



Grant Cycles and Grant Review Committees

There are currently four annual grant cycles at GCCF: Youth and Education, Innovation, Community Enhancement, and Open Granting. Unrestricted Funds enabled the Foundation to award grants totaling more than \$75,000 in 2015. Grant Review Committees for each cycle are made up of Greenwood County community leaders who carefully review and evaluate grant applications and make funding recommendations to the GCCF Board of Directors. Each applicant organization seeks to enrich the Greenwood community.

Granting has been a priority from the beginning. Board Secretary Sam Leaman recalled, "The founding Board of the Foundation was advised to make grants as soon as possible. When we did, beginning in 2012, it felt like the Foundation had instantly become relevant to our community. We knew we would be able to continue to help other non-profits through this annual granting process."



Youth & Education Grants supported Greenwood organizations in developing and operating programs to increase awareness of social issues and provide educational enrichment for academic success, including Community Initiatives' Safe Haven summer program. **Grants Review Committee:** Selynto Anderson, Dan Crockett, Georgia Deal, Shell Dula, Donna Foster, Chuck Graves, David Henderson, Angelle LaBorde, Tripp May, and Trentsie Williams.



Community Enhancement Grants provided funds for an array of local arts, exhibitions, and community development projects, such as The Autism/Developmental Disorders Resource Center at the Greenwood County Library. **Grants Review Committee:** Rhett Baker, Nicholas Beasley, Pam Hunley, Julie Miner, John Patrick, Sheila Reynolds, Lisa Tolbert, and Brendan Treanor.

Open Granting Grants were awarded to fund a variety of projects and initiatives that benefit the Greenwood community through direct services, training, and enrichment activities, such as the Food Bank of Greenwood County's provision of fresh produce for Sowing Seeds clients. **Grants Review Committee:** Delores Bacote, Kris Burris, Michael Butler, Rick Green, Anne Gunby, Adelaide Smith, London Thomas, Lee Vartanian, and Richard Whiting.

Chandler Inducted Into Greenwood County Hall of Fame



GCCF founding Board member and Greenwood business owner Joe Chandler was inducted into the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce's Hall of Fame during a special ceremony at the Chamber's Annual Meeting Gala and Awards dinner held on Friday, January 21st.

Chandler, owner of Chandler Construction Company, was honored for his civic engagement and quiet philanthropy, seeking to help others in the community without any fanfare or recognition. Speaking during a prerecorded video presentation, friends and community leaders related stories about Chandler's selfless nature and commitment to Greenwood. Among those featured in the video were former Chamber President Len Bornemann, Greenwood School District 50 Board of Trustees Chairman Shell Dula and Mamie Nicholson, Program Officer with the Self Family Foundation and also a founding member of the GCCF Board of Directors.

In his remarks, Chandler thanked his family and his parents for creating an atmosphere in which he could succeed and have an impact on the community which had given him so much. We are proud of our affiliation with Joe Chandler and that GCCF is a part of his philanthropic mission.

Congratulations Joe!

James Honored for Service



Dru James has left her mark on Greenwood through her commitment, time and financial resources. She and husband Ennis, a retired Cardiologist, have made Greenwood a better place through vocation and avocation — he through his skilled work at Piedmont Cardiology Associates PA and she through her dedication to improving education in Greenwood and her service o

numerous nonprofit boards. of note is her service on the Greenwood School District 50 Board of Trustees, where she served as Chair and oversaw many significant improvements to both curriculum and facilities. Dru was one of the first community leaders approached to serve on the original Foundation Board of Directors in 2011 and has worked tirelessly ever since to help grow our resources and establish GCCF as the holder of Greenwood County's endowment. As we bid farewell to Dru, we wish her and Ennis all the best as they transition to their new Greenville home. The GCCF Board of Directors will be making a gift in Dru's honor to a Greenwood County charity of her choice.



Merrill Joins GCCF Board

The GCCF Board of Directors welcomed local attorney Jane Merrill as its newest member during the Board's January meeting. Merrill is a Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate of the University of South Carolina where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a Juris Doctor. She clerked for the late Circuit Court Judge Wyatt T. Saunders, Jr., and has litigated cases in both civil and criminal courts. Jane opened Hawthorne Merrill Law in 2013 where she practices adoption and assisted reproductive technology law,

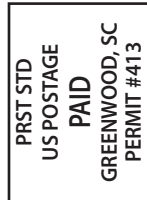
criminal law, and represents Veterans before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, D.C. Merrill actively participates in her church community at The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection and enjoys playing mandolin as well as performing in community theater productions. Jane is married to Albert Merrill and they have two bright and spirited daughters.



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4.5 Million in assets

1.78 Million in grants since 2011

26 Individual Named Permanent Funds



What do you want to do
for your community?

2016 Board of Directors

(Left-right): Darrell Johnson, Sam Leaman, Mamie Nicholson, Amaryllis Turman, Sid Johnston, Martha J. Barnette, A.C. "Bubba" Fennell, Linda Dolny (Chair), Julius "Jukie" Leary, Megha Lal, Sam Tolbert, Joe Chandler (Not pictured), Jane Merrill and Denise Medford

GCCF Staff

Jeff Smith, President/CEO
Mary Woodliss, Projects and Grants Manager
Carol Wood, Financial Assistant



GREENWOOD COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2015 Annual Report



*What do you want to do for your community?
How can we help you make that happen?*



Linda Dolny, Chair
GCCF Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Years ago someone had a dream of what people *in our* community could do together *for* our community. Through an anonymous gift, the Greenwood County Community Foundation (GCCF) was established. Now almost six years old with assets of over \$4.5 million, GCCF has granted over \$1.78 million to charitable organizations in our region and around the world. The fact that this foundation has had such a profound impact so quickly proves that we live within a very generous community. Initially, our founding Board and Executive Director focused on establishing an organization that is not only legal and ethical in policies and practices, but is value driven by the Greenwood community.

Beginning this year, our focus will be on growing the assets of GCCF to at least \$20 million. An ambitious goal but, with your help, we are committed to being self-supporting with the available assets to make a long term difference as we address the root causes of local concerns.

In 2016 we enter a time of transition, both in leadership and focus. We have bid farewell to Peter Manning and Dru James, two of our founding Board members, but are pleased to have Jane Merrill join our ranks. Jane represents a new era of philanthropic leadership and community engagement.

In 2015 we said goodbye to Mark Kasper, GCCF's first President. Under Mark's leadership the Foundation was chartered and grew very rapidly. He was the right person at the right time and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

In October we welcomed a familiar face back home when the Board selected Greenwood native Jeff Smith to replace Mark as the Foundation's President. Along with Projects and Grants Manager Mary Woodiwiss, Jeff is tasked with growing the foundation's endowment and its philanthropic impact on our community. I am very excited to see what the future holds for our organization!

Finally, let me say what a pleasure it is to Chair this dedicated Board of Directors and to partner with them on the important work of making a positive impact in our community.

We invite you to join us.

Linda Dolny

Condensed Statement of Accounts and Changes in New Assets

12 months ending December 31, 2015

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions	\$1,149,298
Net Investment Income	\$ -117,563

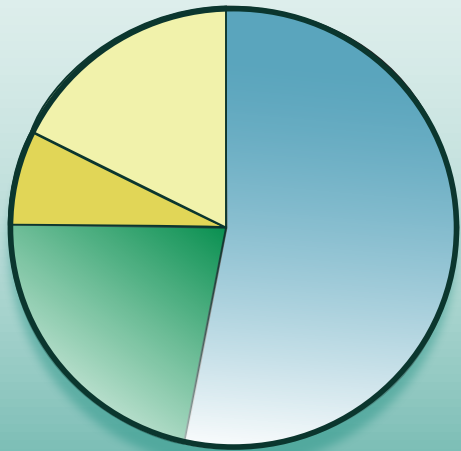
TOTAL SUPPORT and REVENUE **\$1,031,735**

EXPENSES

Grants and Programs	\$ 524,843
Administrative	\$ 210,612

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 755,455**

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$ 276,280**



- Equities – 57%
- Fixed Income Securities – 22%
- Cash & Equivalents – 8%
- Non-Traditional – 13%

Our Investment Management

The Foundation's Board of Directors bears fiduciary responsibility for the assets of the organization. They have again selected two investment managers to facilitate their work: Park Sterling Investment Services in Greenwood and Wealth Management Services of UBS in Greenville. The Investment Committee and Board feel this represents a good balance of "keeping funds local" while utilizing the expertise of UBS' Greenville-based institutional investment team for the entire southeastern United States. This year the investments of the Foundation had a loss of -2.8% net of fees for 2015, which reflected overall market performance, but outperformed respective indices. The investment allocation is shown on the adjacent pie chart.

Professional Advisor Partners

We are proud to partner with the following professional advisors who have assisted their clients in investing in the mission of GCCF

Peter Manning, The Manning Law Firm

Kenneth Parham, UBS

Kenny Poston, McDonald Patrick Law Firm

Please consider consulting your own professional advisor - attorney, accountant or broker - along with Foundation staff to help you plan a significant gift for your community. Think "Community" when you anticipate a large annual tax consequence or as you formulate your estate plans.



GCCF INITIATIVES

Community Indicators Project

2015 was the second year of the Community Indicators Project (CIP), where results of the first year's needs assessments were evaluated and next steps, including securing the right candidate for the Coordinator's position, were initiated. Shareholders in this project are: GCCF, the Self Family Foundation, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, Self Regional Healthcare, United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties and the Greenwood Partnership Alliance.

Boards In Action

This GCCF initiative is dedicated to the development of nonprofit boards through a series of training sessions to equip Board members with the tools of effective leadership so they can have greater impact on the growth of the organizations which they serve.

GRANT HIGHLIGHT

Collaboration Takes Hold: "Show Your Strength Greenwood"

Cathy Miller and Alice Hodges, Executive Directors of Beyond Abuse and Meg's House, respectively, teamed up to seek funding in last spring's Youth & Education Grants cycle. Each agency addresses aspects of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse, and both Directors saw a unique collaboration opportunity: to raise awareness among men in the Greenwood community about abuse and to engage them in its prevention while seeking solutions for abuse.

In applying for the grant, Hodges and Miller stated, "This crosses all socio-economic backgrounds. There is a strong correlation between domestic violence and child abuse. Over 90% of victimization is orchestrated by men. Our program will engage men in prevention and eradication."

In 2015, averages of 50 men attended each of three quarterly "Show Your Strength Greenwood" events, held at St. Mark United Methodist Church fellowship hall. (An additional event is slated for March 2016.) At these sessions attendees learned about a focus topic and heard knowledgeable guest speakers, including Dr. Tony Jones (Director of Project Unity USA, NC), Solicitor David Stumbo, and WYFF Channel 4's Michael Cogdill. Many signed pledges to "never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and children... to learn how I can help to end violence against women and children...[and] to work toward creating a community where all people are valued and safe."

Hodges and Miller are working to create an active forum for Greenwood men to share news, ideas, and information to inspire other men to become advocates to end domestic violence and sexual assault. Miller reports, "The collaboration between Beyond Abuse and Meg's House on this program was a natural fit. Greenwood County ranks 1st in the state in Domestic Violence and 11th in the state for Sexual Violence. We are counting on the good men in Greenwood County to learn more about violence against women and children and to help us end it by being advocates for change." Hodges comments, "I am excited about 'Show Your Strength Greenwood' and the fact that men in our community want to be engaged to stop domestic violence and sexual assault. It is important that men exhibit positive leadership... to eradicate domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. We are fortunate to have the financial support from Greenwood County Community Foundation for this important project."

(l-r) Cathy Miller and Alice Hodges, Executive Directors of Beyond Abuse and Meg's House, respectively, with WYFF's Michael Cogdill



2015 Grants from the Foundation's Unrestricted Funds

A Place For Us — Learning Center programs for residents to complete high school or obtain a GED

Arts Council of Greenwood County — teachers and supplies for outreach summer arts camps

Aviation Expo — support of annual aviation event during the Festival of Flowers

Beyond Abuse/Meg's House — "Show Your Strength Greenwood" program, to promote prevention of child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence

The Children's Museum of the Upstate admission to The Children's Museum of Greenville for underserved, low-income, and at-risk students from Greenwood County

Clemson University Foundation — developing and implementing Inquiring Minds, a science and math inquiry-based program for all District 51 students in grades 3-8

Community Initiatives — after-school literacy initiative that provides reading and language arts education reinforcement activities

Faith Home — purchasing tables and chairs for social and dining halls for use by residents

Festiva — underwriting two spring musical ensembles offered free to the community

Food Bank of Greenwood County — purchasing fresh produce for the Sowing Seed program

Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity — towards construction expenses for a Habitat house, in partnership with Lander University

Greenwood Community Theatre — production expenses to enable GCT to offer attendance at no cost to low income children

Greenwood County Library — develop a new Autism/Developmental Disorders Resource Center comprised of materials for parents, teachers, and caregivers



2015 Grants from Donor Advised and Designated Funds

Advance GCFA

Alconon

American Red Cross

Beyond Abuse

Bowers-RodgersChildren's Home

Boy Scouts of America—Blue Ridge Council

Child Evangelism Fellowship of the Lake-

lands

DiscipleMakers

East Cooper Baptist Church

Food Bank of Greenwood County

Foundation for a Greater Greenwood

County

GALA Choruses

Girl Scouts SC Mountains to Midlands

Greenwood First Baptist Church

Greenwood Genetic Center

Greenwood Kiwanis Club

Greenwood Lions Club Foundation

Greenwood Family YMCA — expansion of the nine-week High Hopes Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program

Greenwood Festival Chorale — music purchase and orchestra expenses for three concerts

Greenwood Pathway House — Purchasing metal lockers and mattresses for new men's shelter

Greenwood Performing Arts — Dance master class expenses and student attendance at an outreach performance of "Two on Tap"

Healthy Learners — expansion to Ware Shoals, for transportation costs to obtain medical services for children without resources

La Puerta de Esperanza — summer enrichment programs to improve reading comprehension and overall academic success of boys in grades 4 – 7, and sessions on sexual responsibility, body changes and health, self-esteem, and career possibilities for high school age girls

Light of Faith Ministries — serving at-risk youth (ages 5 - 18) in summer programming

The Museum and Railroad Historical Center children's scholarships for unique, hands-on learning, research, story development and writing for a large-scale train exhibit, and production of one of eight outdoor panels

Piedmont Agency on Aging — subsidizing four bus trips for recreation and entertainment for seniors with limited resources

Salvation Army — supporting Senior Food program for those 60 years and older with financial challenges

United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties — annual Stuff the Bus school supply program

Ware Shoals School District 51 — development of a GOAL (Great Outdoor Adventure & Literacy) Program for 25 underperforming second and third grade students

Greenwood Pathway House
Greenwood Soup Kitchen Ministry
Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund
Hidden Harbor Marine Project
HospiceCare of the Piedmont
Lancaster Co. Council of the Arts
Lander University Foundation Leukemia
Lymphoma Society
Make-A-Wish SC
March of Dimes
Mission to the World
Northside Baptist Church
Piedmont Technical College Foundation
Pi Kappa Phi Foundation Serge
PRIDE of Greenville Chorus
Self Regional Healthcare Foundation
Serge
St. Mark United Methodist Church
Water of Life

New Funds Created in 2015

The Arts Center Endowment (Designated) was funded by the bequest gift of a long-time friend of the Arts Center, and will be used to support operations and fund special projects and events.

The Major Walter Benson Scholarship (Field of Interest Scholarship) was created to honor the encouragement and compassion of the former Greenwood High School principal by a 1943 graduate, Saul Kurlat. Recipients are graduates of the high school.

The Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Community Scholarship (Field of Interest Scholarship) will assist at least one local student at each of our local institutions of higher education — Lander University and Piedmont Technical College.

The Jaycees Eternal Hope Endowment (Donor Advised) will be used to provide outdoor experiences for mentally handicapped individuals in South Carolina, primarily through camper scholarship assistance.

The Barbara Holbrook Parham Music Trust (Donor Advised) was formed to share Dr. Jack Parham's wife, Barbara's, love of music with Greenwood well into the future.

The Parham Family Endowment (Donor Advised) will make grants to assist organizations and causes of importance to the Kenneth Parham family in Greenville, SC.

The Parham Family Trust (Donor Advised) was created as a permanent source of support for causes important to Dr. Jack and Barbara Parham, as well as their two adult children and successive generations.

The Strawn Family Promise Endowment (Donor Advised) was established to support post-secondary educational opportunities for Greenwood County students and causes of importance to the Strawn family.

The Ann B. Urquhart Endowment (Designated) was created by a Greenwood resident, Don Urquhart, as a special gift for his wife to honor her commitment to personally significant causes in Greenwood County.



Previously Established Funds

DONOR ADVISED These Funds operate like one's own private foundation. Most are created during individuals' lifetimes—particularly in years of high tax consequence. Donors (or those they designate) may recommend grant recipients and amounts (including anonymously).

"A Time to Give Fund" (non-endowed)

The Chandler Family Trust (endowed)

The James Family Fund (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 Manning Family Fund (non-endowed)

The Alice and Howard Tolbert Fund (endowed)

The Wade and Kathryn D. Watson Fund (endowed)

DESIGNATED These permanently endowed Funds support donor designated organizations with annual gifts in perpetuity.

The Friends of Boys State Fund (endowed)

Greenwood Community Theatre Endowment (endowed)

Greenwood Kiwanis Star Student Fund (endowed)

The Martha C. and J. Roland McKinney Fund (endowed)

The Meg's House Endowment (endowed)

FIELD OF INTEREST These Funds provide a way to support various organizations that work on a particular issue (i.e. scholarship support, hunger, health, arts, early childhood education, etc.).

The Chad Withered Scholarship (endowed)

The Women's Healthcare Classic Fund (endowed)

FUND FOCUS

Jaycees Eternal Hope Endowment

Rodney Stone has been thinking about the future for some time now. As Treasurer for the S.C. Jaycee Foundation, one of his main areas of focus is Jaycee Camp Hope at the Clemson University Outdoor Lab in Pendleton, S.C. This unique facility offers mentally handicapped individuals ages 7 and older an opportunity to enjoy fun, challenging and educational group activities in an exciting setting designed to develop independence by teaching campers how to do activities for themselves. The S.C. Junior Chamber of Commerce has provided financial support for every camper attending Jaycee Camp Hope since 1969. To date, the Jaycees have subsidized more than 10,000 camper's attendance at a cost in excess of \$950,000. The Jaycees were also instrumental in establishing the Outdoor Lab as a permanent home for Jaycee Camp Hope in 1975. For many of those years Rodney Stone has been the hub of all of that financial activity. "I've been involved with Jaycee Camp Hope for many years as the Treasurer of the S.C. Jaycee Foundation, and I've witnessed firsthand the positive impact that an outdoor experience can have on mentally handicapped individuals," Stone said. "I wanted to ensure that, for generations to come, similarly challenged adults and children would continue to have that same opportunity through camp scholarships and the best facilities in our region." To make that desire a reality, Stone and the S.C. Jaycee Foundation Board of Directors created the S.C. Jaycees Eternal Hope Endowment at GCCF. As this fund continues to grow, mentally handicapped children and adults will continue to receive scholarship funding to Jaycee Camp Hope. Additionally, funds can be allocated for capital improvements and facility upgrades as they are available. As he looks towards the future, Stone can strike one item off of his "to do" list. "This fund will make sure those camping experiences are available long after I and the current Board and staff members are no longer involved, and that the camp is as up-to-date as possible."

Staff and campers at the SC Jaycee Camp Hope at the Clemson University Outdoor Lab in Pendleton, SC



Grant total for 2015: \$524,943