

\$40,000 Awarded in Community Grants

FOCUS Broadband is committed to improving our local community. Each year, we do so by awarding grants to organizations that make a difference in the communities we serve. This year, we awarded \$40,000 to non-profits in Brunswick, Columbus and Robeson counties.

"We are honored to award these grants to non-profits that we know will positively impact many of our customers, their families and the community as a whole," commented Julia Tripp, FOCUS Broadband Director and Board Liaison for the grants committee. FOCUS Broadband began awarding community and education grants in 2006. Since then, the company has awarded more than \$1 million in community and education grants to hundreds of programs.

FOCUS Broadband will award education grants this fall. Grants are available to organizations and educators in any area where FOCUS Broadband provides service.

2023 Community Grant Recipients

Birthday Wishes Ministry
 Brunswick County Literacy Center
 Columbus County Beekeepers Organization
 Elf Angels
 First Tee Carolinas
 Friends of Leland Public Safety
 Hope Harbor Home
 Keep Your Hands Off Me

Lower Cape Fear LifeCare
 Lumber Bridge Baptist Food Pantry
 Science is Elementary
 Seaside Teaching and Reaching Students (STARS)
 Skyler Brunson Foundation
 South Brunswick Food Pantry
 WAVES 4 K.I.D.S.
 With My Sisters

Fiber Optic Internet Available to More in Brunswick County

Fiber optic internet is now available to more customers in areas of Seaside, Ocean Isle Beach, Calabash and Shallotte. The new service is part of the company's \$100 million, multi-year project to bring fiber optic delivered services to every customer.

"Our team is working hard to bring fiber optics to every Brunswick County customer," commented Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband's CEO. "Access to fiber optics will allow families more opportunity for connection whether that's for streaming, working from home, gaming, or connecting a host of smart home devices."

The Shallotte communities of Brierwood, Owendon Plantation and Village Point Estates are currently under construction as well as Birch Pond Apartments and areas near the Calabash business district. To keep up with the progress on the Brunswick County fiber upgrade project, follow us on Facebook @FOCUSBroadband.



2023 Annual Meeting News!

FOCUS Broadband's Annual Meeting of Members is going virtual.

The meeting will be available on Friday, October 6th at 6 p.m.

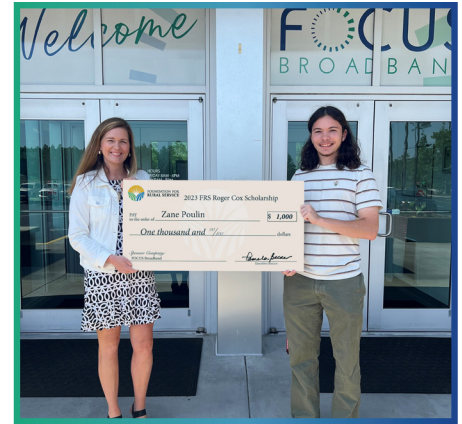
on FOCUS Broadband's website and on FOCUS Broadband's cable channel 3 or in HD on channel 910.

Local Student Awarded National FRS Scholarship

West Brunswick High School senior, Zane Poulin, has been awarded the Roger Cox Memorial Scholarship through the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS). After graduation, Zane plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State University.

"We are excited that Zane was selected as a recipient for the Roger Cox Scholarship," said Keith Holden, FOCUS Broadband CEO. "It is great to see a local student recognized for his success at a national level. We also appreciate that the FRS continues to honor Roger's legacy through this scholarship program."

In 2017, FRS created the Roger Alan Cox Scholarship. Roger Cox served Brunswick County and the rural telecommunications industry, spending the last 27 years of his life at FOCUS Broadband (formerly ATMC) primarily in leadership roles as Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and General Manager. This scholarship honors Roger's passion and drive to help ensure that people living in rural North Carolina have access to the same technology and education as every other American.



Zane Poulin, FRS Scholarship Recipient



Christmas in July Giveaway

July 17th - July 28th



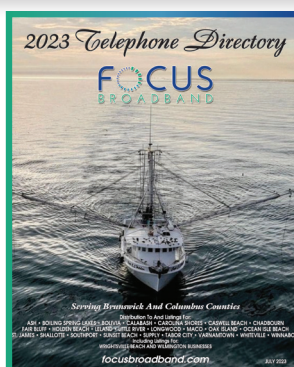
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Holden Named to Business North Carolina's Power List

Keith Holden was recently named as one of Business North Carolina's 2023 Power List's influential leaders. The publication selects leaders from across the state that have made a particularly noteworthy impact within their industry. Holden was recognized in the category of media and communications.

"As a cooperative, since our founding in 1955, FOCUS Broadband has worked to connect rural communities with critical communications services," commented Keith Holden, CEO of FOCUS Broadband. "It's an honor to be recognized by Business NC because it spotlights the incredible effort our team gives each day to bring better services to so many who need it."

To read more about the recognition, visit focusbroadband.com/news.



New Phone Directories on the Way

Your new FOCUS Broadband telephone directory will arrive in July. Please remember to recycle your old telephone directories by dropping them off at any FOCUS Broadband retail location from now through August 31st.