



I-77 Mobility Partners Announces 2020 ‘Drive for Community’ Program

The third-annual I-77 Drive for Community will benefit five nonprofit partners along the I-77 Express corridor. The public is invited to vote to select a \$10,000 grand prize winner of this year’s competition.

Charlotte, N.C. (September 14, 2020) – I-77 Mobility Partners announced that its annual giving program, **I-77 Drive for Community, begins today, Monday, September 14.** The program recognizes the work of five local nonprofits who support their communities along the I-77 Express corridor. The I-77 Drive for Community invites the public to participate by voting to support their favorite nonprofit, with a top prize of \$10,000 being awarded to the winning organization.

In response to the economic strain of the pandemic on businesses and households, the I-77 Drive for Community is beginning two months earlier this year to help provide real-time support to nonprofits as they work to meet the community’s increased critical needs.

“I-77 Drive for Community is the latest effort in a banner year of giving for I-77 Mobility Partners. We remain committed to helping strengthen our community through partnerships with local nonprofits, now more than ever. Through this annual program, we hope to build even more support for these worthy organizations by bringing attention to their tireless efforts through a friendly competition,” said Jean Leier, Director of Corporate Affairs for I-77 Mobility Partners.

Beginning Monday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m., through Monday, September 28, at 5:00 p.m., online voting will be open on the www.i77express.com website. Individuals can cast a vote for their favorite nonprofit one time per day per valid IP address or direct link. An ongoing tally will be maintained on the website during the voting period for everyone to see how they are doing along the way. On September 30, I-77 Mobility Partners will certify the results and notify each nonprofit of their awards, including a grand prize of \$10,000 for the organization with the most votes. Each of the other organizations will receive \$2,500.

The 2020 I-77 Drive for Community participants are as follows:

- **Carolina Raptor Center** – Huntersville, NC - <http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org/about/>
- **Charlotte Rescue Mission** – Charlotte, NC - <https://charlotterescuemission.org/>
- **Greenville Community Combined Youth Organization, Inc.** – Charlotte, NC
- **HealthReach Community Clinic** – Mooresville, NC - <http://healthreachclinic.net/>
- **Make an Impact Foundation** – Davidson, NC - <https://makeanimpactnow.org/>

The 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.

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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.