

OUR VISION

Our Vision is to be the leading donor-focused philanthropic organization in our service area committed to improving the quality in our communities.

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.

OUR VALUES

The Foothills Community Foundation and our Fund Holders seek to impact lives in a positive way by both what we do and how we do it – in a way consistent with our CORE VALUES:

TRUST:

Integrity and enduring relationships with the fund holders we serve, community partners with whom we collaborate and beneficiaries of the philanthropic dollars entrusted to our stewardship and fiduciary responsibilities.

EXCELLENCE & EFFECTIVENESS:

In governance, service and in public accountability.

INCLUSION:

Diversity respect and broad participation throughout our service area.

COMMITMENT:

To strengthening, advocating and amplifying the role of philanthropy in identifying and addressing needs and opportunities in the communities we love.



BANNER YEAR FOR THE BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS FUND!

The 2023 Brighter Christmas Fund kicked off with the presentation of the largest gift on record from the **Anderson Toy Parade!** Robert 'Little Man' Fagg and his friends with the Confederates Motorcycle Club raised \$20,000 for Brighter Christmas, providing gifts to homeless students in Anderson School Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bob Dylan's classic, "The Times They Are a-Chang-in" could be the title for this period in the development of the Foothills Community Foundation. During the coming year we will celebrate our **25th Anniversary** as a public charity serving Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. During this time in our history we are experiencing some major changes. Cindy Kibler announced her retirement effective December 31, 2023 as our Director of Donor Services – a role she has had for 24 years. While we celebrate her outstanding tenure of service to the Foundation and the broader community we welcome Mary R. Pickens as our new Director of Donor Services. Mary recently returned to Anderson after a number of years in Iowa as a mission focused nonprofit program manager. She has the skills and talents to help the Foundation navigate the changes ahead that are a result of our continued growth in overall assets and in grant distributions. In the last quarter of 2023 we sold our building at 907 North Main Street in Anderson, a building we've utilized as a public private partnership for the past 20 years. However, **PLEASE TAKE NOTE**, we are still in our same office locations and will be for most of 2024. **But, we are here as a tenant – not the landlord.** At some point we will find a new home but we will not be in any rush. We are also in a transition to some new organizational software to help us better serve our growing number of fund holders and better manage our growing asset base. In 2024 we will continue to evolve and adapt as a growing philanthropic organization in our region.

Sincerely,



Dean Woods, President

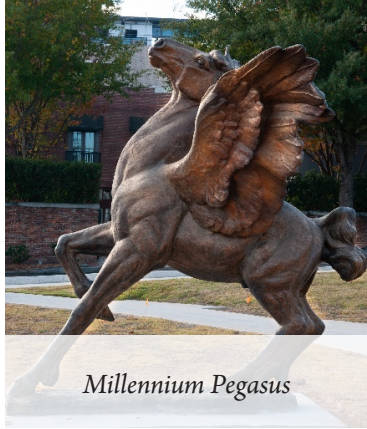


Erica and Ryan Cappaert of the **Stone Creek Cove Homeowners Association** presented Brighter Christmas Fund's Butch Hughes with gifts totaling over \$10,000 from their annual golf tournament and silent auction. The Foundation is grateful to these two organizations for providing the fundraising pillars of this annual campaign.

THE RIBBON IS CUT! TBA PROJECT #7

Millenium Pegasus by Sandy Scott

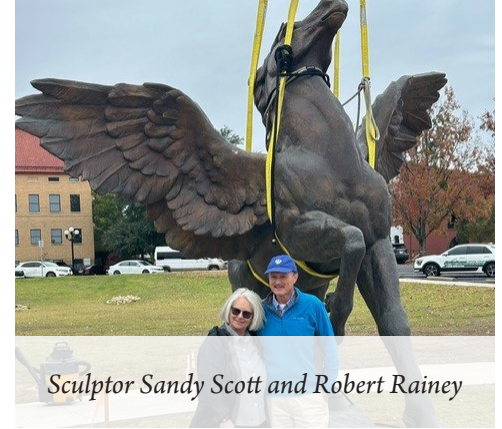
The Foundation's tba 100 initiative celebrated the installation of the Millenium Pegasus sculpture on the lawn beneath the historic courthouse on November 9th. County Administrator Rusty Burns, the tba Advisory Board and tba donors were present at the ceremony, which was followed by a luncheon thanking the tba benefactors who contributed \$1,000 each to fund projects of community enhancement and beautification.



Millennium Pegasus



Rusty Burns accepts the Millenium Pegasus sculpture from the tba 100



Sculptor Sandy Scott and Robert Rainey

FOUNDATION WELCOMES TWO NEW TRUSTEES FOR 2024

William Kenley and Brian Cauthen have been elected to serve four-year terms on the Foothills Community Foundation Board of Directors beginning January 1.

William Kenley has served as Chief Executive Officer of AnMed since September 2020. Kenley was most recently an executive vice president at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare based in Memphis, Tennessee, where he served in progressive leadership roles since 2004. He completed his Master of Health Administration at Duke University and received his undergraduate degree from Radford University. He and his wife, Carol, have two children, Jack and Grace.

William is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He received a Bachelor of Science from Radford University (1987) and a Master of Health Administration from Duke University (1991) and completed an administrative residency with Geisinger Health System (1992).



Brian Cauthen is the President and founder of Leonard Trading LLC, an auction sales and services company out of Greenville, SC. After obtaining his degree in Finance from Florida State University, Brian spent his time in banking and real estate lending including contract positions with Freddie Mac Housing authority, BB&T and Deutsche Bank Mortgage. From 2016-2022 Brian worked as Director of Multifamily Lending at Lima One Capital in Greenville, SC. At Lima One, he and his team developed a commercial real estate bridge lending arm from scratch ultimately growing the program to a national leader. The division excelled and provided short term market rate and affordable apartment financing across the country.

Brian resides in Greenville, SC with his wife Kristin and their daughter Charlotte. They enjoy traveling, attending youth sporting events and cheering on the Florida State Seminoles. Brian is the donor representative of the Cauthen Donor Advised Fund started by Irvin and the late Jorene Cauthen. Brian Currently serves on the board of Regents for Anderson University and is a member of the South Carolina and National Auctioneers Association.

INTRODUCING FOUNDATION STAFF



Vickie Yelton is the accounting coordinator at the Foundation. She brings to us a strong background in accounting and business with broad experience in both the health care and energy sectors. Vickie, who hails from east Tennessee is spearheading the Foundation's software transition. She and her husband, Randall have lived in Anderson since 2003.

Mary Pickens joined the Foothills Community Foundation in 2024. She focuses on relationships with fund holders, communication with donors and advisors, as well as services to community partners and Foundation initiatives. A native of Anderson, Mary is a graduate of Duke University and has three children, William, Mary Beth, and Ivey. She spent over twenty years living and working in South Dakota but is thrilled to be back in her hometown helping to provide for the long-term benefit of the residents of the Upstate.

