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Core for Applied Research and Evaluation receives \$596,000 grant from The Duke Endowment

Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina's Core for Applied Research and Evaluation (CARE) at the Arnold School of Public Health has received a grant from The Duke Endowment to fund a statewide strategy to address the social determinants of health in South Carolina.

This effort began in the summer of 2019, spearheaded by CARE and made possible thanks to funding by the Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of South Carolina Foundation in partnership with The Duke Endowment. CARE is happy to announce a new two-year grant awarded by The Duke Endowment to continue the work.

In addition to an ongoing Learning Collaborative, the effort has produced the interactive SC Roadmap to Address Social Determinants of Health. The Roadmap contains an analysis of both the current situation in South Carolina and a proposal for a path forward.

The Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of South Carolina Foundation and the Duke Endowment have supported this work in the hope that philanthropy can bring together a fragmented statewide system, and construct a path toward a common, coordinated, and collective strategy to effectively address social determinants of health in South Carolina.

The next two years will bring together thought leaders at the local and state levels. These leaders will build an infrastructure to coordinate and support the work of communities seeking to move upstream and address the root causes of food insecurity and housing instability, the social conditions prioritized by a Design Committee of local and state leaders in 2020.

Based in Charlotte and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has distributed more than \$4 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but all are separate organizations.

For more information on CARE or how you can support this community effort, please email Jenesha Nance at jtnance@email.sc.edu.