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Holt Brothers Foundation Announces 2021 Scholarship Awards *Delivered with generous support through a grant from Truist Foundation*

Raleigh, NC, Nov. 23, 2021 - The Holt Brothers Foundation announces that it has awarded eight secondary education scholarships through the KidsCAN! Scholarship Program. This scholarship program was started in 2019 and made available to children who had previously participated in the foundation's flagship program, KidsCAN!

KidsCAN! is a unique program that provides education, emotional support, peer empathy and inspiration to children who have a parent or guardian with cancer. Through monthly meetings, children gather with other kids their age and participate in programming led by trained facilitators at their site. Children of any cancer are eligible for the program, and it is free of charge. KidsCAN! is available at the following hospital locations:

- **Duke Cancer Institute** (Durham, NC and Raleigh, NC)
- **UNC-Rex** (Raleigh, NC)
- **Cone Health Center at Alamance Regional** (Burlington, NC)
- **Siteman Cancer Center** (St. Louis, MO)

Holt Brothers Foundation co-founders Torry and Terrence Holt know first-hand what it is like to be the child of a parent with cancer. When Torry was 10 and Terrence was six, their mother, Ojetta, was diagnosed with lymphoma. This experience had a profound impact on them and led to the eventual creation of the foundation whose purpose is to support kids who, like them, have a sick parent. The KidsCAN! Scholarship Program is an extension of KidsCAN! and a way for the foundation to make an impact in the future lives of children and their families.

"The scholarship program is an opportunity for us to play a small role in helping these young adults achieve their education goals and work toward the dream of becoming the person they aspire to be," says Torry Holt.

2021 Scholarships were awarded to:

- **Riley Aromando** attending Academy of Pet Careers studying to be a veterinary assistant
- **Kylah Crooks** attending UNCG majoring in pre-nursing/nursing
- **Peighton Jones** attending NC State University majoring in textile technology
- **Brooklyn Lamoureux** attending Lindenwood University majoring in exercise science

- **Gerard Lamoureux** attending Bradley University majoring in computer science and game technology
- **Taylor Lawson Hicks** attending Columbia College majoring in psychology
- **Aaron Schneider** attending Appalachian State University majoring in communications/broadcasting
- **Jacob Sullivan** attending the University of Pittsburgh majoring in biological sciences

In 2021 the foundation was awarded grant funding from Truist Foundation in the amount of \$35,000.

“We couldn’t do this without the support and partnership of the Truist Foundation as well as Chris Bell and the local team,” says Holt. “We are so grateful for their participation in helping these kids further their education.”

This grant is a significant investment in the future of the KidsCAN! Scholarship program and highlights the Truist Foundation’s commitment to inspiring and building better lives and communities through educational equity. In families where one or more parents or guardians have experienced an illness like cancer, large financial commitments, such as tuition, can be a burden. This grant ensures that the KidsCAN! Scholarship Program can help alleviate part of this significant expense for the recipients and their families.

“The KidsCAN! Scholarship program helps ensure a parent’s cancer diagnosis doesn’t derail a student’s academic opportunity,” said Chris Bell, Triangle regional president for Truist, speaking on behalf of Truist Foundation. “The 2021 scholarship recipients will pursue degrees in a wide-range of fields, and we look forward to seeing each of them advance their education and make a positive impact on their communities in the years to come.”

As more kids and families participate in the KidsCAN! Program, the Holt Brothers Foundation looks to grow the number of kids being impacted by the scholarship program. Additional goals for the scholarship program include the creation and development of a leadership cohort for recipients. The scholarship program is funded entirely by grants and individual contributions.

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About the Holt Brothers Foundation

The Holt Brothers Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization founded by brothers Torry and Terrence Holt to support kids who have a parent or guardian with cancer. The Foundation supports KidsCAN! a peer empathy support program and Camp Kesem a sleep-away camp for children who have a parent or guardian with cancer. For more information on the Holt Brothers Foundation visit www.holtbrothersfoundation.org.

About Truist Foundation

The Truist Foundation is committed to Truist Financial Corporation's (NYSE: TFC) purpose to inspire and build better lives and communities. Established in 2020, the foundation makes strategic investments in nonprofit organizations to help ensure the communities it serves have more opportunities for a better quality of life. The Truist Foundation's grants and activities focus on building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses. Learn more at Truist.com/Foundation.