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HopeStar Foundation focuses on the health and development of children and families, with an emphasis on the continuum between preconception to age five. We collaborate with philanthropy, nonprofits, government, and community stakeholders to identify barriers, convene experts, propose innovative solutions, and fund pilot programs to test creative approaches that build on the strengths of families and communities.

We're Proud to Share

Highlights from 2024 include, but aren't limited to:

- Liz Star was named "Outstanding Philanthropist" by AFP
- Nurture North Carolina launched a two-year initiative
- Partnered with Doris Duke Foundation, Leon Levine Foundation, Aviv Foundation and The Duke Endowment to fund a project to reimagine the DSS System in South Carolina

Hired Joanna Dilmaghani as our new Executive Program Associate

Welcome Joanna, we are so excited to have you on the team here at HopeStar! Joanna brings unique experience and a desire to connect with communities and philanthropists in the Carolinas.

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Strategic Grants

Strategy: Trauma & Resilience

- **Center for Child & Family Health and Stanly Community College:** Two-year grant to support the development and mapping of trauma-informed content into existing community college course curriculum, as well as continued trauma-informed training (2023-2024).
- **Duke Law School's Bolch Judicial Institute:** Three-year grant to support the development of a training program for judges, court administrators and other court staff on the effects of childhood trauma (2024-2027).
- **East Carolina University:** One-year grant to create a consortium for Trauma & Resiliency Research (2024)
- **Yancy County Office of the District Attorney:** One-time grant to renovate and create a trauma-informed space for victims and their families to convene in a separate space from the courthouse (2024)

Strategy: Maternal & Child Health

- **The Center for Native Health:** One-year grant to bring visibility to the Cherokee community forums and gatherings for mothers to share their lived experience with pregnancy, childbirth, cultural needs, and ideas for change. Also, bringing together stakeholders from the healthcare system and Indigenous leaders to strategize ways to make changes inside the system to incorporate Indigenous childbirth ceremonies into clinical practices.
- **HealthConnect One**: One-Year grant to support advancing equitable, community-based, peer-to-peer support for pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, and early parenting expenses (2024).
- **Atrium Health Foundation; Dr. Shivani Mehta:** Three-year grant to support to ensure internal support for Dr. Mehta's role as Physician Champion for Community Child Health & Advocacy with Atrium Health (2024-2026).
- **Foster America:** Two-year grant to support Foster America in transforming systems that serve children, youth and families by innovating for a more just, equitable future (2023- 2024).

Strategy: Early Childhood

- **Carolinas Collaborative**: One-Year grant to support a cohesive network of advocacy leaders from 8 pediatric academic institutions across the Carolinas promoting the well-being of children (2024)
- **Invest Early NC:** Two-year grant to support a statewide early childhood funders collaborative (2023-2024).
- **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation**: One-Year grant to support CMLF in focus areas including early literacy initiatives, digital inclusion, economic opportunity and access for all (2024).

Strategy: Other

- Aspen Institute: Three-year grant to support a global nonprofit organization committed to realizing a free, just, and equitable society (2024-2026)