Eastern Carolina Community Foundation
FOR GOOD. FOREVER. FOR EVERYONE.

Mission
Eastern Carolina Community Foundation improves the quality of life in our area of South Carolina through inspired philanthropy and innovative community programs.

We serve Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg counties.

Vision
Our communities are healthier and more resilient as a result of thoughtful, purposeful philanthropy.

Statement of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Eastern Carolina Community Foundation is a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace/organization where all employees and volunteers, whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education or ability feel valued and respected. ECCF is committed to serving our employees, volunteers, communities, and nonprofit partners by:

- identifying, acknowledging, and dismantling inequities within our policies, programs, and practices
- committing time and resources to expand more diverse leadership within our board, staff, and committees
- improving our leadership pipeline by creating and supporting programs and policies that foster leadership which reflect the diversity of our society
- utilizing our position as a grant maker to encourage nonprofits to work toward a more just, and equitable society
- reviewing this statement regularly and evaluating practices and policies which support the statement and incorporate its philosophy into the work of the foundation
Last year was a year overflowing with numbers. Numbers, numbers, numbers, everywhere you looked. Every day we heard statistics about the pandemic regarding infection rate, hospitalizations, and fatalities. Numbers streaked across headlines regarding school closures, economic outlook predictions, and unemployment. Approval numbers and disapproval numbers dominated the news cycle. Everywhere you looked was another depressing statistic.

In this annual report, you, too, will encounter lots of numbers. But these are numbers that portray hope and growth. These numbers demonstrate a vibrant and resilient community. Behind each number is a face, a life, a story of being touched by hope. Behind each number is a donor or a fund holder deciding to be generous, choosing to do good. Behind each number is a recipient desperate for a new start, a non-profit agency expanding their outreach, or a scholarship recipient excited about a fresh beginning.

Sometimes, we get numb to the fact behind every number is a human being. This happens with bad news as well as good news. As you read through this financial and statistical report, I invite you to allow your imagination to conjure up images of real people, your neighbors in our community, who are tangible expressions of our work in action.

In 2020, we greeted a new face in the life of the ECCF community as Belle Zeigler was welcomed as our new Executive Director. Join me in giving thanks for all the names and faces behind the numbers! Join me in giving thanks for all those who in the midst of tumultuous times chose to be a force “For Good. Forever. For Everyone”

In gratitude,

Rev. Mary M. Finklea  
Chairman of the Board
The Board of Trustees welcomed Belle Zeigler as the Foundation’s next Executive Director on July 1. Rev. Mary Finklea, Board Chair, was pleased to share with the ECCF family that the Search Committee and full board had successfully identified and enthusiastically endorsed Belle as the newest leader of the organization.

Belle shared with the board, “I am truly humbled and honored to be selected for this wonderful position. Your confidence and trust in my abilities is much appreciated. I look forward to working with you, our donors, supporters, and community partners. I recognize the tasks ahead are many and that these are challenging times, but I know with your leadership and support this will be a successful next chapter for the foundation.”

A special note to our supporters:

Thank you all for welcoming me to ECCF and the community foundation family in our part of South Carolina. I know we will do great things as we work in collaboration. You are the reason we have grown and thrived since 2006. I am delighted to be a part of the next chapter of this remarkable organization. Please reach out to me with your ideas and goals for our continued success.

I am grateful for your support and partnership.

-Belle
The DuBards were Founding Circle donors of Eastern Carolina Community Foundation when it was just an idea in 2006. They generously supported the establishment of the Foundation from its early days and continued to support the organization over many years. Mrs. DuBard passed away in July of 2020 and Mr. DuBard in early 2021.

Their son, Trip DuBard, and daughter, Beth DuBard, graciously designated memorial gifts to the Foundation when Mr. DuBard passed away saying that their father always taught them to give back and make their community a better place for all.

We remember Mr. and Mrs. DuBard with great affection and gratitude.
2020 GRANT AWARDS

DESIGNATED FUND GRANTS
Eastern Carolina Community Foundation .................. $1,572.63
Florence County Museum ............................................. $397.15
Courtney McGinnis Graham Community Shelter .... $373.53
Lake City Boys and Girls Club ...................................... $1,851.88
St. Paul United Methodist Church ................................ $780.22
Florence County Disabilities Foundation ................. $539.54
World Food Program .................................................. $1,700.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND GRANTS
FBi Construction Scholarship Fund ....................... $6,000.00
Richard Hughes Milling - The Citadel;
Addison Dicks and Jacob Bowers - Clemson University;
Jaylin Green - Georgia Technical College;
Rafael Bernal-Andrade and Indrit Hoxha - Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Justin O’Connor Memorial Fund ...................... $2,000.00
Athletic Scholarship - Wendell Wallace, Francis Marion University;
Academic Scholarship - Light McNiel, Wofford College
Jason Vance Chatlosh Memorial Scholarship .... $1,000.00
Abby Hashour - Wingate University
William Penn Harrison Scholarship Fund ........ $1,000.00
Jordan Blanding - USC Sumter

DONOR ADVISED FUND GRANTS
Florence County Disabilities Foundation ............... $250.00
All Saints Episcopal Day School Leadership Fund ... $1,250.00
All 4 Autism ............................................................... $500.00
Tenacious Grace Ministries ........................................ $200.00
The School Foundation .............................................. $250.00
First Presbyterian Church - CDC ............................... $1,000.00
Lighthouse Ministries ................................................ $2,000.00
Caring and Sharing .................................................. $2,000.00

Florence County Museum ........................................ $60,000.00
Pee Dee Coalition ..................................................... $300.00
Hollins College ......................................................... $100.00
Clemson University .................................................. $100.00
Bread of Life Food Pantry ....................................... $3,341.40
Community Kitchen of Bennettsville ................... $3,341.40
Marion County Coordinating Council ................ $5,000.00
Francis Marion University ....................................... $5,580.00
McLeod Health Foundation .................................... $100.00
Boys and Girls Club of Florence ......................... $300.00
The State Fair ........................................................ $250.00
First Presbyterian Church ....................................... $600.00
All Saints Episcopal Day School ......................... $250.00
Naomi Project ........................................................... $400.00
First Presbyterian Church - Choir ....................... $1,000.00
McLeod Foundation - Hospice Tree Lighting .... $1,000.00
Florence Darlington Tech Foundation ................ $100.00
Naomi Project ........................................................... $2,500.00
Backpack Buddies ..................................................... $2,000.00
King’s Court Homeless Center ......................... $3,000.00
Mercy Medicine ......................................................... $500.00
Lutheran Services Carolinas ................................. $500.00
Florence County Disabilities Foundation ............... $250.00

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS
Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County .............. $25,000.00
Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County .............. $5,000.00
Central United Methodist Church ......................... $3,000.00
Central United Methodist Church ......................... $2,500.00
Florence Golden K Foundation .......................... $5,000.00
Florence County Museum ...................................... $2,500.00

* See additional grant awards in the articles for
Pee Dee Disaster Relief Fund and Kinney Family Fund.
Eastern Carolina Community Foundation proudly awarded ten $1,000 scholarships in 2020 to deserving students throughout the Pee Dee region. Four separate scholarship funds housed at the foundation distributed these awards: FBI Construction Scholarship Fund awarded six, the Justin O’Connor Memorial Fund awarded two, the Jason Vance Chatlosh Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded one, and the William Penn Harrison Scholarship Fund also awarded one. In recent years, the foundation has hosted a reception to honor the scholarship recipients as well as the fund holders. In these challenging times, a social gathering to celebrate was not possible. The foundation congratulates these students for their achievements and wishes them all the best for a bright and successful future! In addition, the foundation recognizes the remarkable contributions these scholarship funds have made in the lives of these students and many before and many to come.

FBI Construction scholarships were given to Indrit Hoxha (Horry-Georgetown Technical College), Rafael Bernal-Andrade (Horry-Georgetown Technical College), Jaylin Green (Georgia Tech), Richard Hughes Milling (The Citadel), Jacob Bowers (Clemson University), and Addison Dicks (Clemson University.) The O’Connor scholarships went to Light McNiel (Wofford College) and Wendell Wallace (Francis Marion University.) The Chatlosh award was given to Abby Hoshour (Wingate University) and the Harrison scholarship to Jordan Blanding (USC-Sumter.)

Addison Dicks shared what the FBI scholarship award means, saying “The scholarship is a huge blessing to me and my family. My family has recently faced some financial uncertainty, and to receive this scholarship was an answer to prayer. I would like to extend a huge thank you to FBI Construction and the committee for choosing me as a recipient and for investing in the future of the construction industry. God bless you all!”

Jaylin Green, also a recipient of an FBI award, commented, “This scholarship, for me, is an opportunity to achieve heights that my parents before me could not. I will not take this chance for granted and I am truly grateful.”

Light McNiel, one of the O’Connor fund recipients graciously shared "Receiving the Justin O’Connor Memorial Fund scholarship is a way for me to remember my friend, Justin. We met in my freshman year at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School when he was a junior, and his outpouring of kindness and selflessness showed to me, are traits that I strive to embody. This scholarship’s objective to educate others about distracted driving is particularly special to me. I have been keenly affected by distracted driving accidents after losing close family members and friends. I have made a promise to myself to never look at or use my phone while driving a vehicle."

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To learn more about Eastern Carolina Community Foundation and scholarship funds, please contact Executive Director, Belle Zeigler at belle@eastercarolinacf.org.
FOUNDATION FUNDS

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Alford Shelley Grainger Fund
Elizabeth Anderson Fund
Bankson Family Fund
Blackwell Ervin Family Fund
Chase Oil Youth Recreation Fund
Lola Brooks Coggeshall & Lola Coggeshall Early Fund
Commander Family Fund
Marion R. and Richard B. Coxe Fund
Lucy and Sam Dargan Fund
DeMarco Family Fund
Dowd Family Fund for Marlboro County
DuBard Family Fund
Fast Family Fund
Rev. Mary M. Finkeldea Fund
The Jo Ann Fisher Animal Welfare Fund
Florence Kiwanis Club Endowment
Florence Remembrance Fund
Force for Good Fund
Asa and Marilyn Godbold Fund
The Ra'Shaud J. Graham Fund
Carter Family Fund
Kyle and Beth Gunter Family Fund
Hiller Family Fund
Evans P. Holland Family Fund
Hudgens Family Fund
I Play Florence Fund
William Henry Johnson Fund
Kinney Family Fund
The Tripp Lisenby Brain Cancer Research Fund
Bebe Daniel Mason Fund
Marlboro County Long Term Recovery Group Fund
McLean Marechal Family Foundation Fund
McNiel Family Fund
Munn Family Fund
Naturally Outdoors ParkWorks Fund
Norwood Family Fund
Bill and Jo Ellen Odom Fund
David Raines Fund
Linda P. Russell Fund
Jo and Banks Scarborough Fund
Lanie Scarborough Fund
Scott-Pearce Family Fund
Rebecca Smith Fund
South Carolina Ministerial Fund
Ben and Starr Ward Family Fund
Whipple Marlboro Fund
Emily and Weave Whitehead Fund

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS
All Saints’ Episcopal Day School Endowment
Pee Dee Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Inc. Camp Coker Endowment
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Pee Dee Endowment
Boys and Girls Club Carraway/ Turner Leadership Fund
Children’s Museum of the Pee Dee Endowment
The Ditty Memorial Fund for the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County
The Endowment for St. Luke Lutheran Church
First United Methodist Church of Bennettsville Howard Hucks Endowment
Florence Central United Methodist Church General Endowment
Florence Central United Methodist Church Music Endowment
Florence County Disabilities Foundation Endowment
Florence County Disabilities Foundation Braxton W. Collins Endowment

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Anonymous Designated Fund
ECCF Operating Endowment
ECCF Regional Enrichment Fund
Christine Fisher Endowment for Florence Symphony Orchestra

Florence County Museum Foundation Endowment
Kathleen Lazar Baskin Florence Symphony Guild Endowed Music Fund
Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County Endowment
Friends and Alumni of Palmetto High School Endowment
Friends of Lamar Library Park Fund
Friends of Society Hill Library Endowment
Golden K Kiwanis Foundation Endowment
Help4Kids Florence Endowment
HopeHealth Endowment
House of Hope of the Pee Dee Endowment
Lighthouse Ministries Mission Fund
Marion Library Endowment
Marlboro Historic Preservation Commission
D. D. McColl House Endowment
Marlboro Historical Society Endowment
The Miracle League of Florence County Fund
Moore Endowment for Marion Library
Mullins Library Endowment
Mullins Library Trust
Pee Dee Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Assault
Stephen A. and Ruth B. Greenberg Endowment Fund
Pee Dee Land Trust Fund
Pee Dee Visions Foundation Fund
The Ellouise Schofield Endowment
St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church Endowment
Tilghman Endowment for Marion County Library
Women In Philanthropy Endowment
WELCOME NEW FUNDS!

10 new funds were opened in 2020.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- Dowd Family Fund for Marlboro County
- The Jo Ann Fisher Animal Welfare Fund
- The Ra'Shaud J. Graham Fund
- Kyle and Beth Gunter Family Fund
- The Tripp Lisenby Brain Cancer Research Fund

DESIGNATED FUND
- Rallings Family Endowment for the Center for Heirs Property Preservation

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS
- Kathleen Lazar Baskin Florence Symphony Guild Endowed Music Fund
- Florence County Museum Foundation Endowment Fund
- Women In Philanthropy Endowment Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- Rallings Family Scholarship Fund
- SouthEast Express Scholarship Fund
- William Penn Harrison Scholarship Fund
- Wilson High School Class of 1945 Scholarship Fund

GREEN LEAF FUNDS
- Darlington County Humane Society Fund
- Ewart Family Fund

GIVING CIRCLE FUNDS
- Women In Philanthropy Fund

Fund listing includes funds established through December 31, 2020.
The Foundation remembers and honors the remarkable life of Ra'Shaud J. Graham. Ra'Shaud, who at the young age of 26, died tragically in a drowning accident in April of 2020. He was a loving, compassionate, hardworking man who was dedicated to his native Lake City community through his heart for service and his love of helping those in need. He was an accomplished student-athlete graduate of both Lake City High School and The Citadel.

In memory of Ra'Shaud, his family and friends established the Ra'Shaud J. Graham Fund in the summer of 2020 at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation to carry on his legacy of love and support for those in the Lake City area who need it most.

Our thanks to the Graham family and friends for entrusting the Foundation with this fund as well as the opportunities to make a positive impact in many lives. We appreciate all the donors who have contributed to honor Ra'Shaud's life.
PEE DEE DISASTER RELIEF FUND: COVID-19 GRANTS

Making a Positive Impact in Uncertain Times

The Pee Dee Disaster Relief Fund was first established in 2010 at the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation through a partnership with the Darlington Raceway in response to tornadoes that hit Darlington. In 2015, donations helped support organizations responding to devastating floods. In more recent years, Hurricanes Matthew and Florence wreaked havoc for many families in the Pee Dee. In 2020, during a time of global pandemic there was both a health crisis and an economic challenge. Many donations from supporters poured in to build up the fund and the grant opportunity was promptly announced to Pee Dee nonprofits. Fifty-eight grants totaling $33,945 were made to nonprofits in the foundation’s seven county service area from the Pee Dee Disaster Relief Fund during the summer of 2020.

Julie Maxham from House of Hope, commented upon receiving a grant form the Foundation, “The only reason we can continue, besides our tireless and dedicated staff, is through the support of the community. With this grant from Eastern Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, we will continue to offer food, shelter, and clothing, despite this terrible disease.”

Thomas Kennedy, ECCF Board Member, said, “it is good to see non-profits from right here in the Pee Dee area assisting people in need in times like these. After going through the grant requests, it solidifies the fact that you don’t have to look hard to find people in need. The need is great right in our own backyard.” Rev. Mary M. Finklea, ECCF Board Chair added, “Helpers are also from our own backyard. It is beautiful to see the connection between needs and resources. People want to give, knowing their gift will impact the lives of their neighbors.”

The intent was to help organizations respond to food, shelter, health, and non-profit sustainability needs stemming from the pandemic in a quick and efficient way. Grants were available in amounts up to $2,000. “We know this can’t solve all the problems that our small local non-profits are up against, but we hope these funds help to ease their burden,” said Finklea. This fund awarded much needed grants in three rounds, over a six month period.
FLORENCE COUNTY MUSEUM RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION

from the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation
Blackwell Ervin Family Fund

In 2008, Anne Blackwell Ervin and Dr. Dan Ervin were on the forefront of downtown revitalization through the renovation and restoration of 154 West Evans Street, currently home to the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation and the Pee Dee Land Trust. Shortly after, Anne and Dan established a donor advised fund at the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation in 2009 to see that many of their philanthropic goals are met.

“Anne and Dan Ervin are leaders, partners, and innovators in the world of charitable giving. As such, they have inspired others to give and make a positive impact in the lives of many in our communities and beyond.” Belle Zeigler, Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, Director.

The Florence County Museum opened to the public in October of 2014 with an average annual attendance of 24,000 visitors per year. In response to COVID-19, the museum transitioned school programs, public outreach, and exhibitions to a virtual platform. This transition, along with providing art supplies to all Florence public school children would not have been possible without the support of the Blackwell Ervin Family Fund.

Through the Blackwell Ervin Family Fund, Anne and Dan have continued to acknowledge needs and support other organizations by establishing designated, endowment, or scholarship funds at the community foundation. Causes that they are passionate about include the arts, land conservation, animal rescue, and education.
The Kinney Family Fund is one of the newest Donor Advised Funds established at the Foundation. The impact that this fund has made and will make in the communities the Foundation serves is remarkable, particularly in Marlboro County. Elisabeth Kinney McNiel, the Kinney Family Fund chair, noted her pride in being able to continue a long tradition in the Kinney family of giving back to the Bennettsville and Marlboro County communities through gifts to local nonprofit partners.

In August of 2020, the Foundation announced the recipients of the recent Kinney Family Fund grants totaling $50,000. Recipients were Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, McLeod Health Foundation (Guest House and HOPE Fund), Humane Society of Marlboro County, Community Kitchen of Bennettsville, Bread of Life Food Pantry, First Presbyterian Church of Bennettsville, Wofford College, and Converse College.

Jill Bramblett, Executive Director of the McLeod Health Foundation, graciously commented, “For the past 24 years, The Kinney Fund has been an important partner to the work of the McLeod Foundation. Understanding the importance of having a place to stay while your loved one is being cared for at McLeod Regional Medical Center, The Kinney Fund’s support provides assistance to Marlboro County residents unable to afford a stay at The Guest House at McLeod, a home away from home for residents who live outside the Florence area.”

Another grant recipient, The Humane Society of Marlboro County, shared what the recent grant meant to their organization, stating, “This grant is specifically used for our Spay/Neuter Program. We would like to thank the Kinney Family Fund for once again supporting our cause. We are honored and beyond grateful to be awarded this. Without this grant, we would certainly be much more limited in the number of spay and neuter surgeries we have completed, which would mean more abused, neglected and diseased animals roaming our streets.”
Women In Philanthropy Fund Awards
Nearly $45,000 in Grants in the Pee Dee

Women In Philanthropy (WIP), the Giving Circle Fund of Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, announced grant recipients in 2020. In addition to a $10,000 donation to the Pee Dee Disaster Relief Fund (also held at the Foundation), WIP awarded $34,890 to Pee Dee nonprofit organizations. The grantees were:

- The CARE House of the Pee Dee: $4,690 for Parent Child Interaction Therapy training
- Caring and Sharing: $6,000 for hunger relief services and support
- Darlington County Council on Aging: $1,000 for Senior Meal Program
- Felician Center: $1,000 for Williamsburg County Health and Safety support
- Foster Care Clothing Closet: $7,000 for Caring for Children
- Help4Kids Florence: $2,000 for food purchase support
- Lighthouse Ministries: $6,800 for Working Mothers Education and Support Program
- Mercy Medicine Free Clinic: $6,400 for medical equipment storage building

Elizabeth Kahn, President of Women In Philanthropy, commented “In a year of tremendous uncertainty and challenge for most nonprofit organizations, it’s a privilege to be able to support the good work of so many in our local communities. I am so pleased that we were able to give at the level we have for many years. Our membership of over 70 women really came together to make this happen. Our efforts have allowed several local organizations to benefit in a positive and meaningful way.” Executive Director of the Foundation, Belle Zeigler, added “The Foundation is truly grateful to the WIP membership, grants committee, and board for their generosity and continued commitment to supporting nonprofit work in our area of the state.”

Cecilia Meggs, Executive Director of Lighthouse Ministries, shared “We are so excited about being able to partner with WIP again this year to provide our Working Mothers Education and Support Program to families in Florence.” Wayne Jackson with Mercy Medicine Free Clinic commented “This grant is such a blessing to us!” In addition Allie Walker, Vice President of Help4Kids Florence, wrote, “This grant will provide enough food to fill 858 bags. Currently we are providing a bag of food each week to 2,000 food insecure elementary children in Florence County.”

Since its inception in 2009, the Women In Philanthropy Fund has contributed over $500,000 to nonprofits in the communities that the Foundation serves: Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg. More information about Eastern Carolina Community Foundation and the Women In Philanthropy Fund may be found online at www.easterncarolinacf.org or by calling 843-667-1131.

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2020 WIP Membership
Kathy Allen
Julie Allen
Meggie Baker
Linda Beckham
Sherri Bender
Ashley Bratton
Edie Brown
Michelle Byers
Vicki Chung
Dyan Cohen
Julie Culbertson
Salley Davidson
Jennifer Edwards
Frances Elmore
Mary M. Finklea
Kay Floyd-Parris
Sandra Griffin
Vicki Hebert
Belva High
Beverly Hiller
Susan Hiller
Jane Huggins
Nicole Hupfer
Suzanne Jebaily
Elizabeth Jones
Suzanne Jones
Elizabeth Kahn
Debi Kalaritis
Judy Kammer
Lisa King
Peggy Knight
Lisa Lanning
Jill D. Lewis
Angela Lorenz
Debbie DeWitt Lowder
Ashley Lucas
Helen McFadden
Jeanne McGowan
Frances McIntosh
Elaine D. Morehead
Margaret Morgan
Karen Munn
Marie Neely
Donna O’Brien
Ann Orr
Erin Patton
Nancy Player
Stephanie Raia
Candace Roach
Mary Sanders
Daryn Sasser
Sheryl Schwartz
Julia Sisco
Deborah Smith
Marilyn Smith
Terrie Snowden
Mindy Steinkruger
Patsy Stone
Sue Stoughton
Tiffany Straus
Ginger Sullivan
Harriette Swearingen
Ann Thomas
Sandra Trexler
Idette H. Tucker
Amy Urquhart
Lauren Vause
Allie Walker
Mary Wallace
Marguerite Willis
Carrington Wingard
Mary Wiser
Belle Zeigler

2020 WIP Grants
The CARE House of the Pee Dee........ $4,690
Caring and Sharing.......................... $6,000
Darlington County Council on Aging .... $1,000
Felician Center............................... $1,000
Foster Care Clothing Closet............... $7,000
Help4Kids Florence......................... $2,000
Lighthouse Ministries....................... $6,800
Mercy Medicine Free Clinic.............. $6,400
Pee Dee Disaster Relief Fund........... $10,000

Foster Care Clothing Closet
$7,000

Women in Philanthropy

Lighthouse Ministries
$6,800

Pee Dee Disaster Relief Fund
$10,000

Help4Kids Florence
$2,000
PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY
Julie Allen
Paul and Debbie DeMarco
Brian Fast
Rev. Mary M. Finklea
Kyle Gunter
Greg Hendrick
Floyd Keels
Mary AC Ingram Charitable Lead Unitrust
Realtor Association of the Greater Pee Dee
Conrad Seastrunk
Patti and Zip Vassy
Belle and Ben Zeigler

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FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION
Tom Ewart
Lane Gilpin
Andrew Kampiziones
Michael Miller
Bill Odom
John Scott
Pattie White

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GIFTS TO FOUNDATION FUNDS
Elizabeth Anderson
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Pee Dee
Central Carolina Community Foundation
Central United Methodist Church
Scott and Donna Collins
Richard Coxe
Lucy and Sam Dargan
Brian Edwards
Brian and Patricia Fast

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RALLINGS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Linda Barker
Eve Keller
Mark Rallings
Rebecca Rallings

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GIFTS TO FRIENDS OF LAMAR LIBRARY PARK FUND
George D. Fields  in honor of Ethel Jane Reynolds and Faye Griffin
Friends of the Lamar Library
Faye Griffin in Memory of Willis Thomas
Ethel Jane Reynolds

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KATHLEEN LAZAR BASKIN FLORENCE SYMPHONY GUILD ENDEOVED MUSIC FUND
Kathleen Baskin
Kathleen Brungard
Warren and Maria Clayton
Florence Symphony Guild
Jacquelyn Odell
Maureen Phillips
Michaela Sheehy
Maryanne Towers

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THE JO ANN FISHER ANIMAL WELFARE FUND
Fisher Jewelers & Silversmiths
Carrie and Reid Sherard
Amy and Derrick Urquhart

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JASON VANCE CHATLOSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Jessica Ballard
Katherine Barnett
Sarita Bethea
Jeff and Janmarie Chatlosh
Kimi Davidson
Brian Edwards
Jennie Edwards
Mary Glenn Eldridge
Linda Groff
TJ and Lisa Liston
Katy Motsinger
Gavin Sheppard

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THE RA'SHAUD J. GRAHAM FUND
Matt Apicella
Catrina Bingham
Jeanne Bollinger
Hayden Brown
DeCharles Burgess
Christine Cook
Pressley Dickson
Lehe and Sarah Fender
Florence School District 3
Maiya Godwin
Chanda Graham
Joshua Jennings
The Larch Foundation
Dana Leuker
Todd Mattocks
Debra Singletary
Latoya Townes
Brandis Washington
GIFTS TO WILLIAM PENN HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Caring Hands EMS Company
Rev. Bennie Colclough
Ernest and Tammy Finney
Frances K. Hilton
Calvin Houston
Lavern Houston
Floyd Keels
Annette Kennedy
Kathy M. Plowden
Santee Electric Co-op
Casper Simon
Wilson Elementary School Alumni Reunion

DOWD FAMILY FUND FOR MARLBORO COUNTY
Richard and Mary Lee Bastin
The Bill and Connie Timmons Foundation
Frances Bramlett
Prentiss and Kim Bundy
Michael Capaccio
Lonnie Carter
Jesse and Wanda Chavis
Citadel Foundation
The Citadel
Cermette and Anne Clardy
William Coleman
J. Lloyd Cumby
John and Valerie Dorrian
William Caffney Jr.
Barry Gibson and Ron Webster
Gaylord Greene
Kathleen Hancock
Roy and Lynn Hemphill
Arlo and Judith Hill
Katie Hurtt

Alison and Jeffrey Kidd
Mr. and Mrs. Reamer King
James King
Fran Lewis
William Lind
Chris Littlefield
Chris and Peggy Littlefield
Bronwyn Littlefield
Julia and Abe Luzon
Donald and Martha May
Mr. and Mrs. George McIntyre
A. Foster McKissick III
Shannon Mease
Timothy Norwood
PC4 Fund of the Ayco
Charitable Foundation
Terry and Gail Richardson
Marvin and Linda Slaughter
Charlie and Deborah Smith
Ray and Betty Souther
William and Pamela Steele
Peter Sulick
The Sunshine Foundation
Chris and Debbie Swain
Lisa Ukuku
Bruce Usher
Carolyn Wallace
Christian and Evelyn Walter
Anderson Warlick
Jennie Weatherly
Belle and Ben Zeigler

Cindy Brinson
Cathy Cox
Julie Ann Cramer
Gwen Dutton
Anne Elizabeth Early
Heather Flowers
Philip and Judith Fulmer
Tim Geddings
Timothy and Karin Heustess
Bryan and Donna Howell
Robert and Linda Jackson
Glenn Matthews
The McCown Charitable Fund
Joseph and Sara Mills
Robert and Erika Mills
J. Marvin Owen
Edwin and Ashley Padgett
Nancy Polk
Susan Robertson
Mark Sansbury
Shiloh UMC New Beginnings
Sunday School Class
Greg Simmons
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin R. Slaughter
Jody and Betsy Stevens
Stifel
Thomas and Pamely Swaffield
Christopher and Natalie Taflinger
The Wagner Family
Pattie White
Crystal Williams
Jill and James Williams
Joann Wurzbacher

TRIPP LISENBY BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH FUND
ACS Technologies
Cathy Baker
Betty Campbell Foundation
A few days before I turned 14, my mother died unexpectedly. It was a difficult time for me, my older sister, and my younger brother. My parents had divorced the previous year, and my father suddenly had the momentous task, along with my stepmother, of raising three children. Because we were young, my siblings and I received Social Security for a few years before our 18th birthdays. Dad set roughly $3,200 aside for my future use and when I was in college, used it to purchase stock in Home Depot. From 1996 to 2020, it grew in value to approximately $40,000.

Since my basic needs are met through my work and that of my husband, I knew I wanted to set that money aside for something special. I had always intended for the legacy of that money to be used toward making a positive difference in the world. I assumed at some point I would share it with my favorite charities and beloved ministries that are meaningful to me. It dawned on me that by donating it to my donor advised fund at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation (ECCF) that I could accomplish two, well, really several, good things at once.

I invite you to consider ways that make sense to you to support the work of the Foundation, and maybe establish or contribute to an existing Donor Advised Fund with a stock transfer. Or consider, as a faithful steward, passing on a legacy that was entrusted to you, and create a fund in memory of a loved one. One by one, these gifts add up to create significant momentum for our local non-profits and result in changed lives!

Mary’s Reason Why

1) My plan allows some of the money to grow so that it can support good, effective charities in the future.

2) It strengthens the ongoing work of ECCF through the small foundation support fee.

3) It increases the total corpus of ECCF, creating a stronger and more vibrant local community foundation. I am part of $13 million investment designated for changing the world!

4) By transferring the stock to a charity, my tax burden is negligible, meaning more dollars go to ministry instead of taxes.

5) I get the chance to practice what I preach, be bold in generosity, and grow in faith.

6) I know Mom would be proud. This, I am sure, would bring her joy and is a testament to her legacy as my mother.

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