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## **Dosher Foundation Receives COVID-19 “Fill the Gap” Grant from North Carolina Healthcare Foundation**

*Funds will be used for employee engagement on diversity and inclusion as well as community healthcare needs.*

Southport, NC – Doshier Memorial Hospital Foundation announced that it is receiving a \$40,000 grant through the North Carolina Healthcare Foundation’s COVID-19 Fill the Gap Response Fund. The funding will be allocated to three different areas:

- \$10,000 for Doshier’s Memorial Hospital’s Employee Assistance Fund
- \$10,000 for employee engagement with an emphasis on programs about diversity and inclusion
- \$20,000 will be managed by the Brunswick Wellness Coalition in order to fund wellness kits for local churches, which will include necessary technology for members to connect to healthcare providers for telemedicine visits

“The grant from North Carolina Healthcare Foundation will provide us with the opportunity to make a collective impact, by working with the Brunswick Wellness Coalition to meet the needs of the community as well as providing support for our staff,” says Doshier Memorial Hospital and Foundation President Lynda Stanley.

“The Fill the Gap Response Fund was formed to support North Carolina’s people and places disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The pandemic has exacerbated health and economic challenges already present in rural communities and vulnerable populations around the state. They are often hit harder and take longer to recover,” said Julia Wacker, senior vice president of the North Carolina Healthcare Foundation.

The fund, which in total has distributed nearly \$3.5 million to organizations across North Carolina through two rounds, has assisted communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including people of color, frontline essential workers, and rural communities. In the second round, the average grant size is \$102,765. Lead funders include the David A. Tepper Foundation, Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, State Employees' Credit Union Foundation, and The Duke Endowment.

### **About Doshier Memorial Hospital**

Doshier is an independent critical access hospital located in Southport, North Carolina. Doshier operates five outpatient primary care clinics, a women's health center, and an urgent care facility in Southeastern Brunswick County.

### **About The Brunswick Wellness Coalition**

The Brunswick Wellness Coalition takes a bold approach to addressing chronic health issues such as unhealthy weight, diabetes, and heart disease and involves a wide spectrum of community organizations who work together to engage residents in improving their health.

### **About North Carolina Healthcare Foundation**

Established in 1961, the North Carolina Healthcare Foundation is the 501(c)(3) affiliate of the North Carolina Healthcare Association. Its mission is to foster and accelerate the collective impact of hospitals, health systems and community partners to improve the health of North Carolinians.

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