

THE RAINEY PHILANTHROPY AWARD



*Susan Campbell (at right) and
Butch Hughes present the Rainey
Award to Robert Fagg.*

PROJECT #7
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Foothills Community Foundation is an independent, public 501c3 entity that stewards philanthropic resources from individual and institutional donors in support of local and regional charities. As a community foundation, we represent one of the fastest growing forms of philanthropy. The Foundation was incorporated in 1999 and today we hold over 140 funds established by generous donors. From these funds, as recommended by our fund holders and ratified by our board, we distribute grants between \$2.5 million to \$3 million annually. Most of these resources remain in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. The collective generosity of our fund holders produces a profound impact in our area. Volunteer private action offers one of the best means for addressing societal needs and taking advantage of community opportunities.

Philanthropy is something to celebrate. Promoting and encouraging philanthropy is a part of our mission and something we do throughout the year. Annually, we shine the light on our donors and honor a member of our community with the Robert M. Rainey Philanthropy Award at a celebratory luncheon. This year's event took place on March 5th on the campus of Anderson University. The photos in this newsletter highlight some of the activities of this year's event including the presentation of the 2022 Rainey Philanthropy Award to Robert 'Little Man' Fagg. His 40 plus years of leadership of the Anderson Toy Parade in support of the Brighter Christmas Fund are deserving of this honor. Our fund holders and folks like Robert Fagg make our region a more vibrant and inclusive place to live. I hope you will be able to join us for our 2024 Donor Appreciation Luncheon.

Sincerely,



R. Dean Woods, President



Robert 'Little Man' Fagg at the Donor Appreciation Luncheon March 5th

2022 RAINEY PHILANTHROPY AWARD

ROBERT 'LITTLE MAN' FAGG HONORED WITH RAINEY PHILANTHROPY AWARD CONGRATULATIONS!

“Little Man’ Fagg has always had a heart for those less fortunate, particularly children who may not experience the joy of the Christmas season. Since 2007, Robert Fagg’s club has donated over \$200,000, along with countless toys, to the Brighter Christmas Fund. Year after year, the Anderson Toy Parade has served as the fundraising pillar for the Foundation’s effort to brighten the lives of children during the Christmas season. But long before 2007, ‘Little Man’ spearheaded the Toy Parade in collaboration with the Independent Mail, Anderson County DSS and the Confederates Motorcycle Club. For many years, the fund paid thousands of dollars in utility bills, purchased clothing, groceries, shoes and even paid emergency housing expenses for families in danger of eviction at Christmas. In 2022, the Fund provided Christmas gifts to 450 homeless students in Anderson School Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five.

The Foundation honored Robert on March 5th as the 2022 Rainey Philanthropy Award Recipient. A graduate of Anderson University and Belton-Honea Path High School, ‘Little Man’ is retired from Michelin Tire and lives on Lake Seclusion with his wife, Deborah (Bebe).



The Rainey Award is presented to a philanthropist in the Anderson, Oconee and Pickens County area who has made significant contributions to the betterment of the community by raising awareness for charitable causes, selflessly contributing personal resources, advocating for needs in the community and inspiring others to have the same benevolent spirit.

2017 Rainey Award Recipient
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2020 Rainey Award Recipient
2021 Rainey Award Recipients
2022 Rainey Award Recipient

Dr. Marshall L. Meadors, III
Danielle K. Roberts
Irvin L. and Jorene J. Cauthen
Steve Kay
Charles and Libby Dalton
Robert S. ‘Little Man’ Fagg

VISION:

“Our vision is to be the leading donor-focused philanthropic organization in our service area committed to improving the quality of life in our communities.”



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.”