

For questions please contact: Jean Leier Director of Corporate Affairs I-77 Mobility Partners 980-337-2400 jleier@i77partners.com

## I-77 Mobility Partners Announces Results of Community Giving Program

**Charlotte, N.C. (November 20, 2018)** – I-77 Mobility Partners is pleased to announce the results of its community awards program, I-77 Drive for Community. The program's focus is to recognize the work that nonprofits are doing for their community along the I-77 Express corridor. The five nonprofit organizations participating in this year's program were selected using the following criterion: provides aid to disadvantaged groups, aids equal opportunity programs and provides infrastructure for the community. The nonprofits must also be located within the I-77 Express corridor.

Our Towns Habitat for Humanity, located in Cornelius, is this year's top vote recipient with 40 percent of the votes and will receive \$10,000. Our Towns Habitat for Humanity partners with future homeowners, volunteers and donors to build permanent affordable housing solutions in North Mecklenburg and Iredell counties. Habitat homeowners build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. In addition to new home construction, Our Towns performs critical home repair services to alleviate serious health, life and safety issues.

"Research shows decent housing leads to improved health and educational outcomes, and with one in three families in our area struggling to afford housing, Our Towns Habitat's work is more critical than ever," said Our Towns Habitat CEO Chris Ahearn. "We are grateful to I-77 Mobility Partners for their support of our organization, as well as the four other wonderful nonprofits who were recognized through this program."

Other nonprofits in the I-77 Drive for Community Campaign included the Hope House Foundation in Huntersville, Mooresville Soup Kitchen, E2D Eliminate the Digital Divide in Cornelius and the Ada Jenkins Center in Davidson. Each of these organizations will receive \$2,500 to continue assisting the community.

"As a member of the business community along the I-77 corridor, it is important for us to make a positive difference in the area in which we provide service," said Javier Tamargo, CEO for I-77 Mobility Partners. "We encourage individuals to get involved and learn more about the nonprofit organizations serving the community from Charlotte to Mooresville."

If you would like to make us aware of a nonprofit organization along the I-77 Express corridor that we should consider for the 2019 I-77 Drive for Community campaign, please send us your suggestions by visiting <u>www.i77express.com</u>. When you visit our newly redesigned website, be sure to look around and learn more on how the express lanes can help you soon get to your destination easier.

###

About I-77 Mobility Partners:

I-77 Mobility Partners LLC is financing, developing, designing, constructing, operating and maintaining the 26-mile I-77 Express corridor as part of the first-ever public-private partnership with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.