

# FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



ANNUAL REPORT TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY ONE

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



As a community foundation serving Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties in South Carolina we adhere to the basic values of good governance, financial accountability and transparency. Once again, we have been recognized by Charity Navigator with their highest designation for being a fiscally responsible organization focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness. We think this is important to current and future donors and stakeholders. We will continue to strive to operate utilizing industry best practices.

At our core we are a grant making organization. For the first time in our 22-year history we surpassed \$2 million in grant making during our previous fiscal year. From July 1, 2020, to

June 30, 2021, our audited grant making total was \$2,330,598.00. Our total grant making since inception is now over \$21.6 million. Most of those grants stayed right here in our service region. We are genuinely inspired by the generosity and caring spirit of our growing number of fund holders. Together, we are effecting positive change in our region by harnessing the power of philanthropy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Dean Woods".

R. Dean Woods, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Roberts".

Jeff Roberts, 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.”



# STEVE KAY

## 2020 ROBERT M. RAINEY AWARD RECIPIENT



*Lujack Orr presents the Rainey Award to Steve Kay*

At the Foundation's Annual Meeting on November 16, 2021 Steve Kay was named the recipient of the 2020 Robert M. Rainey Philanthropy Award.

An entrepreneur, business owner, electrician, developer and innkeeper, Steve Kay recalls his deep roots in the Electric City where his great grandfather ran a streetcar in the early 1900's. Steve began work at Hill Electric at only 18 years of age and ended up owning the company in 1991. Kay considers his boutique hotel, The Bleckley Inn as his hallmark, though other prominent downtown projects, including Bleckley Station event venue bear Steve's signature of painstaking renovation and restoration. In his remarks to the guests, Steve revealed that William Law Watkins, the founder and chairman emeritus of the Foundation, believed in him and promoted his bid to Bob Hill for the top position at Hill Electric. Kay acknowledged that "sometimes philanthropy manifests itself in giving someone an opportunity. I want to give the next generation the same opportunity I was given."

Steve Kay has a legacy of giving generously to his hometown and the non-profit organizations that make Anderson a place where people thrive and 'want to be downtown'.

"STEVE KAY IS AT THE  
CENTER OF ANDERSON'S  
DOWNTOWN RENAISSANCE"

-UPSTATE BUSINESS  
JOURNAL



Patti and Steve Kay



Dean Woods calls upon Lujack Orr to  
present the Rainey Award

THE  
ROBERT M. RAINEY  
PHILANTHROPY  
AWARD



## Agency and Organizational Funds

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

## Scholarship Funds

Tres Bailes Memorial  
Beth Park Memorial Scholarship/  
Altrusa of Anderson  
Bill Barnette Band Scholarship  
Bloomer Foundation  
Irvin Cauthen Scholarship  
Chi Psi Scholarship  
Hill Electric Company Scholarship  
Jonny A. Lyons Scholarship  
Anderson Country Club Dee Watkins  
Endowed Scholarship  
Sandra Myers Memorial  
George E. Prince Memorial Ring

## Community Foundation Initiatives

Anderson Area Remembrance  
and Reconciliation  
Anderson County PAWS Dog Park  
Anderson County Veterans Memorial  
American Heritage Forum Fund  
Anderson International Festival  
Anderson Regional Airshow  
Anderson Swim Club Booster Club  
AnMed Community Health Improvement  
Blue Zone of Anderson  
Brighter Christmas Fund  
Clemson Bone Marrowthon  
Dog Park Fund  
Go Play Outside Disc Golf Course  
Junior Leadership Anderson  
Junior Leadership Pickens County  
Leadership Anderson Tiny House  
Operation Dragonfly  
William R. Phillips Memorial  
Sol Flowers Fund  
TBA 100



Current K-9 Officer Darius Foster and K-9 Vader





Mayor, Terence Roberts, City Horticulturist, Brett Broyes, and Assistant City Manager, Andrew Strickland plant a tree at Linley Park in honor of Earth Day.

## Field of Interest Funds

Anderson Chamber Music Series  
 Anderson County Savannah River Basin  
 Restoration and Education  
 Ben Comen, Living Without Limits  
 City of Anderson Public Art  
 City of Easley Joe Lesley Athletic Assistance  
 City of Easley Parks and Recreation Partners  
 Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium  
 Keowee Toxaway Habitat Enhancement  
 Lakes and Bridges Charter School  
 Piedmont Health Assistance  
 Rocky River Conservancy  
 Shaw Center for Housing  
 and Economic Growth  
 Students Demand Action  
 Upstate Historic Preservation Society  
 Upstate Land Conservation

## Donor Advised Funds

Beatenbough Fund  
 Anita R. and James T. Boseman Fund  
 Briar Patch Fund  
 Carol E. Burdette Fund  
 Dennis M. Burt Family Fund  
 Irvin L. and Jorene J. Cauthen Fund  
 Peter and Anne Cook Fund  
 Crader-Vaughn Family Fund  
 Direct Access Fund  
 The Faith Fund  
 Carole and Fred Foster Fund  
 Father Francis Friend Fund  
 Irene B. Friend Fund  
 Harold and Kay Gilbert Fund  
 The Great Outdoors Fund  
 Sue and John Greene Fund  
 Guiseppi P2V2 Fund  
 Thomas C. and Sherrill Knobel Hall Fund  
 Harmon Fund  
 Haynie Family Fund  
 Hill Electric Donor Advised 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  
 J. Charles and Sharon Lee Fund  
 Lucas Family Fund  
 J. Michael Magaha Fund

David and Saunders McCollum Fund  
 McCollum Community Fund  
 McDonald Charitable Fund  
 McDougald Family Fund  
 Marshall and Jennifer Meadors Fund  
 C. L. Morehead, Jr. Fund  
 Mosley Family Fund  
 Orr Family Designated 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  
 The Red Bird Fund  
 Tom and Pam Roose Family Fund  
 Linda Kelley Smith (O'Quinn) Fund  
 Ron and Pam Spinharney Fund  
 Sarah L. Spinharney Fund  
 Suggs Johnson Fund  
 Tope Family Fund  
 Ernest and Louise Trammell Fund  
 Sue and Tom Tuten Family Fund  
 Mary Alyce and Barry Visioli Fund  
 Wham Family Fund  
 Whitaker Donor Advised Fund  
 Wilkes Donor Advised Fund  
 Dean Woods Fund  
 Maril Yeske and Family Fund

# 2021 GRANTS

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Anderson Arts Center  
Anderson Chamber Music Series  
Bel Canto  
Belton Area Museum Association  
Blue Hill Bach  
Brookgreen Gardens  
Carolina Youth Symphony  
City of Anderson Public Art  
Anderson County Museum  
GAMAC  
Georgia Museum of Art  
Market Theatre  
Mural on Main  
Peace Center  
Pendleton Historic Foundation  
SC Arts Foundation  
SCETV  
Upstate Historic Preservation Society

TOTAL 12%

## EDUCATION

Anderson Christian School  
Anderson School District Five Homeless Liaison  
Anderson University  
Auburn University  
The Cannon Fund  
Christ Church Episcopal School  
Christ School  
The Citadel  
Clemson University  
Clemson University Foundation  
College of Charleston Foundation  
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities  
El School of Biblical Training

Episcopal High School  
Foundation for Geriatric Education  
Franciscan University  
Lakes and Bridges Charter School  
Lander University  
McCallie School  
Mercer University  
Newberry College  
Prince Memorial Ring Fund  
School of Accountancy Excellence Fund  
Southern Wesleyan University  
Spartanburg Methodist College  
St. Timothy's School  
Tri County Technical College  
Tri County Technical College Foundation  
USC Development Foundation  
University of Alabama  
University of South Carolina  
Wilson Hall

TOTAL 17%

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Abba's Ministries  
Abiding Savior Lutheran Church  
American Red Cross  
Anderson Area Remembrance and Reconciliation Initiative  
Anderson County PAWS  
Anderson County Sheriff's Foundation  
Anderson Emergency Kitchen  
Anderson Forum for Progressive Theology  
Anderson Interfaith Ministries  
Boys and Girls Home  
Brighter Christmas Fund  
Broadway Fire Protection Association, Inc.  
Brooklin Volunteer Fire Department



Dr. Tony Guiseppi-Elie and Lou Rainey at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in November



Carter Center  
 Central Presbyterian Church  
 Chevy Chase Center  
 Christ Church EPC  
 Christian Veterinary Mission  
 Community Foundation of Greater Clemson  
 Concord Baptist Church  
 Covenant Baptist Church  
 Crossway Community Church  
 Emmanuel's Hammer  
 Family Promise of Pickens Country  
 Favor Anderson  
 Fellow Countrymen  
 First Baptist Church of Anderson  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 First Presbyterian Church, Highlands NC  
 Florence Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church  
 Focus on the Family  
 Foothills Alliance  
 Foothills Community Foundation  
 Foster Paws  
 Golden Harvest  
 H.O.M.E.  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 Harvest Christian Fellowship  
 Haven of Rest  
 Iva First Baptist Church  
 Joy Comes  
 Ladies Community Prayer Group, Inc.  
 Leadership Anderson Tiny House  
 Leadership South Carolina  
 Lot Project  
 MADD  
 Meals by Grace  
 Meals on Wheels  
 Miracle Hill Ministries  
 Morrison Presbyterian Church  
 Mt. Zion UMC  
 NASBA Center for Business Trust  
 North Anderson Presbyterian Church  
 Operation Dragonfly  
 Our Upstate SC  
 Pickens County Advocacy Center  
 Pole Creek Baptist Church  
 Ripple of One  
 Riverside Baptist Church  
 Rotary Club of Anderson  
 Rotary Club of Walhalla  
 Rotary Foundation  
 Safe Harbor  
 Salvation Army of Anderson  
 Second Harvest  
 Shaw Institute  
 Sol Flowers  
 South Main Chapel and Mercy Center  
 St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church  
 St. John's United Methodist Church  
 St. Paul's Anglican Church  
 Ten at the Top

The Bridge Center  
 United Way of Anderson County  
 United Way of Pickens County  
 Vets Helping Vets Anderson  
 Water Mission  
 Westside Community Center  
 Whitefield Baptist Church  
 World Vision  
 Young Memorial ARP Church

**TOTAL 26%**

## ENVIRONMENT AND GREENSPACE

Coastal Conservation League  
 National Audubon Society  
 Naturaland Trust  
 Palmetto Conservation Foundation  
 Rocky River Conservancy  
 SC Department of Natural Resources  
 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition  
 TBA 100  
 Upstate Land Conservation Fund

**TOTAL 16%**

## HEALTH

Alzheimer's Association  
 American Brain Tumor Association  
 Anderson Free Clinic  
 Anderson Pregnancy Care Center  
 AnMed Health Foundation  
 Be Not Afraid  
 Blue Zone of Anderson Project  
 Cancer Association of Anderson  
 Compassion and Choices  
 doclink  
 Enduring Hearts  
 Foothills Care Center  
 Greenwood Genetics Center Foundation  
 Heartbeat International  
 Hospice of the Upstate  
 Marion Medical Mission  
 Mercy Ships  
 MUSC Foundation  
 Prisma Health  
 Salvation Oaks Recovery Community  
 SCHA Foundation Alliance  
 Shriners Hospital for Children  
 St. Baldrick's Foundation  
 St. Jude's Children's Hospital  
 St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic

**TOTAL 17%**

## YOUTH AND RECREATION

Anderson Area YMCA  
 Anderson County DSS  
 Area 14 Special Olympics  
 Blue Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts  
 Boy Scout Troop 84  
 Calvary Home for Children  
 CRU  
 Foothills YMCA  
 Glenview Middle School PTO  
 Go Play Outside  
 Omega Innovators  
 Outdoor Dream Foundation  
 Palmetto Boys State  
 Thornwell Home for Children  
 Tri-County Young Life

**TOTAL 12%**



Dr. Evans Whitaker and Dennis Burt



Laurie Ashley and Dana Gencarelli

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 SHOULD YOU SEE AN OMISSION OR AN ERROR, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOUNDATION.

# TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED \$2,330,598





Rainey Fund to the Bridge Center



Cauthen Fund to Broadway Fire Protection Association By John Greene



Boseman Fund to Westside Community Center



Butch Hughes Fund to AnMed Health Foundation



Suggs Johnson Fund to Haven of Rest



Burdette Fund to Pendleton Foundation for Black History

# GRANT DISTRIBUTION EVENT



OCTOBER 7,  
2021  
AT  
ANDERSON  
UNIVERSITY



Unrestricted Fund to GAMAC by Jane Mudd



Sol Flowers to Area 14 Special Olympics



Burt Family Fund to Cancer Association of Anderson



# UPSTATE LAND CONSERVATION FUND

## FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH UPSTATE FOREVER



*Grant Meadow, Pickens County*



*Jones Gap*



*Oconee Bells*

Foothills Community Foundation has entered into agreement with Upstate Forever to support land protection projects in the ten-county Upstate region of South Carolina. The photographs above feature projects in the Foundation's service area of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties as well as in Marietta, SC.

**"WE ARE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT OUR UPSTATE COMMUNITIES ARE VIBRANT AND RETAIN THEIR NATURAL AREAS, OUTDOOR HERITAGE, AND UNIQUE IDENTITIES IN THE FACE OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND SIGNIFICANT SPRAWL."**

Aldon Knight, *Director of Development and Community Relations*, Upstate Forever



# 2021 SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**Lilian Blalock Glenn**, from T. L. Hanna High School and **Bryce Earley** from Westside have been selected to receive the Dee Watkins Endowed Scholarship. Miss Glenn attends Auburn University and is majoring in food science.

These are the first awards from the Jay Bloomer Foundation Fund honoring the late Jay Bloomer with scholarships at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tennessee and T. L. Hanna High School. The committee chose **Pierce Byers** from Dobyns-Bennett and **Duncan Hogg** from Hanna. Mr. Byers attends Auburn University, pursuing a degree in aerospace and mechanical engineering. Mr. Hogg, a Hanna graduate, is attending Clemson as a computer science major.

This is the inaugural year for the Irvin Cauthen Scholarship, awarded to a student majoring in engineering or business who has been accepted at Anderson University, Florida State University, Clemson University or Georgia Tech. The committee selected **Savannah Patterson**, a Hanna graduate attending Clemson and majoring in biomedical engineering.



Lilian Blalock Glenn

Sandra Myers Scholarship at West Oak High School - **Allison Page Holcombe** is the recipient of this year's \$2,000 scholarship honoring the late Sandra Myers.

Allison is majoring in special education at TriCounty Tech.

Hill Electric Scholarship – Last year's recipient **Trent Dale Sullivan**, is now a Clemson sophomore who has been awarded the Hill Electric scholarship for his second consecutive academic year.

The Tres Bailes Scholarship was established to honor the memory of the son of Rosemary and Lamar Bailes. The 2021 recipients of the Tres Bailes Scholarship are **Abby Thorsland** and **Catherine McKenna Booker**, the valedictorian and salutatorian, graduates pf Walhalla High School.

The Bill Barnette Band Scholarship, named for a beloved band director and music teacher at Walhalla High School, has been awarded to **Bryson Worsham** who is attending Clemson.



Duncan Hogg



Pierce Byers



Savannah Patterson

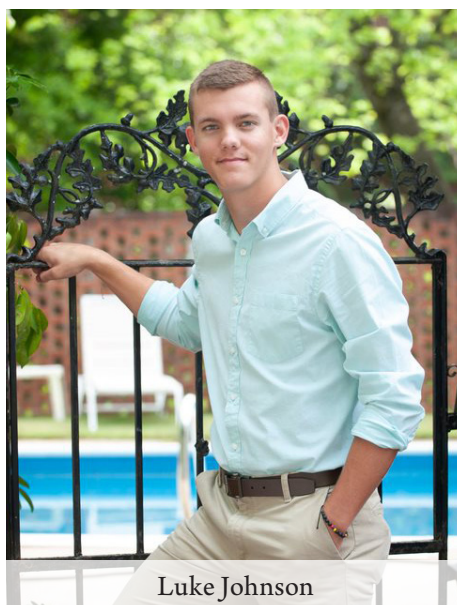


# LYONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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 2021 are: **Camden Hays** – a Palmetto High School graduate attends Tri County Technical College majoring in nursing. **Luke Johnson** – a Hanna High School graduate who attends Lander University, majoring in secondary education. **Asher Richardson** – a Hanna High graduate, Asher has enrolled at Anderson University majoring in engineering. **Adam Roberts** – a Hanna High School graduate, Adam is majoring in agricultural mechanization and business at Clemson University. **Bryson Smith** – a Crescent High School graduate from Iva, Bryson attends The Citadel, majoring in criminal justice.



Camden Hays



Luke Johnson



Asher Richardson



Adam Roberts



Bryson Smith



# THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

Foothills Community Foundation engages the community and fosters partnerships with municipal leaders to improve our community, including several funds that support local initiatives and encourage community participation through charitable gifts to sustain and maintain these projects and services.

## Park Partners Fund

Spurred by significant upgrades to Linley Park and the construction of Carolina Wren Park in 2013, the Park Partners Endowment Fund is used to enhance the beauty of all our parks. Charitable gifts to this fund allow investments that accent our magnificent parks with benches, major pieces of artwork and educational programming.



*Mama Mia performance at Wren Park in 2020*

Thousands of locals and visitors have enjoyed our parks and greenspaces, as they are clearly a point of pride for all of us. Carolina Wren Park is a venue for theatre, concerts and festivals and has become a regional draw.



Cast of "Eat, Pray, Serve" live drama at Silver Brook Cemetery: (L-R) Rachel Jeffreys, DeAnna Gregory, Guillermo Jemmott, Kelly Neal, Kyra Morgan

## Anderson Cemeteries Fund

The City of Anderson established the Anderson Cemeteries Fund in 2009 to preserve and enhance its four municipal cemeteries: Silver Brook, New Silver Brook, Westview, and Orr Mill.

The Fund's mission is to protect and honor the history, art and natural resources of these places which serve as a final resting place to many. It is our intention to maintain these unique memorial grounds as a tribute to our past and to ensure they will continue to welcome visitors for generations to come. The Fund has also been utilized to produce educational events including live dramatic offerings held at Silver Brook in 2013 and 2020. The City also facilitated tours of Westview Cemetery and Orr Mill Cemetery. A self-guided walking tour is available at Silver Brook upon request.



# AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## City of Anderson Public Art Fund

The City of Anderson has been intentional about its installation of public art as an entertaining and enlightening addition to our landscape. The City was recognized in 2013 with the “Elizabeth O’Neill Verner Award,” South Carolina’s highest award for public art. That designation spurred a deeper dedication to the inclusion of art in our public places. Church Street Heritage Plaza and Textile Point are examples of creative placemaking projects which seek to honor the unique flavor of our past.

Partners across the City have also honored local icons including William Whitner, Jennie Gilmer, and James “Radio” Kennedy with life-sized bronze sculptures.

In 2020, Anderson native and international film star Chadwick Boseman lost his battle with



Local artist Joey Withinarts with Mayor Roberts alongside Withinarts' painting of Chadwick Boseman

cancer at the age of forty-three. This fund will seed the development of a permanent public art installation to honor Mr. Boseman’s life and legacy as one of Anderson’s own.

## Anderson Police Department Endowment

Local law enforcement agencies face many challenges including available sources of funding for K9 officers. In 2019, the Anderson PD established a fund at the Foundation to support the department and acquire the resources to purchase, train and equip K9 officers.



Darius Foster, Anderson Police Department, Street Crimes Unit/K-9 Unit and K9 Vader

# AT A GLANCE

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

## GRANTS AWARDED

**\$2,330,598**

## TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED SINCE INCEPTION

**\$20,931,437**

## TOTAL ASSETS

**\$33,969,135**

## TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

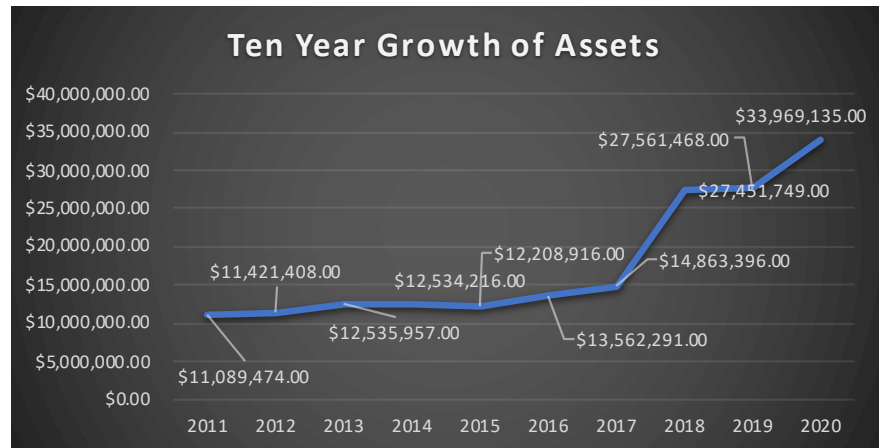
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## NEW FUNDS

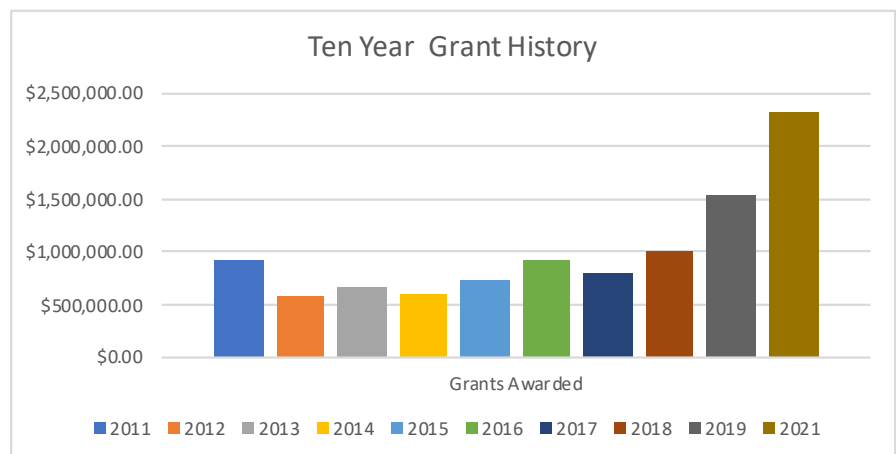
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## TEN YEAR GROWTH OF ASSETS



## TEN YEAR GRANT HISTORY



## FOUNDATION STAFF

**R. DEAN WOODS**  
*President*

**CINDY E. KIBLER**  
*Donor Services Director*





# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	JUNE 30, 2021	JUNE 30, 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	1,523,950	1,536,391
Marketable Securities and Real Estate	30,200,349	23,697,124
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,234,505	2,326,529
Other	10,331	1,424
Total	33,969,135	27,561,468
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Notes and Accounts Payable	1,213,856	1,004,372
Annuities Payable	731,202	752,041
Net Assets	32,024,077	25,805,055
Total	33,969,135	27,561,468
<b>STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY</b>		
Changes in Net Assets		
Investment Income	5,171,867	730,614
Contributions	3,678,118	1,564,691
Other	209,080	190,931
Total	9,059,065	2,486,236
Less: Grants	2,611,914	1,867,016
Other Expenses	250,007	291,612
Increase in Net Assets	6,197,144	327,608
Annuity Gifts in Excess of (less than) Actuarial Liability	21,878	19,329
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	25,805,055	25,458,188
Net Assets, End of Year	32,024,077	25,805,055
TOTAL ASSETS	33,969,135	27,561,468



See audited financial statements for additional details





**2021 Executive Committee:** Jeff Roberts, *Chairman*, Dennis M. Burt, *Vice Chairman*, Ann D. Herbert, *Secretary*, Theresa G. Knoepp MD, *Treasurer* and Robert W. 'Lujack' Orr, *Immediate Past Chairman*

## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*Chairman Emeritus*

William Law Watkins\*

*Directors Emeriti*

Irvin L. Cauthen

Cordes Gaillard Seabrook, Jr.\*

*\*deceased*

  
FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY  
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