

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



*The Hub of Philanthropy in Greenwood*

# Letter from our Chair

I can't express enough how delighted I am to be a part of the Greenwood Community County Foundation. I am just starting my time as chairman, and already I am constantly reminded of the benefits of this organization to our community. I certainly want to take this chance to reflect on the hard work that so many have contributed to get us to this point of almost \$10 million in assets, as well as several million dollars additionally given out to deserving nonprofits in our community and surrounding areas thus far. These milestones for GCCF and our capacity to make a difference were highlighted during 2020 as we looked around to see life slow down and needs rise to the forefront.

2020 caused a sense of fear that started from our concern over our own organization and then quickly shifted to a concern for the numerous nonprofits we support. I believe it is times like these that cause us to come together, put away our selfish ways, and grow stronger as a family and community. In many larger cities and organizations, it is easy to stand back and watch with the assumption that someone else will handle all the problems, but here in Greenwood, I saw so many small businesses, financial institutions, churches, and nonprofits step up in our time of need.

Our town is so fortunate to have GCCF as an avenue to bring organization and structure to charitable individuals and groups as well as a way to ensure the perpetual oversight of that donation to be used as instructed by the donor long into the future. We are not promised tomorrow. Therefore, I urge you not to put off any charitable intentions that you may have because even though it may appear that we are approaching the end of this pandemic, the needs of Greenwood and its supporting nonprofits has never been greater.

## Leaman Wraps Up Successful Tenure As GCCF Board Chair

**Sam Leaman now holds the most coveted role of all nonprofit board officers – Past Chair.**

As of December 31, 2020 Leaman, Assistant Director of the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, concluded a 2-year term as Chair of the Greenwood County Community Foundation's Board of Directors after being involved with the organization since its inception in 2009. "We would not be where we are as an organization without Sam's steady leadership and commitment," said GCCF President Jeff Smith. "He, along with Sam Tolbert and Peter Manning, were the driving force behind our creation and early success. We also had unprecedented growth in our assets and programming during his time as Chair."

Current Chair John Patrick thanked Leaman for his leadership and his dedication to the Foundation. "Sam certainly exemplified everything a great leader should be, and I am fortunate that I was able to work with him before I stepped into this role. I know I speak for everyone on our Board when I say we owe Sam Leaman a great debt of gratitude for all he has done for GCCF."



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## Community Foundation Announces New Officers; Patrick As New Board Chair

The Greenwood County Community Foundation (GCCF) recently announced that several Board members have assumed new roles in 2021. **John Patrick** will serve as Chair of the organization's Board of Directors. A Board member since 2016, Patrick served as Chair-elect in 2020 and assumes the role held for two years by Past Chair Sam Leaman. Patrick will also serve a 2-year term as Chair.

Before becoming a Board member, Patrick served on several GCCF grant review committees which provided insight into the mission of the community foundation.

"I feel GCCF is a true hidden gem for our nonprofits and for charitable individuals as well! I have discovered it to be the most efficient and prudent way to provide assistance for the needs of our wonderful community, and an easy and convenient way for people to make charitable gifts," he stated.

GCCF President Jeff Smith welcomed Patrick to his new role. "John is very thoughtful in his approach to board service and wants to raise the Foundation's profile as much as possible. I know he will be a great asset in this new role and an advocate for the work we do in the community."

Patrick, a 16 year veteran of the investment industry, is a Voya financial advisor who partners with Sanders Wealth Management, LLC. He is a graduate of Clemson University with a BS degree in Business Management. He and his wife Rebecca have one son, Hunter. A member of First Greenwood Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Patrick is active in the community, and currently serves on the Board of the Upper Savannah Land Trust in addition to his service with GCCF. Patrick is a former Board Chair of the Greenwood Arts Council and his church Diaconate, and is also a Paul Harris Fellow through the Rotary Club of Greenwood.

In addition, GCCF announced that in 2021 three Board members will assume new roles. **Trentsie Williams** will serve as Board Treasurer, replacing Boo Ramage. **Dr. Gay McHugh** will serve as Secretary, replacing Martha Barnette. **Wells Dunlap** will fill the At-Large seat on the Board's Executive Committee recently held by Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams currently serves as Director of Finance at MEG's House; Dr. McHugh is a recently retired educator and administrator in Greenwood School District 50; Mr. Dunlap is a Commercial Relationship Manager and Vice President with Countybank. "I am very excited to have such a high caliber Board of Directors," remarked Smith. "Our Board consists of charitable, community-minded individuals who want to help make Greenwood the best it can be for everyone."





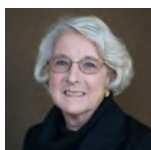
## GCCF Staff



**Jeff Smith**  
*President/CEO*



**Mary Woodiwiss**  
*Director of  
Projects & Grants*



**Carol Wood**  
*Accountant*

## President's Message

**2020. I could probably stop right there and you would assume a number of scenarios concerning the Community Foundation.** Yes, the Foundation was overwhelmed by the same Covid tsunami as every other business. Yes, we struggled to regain our bearings and navigate a vastly altered landscape. And yes, we worried that we would be dramatically impacted by the shutdown of our community.

But we continued to open our doors and conduct business (somewhat) as usual, and began partnering with other organizations to assist others in the community. Along with the Self Family Foundation and Greenwood Mills, we purchased and made available face coverings that were distributed free of charge, initially at the Greenwood Development offices, and later at the Chamber of Commerce office. We maintained communication with our state and regional counterparts to learn about efforts being made elsewhere to assist those in need, and we continued to connect with our local nonprofit community to receive updates on their work and to determine the greatest areas of need.

Greenwood County Community Foundation maintained our regular schedule of Community Impact granting, and the wonderful philanthropists for whom we hold donor advised funds answered the call and made gifts that provided critical funding to assist those facing eviction due to imposed quarantines and inability to work. In total, \$555,335 in grants were made in 2020; the second-highest total in our history.

As we adjusted to the restrictions placed upon us by the pandemic, another remarkable thing occurred. Individuals stepped forward to create new charitable giving funds – five new funds in 2020. Not a record by any means, but impressive given the atmosphere in which we were operating.

By and large people are good and care about their neighbors and fellow citizens. When it really mattered, Greenwood stepped up and came to the aid of those in need. The Community Foundation is proud to have been a part of that effort and is committed to continuing – and expanding – our mission to serve our community, and to help individuals, families, and nonprofit organizations maximize their own philanthropic visions.

## Preserving History, Honoring an Educator

A small group of dedicated Brewer High School alumni realized the fulfillment of a major goal, years in the making, when they created the **"Benjamin J. Sanders Jr. Scholarship Fund,"** named for a revered long-time educator and administrator at Brewer High School.

The scholarship, which was funded by proceeds from the Benjamin J. Sanders Jr. Trust Fund and is held by the Greenwood County Community Foundation (GCCF), will provide selected high school seniors of African American descent a one-time gift to be applied to their first semester tuition at a two- or four-year institution of higher learning. Seniors in all three Greenwood County districts who are on track to graduate will be eligible to apply.

Recipients will be selected by a committee comprised of members of the scholarship committee and community leaders. Gifts will be awarded based on availability of funds and successfully completed applications. Guidance counselors at all four high schools will be provided application materials and scholarship criteria. The first scholarships are scheduled to be awarded in the spring of 2021.

*Members of the Benjamin J. Sanders, Jr. Scholarship Committee pose with Community Foundation President Jeff Smith upon completion of the scholarship fund agreement. From left to right are: Mrs. Margaret A. Wilson, Mr. Blanton Smith (Chairman), Jeff Smith, Mrs. Lula Welton, Ms. Belinda Dorn Turner, Mrs. Vivian Archie (Secretary), and Rev. Carlton Klugh.*



# Greenwood Women Care

Greenwood Women Care (GWC) grew from 104 Charter Members in 2018 to 129 Members in 2020, the third membership year.

GWC has been established as a vital, local organization known for collective giving for impact and educating Members and guests about local needs and opportunities. Membership in GWC is open at any time. Through their membership contributions and other gifts to the GWC Granting Fund, GWC awarded \$74,000 total to 10 local nonprofit organizations in their 2020 grant cycle.

## 2020 Members

Betty Adams	Catherine DiBenedetto	Kelly Hastings	Rhonda McGinnis	Tara Smith
Peggy Adams	Marla Dixon	Alice Hodges	Gay McHugh	Michelle Stallworth
Kelly Addy	Linda Dolny	Dawn Puderbaugh	Becky McIntosh	Lorraine Stockman
Kit Adkins	Avary Doubleday	Hodges	Charlene McLoughlin	Laura Stowe
Susan Albon	Hanna Dover	Ellesor Holder	Sandra McMullen	Pam Taylor
Laura Bachinski	Mary Dula	Suzy Holloway	Jane Merrill	Prudence Taylor
Martha Barnette	Mary Balfour	Karen Holubek	Rhonda Merritt	Casey Tompkins
Maria Bazan	Dunlap	Ann Holzhauer	Barbara Miller	Nina Trent
Rosemary Bell	Kathy Emily	Joyce Hyde	Sabrina Miller	Eleni Tsikalakis
Dana Boellert	Brenda Feece	Karen Jennings	Marilyn Murphy	Cuba Turman
Carolyn Bonner	Carolyn Fish	Sandra Johnson	Nickie Murphy	Callie Turner
Summer Booker	Alison Fletcher	Sally Kauffmann	Mamie Nicholson	Jennifer Turner
Holly Bracknell	Donna Foster	Maureen Kilburn	Lou Noel	Stephanie Turner
Kelly Buckshorn	Rosemary Franks	Priya Kumar	Phyllis Nolan	Ann VanVorise
Joanne Campbell	Suzy Fuller	Angelle LaBorde	Laine Orcutt	Ivy Vartanian
Connie Carstens	Bobbie Fulton	Megha Lal	Laura Padgett	Lynn Vaughn
Vickie Chandler	Stacey Gantt	Lesley Lane	Carol Paguntalan	Sue Veer
Courtney Christensen	Bev Gebicke	Cindy Leary	Bess Park	Anit Vettukkattil
Debra Coleman	Nadine Gilchrist	Cindy Logan	Amy Pritchard	Louise Watkins
Pacquitta Coleman	Mary Charles	Marisel Losa	Beverly Psomas	Anna Welborn
Margaret Conrad	Haigler	Sue Mallon	Jan Puzar	Sharon Westbrook
Rossie Corwon	Anne Hancock	Mary Martin	Boo Ramage	Susan Williams
Holley Coyle	Carol Harley	Deb Maschoff	Edris Louise Robinson	Trentsie Williams
Anne Craig	Rebecca Harmon	Carole Mauldin	Carol Scales	Mary Woodiwiss
Angela Darby	Tonya Harris	Sandy McCord	Sandy Singletary	
Lori Davis	Trish Hartung	Camilla McDevitt	Laurie Smith	
	Menke Harvin	Linda McDonald	Lisa Smith	
		Sue McFarland		

## 2020 Supporters

GWC gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their generous support of GWC through contributions to the GWC Endowment, Granting Fund, and/or Gift Memberships.

Greenwood County Community Foundation provides nonprofit status and a permanent home for the GWC Endowment, Granting Fund, and records as well as some administrative and in-kind support. Other nonprofit organizations listed here have kindly provided venues and/or programs for GWC Quarterly Meetings & special events.

Anonymous	Karen Jennings	Community Initiatives
A Time to Give Fund	Paul Kim	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Laura Bachinski	The Kumar Family	Historic Preservation Site
Bornemann Family	Fund	Greenwood County
Foundation	The Lal Family Fund	Community Foundation
Avary Doubleday	Charlene McLoughlin	Greenwood County Library
Kathy Emily	John & Rebecca Patrick	Greenwood Woman's Club
The Fletcher Family	Amy Pritchard	Harley Family Center
Fund	Lisa Smith	The Venezuelan Spot
Ann Holzhauer	Lynn Vaughn	
Dru James	Mary Woodiwiss	

## GWC Memorial & Honor Gifts

In memory of Bud and Marge Bornemann by The Bornemann Family Foundation for the GWC Granting Fund.

In memory of Elsie Davenport, her mother, by Sandra McMullen for the GWC Endowment.

In memory of Sara Kummer, GWC Charter Member, community advocate, and friend to many, by an anonymous donor for the GWC Granting Fund.

In memory of Mary Deck Patrick, his mother, by John and Rebecca Patrick for the GWC Endowment.

In honor of and gratitude for Greenwood nonprofit organizations by an anonymous donor for the GWC Granting Fund.

In honor of Mary Woodiwiss by Ariel Woodiwiss & Nate Mahaffey, Noah & Kristen Woodiwiss, Catherine Woodiwiss, Daniel Woodiwiss, and Gabriel Woodiwiss for the GWC Endowment and GWC Granting Fund.



# Greenwood Women Care Keeps the Light Burning

**What a year strange and splendid year 2020 was!**

In January, we danced the Salsa and shared conversations with Members and guests over Venezuelan fare at The Venezuelan Spot. In early February, our Membership Committee welcomed 24 new Members with homemade soups, salads, breads, and desserts and camaraderie in a Member's home, bringing our membership to 129. Later in February, we gathered at the Harley Family Center to socialize and to learn about the missions of Burton Center and Greenwood Place as they serve community members with special needs.

We could not have known then that the remainder of 2020 would pass without our being able to safely meet in person again. Who among us had heard of Zoom in early March of 2020? Yet, by the time of our August Quarterly Meeting with its virtual tour of the Benjamin E. Mays Historic Site, zooming was a still new, but already well-established verb in our collective vocabulary.

Like many around Greenwood and in the larger world, we wondered how long we should "wait it out" before planning another in-person meeting. In the meantime, how could we continue to inform our Members about needs and opportunities in our community? The solution: Nonprofit video snapshots! A call went out to Greenwood County nonprofits with an offer to feature local organizations in individual video snapshots. Twenty-three responded and the videos were shared by email with our Members and guest contacts, participating organizations, and on our webpage and Facebook page.

Members of our Grants Review & Awards Committee conducted GWC's Grant Writing 101 workshop virtually and at no charge to the 30 participants from local nonprofits. In November, we learned about "Lighting the Way with Literacy" in our Quarterly Meeting arranged by the Programs & Education Committee and featuring literacy programs at Community Initiatives and the Greenwood County Library. The Governance & Finance Committee met numerous times to revise our already outdated GWC Guidelines into a refined Governing Document. Our Communications Committee stayed in touch with Members by sending birthday cards and the Social Committee delivered specially commissioned GWC candles on each Member's doorstep.

But the highlight of 2020 was the annual culmination of GWC's carefully constructed granting process that includes ranked voting by our Members. In October, GWC awarded \$74,000 to 10 nonprofits serving Greenwood County and enriching our common life in a variety of ways. Awards ranged from \$2000 to \$10,000.

**GWC looks forward to 2021 as another year to learn, give, and grow!**

**Greenwood Women Care (GWC) awarded a total of \$74,000 in grants to 10 local nonprofit organizations in their 2020 grant cycle.**

Pictured are representatives of the recipient organizations & of GWC: (front row, L to R) Stephen Baggett, Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity; Sabrina Miller, Boys & Girls Club of the Lakelands; Rachel Strayer, Emerald City Rotary Foundation; Lisa Lane, Project Hope Foundation; Elaine Copeland, Healthy Learners; Denise Mock, Alston Wilkes Society; Wendi Andrews, Food Bank of Greenwood County; Brenda Feece, Crossroads Pregnancy Center; Whitney Newby, Connie Maxwell Children's Home; Anthony Price, Greenwood Pathway House; (back row, L to R) Jan Puzar, GWC Grants Review & Awards Committee; Mary Woodiwiss and Laura Bachinski, GWC Co-Chairs; Summer Booker, GWC Steering Committee.

*(Photo by Trentsie Williams, GWC Grants Review & Awards Co-Chair)*



**The GWC Steering Committee met monthly to provide vision, guidance, and governance in setting the course for GWC in 2020.**

Top row, L to R: Edris Louise Robinson, Mary Woodiwiss (Co-Chair), Lou Noel (Treasurer)

Middle row, L to R: Laura Bachinski (Co-Chair), Trentsie Williams, Summer Booker

Bottom row, L to R: Laura Stowe (Secretary), Alison Fletcher, Catherine DiBenedetto

*(Not pictured: Anne Hancock, Angelle LaBorde)*



## 2020 Donors

Arts Center Greenwood  
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Chuck and Alice Ann Moates  
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## Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Endowment Donors

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## New Funds Established

### Endowed Funds

*The Benjamin J. Sanders Scholarship Fund* (Endowed) A committee of Brewer High School alumni wished to preserve and celebrate the life and career of long-time educator and administrator Benjamin J. Sanders through the creation of a scholarship named in his memory. This fund will provide a student, or students, in Greenwood School Districts 50, 51, and 52 with a gift towards their first-year tuition at any 2- or 4-year institution of higher learning.

*The Dr. Carol J. Scales Endowment* (Donor Advised) will provide gift opportunities for area nonprofits engaged in work of importance to Dr. Scales including healthcare and history.

### Non-Endowed Funds

*The Cupcheck-Manning Fund* (Donor Advised) Attorney Peter Manning and his wife Sharon created this fund as a vehicle through which their two daughters, Betty Jeanne Cupcheck and Sammy Jo Manning, could explore philanthropy and begin making charitable giving decisions based on their interests and areas of concern.

*The Frank J. Wideman III Fund* (Donor Advised) Created by a gift from the Self Family Foundation to honor Frank Wideman's 27 years of dedication as President of this prominent family foundation, Frank now has a vehicle through which he can support the nonprofit organizations that align most closely with his philanthropic mission.

*The Museum Fund* (Designated) This agency fund was established to provide support for the operation and programs of The Museum and Railroad Historical Society.



## 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 Chandler Family Trust (endowed)  
 The Chandler Fund (non-endowed)  
 The Cecile Dyck Fund for Hope (endowed)  
 The Fletcher Family Fund (non-endowed)  
 The Jim and Pauline Eubanks Fund (endowed)  
 The Jim and Pauline Eubanks Fund (non-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 Greenwood Women Care Endowment (endowed)  
 The Friends of Boys State Fund (endowed)  
 The James Family Fund (endowed)  
 The Kasper Fund for Community Enhancement (endowed)  
 The Kumar Family Fund (non-endowed)  
 The Lal Family Fund (endowed)  
 The Lal Family Fund (non-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. & J. Roland McKinney Fund (endowed)  
 William D. McLaughlin and Barbara W. McLaughlin Fund (endowed)  
 The Meg's House Endowment (endowed)  
 The Museum Fund (non-endowed)  
 The Barbara Holbrook Parham Music Trust (endowed)  
 The Parham Family Endowment (endowment)  
 The Parham Family Trust (endowed)  
 The Ramage Family Fund (non-endowed)  
 The S.C. Jaycees Eternal Hope Endowment (endowed)  
 The Strawn Family Promise Endowment (endowed)  
 The Alice & Howard Tolbert Fund (endowed)  
 The Ann B. Urquhart Endowment (endowed)  
 The Wade & Kathryn D. Watson Fund (endowed)  
 The Frank J. Wideman III Fund (non-endowed)  
 The Chad Withered Scholarship (endowed)  
 The Women's Health Fund (endowed)

# Total Grants Awarded in 2019: \$555,335

## Donor Advised, Designated, & Field of Interest Grants

American Red Cross - Upstate SC Chapter	Church, Greenwood	Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project-The Turtle Hospital	Piedmont Technical College Foundation
A Place for Us	Food Bank of Greenwood County	Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont	Pi Kappa Phi Foundation
Arts Council of Greenwood County	Greater Greenwood United Ministry	Humane Society of Greenwood County	Plan International
Benjamin E. Mays Endowment	Greenwood Community Improvement Foundation	Jacksonville State University Foundation	Rock Presbyterian Church
Beyond Abuse	Greenwood Community Theatre	Jasmine Road	S.C. Waterfowl Association
Bowers Rodgers Children's Home	Greenwood County Community Foundation	Kansas Food Bank	S.C. YMCA
Boys and Girls Club of the Lakelands	Greenwood Genetic Center Foundation	Kenya Faith Missions	Self Regional Healthcare Foundation
Brewer Middle School Academic Challenge Team	Greenwood Lions Club Foundation	Lakelands Region YMCA	Serge
Broad Street United Methodist Church	Greenwood Pathway House	Ligonier Ministries	Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
Burton Center Foundation	Greenwood Promise	Main Street United Methodist Church	Shepherd Center
Campus Outreach International	Greenwood Soup Kitchen Ministries	Make a Wish Foundation	St. Andrews School
Children International	Greenwood Women Care	Matthew 25-40	St. Joseph's Catholic School
Clemson University Foundation	Habitat for Humanity of Greenville	MEGs House	St. Mark United Methodist Church
Community Initiatives	Harris United Methodist Church	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	United Ministries of Greenville
DiscipleMakers	Harvest Hope Food Bank	Mission to the World	United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties
ETV Endowment of South Carolina	Heifer Project International	National Arbor Day Foundation	United Way of Laurens County
FAVOR Greenville	Helen Keller International	National Foundation for Cancer Research	Upstate Forever
Fellowship of Christian Athletes		Northwest Volunteer Fire Department	Water of Life (Set Free)
First Presbyterian		Paralyzed Veterans of America	Wesley Commons
		Peace Center	World Vision
			World Wildlife Fund

# Community Impact Grants

## YOUTH & EDUCATION

**BLOOM** - for LeadHERship Conference

**Boys & Girls Club of the Lakelands** - for Power Hour program

**Community Initiatives** - I-station and computers for Safe Haven

**Food Bank of Greenwood County** - for the Weekend Backpack Program

**Goodwill Industries** - for CNA uniforms and Job Connection training

**Healthy Learners** - staff and client transportation

**The Museum and Railroad Historical Center** - for summer camp scholarships and "Polar Express" collaborative project

**Salvation Army** - in support of a youth music enrichment program

## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

**Arts Center of Greenwood** - for Black History exhibit and "Connecting the Dream" programming

**Beyond Abuse** - for racial equity training for staff

**Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity** - for materials and contracted services for home construction

**Greenwood Community Theatre** - for expenses for The Penguin Project

**Lakelands Region YMCA of SC** - for purchase of an Aquatic Access pool lift

**MODELS Academy** - for the MODELS Academy's Black Male Success series

## OPEN GRANTING

**Alston Wilkes Society** - for the Community Services program

**American Red Cross** - Upstate SC Chapter - in support of Disaster Cycle services

**Boy Scouts of America** - Blue Ridge Council - for BSA Camp scholarships and expenses

**Burton Center** - for health area upgrades

**Connie Maxwell Children's Home** - for Outz Cottage renovations

**Crossroads Pregnancy Center** - in support of the Earn While You Learn program

**Emerald City Rotary Club Foundation** - for Dolly Parton Imagination Library costs

**Greater Greenwood United Ministry** - in support of the Crisis Ministry

**Humane Society of Greenwood** - for Foster Care pet program expenses

**Wild Hare Productions** - in support of a historical figures project with school children

# 2020 Grants Review Committees

For each of our annual grant cycles, a Grants Review Committee (GRC) of volunteer community members is convened to review and discuss grant applications and make funding recommendations to our Board of Directors.

GRC members come from a broad range of professional sectors and personal perspectives and contribute their time, expertise, and insight to our granting process.

We are truly grateful for their dedication to our grantmaking process!

## YOUTH & EDUCATION

**Stephen Baggett** - Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity

**Georgia Deal** - Carolina Health Centers

**Alison Fletcher** - Community Volunteer

**Brian Garrett** - Lonza

**Sarah Gibson** - Lander student intern

**Allen Hughes** - Greenwood Fabricating & Plating

**Lisa McMillan** - Greenwood Mills

**Andre Nguyen** - Assistant Public Defender

**Randy Randall** - Fujifilm

**Louise Robinson** - Burton Center

**Rawewan Ross** - SC Vocational Rehabilitation

**Gray Stallworth** - Main Street United Methodist Church

**Casey Tompkins** - Davis & Floyd

**Tim Wood** - Greenwood Genetic Center

## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

**Ti Barnes** - Bowers-Rodgers Children's Home

**Roxy Fawcett** - community volunteer

**Pattie Fender** - Greenwood County Public Library

**Tommy Goode** - Greenwood School District 50

**Claire Kuhl** - V & R Consulting, LLC

**Chris Leonard** - Rock Presbyterian Church

**Carol Paguntalan** - Piedmont Technical College

**Shelia Reynolds** - SC Vocational Rehabilitation

**Zach Rubin** - Lander University

**Chris Thomas** - Benjamin E. Mays Historic Site

**Ryan Thomas** - City of Greenwood

**Stefan Wiecki** - Presbyterian College

## OPEN GRANTING

**Brenda Anderson** - Self Regional Healthcare

**Deloris Bacote-Lagroom** - Educator, retired

**Steve Coleman** - Piedmont Technical College

**Rick Green** - Upper Savannah Council of Governments

**Lori Holloway** - jewelry artist

**Marion Smith** - The Museum

**Janet Still** - Greenwood Genetic Center

**Alexis Carter Thomas** - researcher and clergy

**Lisa Wiecki** - Lander University

**Matt Wiggins** - South Carolina Department of Commerce



# 2020 Community Impact Grants

## YOUTH & EDUCATION

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lakelands seeks to serve the children and youth in our community most in need of their facilities and programming. When the pandemic struck, these needs were heightened. With the closing of schools and the resulting lack of access to Wi-Fi, school lunches, and daily interaction with caring teachers, Boys & Girls Clubs opened supervised virtual learning and afterschool programs to help students navigate learning platforms, resume some sense of normalcy, and allow working parents to continue to do their jobs.

With their GCCF grant, this organization was able to purchase much need personal protection equipment such as masks, shields, and hand sanitizers as well as thermometers and extra supplies to ensure that our staff and students would remain safe in these turbulent times. Sabrina Miller, Executive Director, noted, "This grant allowed Boys & Girls Clubs staff and volunteers to spring into action quickly and be fully ready to receive students when the families we serve needed us most".

## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

GCCF awarded a Community Enhancement Grant to Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity for the purchase of materials and the payment of subcontractors for a new home build scheduled to begin later in the spring of 2021. The home will be constructed in the Westside neighborhood of the City of Greenwood, where Greenwood Area Habitat is planning a development of 18 homes to be located between Mineral and Carolina Avenues, and where GCCF helped to make possible a home build on Neel Street in 2019.

Through its Homeownership program, Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity provides the land, materials, and expertise to help families build their own homes alongside volunteers. An affordable mortgage is then arranged so that the families can achieve financial stability and independence. No profit is sought; the homebuyer repays only the cost of building without fees or interest.

"During the COVID-19 crisis, we have been reminded how important it is for every family to have a safe place to live," said Greenwood Area Habitat Executive Director Stephen Baggett. "The support of the Greenwood County Community Foundation will help the members of a local family change their lives forever, and for that we are grateful."

## OPEN GRANTING

Greater Greenwood United Ministry (GGUM) Crisis Ministry received a GCCF grant in December to assist families facing rent eviction. There were 12 families served through this grant. The approved amount for assistance was sent directly to the family's lessor to prevent eviction.

Individual assisted by GGUM participate in personal interviews. Often individuals are being evicted because they have had a life crisis or emergency. These crises include, but are not limited to, divorce, job loss, health issues, and effects of COVID-19. GGUM strives to assist an individual through their life crisis and give them intervention steps to guide them away from a state of chronic crisis to a state of self-sufficiency, making recommendations for other community resources as needed.

Rosemary Bell, Executive Director, shared the following story of assistance made possible by this grant award: "A gentleman came to the Ministry with his two very young daughters with him. He said that he needed assistance with his rent eviction. As his story slowly unfolded in the interview, we learned that although he and his wife were employed, his family had been affected by injury, prolonged rehabilitation, and childcare issues. He received rent eviction assistance but declined GGUM's offer of food. He wanted to leave the bag for someone else who needed it more than he did."

GCCF is grateful to give support to such essential, good work in our community!

*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 2020, GCCF awarded funding to a total of 24 Nonprofit organizations, including five receiving GCCF funding for the first time. In this most challenging year, GCCF Community Impact grant recipients found effective ways to continue to carry out their missions. Three of our 2020 grant recipients are featured here.*



# GCCF Honors Its First “Community Hero” Recipients

## Clay Sprouse Keeping Music Alive During the Pandemic

Clay Sprouse will be the first to say that many people were involved in the #TeamGreenwood initiative to provide assistance to furloughed restaurant and bar workers in the early stages of the Coronavirus pandemic. But if you ask those who were involved, they all say that the spark started with Sprouse.

An active presence on the music scene in Greenwood, Sprouse realized as soon as the Governor announced that many small businesses would have to close indefinitely that many restaurant workers and wait staff would need a way to replace the earnings they would lose from tips and other gratuities.

At the same time, Steve Riley, owner of Emerald Ink and Stitches had created the #teamgreenwood concept where people could buy a t-shirt emblazoned with the hashtag, and the proceeds from each sale would go to area restaurant workers to help make up for lost tips and wages. Clay piggybacked on that concept with a series of nightly live streamed concerts featuring area musicians. The “Until Further Notice” series of virtual concerts raised awareness of the #teamgreenwood project with artists encouraging people to go to their favorite restaurants, buy t-shirts, and support the staff. Artists who depend on performing live for their income were also invited to use their live stream shows to seek donations either for themselves or to assist other charitable efforts. Sprouse was also a concept partner in the very successful viral remake of Don McLean’s “American Pie” single that also featured numerous local artists putting their unique spin on one of the country’s most enduring rock anthems.

Because of his ingenuity and initiative, the Greenwood County Community Foundation felt that Clay Sprouse was deserving of its first “Community Hero” honor. “Clay represents what is so good about our community,” said GCCF President Jeff Smith. “People pull together and support one another. This is a classic example of that support.”



Created by Dr. Jukie Leary as he completed his tenure as a founding member of the Greenwood County Community Foundation’s (GCCF) Board of Directors, the Community Hero Award was established to recognize the unsung people in Greenwood who do good works with little to no fanfare. “So many people perform acts of kindness every day,” said Dr. Leary. “I thought it would be nice if our foundation could reach out and thank them in some small way.” By the end of 2020, GCCF had awarded 2 Community Hero Awards to a couple of very deserving individuals.

## Tommy “Tommy Claus” Tumblin Making Christmas Brighter for Children In Need

Tommy “Tommy Claus” Tumblin, long time Lander University employee and the catalyst behind one of Greenwood County’s most successful Christmas toy drives, stepped away from the philanthropic campaign he shepherded for so many years to focus on family issues. In honor of his selfless devotion to the underserved children of Greenwood County, The GCCF bestowed Tumblin with its prestigious Community Hero award on November 20th in recognition of his service as “Tommy Claus.”

Tumblin, who has distributed toys to thousands of children in the Upstate for 20 years, began in his garage and eventually had to move to a warehouse belonging to Joel’s Floor Coverings in Greenwood. He made the difficult decision to retire the program because he needed more time to care for his ailing father, Bud Tumblin.

Tumblin’s philanthropy was lauded by both Smith and Dr. Leary during an impromptu surprise presentation at Lander. An emotional Tumblin was surrounded by his peers from Lander’s Physical Plant as well as other University friends as Leary expressed his gratitude. “We are so grateful for you. This award is a small token of appreciation from the entire Greenwood community.”



# COMMUNITY HERO



## Foundation Receives Funds Upon Retirement of Two Greenwood Nonprofit Legends

Wideman was honored for his 27 year career with the Foundation during a June 30 reception in the Calhoun Mays Reception Hall in the Arts Center. During the ceremony, Jay Self, Chairman of the foundation's Board of Trustees, thanked Frank for his dedication to the Foundation and the community, and presented a check in the amount of \$27,000 to Jeff Smith, president of the Greenwood County Community Foundation, to establish a donor advised fund in Frank's honor. Jay stated that "this fund will allow Frank to continue to support the organizations he feels strongly about in his retirement."

Senator Floyd Nicholson presented Wideman a resolution on behalf of the South Carolina Senate, thanking him for his commitment and service to the foundation, the Greenwood community and the state of South Carolina.

On October 29th, Craig was recognized for her service to the arts community of Greenwood over a 23 year career that started in a small office on Waller Avenue, and led to the fulfillment of her vision of renovating the old Federal Building into gallery and studio spaces, bringing in traveling art exhibits as well as recognizing local artists and conducting summer arts camps for children.

During her reception, Anne was informed that a gift in the amount of \$23,000 was being made to the Arts Center of Greenwood's endowment held at the Greenwood County Community Foundation. This fund was established to further the mission of the Arts Center to raise awareness of, and exposure to, the arts in Greenwood County.



*2020 ushered the end of two significant eras with the retirements of The Self Family Foundation's President, Frank J. Wideman III, and The Arts Center of Greenwood's Executive Director, Anne Craig.*

## GCCF's Community Response Fund Gets Early Test

In 2015, the Greenwood County Community Foundation's Board of Directors decided to set aside a monetary reserve earmarked to assist responding agencies in times of disaster. That "Disaster Fund" was quickly depleted later that year when the Upstate experienced what was labelled a 1,000 year flood and the Red Cross needed financial assistance to better assist Greenwood residents impacted by the overflowing rivers and creeks, and breached dams.

The fund sat empty after that for several years, but was revived in 2018 with the same mission, but with a different name and structure. "I was never a fan of the name 'Disaster Fund,'" said GCCF President Jeff Smith. "It didn't seem to encompass what I envisioned the fund to be, which was broader in scope than just natural disasters." The re-imagined fund, renamed the "Community Response Fund," (CRF) would also include corporate partners in the community who would commit to helping to build a sizable fund through which grant assistance could be made to responding agencies in the event of not only natural disasters, but other large scale occurrences that negatively impact segments of Greenwood County's population. In 2019, the Community Foundation partnered with the Greenwood County Emergency Management Department to reinvigorate the fund.

2020 provided an opportunity to test drive the CRF with the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent shutdown. Again, with little available funds, the Community Foundation partnered with the Self Family Foundation to purchase and distribute facemasks and other personal protection equipment for area nonprofit agencies. Also, through the generosity of a number of fundholders, GCCF provided financial assistance to local nonprofit agency Community Initiatives which was working to assist individuals facing mounting past due rent or power cut-offs due to quarantine restrictions and the inability to work.

As GCCF prepares to once again build the Response Fund, community partners will be sought to make it a major resource in times of trouble and need.

## Financial Summary

as of  
December 31, 2020



Assets

**\$9,745,337**



**\$4,399,326**

in Grants  
since 2011



**47**

Total Individual  
Named Funds

### SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS

INCOME	\$1,925,554.99
EXPENSES	(\$216,232.12)
GRANTS	(\$555,335.32)
NET	\$1,153,987.55



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A background image showing a pair of hands cupped together, holding a small amount of dark soil. A small green seedling with several leaves is growing out of the soil. The image is slightly blurred, giving it a soft, artistic feel.

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