

SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER



WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

<https://helpcarolina.org>

FIRST ARP CHURCH— PARTNERS IN PURPOSE

HELP Carolina sincerely thanks First ARP Church for three years of generous hospitality. Your support has been vital to our mission, helping us serve the unhoused with dignity, compassion, and consistency.



QUARTER TWO IMPACT

From April to June:

- 18 individuals received support (14 adults, 4 children across 10 households)
- 9 exited the program after reaching key milestones
- 9 continue to receive services
- We served youth under 25, single parents, and individuals experiencing chronic homelessness

**VOLUNTEER.
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Passionate about making a difference? HELP Carolina is looking for volunteers and board members to help us end homelessness and uplift our community. Get involved: <https://helpcarolina.org/events!>



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TESTIMONIALS

“HELP Carolina stayed with us even after we got housing. They checked in, encouraged us, and made sure we never felt alone.”

— Former Client, Stably Housed for 3 Years

HELP Carolina Honored for Community Impact
St. Mark's Episcopal Church recognized HELP Carolina for its leadership during their Juneteenth service. Deacons Cathy Wesson and Brenda Gilbert praised the organization's "We're Better Together" mission and its coordination of the community cooling station.

“HELP Carolina sets the bar for true community partnership.” — Gastonia Citizen

“They treated me like family.”
“HELP Carolina gave me food, housing, therapy, and mental health support when I came home. More importantly, they helped me believe in myself and reminded me I matter.”
— HELP Carolina Client

Read more powerful stories from our clients and community partners:
helpcarolina.org/testimonials

2ND QUARTER GRANTS



**Gaston
Community
Foundation**



HELP Carolina is grateful to receive a \$3,000 training grant from the Community Foundation of Gaston County and a \$10,000 grant from EnergyUnited! These investments strengthen our team and help us continue serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Gaston County.



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GASTONIA EBONYFEST JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Our 7th Annual Gastonia EbonyFest Juneteenth Festival was a huge success! Thanks to our incredible volunteers, generous sponsors, and vibrant community, this year's celebration was one to remember. Thank you for helping us honor freedom, culture, and unity! Special thanks to the Gaston Arts Council and NC Arts Council for their generous support and contributions to our celebration!

Thank you to FlyTy & Jacinda for being our featured guests at the festival! And a special shoutout to DJ Supreme for keeping the energy high with amazing music throughout the event!

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our 2025 Grand Marshal, Mr. Eric "Sleepy" Floyd, for leading our Juneteenth parade with pride and purpose. Your presence helped set the tone for a powerful and inspiring celebration!

We would like to thank our individual donors:

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| • Jason & Pat Fowler | • Eileen Emblidge |
| • Laura Sexton | • Dominick Ibrahim |
| • Synthia Kearney | • Stacy Walker Thomas |
| • Pam Morgenstein | • Cathy Wesson |
| • Teresa Atchinson | • Jocelyn McBride |
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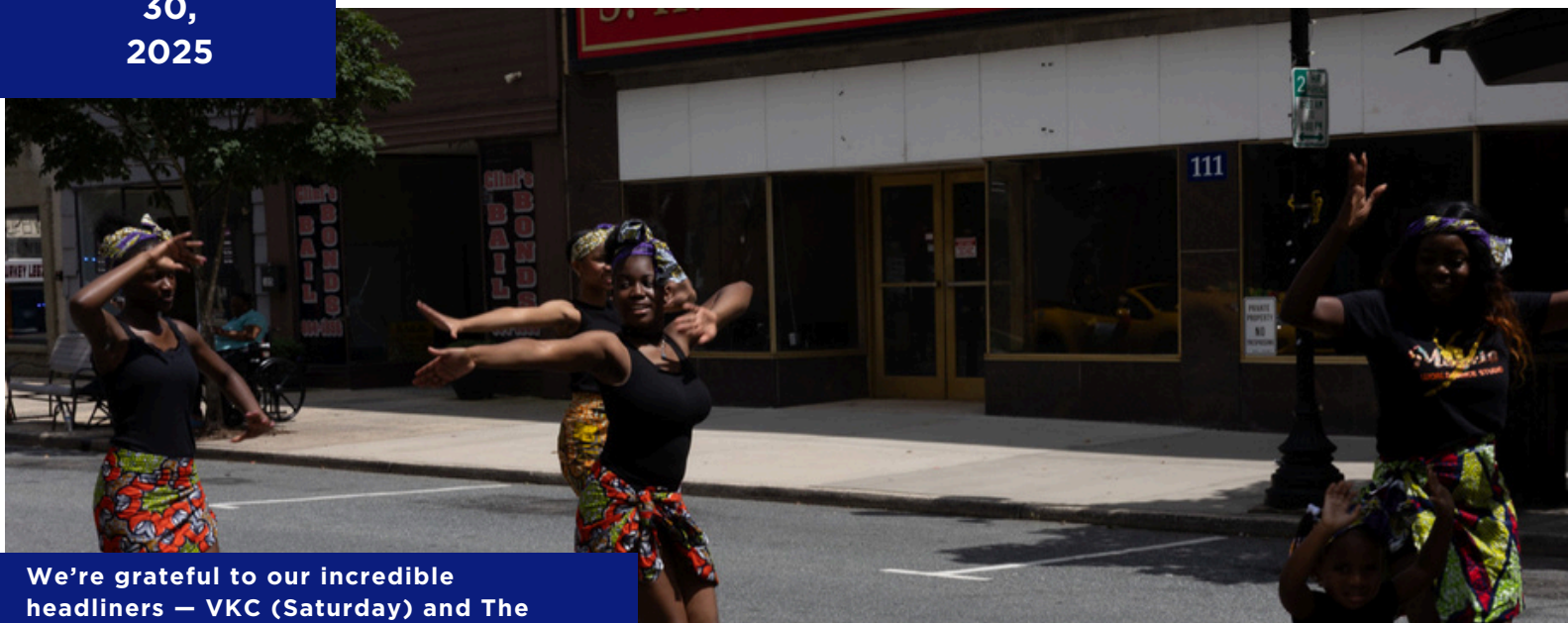
A huge thank you to our incredible sponsors who made the Gastonia EbonyFest Juneteenth Festival possible! Special thanks to:

- Anthony Gallant State Farm
- Carolina Spine Pain & Rehab
- Gaston Arts Council
- NC State Arts Council
- J&A Rental Corporation
- Elevation Hair Studio
- Dorothy's Daughter
- Dr. David White
- Dr. Kelvin Harris
- Raymond Grier, Esq.
- Gaston County Missionary Baptist Association
- Piedmont Adult & Pediatric Medicine Associates
- Christian Jacobs
- Oak Street Health
- NC Black Alliance
- African American Museum of Culture & History
- Sam's Club
- Macedonia Baptist Church - Lucia
- Hollywood Fit
- Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church



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We're grateful to our incredible headliners — VKC (Saturday) and The Gifft (Thursday) — for their unforgettable performances!

We also want to thank all of our featured artists who brought energy, talent, and heart to the stage throughout the celebration:

- Bobby Harley
- Lions of Judah Drumline
- 3D Dance Team
- Samba Negra
- PCal
- MJ Footworkz
- Tomminique Crank Jr.
- Theoplas
- Drums For Life
- Moving Spirits
- Mayela World Dance
- Chubby the Bear
- Gerald the Giraffe
- Ballroom Dancing with Champagne
- DJ Shank aka M. Wakefield

We were thrilled to welcome a wide variety of vendors for both days of the Gastonia EbonyFest Juneteenth Festival—including:

- WellCare of NC
- Anthony Gallant State Farm
- NC Black Alliance
- Gaston College
- Frosty Softy LLC
- Creative Perspective
- DaGrip Podcast
- The Serenity Queen
- Frannie Mae's Cha Cha Relish
- Black Thread Handbags
- Call Your Shot Mobile Bartending
- Shaconda's Scentsational Scents
- Journey 3TS, LLC
- Curators of Kool
- BJ's Grill
- Gaston County Republican Party
- Santana Michelle
- Endless Soulfood Catering
- Muse by Malan
- Heavenly Sweets
- Glo B's Lemonade
- IB Lip Silk
- Hoppers Soul Food
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Bad B Designs Unlimited
- Nine Oh One Bachi
- Christian Jacobs
- Sam's Club
- So Simple So Beautiful
- Alkaline by Mitz
- S&K Funnel Cakes
- Robin's Cradle Doula Services
- Amara Wellness
- NC Medicaid
- Mary & Mary Life Giving, Inc.
- My Outdoor Joy
- Kul Cha Shock
- 704 Juice Boyz
- NAACP
- Faithful Expressions, LLC
- Moonae's Henna
- Ruffled Hats
- Dave Stogdill
- Golden Rule Lodge #82
- FlyTy & Jacinda
- YKD Kings
- Carolina Wellness Solutions
- Lemonade Lady
- Touch of Cotton
- Gaston County Democratic Party
- Carolina Spine & Pain Rehab
- Serenity Grow & Glow
- Your Culture Collective
- City Vue Apparel
- The Walking Word
- Royal Boss
- Back 2 Nature
- Real Will Productions
- St. Marks Episcopal Church
- Fried Plantains
- SS Bookkeeping and More
- Yummilicious Treats
- Indivisible Gaston
- Jacqueline Kendrick
- AM Serenity
- Mitz Alkaline
- NC SAFE
- Funny Face Creations
- Chateau Gosha
- Athaliah's Beverages
- CSC Stretch
- 704 Run Club



We extend our sincere gratitude to the City of Gastonia for their incredible support in making Juneteenth an official city-run event. Their commitment to covering the costs of in-kind services and fireworks made a significant impact, and we're thankful for their partnership in honoring this important celebration.

GOLD LEGACY SPONSOR ANTHONY GALLANT STATE FARM INSURANCE AGENCY



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Anthony Gallant State Farm Insurance Agency for their generous support as our Gold Legacy Sponsor. Their contribution played a vital role in making this year's festival possible, and we are truly thankful for their continued commitment to our mission and community.



During the event, Anthony Gallant and his team set up an informational booth to share valuable resources about State Farm Insurance with attendees. He also proudly participated in the Gastonia EbonyFest Juneteenth Parade, further demonstrating his commitment to community engagement and support.





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Thank you, Mr. Gallant, for your continued support!

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