



### Grant Cycles and Grant Review Committees

There are currently four annual grant cycles at GCCF: Youth and Education, Innovation, Community Enhancement, and Open Granting. Grants totaling more than \$115,425 were awarded in 2016 through the Foundation's Community Impact Funds. Grant Review Committees for each cycle are made up of Greenwood community leaders who contribute time to carefully review and evaluate grant applications and make funding recommendations to the GCCF Board of Directors. Each applicant organization seeks to enrich and strengthen our home community.

**Youth & Education Grants** supported Greenwood organizations in developing and implementing programs to provide educational enrichment, including CREATEng, the South Carolina Governor's School of Science & Mathematics summer engineering program for students in Greenwood. Members of the 2016 Youth & Education Grants Review Committee were: Selynto Anderson, Wendi Andrews, Daniel Crockett, Georgia Deal, Shell Dula, Donna Foster, David Henderson, Randy Randall, and Casey Tompkins.

**Community Enhancement Grants** provided funds for an array of local arts and community development projects, such as the Festiva performance fee of Bobby Horton's "Songs and Stories of the Civil War" in November. Serving on the 2016 Community Enhancement Grants Review Committee were: Rhett Baker, Charlie Barrineau, Nicholas Beasley, Cynthia Drakeford, Pam Hunley, Julie Miner, John Patrick, Lisa Tolbert, Brendan Treanor, and Trentsie Williams.

**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 funding for Ninety Six National Historic Site's annual Crossroads event. The 2016 Open Granting Grants Review Committee was comprised of: Deloris Bacote, Kris Burris, Rick Green, Anne Gunby, Andrea Hobson, Chris Thomas, London Thomas, Lee Vartanian, Richard Whiting, and Matt Wiggins.

The Innovation Grant of \$50,000 was awarded to Project Hope Foundation to establish Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy for children with autism at their new Greenwood site. Board members Linda Dolny, Megha Lal, Jukie Leary, Martha Barnette, Amarilyis Turman, and Joe Chandler served as the Innovation Grants Review Committee.

### Fennell Inducted Into Greenwood County Hall of Fame

Local CPA, community volunteer, and recent GCCF Board member A.C. "Bubba" Fennell 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 Thursday, February 9, 2017. Fennell, a retired shareholder with Elliott Davis Cosimo, was honored as a soft spoken leader who gives unselfishly and serves when needed and where called. Speaking during a prerecorded video presentation, friends and community leaders related stories about Bubba's love of Greenwood, which is rivalled only by his love of the University of South Carolina, where he sits on the Board of Trustees. Among those featured in the video were Greenwood Realtor and retired Air Force General Chuck Fox, and Mickey Young, retired CPA and fellow shareholder with Bubba at Elliott Davis Cosimo. Fennell is the 2nd consecutive GCCF Board member to be inducted, following Joe Chandler in 2016.

### Four Founding Board Members Honored for Service

Four of GCCF's founding Board members were recognized during the organization's final meeting of 2016 for their service and commitment to the Foundation during its formative stages.

Greenwood businessman Joe Chandler, School District 50 Superintendent Darrell Johnson, Self Family Foundation Program Director Mamie Self and retired Lander University professor/business consultant Sam Tolbert were honored as they finished their terms of service to the Foundation.

"We are indebted to these individuals who have given so much to ensure that this organization continues to grow and thrive," said GCCF President, Jeff Smith. "They laid the foundation and now it is up to the rest of us to continue their good work of providing grants to area nonprofits while assisting individuals and agencies with creating customized funds."

The founding Board of Director's oversaw GCCF's growth from its original \$2.5 million gift to its current total asset size of nearly \$5.4 million.



Joe Chandler



Darrell Johnson



Mamie Nicholson



Sam Tolbert



Theo Lane



Furman M. Miller, Jr.



John R. Patrick



Boo Ramage

### GCCF Welcomes 4 New Board Members

The GCCF Board of Directors welcomed 4 community leaders as its newest members during the Board's January Executive Committee meeting. "Our goal is to reflect the population of Greenwood and to bring the brightest minds to our table to partner in our efforts to keep GCCF at the center of philanthropy in Greenwood," said President Jeff Smith. "I am extremely pleased and honored to have these outstanding community leaders in place and ready to make a difference in our community."

The new Board members are:

Theo Lane, Regional Government and Community Relations Director for Duke Energy.

Furman M. Miller, Wells Fargo Bank and Pastor at Weston Chapel A.M.E. Church.

John R. Patrick, Financial Advisor, Countybanc Investment Services.

Bonnie "Boo" Ramage, Administrator, Greenwood Genetic Center.

These new Board members will begin working with the existing Board of Directors to implement the strategic plan adopted in 2016.



5.2 Million in assets

2.2 Million in grants since 2011

28 Individual Named Permanent Funds

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Through a Community Enhancement Grant from GCCF, the Arts Center of Greenwood will be able to produce community outreach summer camps in 2017 and programs during the 2016-2017 school year, which provide underserved communities with onsite arts education. In 2015, a GCCF grant allowed the Arts Center to offer 5 outreach camps and gallery tours, and hands-on arts for 3 additional locations.

# 2016 Annual Report





Megha Lal, Chair  
GCCF Board of Directors

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Eleanor Roosevelt said “the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” For the past five years, a dedicated group of Greenwood citizens has been bringing to fruition the beautiful dream of a community foundation that provides grants for our local nonprofit community and creates opportunities for individuals and agencies to fulfill their charitable giving goals through the creation of unique funds. The overarching mission of GCCF is to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Greenwood County. The success and strength of a community is most apparent in what it does to empower and uplift those with the resources and tools to succeed.

The organization has grown in its first years, but in order to be truly successful, we must grow even more. As we implement a strategic planning process developed in 2016, we have a clearer, and in some cases expanded, vision of our mission and priorities.

To symbolize our renewed focus and more defined mission, we have rebranded the foundation. Our new logo is representative of the continuous service we provide to our community, the resources that flow into the foundation from multiple sources, and the multiplied positive effect those resources have when released as grants and gifts to organizations doing good work in Greenwood and around the world.

I invite you to visit our new website, too. It provides everyone an opportunity to support causes and organizations of importance through our “Contribution” portal. It’s never been easier to become a philanthropist!

The GCCF staff is also working on several new initiatives that will launch throughout this year, so watch for those announcements in the coming months.

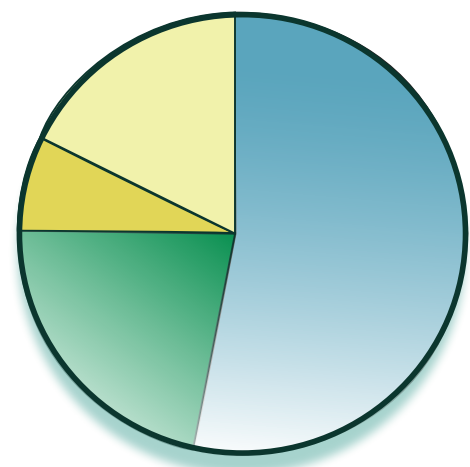
Finally, thank you for being a giving community. Greenwood is blessed with an abundance of people who work very hard to improve life for all. We are fortunate to be a part of this ongoing effort and we look forward to growing bigger to serve better.

Fondly,  
Megha Lal

## Condensed Statement of Accounts and Changes in New Assets

12 months ending December 31, 2016

<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	
Contributions	\$1,084,660
Net Investment Income	\$ 57,389
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT and REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,142,049</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants and Programs	\$ 524,843
Administrative	\$ 181,897
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 706,740</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 435,309</b>



- Equities – 50%
- 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 again selected two investment managers to facilitate their work: Park Sterling Bank and Wealth Management Services of UBS in Greenville. The Investment Committee and Board feel this balanced approach provides the best opportunity for fund growth and performance evaluation.

*This year the investment performance was 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

### The Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Endowment

In celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Mays, this Endowment honors the man who was born in Greenwood County and went on to international acclaim as a civil rights pioneer, President of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, and mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Greenwood is home to the Benjamin E. Mays Historic Site, which includes the sharecroppers cabin in which he was born as well as a museum filled with memorabilia and many of Dr. Mays’ personal effects. This endowment ensures its preservation and also provides scholarships to deserving students who have the potential and the determination to make a positive difference in their chosen fields of service. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

## GRANT SPOTLIGHT Beyond the Footlights at GCT

“Imagine for a moment having a child with special needs. Now, imagine sitting at Greenwood Community Theatre, watching your child on stage, performing with other children – having the same experiences that hundreds and hundreds of other children have had. That is my vision.”

With these words, Stephen Gilbert, Executive Director of Greenwood Community Theatre (GCT) presented a compelling scene as he introduced GCT’s request for funding through GCCF’s 2016 Community Enhancement grant cycle. GCT received a grant award to lay the foundation to implement a program model that enables children with special needs to perform alongside mentors in a community theatre musical production.

This model is The Penguin Project, based in Peoria, Illinois and created by developmental pediatrician Dr. Andrew Morgan. Their website states that “The Penguin Project strives to demonstrate that individuals with special needs are fully capable of participating in community activities with the same dedication and enthusiasm as others, if given opportunity and support.”



Gilbert immediately saw the potential for this program at GCT and drew connections with many of the Greenwood organizations already serving children with special needs and their families. “If this program belongs anywhere, it is here”, he said. Penguin Project works with communities around the country to develop replication sites and Gilbert is pleased to be the first replication site in South Carolina. “We will be a leader in the state with this program. Other communities will want to come to Greenwood to see our model.” Locally, he and Ansley Keenan (GCT Penguin Project coordinator and director of production) have collaborated with all three school districts, the Burton Center, and Project Hope Foundation.

GCT will offer information meetings for families of prospective performers, orientation for peer mentors and other volunteers, and rehearsals. Dr. Morgan will come to Greenwood for initial orientation and rehearsals in spring and summer of this year. These months of effort will culminate in performances of “Annie, Jr.”, September 14-17, at GCT.

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## GCT, continued

“Artists (age 10-21) will learn music, lines choreography, and blocking with the help of their mentor, a peer their own age, who will be alongside them from rehearsals to the final production”, according to Gilbert. They will be onstage together, with matching or complementing costumes.

## 2016 Grants from the Foundation’s Community Impact Fund

**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** — training for therapeutic staff for counseling caregivers of child victims of abuse

**Community Initiatives** — translation services for families of Safe Haven participants in after-school programming

**Festiva** — underwriting a musical performance offered free to the community

**Greater Greenwood United Ministries** — purchase of materials for minor home repair program for low income homeowners

**Greenwood Community Improvement Foundation** — support of a student leadership conference for high school students

**Greenwood Community Theatre** — for development of a theatre program for children with disabilities

**Greenwood Family YMCA** — funding for Safety Around Water program

**Greenwood Festival Choral** — music purchase and orchestra fees for two concerts

## 2016 Grants from Donor Advised and Designated Funds

Advance GCFA  
American Cancer Society  
Arts Council of Greenwood County  
Boy Scouts of America-Blue Ridge Council  
Chad Withered Scholarship Fund  
Connie Maxwell Children’s Home  
Crossroads Pregnancy Center  
DiscipleMakers  
Dolphin Research Center  
East Cooper Baptist Church  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Greenwood Alconon  
Greenwood Genetic Center  
Greenwood Kiwanis Club  
Greenwood Lions Club Foundation  
Greenwood Pathway House  
Greenwood Soup Kitchen Ministry  
Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund  
Hidden Harbor Marine Project  
HospiceCare of the Piedmont  
Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Greenwood County Community Foundation is pleased to provide support for this innovative and rewarding program at GCT. While the Greenwood community watches The Penguin Project come to life at GCT, Gilbert reminds us: “Don’t forget to notice our similarities instead of focusing on our differences.”

**Greenwood Performing Arts** — support of low cost outreach performances for students and seniors

**Healthy Learners** — transportation and other costs to obtain medical services for children without resources

**Meg’s House** — legal advocacy for clients The Museum and Railroad Historical Center children’s scholarships for summer camps

**Ninety Six National Historic Site** — historically-based, educational entertainment for annual Crossroads event

**Project Hope Foundation** — establishment of a site in Greenwood offering Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism

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

**S.C. Festival of Flowers** — youth topiary project for the SC festival of Flowers

**S.C. Governor’s School of Science and Mathematics** — funding for CREATEng summer engineering camp held in Greenwood County

**United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties** — purchase of backpacks for Stuff the Bus school supply program

Lancaster Co. Council of the Arts  
Main Street United Methodist Church  
Make-A-Wish SC  
Matthew 25:40  
Miami Gay Men’s Chorus  
Mission to the World  
Nature Conservancy, The  
Northside Baptist Church  
Piedmont Technical College Foundation  
Project Hope  
S.C. Nature Conservancy  
S.C. Wildlife Federation  
Serge  
Shepherd Center  
St. Mark United Methodist Church  
Stop Hunger Now  
United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties  
Veteran’s Hall of Heroes, Inc.  
Water of Life

Grant total for 2016: **\$524,943**

## How Long Would You Like Your Gift to Last?

You can create a giving legacy through GCCF by including us in your estate planning. It’s simple to set up and we will be happy to work with your trusted financial advisor to ensure that your wishes are met. You can contribute to our “Community Impact” fund, through which we make annual grants to numerous nonprofit organizations in Greenwood County. You may wish to support one of our initiatives, a community agency fund, or one of several scholarship funds we hold. Or you may wish to create your own endowed fund as a lasting legacy that will have an impact for years and years to come.

*Easy, customizable, and permanent.*

Contact us today for more information, or have your estate planner work directly with us to create your perfect charitable bequest.

*Is “forever” long enough?*

## New Funds Created in 2016

**The George W. Ballentine Fund** (*non-endowed*) was created in honor of the noted Greenwood businessman by his son and daughter-in-law. The fund will be advised by Bal and Kit Ballentine, later by their children, and will benefit causes of importance to the Ballentine family.

## 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 Barbara Holbrook Parham Music Trust (endowed)

The Parham Family Endowment (endowment)

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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)

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

The Arts Center Endowment (endowed)

The Friends of Boys State Fund (endowed)

Greenwood Community Theatre Endowment (endowed)

Greenwood Kiwanis Star Student Fund (endowed)

The Jaycees Eternal Hope Endowment (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 Major Walter Benson Scholarship (endowed)

The Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Community Scholarship (endowed)

The Chad Withered Scholarship (endowed)

The Women’s Healthcare Classic Fund (endowed)

## FUND FOCUS

### The Ann B. Urquhart Endowment

Don Urquhart can rightfully say that what started as an inquiry about a special Christmas gift for his wife turned into a full blown endowed fund at GCCF.

In November of 2015, Don was considering a donation in his wife’s name as one of her Christmas gifts. He had heard about GCCF previously, and called former President Mark Kasper to get more information on how the Foundation worked. “I had an idea how it worked, so I began asking questions, and learned a great deal about the Foundation and endowed funds.”

Don stopped by the GCCF office shortly thereafter and heard more about how an endowed fund could generate an annual gift to Ann’s most cherished non-profits. He started a fund that day as a Christmas gift for his wife.

“Ann was very active in the community, especially at the Greenwood Food Bank, Greenwood Soup Kitchen, and the Humane Society of Greenwood. I realized this was a way to give gifts to these organizations in Ann’s name forever, and that really made it more meaningful.”

Sadly, Ann’s health declined and she passed away in September of 2016. Her fund immediately became a memorial to her life as many of her friends and family members paid tribute through contributions to the fund.

“We received such nice notes from people she knew through her craft work and her beloved ‘Ritzi’ Bridge Club, to name a few. Even though Ann is no longer with us, her giving legacy will continue forever,” said current GCCF President, Jeff Smith. “Don’s proactive inquiry ensured that gifts in her name will continue for years and years to come.”

*The Ann B. Urquhart Endowment was created to provide funding for charitable organizations of importance to her*

