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## I-77 Express Announces Results of Community Giving Program

**Charlotte, N.C. (December 17, 2019)** – I-77 Express 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.

Caterpillar Ministries is this year's top vote recipient with 50 percent of the votes and will receive \$10,000. Caterpillar Ministries is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian organization in its twelfth year of service to the Huntington Green community in Huntersville. Through educational, spiritual and mentoring programs, more than 400 children in the community enter school prepared for success; helping to decrease the readiness gap, improve grade retention and reduce dropout rates as their education progresses. Teens and adults also benefit from camps, training opportunities and partnerships Caterpillar Ministries has built throughout the Huntersville community.

"This is a wonderful Christmas gift for us! We serve and love together in community - our neighbors, volunteers, supporters and staff," said Caterpillar Ministries' founder, Anne Crawford. "We won this together, and we are extremely thankful. Thank you I-77 Mobility Partners for your support of the work of so many of our local non-profits."

Other nonprofits in the I-77 Drive for Community Campaign included Davidson-Cornelius Child Development Center, Davidson Housing Coalition, Mooresville/Lake Norman Christian Mission and North End Community Coalition in Charlotte. Each of these organizations will receive \$2,500 to continue assisting the community.

"It is our hope that this year's contribution to the I-77 Drive for Community participants is a catalyst for new and continued community support for these nonprofit organizations, as well as all the others serving our community." said Javier Tamargo, CEO for I-77 Mobility Partners. "As a member of the business community along the I-77 Express corridor, we encourage others 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 2020 I-77 Drive for Community campaign, please send us your suggestions by visiting [www.i77express.com](http://www.i77express.com). When you visit our website, be sure to look around and learn more on how the express lanes can help you get to your destination.

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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.