



United Way of Forsyth County

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African American Leadership Society

The African American Leadership Society (AALS) of Forsyth County is comprised of philanthropic advocates for equity in our community.

Our mission is to **positively impact people of color through philanthropy, advocacy, and empowered leadership.**

Members of AALS of Forsyth County are committed to an inclusive and intentional focus on minority-led organizations and historically marginalized populations. The focus of the Society is to identify issues of importance in underserved communities and find collaborative solutions.

Why is the African American Leadership Society needed?

- Forsyth County is ranked 3rd worst out of 2,478 counties across the country in helping poor children climb up the economic ladder.
- The per capita income for African Americans in Forsyth County is \$18,694 compared to \$38,078 for White Non-Hispanics in Forsyth County.
- Only 39% of 3rd graders in Forsyth County are reading on grade level. In minority student populations the rate is at a staggering 26%.
- Low-income households just five miles apart can mean an average annual household income of \$17,000 or \$45,000.

African American Leadership Society members invest \$500 or more annually to the United Way of Forsyth County.

This investment means we can continue to achieve our goals of:

- Creating equitable communities in Forsyth County.
- Improve economic mobility by helping poor children climb up the economic ladder.
- Ensuring childhood and student success by helping students in Forsyth County read on grade level.

Membership opportunities include

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer with other AALS members and connect with partner agencies and community members who are directly impacted by our programs.

Engagement Events

Socialize and network with other AALS members and connect with members of Emerging Leaders United, Tocqueville Society, and Women United.

Be an Advocate

Help United Way of Forsyth County remove barriers by supporting historically marginalized communities and advocate for equitable access.

**Support AALS by giving
to United Way today!**



Other Ways to Get Involved

VOLUNTEER.

You can make a difference in someone's life.

GET INFORMED.

Learn about community issues, challenges, and how your investment makes an impact.

STAY CONNECTED.

Follow us on social media for updates about our initiatives and how you are helping build a better community.

United Way of Forsyth County brings the community and its resources together to solve problems that no one organization can address alone.



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