



I-77 Mobility Partners Announces Results of 2020 'Drive for Community' Program

I-77MP contributes \$20,000 to local nonprofits through annual giving campaign

Charlotte, N.C. (October 2, 2020) – I-77 Mobility Partners is pleased to announce Carolina Raptor Center (CRC) is this year's top vote recipient of the I-77 Drive for Community. With 41 percent of the votes, they will receive the \$10,000 grand prize. CRC is a nonprofit organization in the Huntersville, NC, community, and for more than 45 years, it has ignited imaginations and inspired engagement with the exploration and rehabilitation of birds of prey through STEM-related programming and nature conservation efforts.

The remaining four participating organizations listed below will each receive \$2,500.

- Charlotte Rescue Mission – Charlotte, NC
- Greenville Community Combined Youth Organization, Inc. – Charlotte, NC
- HealthReach Community Clinic – Mooresville, NC
- Make an Impact Foundation – Davidson, NC

The annual I-77 Drive for Community campaign was held two months earlier than usual as part of I-77 Mobility Partners' continued response to the economic strain COVID-19 has put on businesses and households throughout the region. The funds awarded will be even more impactful this year as nonprofits are experiencing record demand and are working tirelessly to fulfill critical needs of the community in the height of the pandemic.

"We have seen the positive impact of the I-77 Drive for Community in previous years, and knowing the current economic climate, it seemed appropriate and essential to host the drive while its resources are most needed. I-77 Mobility Partners recognizes our part in enhancing community organizations and local nonprofits like Carolina Raptor Center who support our community through efforts to promote STEM education and nature conservation. The I-77 Drive for Community is a great catalyst for the organizations that participate as they make an impact across our region," said Ignacio Del Pino, Chief Executive Officer for I-77 Mobility Partners.

"We are so pleased to have won this challenge, and the \$10,000 prize is sorely needed and an enormous boost to staff morale. We are humbled by the outpouring of support from the community," said Jim Warren, Executive Director of Carolina Raptor Center. "To be able to stand beside other such deserving nonprofits throughout this process is an honor. We couldn't be more grateful."

The I-77 Drive for Community program recognizes the work nonprofits are doing within their communities along the I-77 Express corridor. The five 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. To learn more about the Drive and the participating organizations, visit www.i77express.com.

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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.

In response to COVID-19, I-77 Mobility Partners, its parent company and investors have contributed more than \$150,000 to local nonprofits along I-77 Express corridor. To learn more about the company's pandemic response visit the [Community Involvement webpage](#).