

# FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



ANNUAL REPORT TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

We have faced a lot of challenges during our past fiscal year. Life has been different for all of us. The impact COVID-19 has had on the nonprofit sector in our service area cannot be overstated. We have been grappling with unprecedented circumstances we could not have imagined a year ago. Work continues to take place every day to ensure the sustainability of the nonprofit sector in our communities. These organizations enhance the well-being and quality of life for all of us.

Americans have been asked to give during these challenging times – and in fact do give. Our fund holders and donors have responded. During our past fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2020 we experienced the second largest year in grant distributions we have had during our 20+ year history with approximately \$1.6 million in grant distributions. And, we have already surpassed \$1 million in grant distributions during the first few months of the current fiscal year. Philanthropy is engrained in our culture and provides the power and resources to sustain and transform communities even during the most challenging times.



Philanthropy is often asked to address challenges and fund opportunities within our communities to make them a better place to live, work and play. Living in a pandemic world has made us more aware of the many acts of kindness, generosity and gratitude that we have witnessed during the past year. In times of great stress true character shines. The generosity of our fund holders and donors and the growing number of new funds at the Foundation give us reason to celebrate the transforming power of philanthropy. Thank you for your giving spirit and for allowing us to assist you in your charitable vision.

Your Partners in Philanthropy,

R. Dean Woods, *President*

Lujack Orr, *Board Chairman*



## OUR MISSION

“Our mission is to inspire participation in philanthropy and retain the charitable wealth in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties to positively impact lives now and for future generations.”

# CAUTHENS LEAVE A LEGACY

## NAMED 2020 RAINEY AWARD RECIPIENT



*Brian Cauthen, center, is congratulated by Danielle Roberts and Ann Herbert*

At the Foundation's Donor Appreciation Luncheon on March 8, 2020, Brian Cauthen received the Robert M. Rainey Philanthropy Award on behalf of his grandparents, Irvin L. and Jorene J. Cauthen.

Irvin Cauthen's heart for community service and outreach stems from his upbringing in Lakeland, Florida, where he witnessed neighbors struggling through the Great Depression. Irvin went on to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology, with a double major in engineering and business. On graduation day, he married Jorene England, a registered nurse from Alabama. Irvin was hired to work for NASA in Cape Canaveral, designing rockets and propulsion systems. Irvin eventually entered the convenience store business with Quick Way Stores, later launching his own Plez U Food Store brand. Jorene, a nurse anesthetist for almost fifty years, served as a volunteer in the pharmacy at the Anderson Free Clinic over 17 years.

The Cauthen Donor Advised Fund continues to have tremendous positive impact on charities in our service area. Mr. Cauthen, who was unable to be present at the event due to health reasons, joined the Foundation Board of Directors in January 2006 and served continuously until September of 2019 when he was unanimously elected Board Member Emeritus. Donors like Irvin and Jorene leave a lasting footprint of transformational philanthropy in our community.

IRVIN CAUTHEN ISSUED  
THE FOLLOWING  
CHALLENGE TO US:

"WE ALL NEED TO DO  
SOMETHING FOR  
OTHERS WHILE WE  
CAN ON THIS EARTH."



THE  
ROBERT M. RAINEY  
PHILANTHROPY  
AWARD



## Agency and Organizational Funds

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce  
Anderson Arts Center  
Anderson Cemetery  
Anderson County PAWS Dog Park  
Anderson Interfaith Ministries  
Anderson Police Department  
Calvary Home for Children  
City of Anderson Public Art  
Clemson Community Foundation  
Friends of the Anderson County Library  
Friends of the Anderson County Museum  
Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium  
Julie and Harry Morse Anderson Free Clinic  
Hospice of the Upstate  
Kiwanis Club of Anderson  
Lakes and Bridges Charter School  
Park Partners  
Pendleton Historic Foundation  
Pendleton Presbyterian Church  
Cemetery Trust Fund Maintenance  
Rotary Club of Anderson  
Saint Luke's Free Medical Clinic  
Upstate Historic Preservation Society  
Walhalla Rotary Club

## Scholarship Funds

Anderson Country Club Dee Watkins  
Endowed Scholarship  
Tres Bailes Memorial Scholarship  
Beth Park Memorial Scholarship  
Bill Barnette Band Scholarship  
Bloomer Foundation  
Chi Psi Scholarship  
Hill Electric Scholarship  
Jonny A. Lyons Scholarship  
Sandra Myers Memorial Scholarship  
George Prince Memorial Ring  
Thomas and Alfreida Wright Scholarship

## Community Foundation Initiatives

American Heritage Forum  
Anderson International Festival  
Anderson Regional Air Show  
Anderson Swim Club Booster Club  
AnMed Community Health Improvement  
Blue Zone of Anderson  
Brighter Christmas Fund  
Carroll "Frog" Reames Sculpture  
Clemson University Bone Marrowthon  
Dog Park Fund  
Go Play Outside Disc Golf Course  
Junior Leadership Anderson  
Junior Leadership Pickens County  
Leadership Anderson Class 34 Tiny House  
William R. Phillips Memorial  
TBA 100  
William L. Watkins Unrestricted Fund



Members of the Cauthen family gather to celebrate the presentation of the Rainey Philanthropy Award to Irvin and Jorene Cauthen





Dean Woods congratulates Jim Garrison of Operation Dragonfly at the Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial

## Field of Interest Funds

Anderson County Savannah River Basin  
Restoration and Education  
Ben Comen, Living Without Limits  
City of Easley Joe Lesley Athletic Assistance  
City of Easley Parks and Recreation Partners  
Keowee-Toxaway Habitat Enhancement  
Operation Dragonfly  
Piedmont Health Assistance  
Rocky River Conservancy  
Students Demand Action

## Donor Advised Funds

Beatenbough Fund  
Anita R. and James T. Boseman Fund  
Briar Patch Fund  
Dennis M. Burt Family Fund  
Carol E. Burdette Fund  
Irvin L. and Jorene J. Cauthen Fund  
Peter and Anne Cook Fund  
Crader-Vaughn Family Fund  
The Faith Fund  
Carole and Fred Foster Fund  
Father Francis A. Friend Fund  
Irene B. Friend Fund  
Gallant Family Fund  
Kay and Harold Gilbert Fund  
Great Outdoors Fund  
Sue and John Greene Fund  
Thomas C. and Sherrill Knobel Hall Fund  
Harmon Fund  
Haynie Family Fund  
James O. and Ann Dunaway Herbert Fund  
Hughes Donor Advised Fund  
Joye Family Charitable Fund  
F. Stevon Kay Fund  
Lynn A. Kay Fund  
Lauri and Art Klugh Fund

Lucas Family Fund  
J. Michael Magaha Fund  
McDonald Charitable Fund  
McDougald Family Fund  
C. L. Morehead, Jr. Fund  
Mosley Family Fund  
Nickles Donor Advised Fund  
Orr Family Fund  
Chris Painter Fund  
Pickens Family Fund  
William B. Pickens Fund  
J. Calhoun Pruitt, Jr. Fund  
Pruitt Foundation Fund  
Louise Weston and Robert M. Rainey Fund  
Roose Family Fund  
Linda Kelley Smith (O'Quinn) Fund  
Suggs Johnson Fund  
Tope Family Fund  
Ernest and Louise Trammell Fund  
Mary Alyce and Barry Visioli Fund  
Wham Family Fund  
Whitaker Fund  
Wilkes Fund  
Dean Woods Fund



# 2020 GRANTS

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Anderson Arts Center  
Anderson Chamber Music Series  
Anderson Heritage  
Belton Area Museum Association  
Brookgreen Gardens  
Carolina Youth Symphony  
Anderson County Museum  
GAMAC  
Georgia Museum of Art  
Market Theatre  
Peace Center  
Pendleton Historic Foundation  
SCETV  
UGA Botanical Garden

**TOTAL \$225,207.00**

## EDUCATION

Anderson School District Five  
Anderson University  
Auburn University  
Christ Church Episcopal School  
Christ School  
Clemson University  
Clemson University Foundation  
College of Charleston Foundation  
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities  
Episcopal High School  
Foundation for Geriatric Education  
FSU Foundation  
Lakes and Bridges Charter School  
Lander University  
McCallie School

Mercer University  
Montessori School of Anderson  
Pickens County Career and Technology Center  
Prince Memorial Ring Fund  
Southern Wesleyan University  
St. Timothy's School  
Tri County Technical College  
Tri County Technical College Foundation  
USC Development Foundation  
University of Alabama  
University of South Carolina  
United Negro College Fund  
Washington and Lee  
Wilson Hall

**TOTAL \$224,025.00**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Abba's Ministries  
American Red Cross  
Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce  
Anderson County PAWS  
Anderson Emergency Kitchen  
Anderson Forum for Progressive Theology  
Anderson Interfaith Ministries  
Anderson Regional Air Show  
Brighter Christmas Fund  
Buncombe Street UMC  
Carpenter's Table  
Center United Methodist Church  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Chevy Chase Center  
Christ Church EPC  
Christian Veterinary Mission



Amanda McNulty, left, interviews Sol Flowers' Danielle Roberts for an episode of SCETV's Making It Grow



City of Anderson  
 Clean Start  
 Clemson Community Foundation  
 Covenant Baptist Church  
 Dream Center  
 Episcopal Church of the Mediator  
 Favor Anderson  
 Favor Greenville  
 First Baptist Church of Anderson  
 First Flight Alliance  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Flat Creek Baptist Church  
 Foothills Alliance  
 Foothills Community Foundation  
 Friends of the Anderson County Library  
 Grace Church  
 Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce  
 GSCPA Foundation  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 Haven of Rest  
 Iva First Baptist Church  
 Junior League of Anderson County  
 Lake Rabun Foundation  
 Leadership Anderson Tiny House  
 Lot Project  
 Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation  
 Meals by Grace  
 Meals on Wheels  
 MADD  
 Miracle Hill Ministries  
 Mt. Zion UMC  
 NASBA Center for Business Trust  
 New Spring Church  
 Operation Dragonfly  
 Our Upstate SC  
 Pendleton Fire Department  
 C. F. Reames Sculpture Fund  
 Rotary Club of Anderson  
 Rotary Club of Walhalla  
 Rotary Foundation  
 Safe Harbor  
 Salvation Army of Anderson  
 Saratoga Warhorse Foundation  
 Shalom House  
 Shepherd's Guild  
 Sol Flowers  
 South Main Chapel and Mercy Center  
 St. John's United Methodist Church  
 Sumter County Developmental Disabilities  
 Ten at the Top  
 United Way of Anderson County  
 United Way of Oconee County  
 United Way of Pickens County  
 Upstate Warrior Solution  
 World Vision  
 Young Memorial ARP Church

**TOTAL \$413,249.00**

## ENVIRONMENT AND GREENSPACE

Friends of Lake Keowee Society  
 Lake Hartwell Association  
 Naturaland Trust  
 Rocky River Conservancy  
 SC Department of Natural Resources  
 South Cove County Park  
 TBA 100  
 Trout Unlimited

**TOTAL \$384,521.00**

## HEALTH

Alzheimer's Association  
 Anderson Free Clinic  
 AnMed Health Foundation  
 Cancer Association of Anderson  
 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
 doclink  
 Enduring Hearts  
 Hospice of the Upstate  
 Jeff Gordon Children's Center  
 Levine Children's Hospital  
 MUSC Foundation  
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
 Ohio State University Foundation  
 Pruitt Health Hospice  
 Ronald McDonald House Charities  
 St. Baldrick's Foundation  
 St. Jude's Children's Hospital  
 St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic

**TOTAL \$211,750.00**

## YOUTH AND RECREATION

Anderson Area YMCA  
 Area 14 Special Olympics  
 Blue Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts  
 Calvary Home for Children  
 Child Evangelism Fellowship  
 Easley YMCA  
 Good News Club  
 Go Play Outside  
 Junior Leadership Pickens County  
 Omega Innovators  
 Outdoor Dream Foundation  
 Palmetto Boys State  
 Real Champions  
 Tackling the Streets  
 Thornwell Home for Children  
 Tri-County Young Life

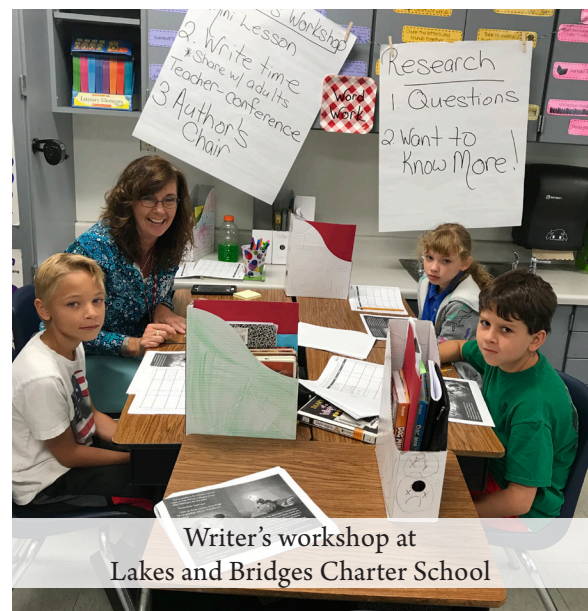
**TOTAL \$70,644.00**



Carol Burdette visits with April Cameron  
at the Donor Appreciation Luncheon



Kylie Herbert celebrates the kickoff of  
Habitat for Humanity's Women Build



Writer's workshop at  
Lakes and Bridges Charter School

**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED \$1,529,396.00**





Sol Flowers Fund to Meals on Wheels



Cauthen Fund to Anderson Free Clinic  
by John Greene



Unrestricted Fund to AnMed Health  
Foundation by Jane Mudd



Cauthen Fund to Young Life  
by John Greene



Dennis M. Burt Family Fund  
to Anderson University



Orr Family Fund to Anderson Area YMCA  
by Ashleigh Cole



Sol Flowers Fund to Anderson Arts Center



Unrestricted Fund to United Way  
of Pickens County by Jane Mudd



Rainey Fund to the Salvation Army



BSA Troop 84 received a grant  
from the Sol Flowers Fund



Wilkes Fund to AIM



# HONORING THE LEGACY OF THREE FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS



**MARIE MOCK COLLINS (1928 – 2020)** Marie Collins served on the Foundation Board from 1999 until 2003. Marie and her husband were self-made businesspeople who built two convenience store chains in Florida and South Carolina. After her husband's death, Marie helped carry on his legacy with the naming of the Marvin B. Collins Boys and Girls Club of Anderson. She was a lifetime board member of the Salvation Army and also served on the boards of Anderson University, AnMed Health, the Boys and Girls Club and the Cardinal Racquet Club.



**HAROLD P. THRELKELD (1939 – 2020)** A founding member of the Foundation Board, Harold was instrumental in all aspects of the early growth and development of the organization, including purchasing the community center building and serving as Board Chairman in 2003 and 2004. A graduate of Furman University and the University of South Carolina School of Law, Harold completed a tour of duty in the Korean Conflict as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. Upon his return to SC, Harold finished his studies and was admitted to the Bar in 1967. He practiced with numerous law firms before establishing his own practice in 1983; Harold was a member of the Anderson County Bar Association for 53 years.



**KELLEY SMITH O'QUINN (1945 – 2020)** Originally from Walhalla, Kelley spent many years in Anderson as a medical practice administrator. Kelley served on the Foundation Board from 1999 until 2003. A board member of the Medical University of South Carolina for 12 years, Kelley was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from MUSC in 2013. Kelley served on the Board of Regents of Anderson University and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by AU in 2014. Kelley also served the Anderson Area YMCA, the Medical Auxiliary of Augusta, the Women Who Care group and the Judd Hickey Center for Alzheimer's disease.



# FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Taylor Nicole Fendley

The **Tres Bailes Scholarship** honors the memory of the son of Rosemary and Lamar Bailes. The three recipients for 2020 are **Adam Thorsland**, the Walhalla High School valedictorian, along with **Savannah Rex** and **Sunny Patel**, who tied for salutatorian.

The **Bill Barnette Band Scholarship**, named for an esteemed band director and music teacher, was awarded to **Michael Howtzer**, the top band student at Walhalla High School.

**Taylor Nicole Fendley** has been selected to receive the **ASTRA Club Scholarship**, created in memory of Beth Park.

**Hill Electric Company Scholarship** – The inaugural recipient of the Hill Electric Company Scholarship is **Trent Dale Sullivan**, a BHP graduate who is pursuing a degree in engineering at the Bridge to Clemson.

The **Sandra Myers Memorial Scholarship** is awarded annually to a West Oak High School senior pursuing a career in nursing or education. The 2020 recipient is **Landon Carter** who is attending Southern Wesleyan University.

The **Anderson Country Club Dee Watkins Endowed Scholarship Fund** has awarded scholarships to **Courtney Williamson** from T. L. Hanna High School and **Hayden Hubbard** of Westside High School.



Trent Sullivan



Landon Carter



Courtney Williamson  
with Coach Bobby Holden



Hayden Hubbard



# LYONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A bequest from Mrs. John Joseph Lyons provides scholarship assistance to graduating high school seniors who are descendants of former Orr-Lyons Mill employees. The Orr-Lyons Mill was a cotton spinning and weaving plant that was founded in 1899 and continued to operate until 1990. The five recipients of the Lyons Scholarship for 2020 are **Samuel Trace Center, Randall Connor McGill, Kinley Grace Smith, Elle Marie Banister** and **Charlie Leighana Young**. Mr. Center, an enrollee at Tri County Tech, is a Crescent High School graduate. Mr. McGill, a Westside High School graduate, attends Lander University. Miss Smith of Crescent High School is a student at Anderson University. Miss Banister, from Crescent High School, attends Tri County Technical College. A Crescent graduate, Miss Young attends Anderson University.





# C. F. REAMES SCULPTURE FUND



*Bill Land, alongside the bust of C. F. Reames, at the Anderson County Museum*

Carroll Frederick Reames attended Furman University and the University of Georgia, earned his AB degree from Wofford College and his MA degree from the University of South Carolina and was conferred a Doctor of Humanities from Wofford College in 1990. Mr. Reames came to Anderson in 1927 as coach, athletic director and teacher and was made principal in 1941 when the then principal Mr. J. C. Turner was called up in the Army Reserve. He was later principal of Lakeside Junior High School from 1962 until his retirement in 1969. He established the C. F. 'Frog' Reames Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament and was presented the Order of the Palmetto Award for the State of South Carolina by Governor Carroll Campbell.

Bill Land along with several other "Boys" who had attended Boys High during the tenure of Mr. C. F. Reames' as principal meet once a month for lunch and sharing memories of Boys High and Mr. Reames. They affectionately call themselves "Frogs Boys". To this group Mr. Reames wasn't just the principal, he was their friend and to many their father figure, in fact he was Boys High and deserved to be honored and remembered and decided to establish a fund to create a long lasting tribute to "Frog".

"MY DAYS WITH MR. C. F. REAMES, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS 'FROG', TAUGHT ME NOT ONLY THE VALUE OF AN EDUCATION, BUT HE TAUGHT ME THAT I WAS THE ONLY PERSON THAT CONTROLLED MY DESTINY IN LIFE."

"THE MEETINGS THAT I HAD WITH HIS 'BOARD OF EDUCATION' TAUGHT ME THAT WE ALL HAVE TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS. MR. REAMES, HOWEVER, WAS AS GENTLE AS HE WAS STERN. HIS DAUGHTER LATER CONFESSED THAT HER DAD SPENT MANY A MORNING AND EVENING ON HIS KNEES PRAYING FOR HIS BOYS AT BOYS HIGH."

BILL LAND, *Author of*  
*"History of Anderson High School 1917-1962"*  
and *"Me & Eddie at Boys' High"*



*Carroll F. Reames*





Tom and Pam Roose at the Anderson Arts Center

## PHILANTHROPY RUNS IN THIS FAMILY

### DONOR SPOTLIGHT: TOM AND PAM ROOSE

Community investment is clearly in the Roose family genes. When Tom Roose, CEO of Westwind, Inc. chose Anderson as his home, he worked hard to put down roots in the community. The family business has evolved throughout the years and continues to have a positive impact. Tom and Pam are committed supporters of the Anderson Arts Center and have been instrumental in the Regional Scholars Program of the Burger King McLamore Foundation.

“Establishing the Roose Family Donor Advised Fund seemed like a good choice for us; we can respond quickly to needs in the community and involve our entire family in philanthropy. Together with the Foundation, we are helping a bigger cause” Pam explained.

**“MY FATHER BUILT A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN THIS COMMUNITY  
AND LEVERAGED THAT SUCCESS FOR GOOD.”**

**TOM ROOSE, JR.**



# AT A GLANCE

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED  
SINCE INCEPTION

**\$19,114,052**

TOTAL ASSETS

**\$27,561,468**

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF FUNDS

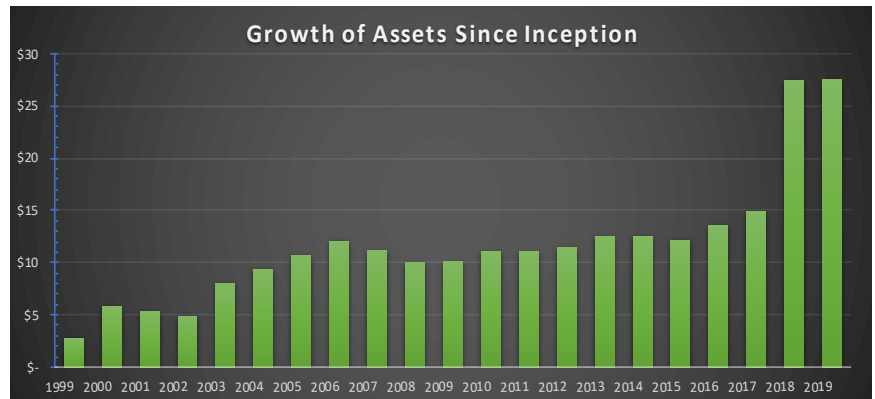
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NEW FUNDS

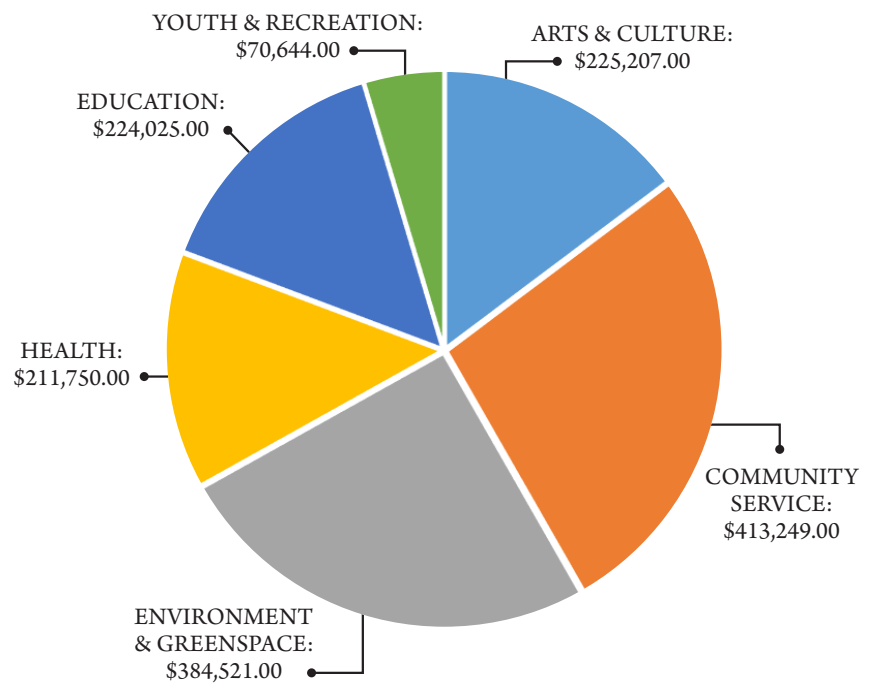
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## GROWTH OF TOTAL ASSETS



## GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020 BY CATEGORY



TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: \$1,529,396

## FOUNDATION STAFF

R. DEAN WOODS  
*President*

CINDY E. KIBLER  
*Donor Services Director*





# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	JUNE 30, 2020	JUNE 30, 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	1,536,391	1,662,685
Marketable Securities and Real Estate	23,697,124	23,364,809
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,326,529	2,421,542
Other	1,424	2,713
Total	27,561,468	27,451,749
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Notes and Accounts Payable	1,004,372	1,222,788
Annuities Payable	752,041	770,843
Net Assets	25,805,055	25,458,118
Total	27,561,468	27,451,749
<b>STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY</b>		
Changes in Net Assets		
Investment Income	730,614	2,039,333
Contributions	1,564,691	11,909,448
Other	190,931	102,299
Total	2,486,236	14,051,080
Less: Grants	1,867,016	1,145,525
Other Expenses	291,612	251,193
Increase in Net Assets	327,608	12,654,362
Annuity Gifts in Excess of (less than) Actuarial Liability	19,329	(42,266)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	25,458,118	12,846,022
Net Assets, End of Year	25,805,055	25,458,118
TOTAL ASSETS	27,561,468	27,451,749



See audited financial statements for additional details





**2020 Executive Committee:** Robert W. 'Lujack' Orr, *Chairman*, Jeff Roberts, *Vice Chairman*, Ann D. Herbert, *Secretary*, Theresa G. Knoepp, MD, *Treasurer*, and John A. Miller, Jr., *Immediate Past Chairman*

## 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Ann D. Herbert, *Secretary*

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William Law Watkins\*

*Directors Emeriti*

Irvin L. Cauthen

Cordes Gaillard Seabrook, Jr.\*

*\*deceased*

  
FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

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