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# MAKING WAVES FOUNDATION

## Newsletter

*"We are so thankful to be the recipients of a transportation grant from the Making Waves Foundation. Transportation is a vital component for success in the lives of the women that we serve. Thank you for making a difference."*

*-Five 14 Revolution*



## HELPING OTHERS CATCH THE WAVE

### Who We Are

In 2010 board members and staff of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority (Wave Transit) developed a program to address the overwhelming need for access to affordable transportation in our community. Wave Transit transportation fares are already heavily subsidized by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), therefore, they were not in a position to meet the overwhelming requests for free or heavily subsidized transportation passes brought forth by individuals from the community. To address this gap within our community, Wave Transit staff and board members created a separate, independent nonprofit organization. Thus began the Making Waves Foundation (MWF), a 501 (c)3 public charity.

### BOARD MEMBERS

Christine McNamee,  
*Vice Chair*

Laura Padgett,  
*Secretary*

William Bryden

### STAFF

Megan Matheny

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

To-date, MWF has awarded 105 grants to community organizations; a total of 27,268 bus passes at a value of \$96,945.

# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

### Corning Incorporated Foundation



In June 2019, MWF was a first time recipient of the Corning Incorporated Foundation Employee Vibrant Community grant award. The Employee Vibrant Community Grants are part of the Corning Foundation's 65th Anniversary celebration. The Foundation has thoughtfully granted more than \$167,600,000 to non-profit organizations since it was founded in 1952. Through leadership and collaboration, the Foundation strives to foster vibrant, enriching and supportive communities. A comprehensive update on the community impact of the grant award provided by the Corning Foundation will be included in the next newsletter. Stay tuned!

### 2019

- Five 14 Revolution
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh
- Help Hub at the Harrelson Center
- Smart Start of New Hanover County
- Good Shepherd Center
- StepUp Wilmington
- First Fruit Ministry- Back at Home Program
- Williston Middle School
- Sister Issac Center

### Landfall Foundation



In October 2019, MWF was a recipient of the annual Landfall Foundation Grant award. MWF received notification that it was one of eighteen community organizations selected to receive additional support for emergency relief efforts for those impacted by Hurricane Florence. The emergency relief funds allowed MWF to provide additional transportation assistance, over 2,750 trips, to community members impacted by the disaster. Recovery efforts continue through the First Fruit Ministry-Back at Home Program which has re-housed over 45 families since October 2018. Bus passes enable program participants to look for available homes, get to work, go to food pantries, and access services such as medical care, counseling, case management, and budget support.



*"I'm a First Fruit Ministries client and Back at Home program participant. I use the Wave Transit bus passes to get to food banks and doctor's appointments. It would be a great help if I can continue getting these bus passes in the future. Thank you and God bless."*

*-Michelle Stolley*