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HMSHost Foundation Fights Poverty in Raleigh-Durham with \$30,000 in Grants
Grants to support Durham Rescue Mission, Raleigh Rescue Mission, Blessings in a Backpack, and Classroom Central



HMSHost Foundation grants presented at Raleigh-Durham International Airport. Pictured from left to right: Bob Boorum, Vice President of Operations, HMSHost; Tony Gooch, Director of Development Operations, Durham Rescue Mission; Sheldon B. Poole, President, J.Q. Enterprises; Matt Wissman, Director of Operations, HMSHost; Kimberly Stewart, Business Manager of Food, Beverage & Retail Concessions, Raleigh-Durham International Airport; Tim Meyer, Senior Director of Operations, HMSHost; Brace Boon III, Director of Development, Raleigh Rescue Mission.

RALEIGH, NC — [HMSHost Foundation's](#) fight against poverty is impacting the Raleigh-Durham area through \$30,000 in grants from funds raised at a charity golf tournament at Grandover Golf Resort. Today, HMSHost representatives were joined by Raleigh-Durham International Airport representatives to present grants to [Durham Rescue Mission](#) and [Raleigh Rescue Mission](#). HMSHost Foundation hosted the tournament and also previously made grants to [Blessings in a Backpack](#) and [Classroom Central](#) from the tournament fundraiser.

“HMSHost Foundation is proud to provide critical support to these charities that do so much for the community. These groups are very active in Raleigh-Durham and are well-aligned with key elements of our mission to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development,” said HMSHost Foundation President Paul Mamalian.

Raleigh Rescue Mission is also supported by HMShost Corporation's restaurant operations at Raleigh-Durham International Airport in the form of a food donation program. Through a partnership with Second Harvest, HMShost Corporation donates roughly 1,400 pounds of high quality food monthly to Raleigh Rescue Mission. In 2016, HMShost Corporation donated approximately 1.5 million pounds of food to community food banks across the country.

Among tournament donors and attendees was [The Dale Jr. Foundation](#) which is based in North Carolina. HMShost Corporation and Dale Earnhardt Jr. have a partnership in the [Dale Jr.'s Whisky River](#) restaurant in Charlotte Douglas International Airport and in January, the pair plans to open another location of this USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Travel Awards-recognized restaurant in Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

About HMShost Foundation

HMShost Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development. HMShost Foundation is uniquely positioned to give back to the communities in which it operates by combating the cycle of poverty at the local level. Charitable work carried out by HMShost Foundation is done based on pillars of giving:

- Combat hunger and promote nutritional wellness;
- Provide opportunity for financial stability through job training and placement;
- Encourage the next generation through access to education and training;
- Honor our veterans and their families.

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