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FROM THE CHAIR

Minor Meyers Jr is credited with stating: "Go out into the world and do well, but more importantly, go out into the world and do good". Since January 1, 2011, the Greenwood County Community Foundation (GCCF) has had a passionate & dedicated group of citizens creating and expanding an organization that is indeed doing good. Looking back over the past eight years, not only has GCCF had a tremendous impact in areas of high need in Greenwood, but it also continues to add and develop new and innovative initiatives.

GCCF is acutely aware of certain challenges and opportunities in Greenwood and connects donors with their specific areas of interest; from education to the arts

to healthcare and more. It also allows donors to customize their charitable gifts while being flexible and responsive to the donors' priorities. So collaboratively, GCCF works with donors and non-profit entities that are interested in improving the quality of life in Greenwood.

The past year has been an exciting one for the Foundation. The Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Endowment continues to grow and gain momentum while the Greenwood Women Care initiative has grown its membership to 110 engaged women and is poised to grant nearly \$40,000 to local nonprofits in 2019. GCCF is uniquely poised to be a philanthropic leader by being a vehicle for people to make a lasting difference in Greenwood and beyond.

The growth & well-being of our community is based on the Foundation's overarching mission of making Greenwood better for all its citizens. Particularly, it makes Greenwood better for those citizens whose lives are vastly different than our own.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Chair of the GCCF Board of Directors for the past two years. I am humbled by the faith my fellow board members have had in me and I congratulate Jeff Smith and Mary Woodiwiss for the success and impact the Foundation has had thus far. I wish Chair-elect Sam Leaman every success in the coming years.

Megha Lal



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Hub of Philanthropy in Greenwood

2018 proved to be a year of significant growth, and planning for additional growth, at the Greenwood County Community Foundation. By far, the biggest success story of the year was Greenwood Women Care (GWC). In its inaugural year this initiative took flight, surpassing all of the benchmarks that had been set to gauge its success. Engaging women from across multiple spectrums, the membership of GWC is poised to make grants totaling \$40,000 to nonprofits in Greenwood County early in 2019, and repeating that feat in 2020.

We continue to advocate for the Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Endowment, because we feel it is critical to preserve the history and promote the legacy of one of the nation's most significant African American educators and civil rights leaders. The GLEAMNS Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Historic Preservation Site must build a reliable

source of sustaining operating revenue in order to ensure that the story of one of Greenwood's most important native sons is always told.

Our 2nd annual "Celebrating A Giving Community" Awards Gala included the presentation of 2 new awards, the "Spirit of Philanthropy" and the "Lifetime of Philanthropy," presented to Dr. Jack Parham and James C. Self, Sr., respectively, for their altruistic work to improve life for all of Greenwood County's citizens. Additionally, we were honored to bestow the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award to Loy Sartin for his relentless dedication in preserving the history of Dr. Benjamin E. Mays and his instrumental work in creating the Mays Historic Site on the GLEAMNS campus.

The foundation continues to work with individuals, families and organizations to create custom funds

through which each one's unique philanthropic goals can be accomplished. You can read about one of our partner families in this report. We also continue to provide funding to local nonprofits through our 3 annual Community Impact grant cycles and feature one from each cycle in this issue's "Grant Spotlight."

2019 will see even more progress and growth – and more planning for growth – as the foundation continues its journey to be the hub of philanthropy in Greenwood. What will remain the same is our commitment to our charitable mission, the desire of our partners to create funding vehicles for their own gifts, and assisting local nonprofits through our own granting cycles.

We invite you to be a part of our work.

Welcome to the hub.

Jeff Smith



TRENTSIE WILLIAMS

Welcome New Board Member

Trentsie is exactly what we look for in a Board member. She's a Greenwood native and has been involved in so many activities it's hard to list them all. She is committed to making Greenwood better, and she will be an amazing addition to the Board as we seek to grow our positive impact in the community.



SAM LEAMAN

2019 Board Chair

Sam is a well-respected and engaged community leader. More importantly, Sam has been actively involved in the mission of the foundation since its inception nearly 10 years ago, and is one of its three original Board members. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Sam's caliber to lead us as we continue to grow and serve the philanthropic needs of individuals and organizations in Greenwood.



GCCF STAFF

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President / CEO



MARY WOODIWISS

Director of
Projects & Grants



CAROL WOOD

Accountant

GREENWOOD WOMEN CARE

Caring Women Building Community



In early October of 2017, Greenwood Women Care (GWC) received the first contributions for 2018 membership. By the end of April 2018, GWC was 104 Charter Members strong!

In 12 short months, GWC has begun to fulfill its mission to be an organization of Caring Women Building Community. Four Quarterly Meetings, planned by the Programs and Education and Social Committees, focused on significant activity to improve the quality of life in Greenwood County. In February, guest speakers presented local nonprofit efforts and entities in arts and culture and social services. May's program was "Offering Hope: Services for Women and Children in Crisis". The August meeting featured "Back by Popular Demand: The Penguin Project", and "Homelessness and Hunger in our Hometown" were discussed in the November meeting. A "Charter Members' Celebration" in April and "A Farm Drop-In" in October, two social evenings, were also highlights of the year.

The GWC Grants Review and Awards Committee developed a sound grants process and offered a grant-writing workshop to the community in the fall. Sixteen local nonprofits submitted applications for funding in GWC's inaugural granting cycle. GWC 2019 Grant awards were based on ranked voting by the full membership in late February of 2019.

Through pooling the resources of Members made in their annual contributions and other gifts to the GWC Granting Fund, GWC has created a new source of funding for Greenwood County nonprofits. The Granting Fund continues to grow through annual Membership contributions and additional gifts. GWC Members are excited to see the results of their first year of collective granting for impact in our community!

GWC is comprised of women who have diverse personal and professional experiences, live in many neighborhoods, enjoy an array of other community activities, and vary in age over more than 50 years. Membership is open at all times to any interested woman who commits to the GWC Membership contribution, renewable annually.

Members are kept informed of events and other key information through the efforts of the GWC Communications Committee. Current information is also found on GWC's webpage.

GWC's Governance and Finance Committee sets policies and identifies leadership. The GWC Steering Committee provides guidance to Standing Committees, identifies aims for GWC's growth and flourishing, and is committed to articulating and demonstrating core values of GWC.

GWC has hosted dozens of guests at six primary events in 2018, and looks forward to meeting more interested women at future events. This practice is consistent with GWC's mission to inform community-minded women about community needs and opportunities, both broadly and specifically.

As an initiative of GCCF, GWC has received substantial material, in-kind, and staff support in its founding year. GWC represents grassroots philanthropy at its finest. GCCF is delighted to have played a pivotal role in the development of this dynamic organization that brings a diverse cohort of women together to learn, give, and grow!

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE? GO TO:
WWW.GREENWOODCF.ORG/GREENWOOD-WOMEN-CARE
OR EMAIL GWC@GREENWOODCF.ORG**



2018 CHARTER MEMBERS

Greenwood Women Care's Charter Members are recognized for their support of this initiative at its very beginning. The following 104 women joined GWC by April 2018, building a strong foundation for GWC through their membership contributions to the GWC Granting Fund and Endowment and committee activities in our first year of formation.

Peggy Adams
Kelly Addy
Kit Adkins
Susan Albon
Wendi Andrews
Laura Bachinski
Martha Barnette
Maria Bazan
Clarissa Blackmore
Dana Boellert
Carolyn Bonner
Summer Booker
Stefanie Bowen
Kelly Buckshorn
Connie Carstens
Vickie Chandler
Rossie Corwon
Holley Coyle
Anne Craig
Angela Darby
Lori Davis
Catherine DiBenedetto
Marla Dixon
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Boo Ramage
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Sandy Singletary
Lisa Smith
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Laura Stowe
Angie Stroud
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Casey Tompkins
Nina Trent
Brenda Trivette
Eleni Tsikalakis
Cuba Turman
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Stephanie Turner
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Ann VanVoriss
Lynn Vaughn
Anit Vettukattil
Louise Watkins
Anna Welborn
Sharon Westbrook
Trentsie Williams
Mary Woodiwiss



2018 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

YOUTH & EDUCATION

City of Greenwood – for fire prevention education program materials for children and youth
Community Initiatives – for vehicle expenses for transport of Safe Haven schoolchildren
Cornerstone – for collaborative community campaign about opioids abuse and related issues
Emerald City Rotary Foundation – in support of the Imagination Library project
Goodwill Industries – for job training programs at Greenwood site
Healthy Learners – for transportation for medical services for school-age children with limited resources and staff support
The Museum and Railroad Historical Center – for scholarships to summer camps at The Museum and Railroad Historical Center
P. H. Carmichael Foundation – for youth academic and career development programs
Panola United Methodist Church – for collaborative summer literacy program in underserved neighborhood

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

Arts Council of Greenwood County – for #instART 2018 exhibit and purchase of pottery wheels
Benjamin E. Mays Historic Site – for The Mays Scholars Program for young men
Burton Center – for career training for Burton Center clients on site
Festiva – for performance fees and commissioned composition by Deanna Witkowski Jazz Trio
Greenwood Community Theatre – for The Penguin Project production of “Aladdin, Jr.”
Greenwood Performing Arts – for outreach program performance costs
John and Lula Welton Life Enrichment Initiative – for community performance of “God’s Trombones”
MODELS Academy – for MODELS Academy Leadership Conference series for young men

OPEN GRANTING

Alston Wilkes Society – for staff salary and client workshop materials
Beyond Abuse – for protective awnings at agency site
Connie Maxwell Children’s Home – for “Fostering Families” program
Engaging Men of Color – for “Standing Firm to be My Brother’s Keeper” conference expenses
Greenwood Pathway House – for a commercial dishwasher for the men’s shelter
Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont – for community room at the palliative care center
Immanuel Lutheran Church Soup Kitchen – for purchase and installation of AED
Meg’s House – for client transportation to employment
United Center for Community Care – for digital informational sign

2018 GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEES

Many members of our community from a broad range of professional and personal perspectives offer their time, expertise, and insight in our granting process. They dedicate hours to reading and assessing every GCCF Grant Application in each given Community Impact cycle. The Grants Review Committee then meets to discuss the proposed projects and programs and recommends funding amounts to our Board of Directors.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Wendi Andrews - Food Bank of Greenwood County
Georgia Deal - The Children’s Center (Carolina Health)
Alison Fletcher - Community Volunteer
Donna Foster - Piedmont Technical College
Linda Holland - Educator (retired)
Michael McCarthy - Community Indicators Project
Lisa McMillan - Greenwood Mills
Randy Randall - Fujifilm
Casey Tompkins - Davis & Floyd
Nyshawn Wright - Upstate Fatherhood Coalition

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

Henry Anderson - Self Regional Hospital
Charlie Barrineau - Greenwood City Manager
Johnathan Bass - Greenwood Family Y
Roxy Fawcett - Community Volunteer
Pattie Fender - Greenwood County Public Library
Laura Hester - Lander University
Siserley Kelley - Carolina Heath Centers
Charlene McLoughlin - RN
Sandra McMullen - Saluda County Schools
Carol Paguntalan - Piedmont Technical College
Rodney White - Community Initiatives
Stefan Wiecki - Presbyterian College

OPEN GRANTING

Laura Bachinski - Main & Maxwell
Deloris Bacote-Lagroon - Educator, retired
Wade Cupcheck - Manning Law Firm
David Dougherty - Greenwood Area Chamber of Commerce
Howard Green - Greenwood High School
Rick Green - Upper Savannah Council of Governments
Kyle Hite - First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood
Andrea Hobson - Wesley Commons
Lori Holloway - Jewelry Artist
Sue Mallon - Community Volunteer
Marion Smith - The Museum
Janet Still - Greenwood Genetic Center
Chris Thomas - Benjamin E. Mays Historic Site
Lisa Wiecki - Lander University

2018 GRANT SPOTLIGHTS

GCCF Community Impact Grants are awarded annually in three, regular cycles. Grant Applicants may request up to \$5000 in funding for a program or project serving residents of Greenwood County. In 2018, GCCF awarded funding to a total of 26 Nonprofit organizations, including 13 receiving GCCF funding for the first time.

Three of these first-time recipients in our three Community Impact grant cycles are highlighted here.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

The John and Lula Welton Life Enrichment Initiative staged a full musical theatre production of James Weldon Johnson's *God's Trombones* which engaged a cast and crew of 50 people including directors, actors, singers, dancers, and stage crew. Two evening performances were presented to full houses of 500 at Little River Multicultural Complex on October 26–27, 2018.

This literary work presented inspirational sermons in the form of poetry, coupled with gospel music to contemporize its historical message. "God's Trombones addresses struggles of life without resorting to stereotypes or music that glorifies self-destructive behavior. As the production began to take shape, cast members became motivated, self-confident, worked above and beyond what was required, and enjoyed the musical theatre process.", said Pacquitta Coleman, Executive Director of Welton Life Initiative and Musical director of *God's Trombones*.

GCCF funding provided support to secure highly skilled musicians and a professional sound and lighting company, both of which are vital to a quality musical theatre production.



Singers perform a group number in "God's Trombones".

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Panola United Methodist Church, in cooperation with Mathews, Trinity, and Lowell Street United Methodist Churches, received funding to conduct a literacy program entitled "I Can Make a Difference" over six weeks in the summer. Mamie Love, who completed training in the Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School model, directed the program held at Mathews UMC.

The Rev. Mike Evans noted, "'I Can Make a Difference' is intended to mitigate the 'summer slide' for participating students known as 'Scholars'. This program provided enrichment to help Scholars fall in love with reading, increase their self-esteem, and generate more positive attitudes toward learning, using a curriculum that supports children and families around five essential components: I Can Make a Difference in myself, in my family, in my community,



in my country, and in my world. This language-based program also included: field trips related to the curriculum, weekly parent meetings, a fine arts component, and donation of books studied during each week for Scholars to take home to begin their own personal libraries."

Sen. Floyd Nicholson visits "I Can Make a Difference" at Mathews UMC to read to summer Scholars.

OPEN GRANTING

Connie Maxwell Children's Home has been serving children and families in Greenwood County since 1892. In keeping with their mission to serve children in need of secure housing and a loving home, Connie Maxwell sought funding from GCCF toward establishing their "Fostering Families" program.

Paula Reed, Director of Foster Care noted, "Becoming a foster parent is a long, drawn out process. Families think about fostering for years before they actually take the first step. Once they finally do, families get discouraged during the process because it can really be daunting."

Connie Maxwell's "Fostering Families" program is an initiative to license more foster homes in Greenwood County. "Connie Maxwell Children's Home is a fully accredited licensing agency for families interested in foster care. Once individuals begin the licensing process, they are paired with a Connie Maxwell licensing worker that encourages them and serves as a resource," Reed said. Once the process is complete, participants will be eligible to have SC DSS children placed in their homes.



Connie Maxwell staff members are implementing the "Fostering Families" program. Paula Reed, Director of Foster Care; Haleigh Moore, Foster Care Specialist; Diane Turner, Foster Care Licensing and Training Coordinator.

2018 DONORS & SUPPORTERS

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The Arts Center of Greenwood County
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NEW FUNDS ESTABLISHED IN 2018 ENDOWED

The Cecile Dyck Fund for Hope (Designated) was created to provide a permanent funding source for scholarships for special needs individuals attending the SC Jaycee Camp Hope
The Jim and Pauline Eubanks Endowment (Donor Advised) Jim and Pauline Eubanks wished to create a permanent funding source for a variety of causes and organizations that they support on an annual basis.

The Greenwood Women Care Endowment (Donor Advised) is a growing permanent funding source for Greenwood's women's giving collective. Eventually, this fund will supplement the existing pool of grant dollars distributed throughout the Greenwood community in ways to be determined by the GWC membership.

NON-ENDOWED

The Jim and Pauline Eubanks Fund (Donor Advised) Jim and Pauline Eubanks created this non-endowed fund to be more responsive to needs and causes of which they become aware.

The Fletcher Family Fund (Donor Advised) Through this fund, Herman and Alison Fletcher provide ongoing support to their beloved Rock Presbyterian Church as well as a number of other causes of personal significance.

The Kumar Family Fund (Donor Advised) Husband and wife Cardiologists, Shekar and Priya Kumar, created this fund to quickly and conveniently carry out their charitable mission while maintaining a very busy medical practice schedule.

DONOR ADVISED, DESIGNATED, AND FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS

A Place for Us
American Cancer Society, Greenwood
Relay for Life
Arts Center of Greenwood County
Benedict College
Beyond Abuse
Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Council
Children International
Connie Maxwell Children's Home
David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
DiscipleMakers
Greenwood First Baptist Church
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
First Presbyterian Church
Food Bank of Greenwood County
Foundation for a Greater Greenwood
(Greenwood Promise)
Friends of Panthertown, Inc
Greater Greenwood United Ministry
Greenville Civic Chorale Association
Greenwood Alconon
Greenwood Community Theatre

Greenwood Family YMCA
Greenwood Genetic Center
Greenwood Lions Club Foundation
Greenwood Pathway House
Greenwood School District 50
Greenwood Soup Kitchen
Greenwood Women Care (GCCF)
Halter Therapeutic Riding Center
Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund
HospiceCare of the Piedmont
Humane Society of Greenwood
Hyde Park Baptist Church
Jacksonville State University Foundation
Lancaster County Council of the Arts
Lander Foundation
Ligonier Ministries International Outreach
Main Street United Methodist Church
Matthew 25:40
Mays Endowment
Miami Gay Men's Chorus
Mission to the World
National Rifle Association

Northside Baptist Church
Pi Kappa Phi Foundation
Piedmont Technical College Foundation
Project Hope
Rainbow Railroad
Rise Against Hunger-Stop Hunger Now
Rock Presbyterian Church
Self Regional Healthcare Foundation
Serge
Shepherd Center
St. Joseph's Catholic School
St. Mark United Methodist Church
Unicef
United Way of Greenwood and
Abbeville Counties
University of North Carolina
University of South Carolina
USC Business Partnership Foundation Fund
USC Educational Foundation
- USC School of Law
Water of Life
World Vision

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED IN 2018: \$517,003

PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED FUNDS

"A Time to Give Fund" (non-endowed)
The A.C. "Bubba" Fennell Family Fund (non-endowed)
The Arts Center Endowment (endowed)
The Benjamin E. Mays Endowment (endowed)
The Chad Withered Scholarship (endowed)
The Chandler Family Trust (endowed)
The George W. Ballentine Fund (non-endowed)
The Greenwood Chamber of Commerce
Community Scholarship (endowed)
Greenwood Community Theatre Endowment (endowed)
Greenwood Kiwanis Star Student Fund (endowed)
The Friends of Boys State Fund (endowed)
The James Family Fund (endowed)
The Lal Family Fund (endowed)
The Lal Family Fund (non-endowed)
The Jaycees Eternal Hope Endowment (endowed)

The Kasper Fund for Community Enhancement (endowed)
The Latham-Dolny Family Endowment (endowed)
The Leary Family Fund (endowed)
The Leary Family Fund (non-endowed)
The Major Walter Benson Scholarship (endowed)
The Manning Family Fund (non-endowed)
The Martha C. and J. Roland McKinney Fund (endowed)
The Meg's House Endowment (endowed)
The Barbara Holbrook Parham Music Trust (endowed)
The Parham Family Endowment (endowment)
The Parham Family Trust (endowed)
The Strawn Family Promise Endowment (endowed)
The Alice and Howard Tolbert Fund (endowed)
The Ann B. Urquhart Endowment (endowed)
The Wade and Kathryn D. Watson Fund (endowed)
The Women's Healthcare Classic Fund (endowed)

FAITHFUL

For Herman and Alison Fletcher one word defines how they live, and how they give.

FLETCHER FAMILY FUND

Herman, who grew up in northwest Georgia, and Alison, a self-described air force brat who lived all around the world, consider Greenwood to be their home. They originally arrived in 1995, when Herman took over general operations management for the Cooper Power Systems location in Greenwood. 8 years later, however, Herman was transferred to a facility in Wisconsin where he and Alison lived until 2008. As Herman states, “they (Cooper Power Systems) graciously agreed to let us return to Greenwood” when the allure and familiarity of southern culture and climate beckoned. “We’ve lived in Greenwood 19 years, which is longer than any single location in either of our lives.”

Central to the Fletcher’s life in Greenwood is their church home. Both Rock Presbyterian Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church before that, have played an integral role in the Fletcher’s transition to established residents and engaged citizens of Greenwood County. Their pastor, Chris Leonard, did not meet the Fletchers until they returned to Greenwood in 2008. “Everyone kept telling me, ‘you really should have known the Fletchers. They were so integral to our church,’ said Leonard. “Of course they were right, and what a blessing it is to have them back in town and back in the fold.”

The Fletcher’s have always been generous to causes of importance to them, but were not fully aware of the Greenwood County Community Foundation (GCCF) and how it could streamline their charitable giving. But after receiving referrals from their financial advisor and estate attorney, they sought more information and learned how their investment in GCCF not only helps them simplify their giving, but helps the community as well. “We spent a lot of time learning about the goals of the Greenwood County Community Foundation,” Herman said, “and as we learned more, we realized how our investment helps the foundation grow, which also helps nonprofits in Greenwood do their work.” It was the Fletcher’s faithful diligence that led to the realization that GCCF would be a good partner in their charitable giving mission. “The more you’re invested in something personally, the more you feel that strong sense of connection.” Alison has taken that statement to the next level with her engagement with GCCF’s initiative Greenwood Women Care. She has been deeply involved in this women’s giving collective as a charter member and a member of the group’s Grants Committee, which will oversee the first gifts (totaling \$40,000 or more) in 2019.

Loyalty and dedication play a big role in Herman and Alison’s giving decisions. Each supports their respective alma maters, as well as the Self Regional Healthcare Foundation, World Vision and Ligonier Ministries. But it is their church home that always comes first. “We try to be faithful to the commands found in the Bible and support our church as we’re instructed,” added Herman. “We prefer to give generously to a smaller number of charities instead of taking a scattershot approach and giving smaller amounts to a large number of nonprofits.”

The Greenwood County Community Foundation is proud to be a partner with Herman and Alison Fletcher and applaud their faithful commitment to our community.



CELEBRATING A GIVING COMMUNITY

The weather was perfect and the company was grand. What better way to celebrate a giving community than to bring charitable people together for an inspirational evening.

On a perfect southern autumn evening this past October, the Greenwood County Community Foundation held its 2nd annual "Celebrating A Giving Community" awards gala at the Arts Center of Greenwood. Over 120 people convened in the Arts Center Courtyard for a time of connection and networking at the "Friends of the Foundation" reception and later sat for a fabulous plated dinner prepared by the staff at the Inn On the Square. Staff and Board members updated attendees on the work of the foundation over the past year.




New for this year's event was the presentation of three awards honoring the philanthropic spirit of several of Greenwood's most giving individuals. Textile giant, James C. Self, Sr. was honored with the first-ever "**Lifetime of Philanthropy**" award for his work in creating Self Memorial Hospital, an institution he described as a "gift" to the town and people who had been so good to him, and the Self Family Foundation, which has given more than \$68 million to charitable and community projects in Greenwood County.

The first "**Spirit of Philanthropy**" award was presented to Dr. Jack Parham, who has been instrumental in numerous critical need and charitable projects in his lifetime of service, including Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, the United Center for Community Care and Greenwood Pathway House, which include shelters for men and women experiencing homelessness.

Loy Sartin, who has dedicated much of his time, energy and personal resources to securing and advancing the history and legacy of Greenwood's Dr. Benjamin E. Mays through his curatorship of the GLEAMNS Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Historic Preservation Site, was honored with the Duke Energy "**Citizenship and Service**" award by Duke Energy's Government and Community Relations Representative Theo Lane.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

 **ASSETS**
\$6,139,476

 **\$3.1MM**
IN GRANTS
SINCE 2011

 **40**

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL
NAMED FUNDS

SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS

Income	\$1,021,225.74
Expenses	(\$291,271.70)
Grants	(\$523,052.61)
Net	\$ 206,901.43

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY BEQUEST SOCIETY

Connecting Charitable Planning with Future Needs

You can now create a lasting charitable legacy to ensure good causes in Greenwood County have the resources they need for years and years to come. Individuals and families who wish to continue investing in Greenwood's future long after they are gone should consider the Greenwood Community Bequest Circle (GCBC).

It couldn't be simpler to join.

1. Arrange for a planned gift to the Community Foundation or any fund held at the Foundation.
2. Let us know about your planned gift.

It's that easy!

Planned gifts can be made in a number of ways. The most common are bequests by will or revocable trust, beneficiary designations of IRA, retirement plan assets and annuities, gifts of life insurance, charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, and retained life estates. You may also choose to simply leave the remaining balance of your donor-advised fund to the Community Foundation. We will be happy to work with your estate attorney or trusted financial planner to set up your gift.

There is no minimum amount required for a planned gift. Your membership in the GCBC will be recognized in our Annual Report to the Community unless you choose to be listed as an anonymous member. Bequest amounts are never publicized. Circle members will be invited to a special annual event sponsored by the Community Foundation.

To join the GCBC, or for more information, call the foundation at (864) 223-1524 or email jsmith@greenwoodcf.org.



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