing statements for or against candidates, or using tax-deductible and other resources to support partisan campaign activities.

We are united in opposing any and all efforts to weaken or repeal this longstanding protection in the federal tax code (sometimes called the Johnson Amendment) that President Eisenhower signed into law in 1954. Weakening the law by allowing leaders of individual 501(c)(3) entities to endorse candidates for public office and engage in some partisan electioneering activities would damage the integrity and effectiveness of all charitable organizations and spawn litigation as innovative partisans seek to expand gray areas in the proposed legislation. Repealing the Johnson Amendment, an approach promoted by the President and some in Congress, would damage the federal Treasury as people take tax deductions for political contributions they could then funnel through charitable nonprofits, undercut fair elections by providing a loophole to avoid campaign contribution disclosure laws, and empower politicians to exert pressure for access to foundation assets and charitable funds for their own partisan campaigns rather than for the public good.

We urge you to join us in opposing efforts to weaken and/or repeal the current law that for six decades has successfully protected the integrity and effectiveness of charitable nonprofits and foundations by keeping them apart from partisan politics.

Respectfully,

2-14 Connect	Fayetteville	Big Brothers Big Sister of Greater Charlotte	Charlotte
A Better Life Animal Rescue, Inc.	Morganton	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Piedmont	
Achievement Academy of Durham	Durham	Black Mountain Parks and Recreation Foundation	Black Mountain
ACRA, Inc.	Durham	Blowing Rock Art & History Museum	
Ada Jenkins Families and Careers Development Center	Davidson	Blue Ridge Literacy Council	Hendersonville
Addiction Recovery Care Association, Inc.	Winston-Salem	Boomerang Youth, Inc.	
Affordable Housing Management, Inc.	Greensboro	Boundless Impact	Greensboro
Aids Community Residence Association		Bounty & Soul	Black Mountain
Alamance County Arts Council		Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County	Brevard
Albemarle Hospital Foundation	Elizabeth City	Bullington Gardens, Inc.	Hendersonville
Alexander Children's Foundation	Charlotte	Burke Charitable Properties Board	Morganton
Alexander Youth Network	Charlotte	Burke County United Way	Morganton
American Children's Home		Burke United Christian Ministries	Morganton
Americans United for Separation of Church and State	Chocowinity	Cabarrus County Education Foundation	Concord
Americans United for the Separation of Church and State	Hillsborough	Cabarrus Meals on Wheels	Kannapolis
Anchor Community Resources	Mint Hill	Caldwell Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc.	Lenoir
Apex Arts Council, Inc.	Apex	Cape Fear Botanical Garden	Fayetteville
Apparo	Charlotte	Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity	Wilmington
Arts & Science Council of Charlotte Mecklenburg	Charlotte	Cape Fear Literacy Council	Wilmington
Arts Council of Henderson County	Hendersonville	Cape Fear Volunteer Center and Big Buddy	Wilmington
Arts Davidson County		Care Ring, Inc.	Charlotte
Artspace	Raleigh	Carolina Ballet	Raleigh
Ashe Outreach		Carolina Farm Stewardship Association	Pittsboro
Asheville Area Arts Council	Asheville	Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy	Hendersonville
Asheville Museum of Science	Asheville	Carolina Partners Foundation	Raleigh
Aura Home Women Vets	Asheville	Carolina Pregnancy Center	Greenville
Autism Services of Mecklenburg County, Inc.	Charlotte	Carolina Raptor Center	Charlotte
Beach Food Pantry	Kitty Hawk	Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency	Charlotte
Beaufort County United Way	Chocowinity	Carolina Tiger Rescue	Pittsboro
Beer Army Foundation	New Bern	Carolina Wetlands Association	Cary
BEST - Brothers Excelling with Self-sufficiency to Thrive	Greensboro	Carolina Wren Press	Durham
Bethlehem Center of Charlotte	Charlotte		



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Carteret County Historical Society	Morehead City	Don & Catharine Bryan Cultural Series	Nags Head
Catawba County Partnership for Children	Hickory	Dorcas Ministries	Cary
Catawba County United Way		DREAMS of Wilmington	Wilmington
CCCS of WNC, Inc. dba OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling	Asheville	Durham County Community Living Programs, Inc.	Durham
Center for Death Penalty Litigation	Durham	Durham Library Foundation	Durham
Center for Prevention Services	Charlotte	Eagle International	Winston Salem
Center for Sustainable Change	Charlotte	Eagle's Wings Food Pantry	Washington
Chamber Music Raleigh	Raleigh	East Coast Greenway Alliance	Durham
Chapel Hill Day Care Center	Chapel Hill	El Centro Hispano, Inc.	Durham
Charlotte Community Health Clinic	Charlotte	Elinvar	Raleigh
Charlotte Community Services Association	Charlotte	Elizabeth City Habitat For Humanity	Elizabeth City
Child Care Services Association		Emily K Center	
Children First/Communities in Schools of Buncombe County	Asheville	ENC Stop Human Trafficking Now	Farmville
Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina		Exceptional Children's Assistance Center	Davidson
Children's Theater Festival	Tryon	Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Iredell, Inc. d/b/a SCAN of Iredell	Statesville
Clean Water for North Carolina	Asheville	Exploring Joara Foundation	Morganton
Communities In Schools of Chatham County	Siler City	F.I.R.E. International Ministries	Matthews
Communities in Schools of Wake County	Raleigh	Families First in Cabarrus County	
Community Care Clinic of Rowan County	Salisbury	Family Care Center of Catawba Valley, Inc.	Hickory
Community Empowerment Fund	Chapel Hill	Family Promise of Wake County	Raleigh
Community Free Clinic	Concord	Family Services of Davidson County	Lexington
Community Home Trust	Chapel Hill	Family Services, Inc.	Winston-Salem
Community Housing Coalition of Madison County	Marshall	Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity	Fayetteville
Community Music School of Raleigh	Raleigh	Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra	Fayetteville
Cone Health Foundation	Greensboro	Feline Urgent Rescue of WNC	Waynesville
Creative Peacemakers	Asheville	Fellowship Hall	Greensboro
Culture's Edge	Black Mountain	First Congregational UCC	Asheville
Cumberland Community Foundation	Fayetteville	FIRST North Carolina	Greensboro
DC Transitional Services	Thomasville	Fletcher Community Chorus	Hendersonville
Democracy North Carolina	Durham	Florence Crittenton Services of NC	Charlotte
Diana Wortham Theatre	Asheville	Food for Thought	
Dignify Teachers	Huntersville	Foundation Center Carolinas	Charlotte
Disability Rights North Carolina	Raleigh	Foundation for the Carolinas	Charlotte
Disciples Educating People	Wake Forest	Franklin County Arts Council	Louisburg
Domestic Animal Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Center	Camden	Freedom House Behavioral Health Care/Recovery Center	North Carolina
		Friends of State Parks	Raleigh
		Friends of the Overmountain Victory Trail	Morganton
		Friendship Trays	Charlotte

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Girl Scouts Peaks to Piedmont	East Bend	Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation	Hatteras
Girls on the Run of the Triangle	Durham	Haywood Animal Welfare	Waynesville
Girls on the Run of Western North Carolina	Asheville	Association, Inc.	
Global Partners for Fathers and Families, LLC		Haywood County Schools Foundation	Waynesville
Grace Martin Harwell Senior Center Partners Inc.		Helping Hands Clinic Caldwell	Lenoir
Graham Children's Health Services	Burnsville	Henderson County Free Medical Clinic d/b/a The Free Clinics	Hendersonville
Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry	Hickory	Henderson County Habitat for Humanity	Hendersonville
Green Opportunities	Asheville	Henderson County Young Leaders Program d/b/a Camplify	Hendersonville
Green River Preserve	Cedar Mountain	Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation	Lake Lure
Greensboro Housing Coalition	Greensboro	High Country Audubon Society	Boone
Growing Rural Opportunities	Mill Spring	High Country Caregiver Foundation	Boone
Habitat for Humanity Cabarrus County	Concord	Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust	Highlands
Habitat for Humanity of Burke County	Morganton	Homeward Bound of WNC	Asheville
Habitat for Humanity of Davie County	Mocksville	Interfaith Assistance Ministry	Hendersonville
Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County	Winston Salem	International Agape Mission	Apex
Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County	Gastonia	International Focus, Inc.	Raleigh
Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne	Goldsboro	International House	Charlotte
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro	Greensboro	Isuccess Academies, Inc.	Goldsboro
Habitat for Humanity of Harnett County	Dunn	Jackson County Arts Council	
Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County, Inc.	Lincolnton	James C. Harper School of Performing Arts	Lenoir
Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina	Raleigh	Jeff Gordon Children's Foundation	Charlotte
Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills	Aberdeen	Jewish Family Services of Greater Charlotte	Charlotte
Habitat for Humanity of Wake County		Jewish Family Services of WNC, Inc.	Asheville
Habitat for Humanity Upper Yadkin Valley	Winston-Salem	John C. Campbell Folk School	Brasstown
Halifax-Northampton Habitat for Humanity	Roanoke Rapids	Jumbo Arts International	Red Springs
Hands-and-Feet of Asheville	Asheville	Junior League of Charlotte	
HandsOn Northwest North Carolina	Winston-Salem	KidSenses, Inc.	Rutherfordton
Harnett Health Foundation	Dunn	King Outreach Ministry	King
		Kiwanis Club of Black Mountain Swannanoa Foundation	Black Mountain
		Latin American Coalition	Charlotte
		League of Women Voters of Asheville-Buncombe County	North Carolina
		Learning Illumination Center	Raleigh
		Levine Museum of the New South	Charlotte
		LGBT Center of Raleigh	Raleigh
		Literacy Council of Buncombe County	Asheville
		Literacy Council of Union County	Monroe
		Loaves & Fishes, Inc.	Charlotte
		Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Raleigh



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Long Branch Environmental Education Center	Leicester	North Carolina Center for Nonprofits	Raleigh
Loving Food Resources	Asheville	North Carolina Coastal Land Trust	Wilmington
Mainspring Conservation Trust, Inc.	Franklin	North Carolina Council of Churches	Raleigh
MANNA Food Bank	Asheville	North Carolina Friends of State Parks	Raleigh
Marion Business Association	Marion	North Carolina Holocaust Foundation	Raleigh
Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center	Highlands	North Carolina Master Chorale	Raleigh
Matthews Free Medical Clinic	Matthews	North Carolina Railway Museum, Inc.	New Hill
McColl Center for Art + Innovation	Charlotte	North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association	Raleigh
McDowell County Health Coalition	Marion	North Carolina Writers' Network	
McDowell Mission Ministries, Inc.	Research	North Carolinians Against Gun Violence	Durham
MCNC	Triangle Park	North Mecklenburg Child Development Assoc.	Davidson
Meals on Wheels Durham	Durham	Northwestern Housing Enterprises, Inc.	Boone
Mental Health Association in Greensboro, Inc.	Greensboro	Old Bridge Preservation Society	Sunset Beach
Metrolina Association for the Blind, Inc.		Orange County Rural Alliance	Hillsborough
Mig Murphy Siström, CPA, PC	Durham	Orange Durham Americans United	Hillsborough
Military Missions In Action		Organic Growers School	
Mission 39	New Bern	Our Towns Habitat for Humanity	
Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation	Bakersville	Outer Banks Sporting Events	Nags Head
Mitchell County SafePlace, Inc.	Spruce Pine	Partners for Cats	Morganton
Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity	Burnsville	Partners for Youth Opportunity	Durham
Mosaic Development Group, Inc.	Charlotte	Partners, Grace Martin Harwell Senior Center	Washington
MountainTrue	Asheville	Partnership for Children Guilford County	Greensboro
Music for a Great Space	Greensboro	Pastor's Pantry (Targeting Senior Hunger)	Lexington
N.C. Association of Feeding America Food Banks		Pathfinder Community School	
NARAL Pro-Choice NC Foundation	Durham	Patricia's Angels	Charlotte
National Balloon Rally Charities	Statesville	Patriot Military Family Foundation	Mooresville
NC Child	Raleigh	Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden	Kernersville
NC Composting Council	Raleigh	Pender Alliance for Teen Health (PATH)	Burgaw
NC Conservation Network	Raleigh	Perihelion Theater Company	
NC Housing Coalition	Raleigh	Philharmonic Association, Inc.	Cary
NC Justice Center	Raleigh	Piano vs. Poverty	Winston-Salem
NC Oregon Ducks Youth sports	Charlotte	Pitt County Council on Aging	Greenville
NCNG Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Fund	Raleigh	Playing to Live!	Asheville
New Hope Road Alliance		PlayMakers Repertory Company	Chapel Hill
North American Bramble Growers Research Foundation	Pittsboro	PORCH, or People Offering Relief for Chapel Hill-Carrboro Homes	Chapel Hill
North Carolina Breastfeeding Coalition	Chapel Hill		

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Present Age Ministries		SHIFT NC	Durham
Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina	Raleigh	Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.	Jacksonville
Prevent Child Abuse Rowan	Salisbury	Sisters of Mercy of North Carolina Foundation	Belmont
PrimaDonna, Inc.	Goldsboro	Smart Start of Burke County	Morganton
Purpose Of God Annex Outreach Center	Washington	Smart Start Transylvania County	Brevard
RAIN	Charlotte	SocialWork Staffing	
Raleigh Immigrant Community, Inc.	Raleigh	Sound Rivers	Washington, New Bern, and Raleigh
Raleigh North Christian Center		South Orange Rescue Squad	Carrboro
Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society Community Dental Health Program, Inc. (/db/a Wake Smiles)	Raleigh	Southeast Recycling Development Council	Hendersonville
Read and Feed	Cary	Southern Documentary Fund	
ReDirections of Rockingham County	Reidsville	Special Olympics North Carolina	Morrisville
Region A Partnership for Children	Sylva	Stan Neighborhood Youth Center	Fayetteville
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	Burgaw`	Step Up Family Fitness Center, Inc.	
		Student Environmental Education Coalition	Chapel Hill
Ricky's Hope Incorporated	Raleigh	Student U	Durham
Rockingham County Tennis Association	Madison	Synergy of Hope	Arden
Romeo's Rescue		Telamon Corporation	Raleigh
Rones Chapel Area Community Center	Mount Olive	The Adaptables, Inc.	Winston-Salem
Rowan County Literacy Council, Inc.	Salisbury	The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough	Hillsborough
Rural Education Partners of Mitchell County (NC)	Mitchell County	The Arc of Greensboro, Inc.	Greensboro
Rural Health Group, Inc.	Roanoke Rapids	The Arc of the Triangle, Inc.	Raleigh
Rutherford Housing Partnership	Rutherfordton	The Arc of Union/Cabarrus	Monroe
Rutherford Life Services	Spindale	The Botanical Gardens at Asheville	Asheville
Ruth's House	Washington	The Carolina Philharmonic	Pinehurst
Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Society, Inc.	Salisbury	The Carolina Theatre of Greensboro, NC	Greensboro
Saluda Community Land Trust (SCLT)	Saluda	The Catawba Lands Conservancy	
Saluda Living in Place	Saluda	The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina	Asheville
Saluda Senior Center	Saluda	The Council on Aging of Buncombe County	Asheville
Samara's Village	Southport	The Fund for Mitchell County	Spruce Pine
Sandhills Area Land Trust	Southern Pines	The Kadampa Center	Raleigh
Second Family Foundation	Carrboro	The Kyla Alliance	
Senior Services, Inc.	Winston-Salem	The Lanier Library Association	Tryon
Serene Ambitions	North Topsail Beach	The Mattamuskeet Foundation, Inc.	Ayden
Shepherd's Care Medical Clinic	Zebulon	The North Carolina Biotechnology Center	Research Triangle Park
		The Outer Banks Hotline, Inc.	Manteo

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The Rape, Child and Family Abuse Crisis Council of Salisbury-Rowan, Inc.	Salisbury	Wildflower Cottage for Children	Durham
The Refining Life, Inc.		Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry, Inc.	Wilmington
The Winston-Salem Foundation	Winston-Salem	Wilson Area Habitat for Humanity	Wilson
Theatre Charlotte	Charlotte	Wilson Family YMCA	Wilson
Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry	Columbus	Winer Family Foundation	charlotte
Triad Golden Retriever Rescue, Inc.	Greensboro	WinGS, Inc. Workers in God's Service	
Triad Restorative Justice	Winston-Salem	WNC Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State	Hendersonville
Triangle Aphasia Project Unlimited	Cary	WNC Communities	Asheville
Tryon Arts and Crafts School	Tryon	Women's Resource Center of Greensboro, Inc.	Greensboro
Tryon Fine Arts Center	Tryon	Women's Resource Center, Inc.	Hickory
Twin Rivers YMCA	New Bern	Work Family Resource Center	Winston Salem
Union County (NC) Education Foundation		Woven Earth	
Union-Anson County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Monroe	Wrightsville Beach Museum	Wrightsville Beach
United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County	RALEIGH	YMCA of Western North Carolina	Asheville
United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County	Asheville	Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of the Triangle	Durham
United Way of Burke County		YWCA Asheville	Asheville
United Way of Cumberland County	Fayetteville		
United Way of Forsyth County	Winston-Salem		
United Way of Henderson County	Hendersonville		
United Way of Lee County	Sanford		
United Way of North Carolina	Cary		
United Way of Vance County	Henderson		
University of Mount Olive	Mount Olive		
Upper Yadkin Valley Habitat for Humanity	Elkin		
Urban Ministries of Wake County	Raleigh		
Valle Crucis Community Park	Valle Crucis		
Vet Pharmacy	Candler		
Vets-Help, Inc.	Mooreville		
Village Hands Foundation	Raleigh		
Vision Resource Center	Fayetteville		
Vital	Asheville		
Volunteers for Youth			
Wade Edwards Foundation (WELL)	Raleigh		
Wake County SmartStart	Raleigh		
Wake Enterprises, Inc.	Raleigh		
Warwick Valley Community Center	Warwick		
We are the Triangle Traditional Music and Dance Retirement Society	North Carolina		
Weatherspoon Art Museum	Greensboro		
Western Wake Crisis Ministry	Apex		

## National Organizations

Abila  
Accreditation Council for Psychoanalytic Education, Inc.  
AdoptAClassroom.org  
Alliance for Strong Families and Communities  
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation  
American Alliance of Museums  
American Association of Anatomists  
American Association of Physics Teachers  
American Association of Teachers of German  
American Bladder Cancer Society  
American Board of Venous & Lymphatic Medicine  
American Brass Chamber Music Association  
American Conference of Academic Deans  
American Heart Association  
American Historical Association  
American Jewish Committee  
American Medical Association Foundation  
American Physiological Society  
American Podiatric Medical Association, Inc.

American Red Cross  
Americans for the Arts  
Americans Promoting Study Abroad  
Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
Amyloidosis Foundation  
Annie E. Casey Foundation  
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center  
Association for Jewish Outreach Professionals  
Association of American Colleges and Universities  
Association of Art Museum Directors  
Association of Direct Response Fundraising Counsel  
Association of Fundraising Professionals  
Association of Immunization Managers  
Association of Nature Center Administrators  
Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice  
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty  
Baptist Women in Ministry  
Barr Foundation  
BoardSource  
Brady Campaign and Center to Prevent Gun Violence  
Camp Fire  
Campion Foundation  
Catholic Charities USA  
Catholic Mobilizing Network  
Center for Health, Environment & Justice  
Center for Inquiry  
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation  
Citizen Schools  
CleanSlateNow  
Commonwealth Fund  
Council on Foundations  
Council for Global Equality  
Dance USA  
Dementia Society, Inc.  
Democracy 21  
Destination & Travel Foundation  
Dietel Partners, LLC  
Disability Rights Advocacy Fund  
Ecology Project International  
Engineering Conferences International  
Feed the Children  
Feeding America  
Food & Water Watch  
Ford Foundation  
Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers  
Free Press  
Girl Scouts of the USA  
Girls Inc.  
Global Integrity  
Goodwill Industries, International  
Grantmakers for Effective Organizations  
Greater Nonprofits  
GuideStar  
Habitat for Humanity International  
Harbor Compliance  
HawkWatch International  
Hindu American Foundation  
Histiocytosis Foundation  
Horizons National  
Human Science Institute  
Independent Sector  
International Essential Tremor Foundation  
International Hearing Dog, Inc.  
International Performing Arts for Youth  
International Primate Protection League  
Issue One  
Jessie Ball DuPont Fund  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
Jewish Federations of North America  
Leadership USA  
League of American Orchestras  
League of Women Voters  
Leukemia Research Foundation  
Local Learning: The National Network for Folk Arts in Education  
Lumina Foundation  
Lymphoma Foundation of America  
Migraine Research Foundation  
Mentors International  
Morino Ventures, LLC  
National Association of Charitable Gift Planners  
National Association of Health Data Organizations  
National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)  
National Association of Watch and Collectors  
NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Center for Appropriate Technology  
National Center for Fire and Life Safety  
National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy

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Nursing Excellence  
National Human Services Assembly  
National Indian Child Welfare Association  
National LGBTQ Task Force  
National Organization for Albinism and  
Hypopigmentation  
National Runaway Safeline  
National Safe Place Network  
National Tongan American Society  
NEO Law Group  
North American Bramble Growers Research  
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