



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Shaheen Towles  
Associate Director of Communications  
The Duke Endowment  
704.927.2267  
stowles@tde.org  
www.dukeendowment.org

***Ellie Smith Joins The Duke Endowment as a Program Analyst***

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (May 7, 2024) – The Duke Endowment is pleased to announce that Ellie Smith has joined its staff as a program analyst.

Smith comes to the Endowment from Atrium Health, where she was a pediatric clinical research coordinator. Prior to that, she was a research associate for Denver Health in Denver, Colorado. During the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked as a graduate research assistant at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security in Baltimore, Maryland.

“I am thrilled to be a part of The Duke Endowment where I am bringing together my passions in healthcare, research and philanthropy,” said Smith. “I look forward to joining the Health Care team and continuing to support the work that’s being done to improve health outcomes for people in communities across North Carolina and South Carolina.”

“Ellie’s background, knowledge and expertise is a tremendous asset to our team,” said Lin Hollowell, director of the Endowment’s Health Care program area. “We are glad to have her onboard.”

Smith graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health with a Master of Science in Public Health and a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Santa Clara University. She is a member of the Association for Women in Science and the American Public Health Association.

For more information about the Endowment’s work in Health Care, visit: [The Duke Endowment | Health Care](#)

###

Based in Charlotte and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has distributed \$4.5 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but all are separate organizations.