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ANNUAL REPORT TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE



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A *catalyst* for charitable giving in
Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties.

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Message from the President and the Chairman of the Board

Our **25th Anniversary Year**, 2024 – 2025, was marked with many significant milestones. Perhaps none stood out brighter than our overall grant distributions from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. We recorded grant distributions during the 2025 fiscal year of \$6,500,000. That was the highest level of annual grant distributions in our history. It brings our total grant distribution since our inception in 1999 to over \$36.8 million. We will surpass that annual grant distribution amount during our current fiscal year.

During our inaugural year in 1999 we recorded grant distributions of \$42,000. We have made a lot of progress over the past 25 years thanks to our growing list of generous fundholders. At its core, a community foundation is basically a grant making organization. As our number of fundholders continues to grow throughout our service region of Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties in South Carolina, our grant making in these areas will continue to grow as well. The good news is that most of our grant making stays right here at home. We've had over 25 years of demonstrating that the Foothills Community Foundation is a safe and permanent home for the charitable vision of our fundholders. ***Our next 25 years should be awesome.***



R. Dean Woods, President



Dennis Burt, Chairman of the Board

[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.”



Mike and Debbie Horne honor the memory of their daughter Morgan Horne through the Morgan Horne Memorial Fund.

2025 GRANTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Anderson Arts Center
 Anderson County Museum
 The Bascom
 Belton Area Museum Association
 Belton Center for the Arts
 Brookgreen Gardens
 GAMAC
 Governor's Mansion Foundation
 Market Theatre Company
 Mill Town Players
 Peace Center for the Performing Arts
 Pendleton Historic Foundation
 SCETV Endowment
 UGA Foundation
 Georgia Museum of Art

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Aiken Sertoma Foundation
 American Red Cross
 Anderson Area Clemson Club
 Anderson County PAWS
 Anderson County Sheriff's Foundation
 Anderson County Womens Club
 Anderson Interfaith Ministries - AIM
 Andersons Emergency Kitchen Inc.
 Asher House
 Brett Crowe Memorial

Bridge Center Recovery
 Brighter Christmas Fund
 Broadway Fire Protection Association Inc
 Brushy Mountain Adventures
 CARE USA
 The Carter Center
 Catherine's House Inc
 Cleo Bailey Project
 Community Assistance Center
 Cooperative Christian Ministries
 Curamericas Global
 Disabled American Veterans
 Emmanuel's Hammer
 Favor Upstate
 Feed & Seed Co
 First Light
 Folds of Honor
 Foothills Community Foundation
 Habitat for Humanity
 Haven of Rest
 Holy Angels
 Hope Missions
 Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department
 Jamaica Relief Ministries, Inc
 Jasmine Road Inc
 KB Charitable Trust
 Kinder Mourn
 Kiwanis International, Inc. of Anderson SC

Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department
 Association
 Lot Project
 Malachi's Storehouse
 Meals on Wheels
 Meals on Wheels Greenville
 Mesa Global
 Mission to the World
 The More 320 Haven
 Mothers Against Drunk Driving
 National Incarceration Association
 National Religious Campaign
 Against Torture
 Lake Rabun Foundation
 Operation Mobilization
 Peru Mission USA
 Raiz Ministries
 Real Life Ministries - RLM
 Rebuild Upstate
 Rotary Club of Easley
 Saddle & Tree Stand Ministries
 The Salvation Army
 Samaritan's Purse
 Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina
 Set Free Alliance
 Sons of the Divine Providence, Inc.
 Southwest Indian Foundation
 Spring Lake Ranch



Table Rock Camp and Retreat Center
Ten at the Top
TIME Missions
Tunnel to Towers
United Palestinian Appeal Inc.
United Way of Anderson County
United Way of Pickens County
Vets Helping Vets Anderson
Westside Community Center
Wings of Eagles Ranch
Wounded Warrior Project
Yorkville Cemetery Association
WORLD

EDUCATION

Alchemy, Inc
Anderson University
Auburn University Alumni Association
The Citadel
Clemson University
Clemson University Foundation
College of Charleston
Duke University Divinity School
Emmanuel University
Florida College
Florida State University Foundation
Florida State University
College of Business
Lakes and Bridges Charter School Fund
Lander University
The McCallie School
Mercer University
North Carolina State University
Seminole Boosters, Inc
South Carolina Governor's School for
Science and Mathematics Foundation
Southern Wesleyan University
St Joseph Catholic School
Tri County Technical College Foundation
Tri-County Technical College
United Negro College Fund, Inc.
The University of Texas at Austin
University of Cincinnati Foundation
University of Georgia
University of South Carolina
Vanderbilt University
Washington and Lee University
Western Carolina University
Witter Coin Scholarship Fund

ENVIRONMENT AND GREENSPACE

Anderson Soil and Water
Conservation District
Catawba Indian Nation
Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation
Coastal Conservation League
Dunwoody Nature Center
Lake James Environmental Association
Lowcountry Land Trust
National Audubon Society
The Nature Conservancy
NC Wildlife Federation
Ocean Conservancy
Savannah Riverkeeper
SC Department of Natural Resources:
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

South Carolina Wildlife Federation
UGA Foundation: Botanical Gardens
Upstate Forever
World Wildlife Fund

FAITH BASED

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
Belin Memorial United Methodist Church
Boulevard Baptist Church
Central First Baptist Church
Central Presbyterian Church
Christ Church Episcopal
Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church
Clayton United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church of Iva
First Baptist Church of Anderson SC
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Highlands
Forest Church
Grace Church
Highland Park United Methodist Church
Highlands United Methodist Church
Hijas de la Caridad San Vicente de Paul
Mt. Holly Methodist Church
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
New Covenant Church
Newspring Church
North Anderson Community
Presbyterian Church
Olivet United Methodist Church
Our Lady of Good Counsel
South Main Chapel and Mercy Center
St. John's United Methodist Church
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Athens)
United Ministries
United Church of Newport
Young Memorial Church

HEALTH

Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina
Alzheimer Outreach Center
of South Georgia
American Cancer Association
Anderson Free Clinic
Anderson Pregnancy Care
AnMed Foundation
Cancer Association of Anderson
Children's Cancer Partners
of the Carolinas
Compassion and Choices
DocLink
Doctors Without Borders
Foundation for Geriatric Education
Foundation of the American College of
Healthcare Executives
Greenwood Genetic Center Foundation
Honor Health Career Programs
Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation
Hospice of the Upstate
Marion Medical Mission
Mercy Ships
Ronald McDonald House Charities
of the Carolinas
Salvation Oaks Recovery Community
Shriners Hospital for Children
St Judes Childrens Research Hospital

St. Baldrick's Foundation
St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic
Via Cognitive Health

YOUTH AND RECREATION

Anderson Area YMCA
Anderson School District One
Anderson School District Two
Anderson School District Three
Anderson School District Four
Anderson School District Five
Blue Ridge Council of the Boy Scouts
Brushy Creek Elementary School PTA
Calvary Home for Children
Camp Cilca Outdoor Ministries
Carolina Adaptive Golf
Christ School
Crescent High School Elite Shooters
CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ)
Eastside YMCA of Greenville
Fellowship of Catholic University Students
The Gamecock Club
Girl Scouts of South Carolina
Mountains to Midlands
Happy Wheels, Inc.
Knights of Columbus #8295
for Boy Scout Troop 234
Make a Wish South Carolina
Midlands Young Life One
New Foundations Home for Children
Outdoor Dream Foundation
Palmetto Boys State
Roper Mountain Science
Center Association
Salt & Light Foundation, Inc
SC Swimming
Thornwell Home for Children
Trent Hill Center for Children
and Families
Tri County Young Life Ministries
Westside Athletic Booster Club
Wild Hearts Equine Therapy
YMCA of Upper Palmetto
Young Life
The Zone Services Inc



Every effort has been made to present the most accurate and up-to-date information possible in this report. Should you see an omission or an error, please contact the Foundation.



FRANK P. "BUTCH" HUGHES, III

2024 Robert M. Rainey Award Recipient



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



PAST RAINEY PHILANTHROPY AWARD RECIPIENTS

2017

Dr. Marshall L. Meadors, III

2018

Danielle K. Roberts

2019

Irvin L. and Jorene J. Cauthen

2020

Steve Kay

2021

Charles and Libby Dalton

2022

Robert S. Fagg

2023

Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Austin

2024

Butch Hughes

The Foothills Community Foundation is proud to honor Frank P. “Butch” Hughes, III as the 2024 recipient of the Rainey Award, named for former Foundation President Robert M. Rainey. The award recognizes individuals who exemplify the spirit of philanthropy through selfless giving, community advocacy, and inspiring service to others.

Butch Hughes arrived in the Upstate in 2006 to lead the Independent Mail, bringing with him a deep commitment to community engagement. Over the course of a 31-year career with E.W. Scripps & Co., Butch demonstrated strong leadership and a passion for connecting people to causes that matter. Since his retirement in 2010, he has remained a tireless advocate for local organizations, volunteering his time and talents with a wide range of groups including Rotary Club of Anderson, Boulevard Baptist Church, AnMed Foundation Board, Meals on Wheels, and the Brighter Christmas Fund.

Rooted in the values of generosity and service he learned growing up in Tennessee, Butch—and his wife, Cindy—continue to enrich the Upstate with their compassionate presence and hands-on approach to philanthropy.

The Foundation is honored to recognize Butch Hughes for a life defined by “neighbors helping neighbors” and a legacy that inspires others to give back.



Butch and his wife, Cindy Hughes



Robert M. Rainey presenting Butch Hughes with an Award

“GIVING GROWS HERE”

Annual Grant Distribution Event

October 9, 2025 | Anderson University



Kibler Family Fund to Hospice of the Upstate



Dennis M. Burt Family Fund to Anderson Pregnancy Care



Briar Patch Fund to tba



Tom and Sherrill Hall Fund to Good Neighbor Cupboard



James O. and Ann D. Herbert Fund to Hope Missions



Sue and Tom Tuten Family Fund to AnMed Foundation



P2V2 Fund to AIM



Carol E. Burdette Fund to Celebrating 40 Years of Leadership Anderson



Sue and John Greene Fund to Meals on Wheels - Anderson



Foothills Community Foundation to United Way of Pickens Camp iRock



Art and Laurie Klugh Fund to South Main Chapel and Mercy Center



Sue and Tom Tuten Family Fund to Cancer Association of Anderson



Maril Yeske and Family Fund to TCTC Nursing Endowment



Sue and John Greene Fund to South Main Chapel and Mercy Center



Foothills Community Foundation to Reach Out and Read



Sol Flowers to The Bridge Center



Sue and Tom Tuten Family Fund to Meal on Wheels - Anderson



Briar Patch Fund to GAMAC

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Crader-Vaughn Family Fund to
Lakes & Bridges Charter School Fund



Sol Flowers Fund to Love Well Ministries



Carol E. Burdette Fund to
TCTC Nursing Endowment



Mary R. Pickens Charitable Fund to
TCTC Nursing Endowment



Boseman Fund to
Westside Community Center



Tom and Sherrill Hall Fund to
Anderson University School of the Arts



Foster Fund to Salvation Army



Dennis M. Burt Family Fund to
Anderson University School of the Arts



Dennis M. Burt Family Fund to
South Main Chapel and Mercy Center

SIMPLE SMART SECURE

Our **secure, user-friendly tool** offers our fundholders **instant access** to key information. **SCAN OUR QR CODE** or visit foothillscommunityfoundation.org/fund-holders to access the portal. Click **Login to Fundholder Portal**. If it's your first time logging in, enter your email address to receive a verification PIN. You'll be guided through setup from there.



Need help using the fundholder portal see the FAQ on the fundholder page. **Contact Mary at (864) 222-9096 or mary@foothillsfoundation.org if you need to set up a primary email for your fund.**



Foothills Community Foundation to Anderson Area YMCA



Dennis M. Burt Family Fund to Anderson Housing and Homeless



Briar Patch Fund to Rocky River Conservancy



Foster Fund to Brighter Christmas Fund



Briar Patch Fund to Anderson Area Remembrance and Reconciliation Initiative



Sol Flowers to Anderson Free Clinic





SOL SUNFLOWERS

Thank you for ten years of extra sunshine



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Photo: Jeff and Danielle Roberts

Where Philanthropy Took Root: Celebrating Sol Flowers

For ten summers, a brilliant burst of yellow along Highway 81 drew families, photographers, and passersby from across the region. But Sol Flowers was always more than a sunflower field—it was a movement of generosity, rooted in the Roberts family’s desire to give back.

Founded by Danielle Roberts and her family, Sol Flowers began with a simple idea: grow something beautiful and use it to do good. Each year, their sunflower field became a temporary landmark and gathering place, where bundles of blooms were exchanged for donations supporting area nonprofits. Over a decade, the project raised more than \$100,000 for local causes including Safe Harbor, AIM, Calvary Home for Children, First Light, and the Haven of Rest. These grants were made possible through the Sol Flowers Fund, a fiscal sponsorship of Foothills Community Foundation.

In 2018, Danielle Roberts was honored with the Robert M. Rainey Philanthropy Award for her creative and heartfelt leadership. Danielle once said, “We wanted to find a way to support as many organizations as possible.” That vision took root and flourished for ten years—powered by family, volunteers, and community goodwill.

Though 2025 marked the final season for Sol Flowers, its legacy of kindness continues to blossom through the lives it touched and the grants it helped fund. As the sun sets on this cherished tradition, we remain grateful for the Roberts family and the joy they cultivated—one sunflower at a time.



Danielle Roberts with Sol Sunflowers



2018 Robert M. Rainey Award Honoree Danielle Roberts



From left: Catherine Roberts, Caroline Roberts, Robert Rainey, Jeff Roberts, Danielle Roberts, Al Roberts



YOUR PARTNERS FOR IMPROVING

Foothills Community Foundation is proud to serve as tba's fiscal

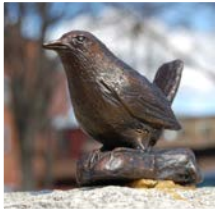
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Generator Park: An original Portman Shoals generator location at the corner of McDuffie and Whitner Streets.

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Caton's Alley: A fountain, benches and raised beds enhance Caton Alley located between East Benson Street and the municipal parking area in Church Street Heritage Park.



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Carolina Wrens: A Bird's Eye View of Anderson. The Wren Fountain Project is located on the corner of River and Main Streets. In addition to the fountain, there are sculptures of a young boy and girl along with wrens and a nest created by artist Zan Wells of Greenville, SC. Twenty-eight individual wrens roost on buildings and structures in downtown Anderson.

4



Dr. Marshall L. Meadors III Dog Park: A dog park dedicated to the memory of Dr. Marshall Meadors is located on Fant Street. The dog sculpture was created by Dale Rogers, of Haverhill, MA.

What's next? The current focus areas are Fant, River, Greenville Streets and Murray Avenue. Look around, and we're confident you will agree that we will not run out of worthy projects and innovative new sites. **Got any ideas?** Join us and let us know about them! **"What will \$100,000 buy in Anderson?"** The answer is, **"A good bit when our goal is to have land and maintenance donated."**

SHAPING THE LANDSCAPE OF OUR COMMUNITY

sponsor

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Textile Point: A celebration of times past, the present and times to come. A collaborative project with the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, TBA, the City of Anderson and The Rotary Club of Anderson in celebration of their 100th year. The clock was designed and fabricated by Scott Foster of Anderson, SC.



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Pegasus: An enduring symbolic figure representing freedom, power and the eternal spirit of imagination and creativity. The bronze sculpture is 12 feet tall with a wingspan of 14.5 feet, and was created by sculptor Sandy Scott of Lander, WY.



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Threaded: A Sculptural Fountain is located in North Main Commons on Main Street in Anderson and celebrates the “threads” sewn together to make Anderson. The fountain was designed and fabricated by Scott Foster of Anderson, SC.

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Orbital Continuum: Placed at the Wren Park Overlook this John Acorn abstract sculpture is comprised of twelve spheres interlocking to form a globe and representing the months of the year.



Why do I need to join? No one would deny that downtown is making a come-back. TBA adds to that momentum with good planning and action. Your reason for joining is your public spirit and because generations will thank you! **SCAN QR CODE to register and donate today.**





Dee Watkins; Photo Credit: Collection of the Anderson County Museum



2019 Scholarship Recipients (pictured left to right):
Dee Watkins, Jane Mudd, Lujack Orr, Ashley Heard and Coach Bobby Holden



2019 Scholarship Recipients (pictured left to right): Cole Skelton, Olivia Williams, Lujack Orr, Dee Watkins, Coach Bobby Holden, Mitchell Morgan and Jane Mudd



Female Golfer; Photo Credit: Collection of the Anderson County Museum

THE DEE WATKINS Anderson Country Club Scholarship



[A Legacy Beyond the Fairway]

The Dee Watkins Anderson Country Club Scholarship

For generations, the Anderson Country Club was more than a golf course. It was a place where friendships were formed, young golfers learned the game, and traditions of mentorship and sportsmanship became part of Anderson life.

Today, that legacy continues through the Anderson Country Club Dee Watkins Scholarship at Foothills Community Foundation.

Founded in 1918, the Anderson Country Club became one of Anderson's enduring gathering places for nearly a century. Though the Club struggled during the 1940s, it flourished in the 1950s and 1960s as membership grew and golf became woven into the fabric of community life. Generations of golfers learned the game there, building friendships and traditions that continue through the scholarship today.

Established through funds remaining after the sale of the Anderson Country Club, the scholarship was created by individuals who wanted the Club's impact to continue long after its final round was played. They chose to honor Dee Watkins, a Duke University graduate and longtime golf professional who represented the spirit of the game in Anderson for decades.

Watkins became known not only for his skill, but for the encouragement and mentorship he offered young golfers throughout the community. He was also respected for his stewardship of the course and his deep commitment to the game in Anderson.

The scholarship also reflects the vision of community leaders like Lujack Orr, whose lifelong love of golf began at the Club.

"The Anderson Country Club played a central role in my upbringing," Orr shared. "My love for golf was strong, but more importantly, the relationships I formed there were transformational."

Some of those relationships began with African American caddies at the Club who taught Orr how to play. On Mondays, when caddies were allowed to play, Orr joined them whenever he could. Those friendships became lifelong bonds and helped shape his understanding of mentorship, opportunity, and community.

Administered by Foothills Community Foundation, the scholarship supports one senior golfer from T. L. Hanna High School and one senior golfer from Westside High School as they pursue higher education. Recipients are selected based on their accomplishments both on and off the course, continuing the tradition of discipline, leadership, and character the game of golf helps instill.

Today, the scholarship preserves an important piece of Anderson history while investing in future generations of student-athletes. Special thanks is due to Bobby Holden, who encouraged young golfers at Westside and Hanna for many years and helped Lujack Orr promote this annual scholarship fund.

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The scholarship is about more than golf. It is about **mentorship, opportunity, and carrying forward a legacy** that shaped generations in Anderson.

- Lujack Orr

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Agency and Organization Funds

Anderson Arts Center Endowment
Anderson Interfaith Ministries Fund
Calvary Home for Children Fund
Friends of the Anderson County Museum
Friends of the Library Endowment
GAMAC Fund
Harry and Julie Morse Anderson Free Clinic
Endowment Fund
Hospice of Upstate Fund
Kiwanis Club of Anderson Fund
Lakes & Bridges Charter School
Pendleton Historic Foundation Endowment
Pendleton Presbyterian Church
Cemetery Trust Fund
Pendleton Presbyterian Church Fund
Tile Heritage Foundation Endowment
United Way of Anderson County Endowment
Walhalla Rotary Club Endowment

Designated Funds

Billy Pickens Designated Fund
David and Diane Medical Clinic Endowment
Father Francis A. Friend Memorial Fund
Foster Fund
Irene B. Friend Memorial Fund
Orr Family Designated Fund
Phillips Memorial Fund
St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic Endowment

Field of Interest Funds

Anderson County Savannah River
Basin Restoration
Anderson Emergency Kitchen Fund
AnMed Community Health Fund
Bleckley Inn, Inc-Fund
Duke Energy-Catawba Wateree HEP-NC
Duke Energy-Catawba Wateree HEP-SC
Duke Energy Keowee-Toxaway Habitat
Enhancement Fund
Rotary Club of Anderson Endowment

Community Foundation Initiatives

Anderson Chamber Music Series
Anderson Area Remembrance &
Reconciliation Initiative

Beverly Lee Unrestricted Fund
Blue Zone of Anderson Fund
Brighter Christmas Fund
Clemson Marrow Drive Fund
Foothills Community Foundation Fund
Go Play Outside Fund
Junior Leadership Pickens County
Shaw Center for Housing and
Economic Growth
Sol Flowers Fund
tba Fund
Upstate Historic Preservation Society
William Law Watkins Unrestricted Fund

Scholarship Funds

Anderson Country Club Dee Watkins
Bailes Memorial Scholarship
Beth Park Altrusa Fund
Bill Barnette Band Scholarship Fund
Bigby-Davis Phoenix Rising Consulting,
LLC Scholarship
Bloomer Foundation Fund
Cauthen Scholarship Fund
Coach Jim Fraser Memorial Scholarship
Hill Electric Company Scholarship Fund
Jonny A. Lyons Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Horne Memorial Fund
Prince Memorial Ring Fund
Sandra Myers Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tamassee-Salem Challenge to Be
Great Scholarship

Special Purpose

Anderson City Police Department Endowment
Ben Comen, Living Without Limits Fund
Bryson Children's Nature Walk Fund
City of Anderson Cemetery Endowment
City of Anderson Public Art Fund
Dog Park Fund
Downtown Easley Playground Fund
Easley Joe Lesley Fund
Freddie Stowers Veterans Memorial Park
Operation Dragonfly Fund
Park Partners Endowment
Rocky River Conservancy
Westminster Hall Street Park Fund

2025 Scholarship Highlights

Jonny Lyons Memorial Scholarship

The **Jonny Lyons Memorial Scholarship** is a \$2,000 scholarship for high school seniors who descend from employees of the former Orr-Lyons Textile Mill.

Jessica Cape attends Clemson University, majoring in Vet Science. Her relatives that worked at the former Orr-Lyons Mill include her grandmother, Mary Ruth (Langston) Hammett, and great-grandfather William Langston.

Zachary Dillard attends Tri-County Technical College, majoring in Elementary Education. His family member, Ken Lindsey worked at Orr-Lyons Mill from 1964-1969.

Whitney Glenn attends Lander University, majoring in Biology. Her great-grandparents, David (“Jack”) Harold Mayfield and Verna Zell Young Mayfield worked at the former Orr-Lyons Mill.

Blake Heard attends Clemson University, majoring in business and political science. His great-great uncles, Bill Cleveland and Cullen Cleveland, worked at the former Orr-Lyons Mill.

Adeline Moore attends Lander University, majoring in Nursing. Her great-grandparents, Charles Smith (better known as “Tater” to everyone at Orr-Lyons Mills) and Annie B. Smith worked at the former Orr-Lyons Mill.

Cooper Smith attends Tri-County Technical College, majoring in Mechatronics. His relatives that worked at the former Orr-Lyons Mill include his grandfather, Charles Elmer Smith, great-grandmother, Annie Burton Smith, great-grandfather, Elmer Joseph Smith, and his aunt, Sharon Lynn Smith.

Bryson Tench attends Anderson University, majoring in Cybersecurity. His maternal great-grandmother, Janie Louise Stamps Sears, worked for the former Orr-Lyons Mill.



Jessica Cape



Zachary Dillard



Whitney Glenn



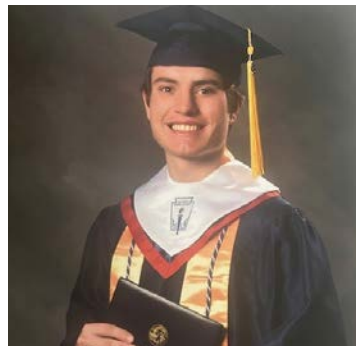
Blake Heard



Adeline Moore



Cooper Smith



Bryson Tench



Grace Marie Brandon

2025 SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

Sandra Myers Scholarship – A scholarship honoring the late Sandra Myers is awarded to a senior at West Oak High School pursuing a degree in Nursing or Education. **Grace Marie Brandon**, who attends the College of Charleston, is the 2025 recipient.

Hill Electric Scholarship– The 2025 Hill Electric scholarship was awarded to **Natalie Park** from Pendleton High School. Natalie attends Lander University and is majoring in Business-Marketing Management.



Natalie Park

The Irvin Cauthen Scholarship – A scholarship honoring Irvin Cauthen is 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 scholarship was awarded to **Alejandra Rodriguez** from Easley. She attends Clemson University, majoring in Engineering.



Alejandra Rodriguez

The Jay Bloomer Scholarship – Established in 2020, this award honors the late Jay Bloomer with scholarships at his alma mater, Dobyms-Bennett High School in Kingsport, Tennessee and at T. L. Hanna High School. **Christopher Schuman** from Dobyms-Bennett and **Elizabeth Moorhead** from T. L. Hanna High School are the 2025 Jay Bloomer Scholars. Christopher will attend Clemson University, majoring in mechanical engineering. Elizabeth “Ellie” will major in Pre-Law at the University of Georgia.

Coach Jim Fraser Memorial Scholarship – Established in 2023 at T. L. Hanna High School, this scholarship honors the late Coach Fraser with an award to one male and one female senior with leadership characteristics, athletic participation, and a demonstrated work ethic. The committee at T. L. Hanna selected: **Allison Buttrey**, who attends Florida College majoring in Psychology, and **Zachary Dillard**, who attends Tri-County Technical College majoring in Elementary Education, as the 2025 recipients.

The Bigby-Davis Phoenix Rising, LLC Scholarship – This \$1,000 scholarship at Pendleton High School awarded to an African-American or African student who plans to major in Education, Business, or a Healthcare related field was established in 2024. The committee chose **Nia McCray**. Nia will attend the University of South Carolina majoring in Middle Level Education.

Morgan Horne Memorial Scholarship – The Morgan Horne Memorial Scholarship is \$2,000 awarded to every female golfer attending an institution of higher learning from T. L. Hanna and Westside High Schools. Established in 2024 in memory of the late Morgan Horne.

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2025 Honorees:

Olivia Wallach

T. L. Hanna High School
Emmanuel University

Nikki Hagler

Westside High School
Clemson University

Paige Monaghan

Westside High School
Anderson University

Isabella Dungan

Westside High School
Southeastern Health and
Wellness Institute

Kaden Collins

Westside High School
Tri-County Technical College

Reece Hindman

Westside High School
Tri-County Technical College

Katelyn Pressley

Westside High School
University of South Carolina



2025 Morgan Horne Memorial Scholarship Winners



Christopher Schuman



Elizabeth Moorehead



Allison Buttery



Nia McCray

Tres Bailes Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian of Walhalla High School in memory of Tres Bailes. The 2025 valedictorian, **Sophia Pontin**, attends North Carolina State University and salutatorian, **Ashlyn Denny**, attends the University of Texas at Austin.

The Bill Barnette Band Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to the top band student at Walhalla High School, honoring a former band director. The 2025 recipient, **Isaac Grant**, attends Western Carolina University.

Beth Park Memorial ASTRA Club Scholarship – This scholarship was established to honor the late Beth Park, and is awarded to an outstanding ASTRA Club member at T. L. Hanna High School. The committee chose **Sarah Yaekoub**. Sarah will attend the University of South Carolina Honors College and major in Biochemistry.



Sophia Pontin

Prince Memorial Ring – The student body at T. L. Hanna High School chose **Mason Council** to wear the George E. Prince Memorial Ring Fund in 2025. Mason Council attends Southern Wesleyan University and is majoring in Sports Management. He will be playing for the SWU Warriors Soccer team.

Dee Watkins Anderson Country Club Endowed Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior on the golf team at both T. L. Hanna and Westside High School. **Brayden Barnette** from Westside attends Anderson University majoring in Christian Studies. **Landon Smith** from T. L. Hanna attends Southern Wesleyan University studying Business Marketing.



Ashlyn Denny



Isaac Grant



Sarah Yaekoub



Mason Council



Brayden Barnette



Landon Smith

Foothills Community Foundation **SUPPORTS LOCAL STUDENTS** in pursuing higher education. **SCAN QR CODE** to learn more about our scholarship programs and recipients.



The William Law Watkins Legacy Society

The William Law Watkins Legacy Society honors the vision of Mr. Watkins, a respected attorney whose bequest played a pivotal role in the creation of Foothills Community Foundation. His gift, the Foundation's first planned gift, inspired others to join him in building a permanent resource for our community.

Today, the Society recognizes individuals who have made provisions for a planned gift through the Foundation—whether by will, trust, or other estate plans—and who, in doing so, create their own **lasting charitable legacy**.

Planned gifts may take many forms, including:

- Bequests through wills or revocable trusts
- Beneficiary designations of retirement plans, IRAs, or life insurance policies
- Charitable remainder or lead trusts
- Retained life estates

These gifts may be directed to the Foundation, designated to an existing fund, or used to establish a new permanent fund. Regardless of size or form, every planned gift helps ensure that lives in our community are touched—now and for generations to come.

If you have made arrangements for a planned gift to Foothills Community Foundation, or would like to learn more about joining the William Law Watkins Legacy Society, we would be honored to hear from you.

Members

Loyd & Mazie S. Burkett*

Dennis Burt

Irvin L. & Jorene J. Cauthen*

Fred Foster*

Francis A. Friend*

Myrtle Gillespie*

John & Sue* Greene

Lily Hall

James Douglas Huff, Sr.*

Beverly Lee*

Jonny K. Lyons*

David & Saunders McCollum

John & Julie Miller

Kelly Smith O'Quinn*

J. Roy Pennell, Jr.*

Robert M. Rainey

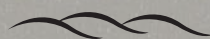
Araluen "Clinky" Seabrook*

Mr. & Mrs. William Law Watkins*

Evans & Diane Whitaker

Anonymous

*deceased



Donor Advised Funds

Always Stay Humble and Kind Fund
Art & Lauri Klugh Fund
Austin Fund
Barry C. and Mary Alyce Visioli Fund
Beatenbough Fund
Boseman Fund
Bradford Family Fund
Briar Patch Fund
Briarwood Fund
C.L. Morehead, Jr. Fund
Carol E. Burdette Fund
Carroll Family Fund
Connor B. and June W. Hopkins Fund
Cook Fund
Crader-Vaughn Family Fund
David & Saunders McCollum Fund
Dean Woods Fund
Dennis M. Burt Family Fund
Direct Access Fund
Doris and David Christopher Fund
Dr. Evans P. & Cynthia Whitaker Fund
Dr. Marshall L Meadors, III MD PCA Fund
F. Stevon Kay Fund
Fred and Sandi Tolly Fund
Gallant Family Fund
Great Outdoors Fund

Hamid and KD Mohsseni Fund
Harmon Charitable Fund
Haynie Family Fund
Hill Electric Company Fund
Irvin L. and Jorene J. Cauthen Fund
J. Charles and Sheron Lee Fund
J. Michael Magaha Fund
James O. & Ann D. Herbert Fund
John and Whitney Collins Fund
Kay and Harold Gilbert Fund
Kenley Family Fund
Kibler Family Fund
KiDS Family Fund
Krause Family Charitable Fund
Linda and Bill Forrest Fund
Lucas Family Fund
Lynn A. Kay Fund
Maril Yeske and Family Fund
Marshall & Jennifer Meadors Fund
Mary Ramseur Pickens Charitable Fund
Mason Garrett Fund
McDonald Charitable Fund
McElwee Fund
Mosley Family Fund
Nickles Fund
P2V2 Fund

Painter Fund
Pickens Family Fund
Pray Fund
Pruitt Foundation Fund
Pruitt, Jr. Fund
Robert M. and Louise Weston
Rainey Fund
Ron & Pam Spinharney Fund
Sarah L. Spinharney Fund
Smith (O'Quinn) Fund
Steve and Sharon Moss Fund
Sue and John Greene Fund
Sue and Tom Tuten Family Fund
Suggs Johnson LLC
The Faith Fund
The McDougald Fund
The Red Bird Fund
Tom and Pam Roose Family Fund
Tom and Sherrill Hall Fund
Tope Family Fund
Trammell Fund
Wham Family Fund
Wilkes Fund
William B. Pickens Fund



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AT A GLANCE

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

464
DONATIONS
RECEIVED

\$6,984,478

148
TOTAL #
OF FUNDS

11
NEW FUNDS
ESTABLISHED

653
FUNDHOLDERS
GRANTS

\$6,503,283

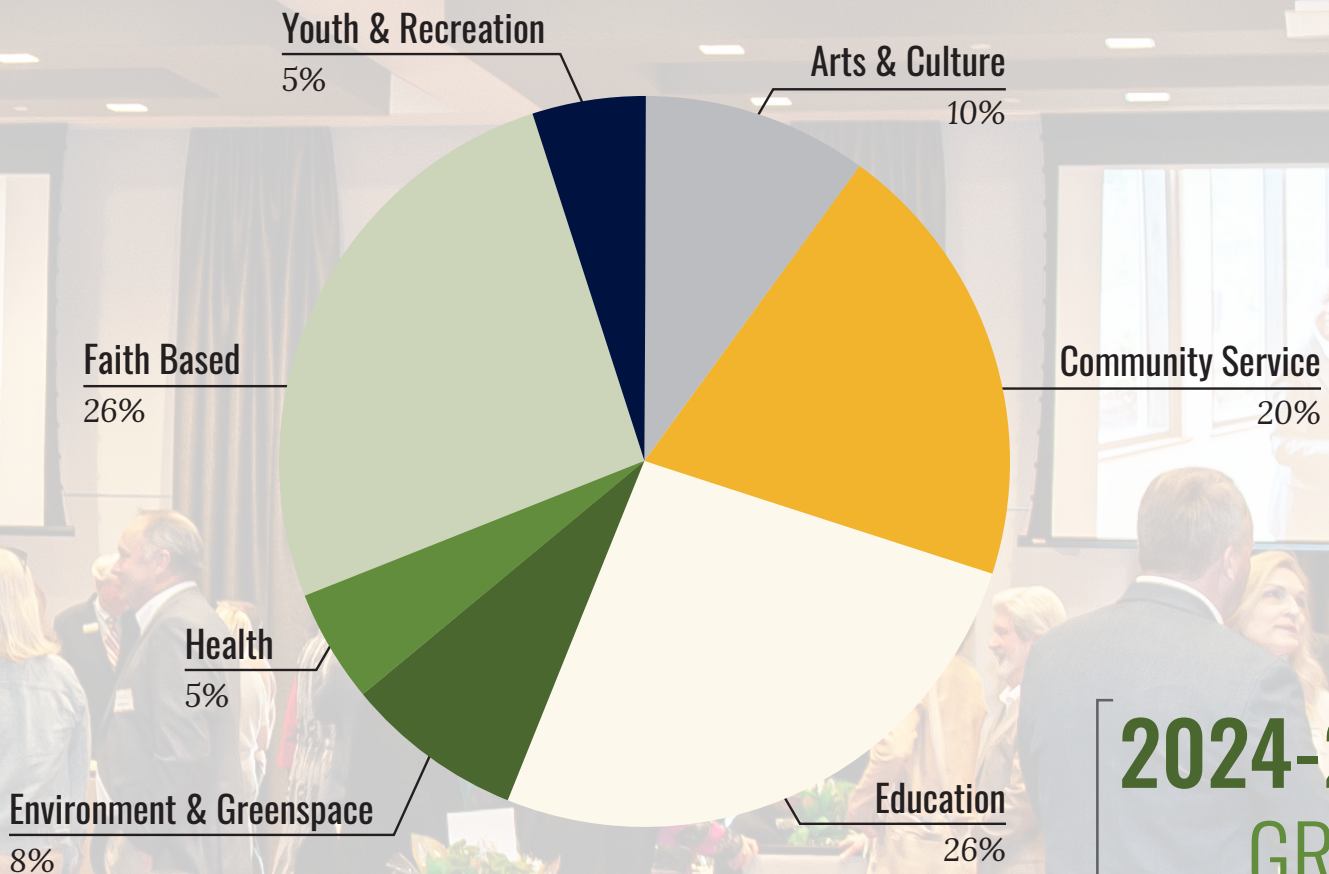
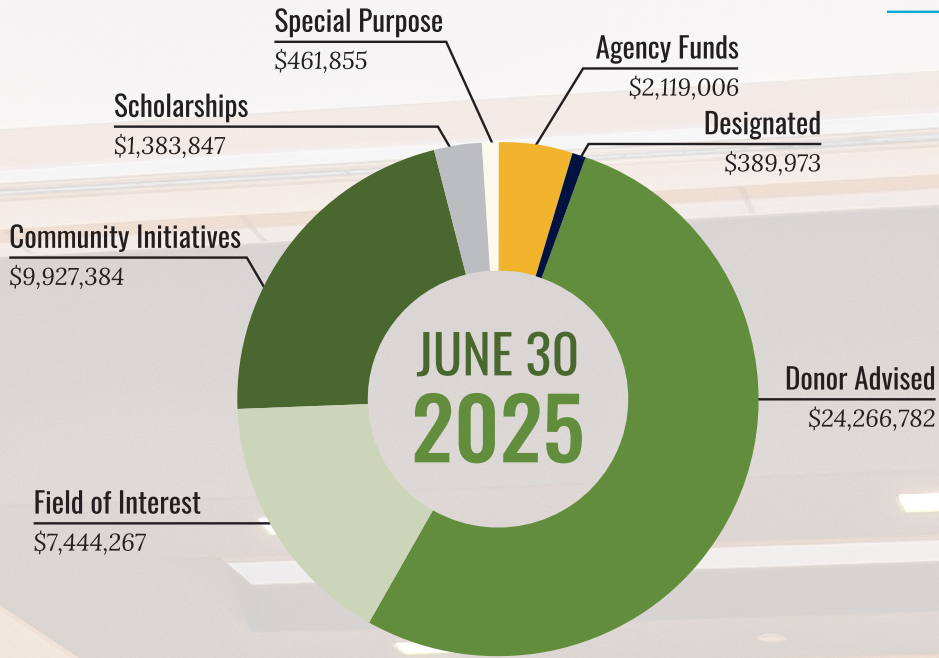


2025 IMPACT

[TYPES OF FUNDS]

TOTAL ASSETS

\$45,993,114



[2024-2025 GRANTS]

GROWTH OF ASSETS SINCE INCEPTION



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	JUNE 30, 2025
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 616,827
Total	\$ 616,827
NONCURRENT ASSETS	
Long-term Investments	\$ 45,374,106
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 2,181
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$ 45,376,287
Total	\$ 45,993,114
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,000
Funds held for Agency Endowments	\$ 3,443,597
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,121,006
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 9,654,133
Funds subject to Variance Power	\$ 34,217,975
Total Net Assets	\$ 43,872,108
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 43,872,108

See audited financial statements for additional details



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