

# DAVIDSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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## **Davidson Community Foundation elects new board advisor**

DAVIDSON, NC — The Davidson Community Foundation has elected Faye Bowman to its Board of Advisors.

Bowman, who lives at The Pines at Davidson, holds a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University and a master's from Appalachian State University. She began her career teaching in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools system and then became a consultant for Scott Foresman publishers. She later worked in sales for Lederle Laboratories before returning to the classroom. Her community service includes serving on the board of the Metrolina Association for the Blind. Since moving to Davidson, she has volunteered with Bridge Builders at Davidson United Methodist Church, assisting high school students with issues related to college admission, budgeting and life challenges.

Davidson Community Foundation was established by residents in 2020 to bolster nonprofit organizations serving the community. By working with local leaders and donors, its goal is to build and distribute funding to address Davidson's most pressing needs. This citizen-driven initiative is designed to expand local philanthropy and direct it to where it's most needed.

Launched at the beginning of the COVID crisis, the foundation immediately raised nearly \$500,000 and distributed more than \$350,000 in grants to nonprofit partners. That support provided critical assistance to 230 families – more than 750 neighbors in need – for rent/housing, food, medical expenses, utility services and transportation.

More recently, it has led community efforts to establish eight permanently affordable housing units in the Hoke Townhome Development on Jetton Street and raised \$400,000 toward the planned purchase of the units by Davidson Housing Coalition. It also worked with Davidson Housing Coalition to secure \$300,000 in grants from Mecklenburg County to subsidize the units, which will lead to lower rental rates.

Future work includes partnering with Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region to undertake critical repairs that will allow residents to stay safely in their homes.

“Our focus on affordable housing and essential home repairs rose through a series of surveys and listening sessions,” says Dave Cable, president of the Davidson Community Foundation's advisory board. “Keeping homeowners safe, secure and healthy – and preserving Davidson's vibrant historic communities – emerged as a priority that we are eager to address.”

## **About The Davidson Community Foundation**

The Davidson Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the lives of Davidson's residents, now and for generations to come. For more information, visit

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