

AT A GLANCE

“GIVING GROWS HERE”

**Total amount of Grants during our last Fiscal Year**

(July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025)  
\$6,558,423.46\*

**Total amount of Grants during our current Fiscal Year**

(July 1, 2025–December 31, 2025)  
\$6,003,566.50\*

**Total amount of Grants since inception**

(1999–2025)  
\$42,868,683.96\*

**Total Year-End Grants**

(November 1–December 31, 2025)  
\$3,932,936.94\*

**Total Grants–1999**

\$42,000

\*Unaudited totals

Save the Date

Donor  
Appreciation  
Luncheon

March 8, 2026

FROM the President

As the calendar turns to 2026 we encourage you to consult with your tax advisors to **plan your charitable giving strategies** for the new year. You can turn tax changes into opportunities for your own personal situation and for the communities you care about. Don't wait until the end of the year to do your financial and philanthropic planning. No, you still cannot give RMD's to an existing Donor Advised Fund (DAF) or use RMD's to start a New DAF. However, there are other opportunities available for you through the Foothills Community Foundation. Named Designated Funds, Scholarship Funds, Field of Interest Funds can all receive RMD contributions. You also can support the work of the Foothills Community Foundation with your RMD's. Whether it is our Operational Fund or Community Interest Funds, all can receive your RMD contributions and help continue our good work in the communities we serve. No, you still cannot give QCD's to a DAF but there are many opportunities to make a difference in the broader community with your QCD commitments through the Foundation. QCD's continue to be powerful tools for impacting communities. The Community Foundation partners with Donors and their Advisors to provide giving strategies that support the goals of those giving and the non-profits they love. The bottom line: **Giving Grows Here**. Your generosity is the seed. The Community Foundation is the soil. Together we can grow something lasting.



Sincerely,

*R. Dean Woods*

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GOLFING FOR A Brighter Christmas

STONE CREEK COVE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Ryan Cappaert and the Stone Creek Cove Homeowners Association have donated all the proceeds from their annual golf tournament and auction to the Brighter Christmas Fund since 2007.

**HELPING OTHERS** to have a brighter Christmas.



Ryan Cappaert and Family

# INTRODUCING New Foundation Board Members



The Foothills Community Foundation is pleased to welcome **G. Fred Tolly III** to its Board of Directors. Fred serves as Senior Vice President and Carolinas Region Commercial Banking Manager at Park National Bank, bringing extensive leadership and financial expertise to the Foundation. He and his wife, Sandi, are longtime members of the community and proud parents of three children—Griff Tolly, Caroline (Tolly) Moore, and Matt Tolly. Fred's professional experience and commitment to family and community make him a valuable addition to the Foothills Community Foundation.



The Foothills Community Foundation is pleased to welcome **Ala Chappellear** to its Board of Directors. Originally from the Republic of Georgia, Ala has been a member of the Anderson community since moving to the area in 1994. She is a respected real estate professional and founder of Chappellear & Associates, bringing valuable business and leadership experience to the Foundation. Ala and her husband, Craig, are active supporters of local nonprofits and are proud parents to their son, Jackson (17). Her professional insight and strong commitment to community service make her a valued addition to the Foothills Community Foundation.



Brighter Christmas Fund Board with Mr. Whitner

## BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS Fund

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS

Brighter Christmas Fund helps provide Christmas for more than 500 homeless children from Anderson County School Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Thanks to generous support from Anderson Toy Parade, Stone Creek Cove HOA & Golf Club, and individuals like you, Brighter Christmas Fund has continued to thrive since 1975.

**IN 2025** BFC provided a brighter Christmas for 536 homeless kids.

## ANDERSON Toy Parade

RIDING FOR A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS

Once again, Robert Fagg and members of the Confederates Motorcycle Club donated the proceeds from their Anderson Toy Parade to the Brighter Christmas Fund. A decades-old tradition that brings thousands of bikers and collects significant donations, including bikes, to support local families and foster children during the holidays.

**IN 2025** thousands of motorcyclist celebrated their 45th Annual Toy Parade.



Confederates Motorcycle Club

## DROP-IN For A Brighter Christmas

DONATING FOR A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS

Friends of Ann Herbert and Tricia McDougald have come to expect an opportunity to give to the Brighter Christmas Fund at the annual neighborhood drop-in every December.

**SELFLESS GIVING** to help the less fortunate in our community.



Ann, Tricia, and Dean



Ann, Tricia, and Mary

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** there is still time to make a donation today! By scanning our **QR CODE**, you will be giving **A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS** to a child in need, in our community, this year!

