

Giving Matters

NEWSLETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENVILLE • FALL 2010

A Lasting Charitable Legacy

With a clear focus on the future, many donors want to ensure that the good causes in Greenville will be funded for years to come. These donors create a lasting charitable legacy through the Community Foundation of Greenville.

To honor these individuals and their commitment to our community, the Community Foundation has established a Legacy Society. We invite you to become a charter member. There are just two steps to join the Legacy Society. The first

is to arrange for a planned gift to the Community Foundation or any fund held at the Foundation. The second is to inform the Community Foundation of your planned gift.

There is no minimum amount required for the planned gift. Membership in the Legacy Society will be recognized in our annual Report to the Community unless you choose to be listed as an anonymous member. Legacy Society members will also be invited to an annual event held exclusively for them.

There are many options for making planned gifts. The most common are bequests by will or revocable trust, beneficiary designations of IRA and retirement plan assets, gifts of life insurance, charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, and retained life estates.

If you have already included the Community Foundation in your estate plan, please let us know. If you'd like more information about creating a legacy, give us a call. You can play a part in the future of our community.



Luther & Sally Boliek

Making a Difference

For over twenty years, Luther and Sally Boliek have been friends and supporters of the Community Foundation. Luther's career in banking led to a request to serve on the Finance Committee and then an invitation to join the Board where he served as President in 1998. Sally joined Greenville Women Giving in its first year and is proud of the \$1.25 million it has donated to Greenville charities.

Their donor relationship with the Community Foundation began with annual donations and progressed to establishing a Donor-Advised Fund. They were able to fund it with low cost basis stock that provided tax benefits to them and created a pool of funds they could use over time to support charities that are important to them.

In 2001, the Boliaks drafted a plan for their future that included long-term support for Greenville. Through their tax attorney, they learned about charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and how they can provide income to the Boliaks during their lifetimes with the remaining balance going to their favorite charities after death. So they talked seriously about what was important to them and set up a CRT that will benefit those five charities, one of which is the Community Foundation. Luther said, "It just made good mathematical sense and is a good investment for both us and the charities."

Both Luther and Sally agree that they want their charitable actions to set an example for their children and instill in them a desire to give back to the community. Their legacy of giving sets the example for us all.

We've been strengthening the network of organizations doing great things for Greenville for over 50 years. Your donation helps us continue our commitment to improve quality of life for everyone. Let's work together.



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Donor Reception 2010



John I. Smith Scholarships Awarded

Two scholarships have been awarded by the John I. Smith Public Housing Scholarship Fund for 2010. This fund is administered by the Community Foundation and provides financial assistance for education to those living in Greenville County public housing. The goal of this scholarship is to assist students who value education and have demonstrated dependability, community involvement and leadership. The scholarship award is \$800 per academic semester for up to four years. Congratulations to the recipients for 2010.

- **Osha Na'Quelle Spearman:**
A graduate of Berea High School, will attend Greenville Technical College (Criminal Justice).
- **Dimera Durham:**
A graduate of Carolina High School, will attend Erskine College (Pre-Med).



President's Message

The Community Foundation of Greenville awarded Knox and Priscilla Haynsworth with its 2009 Ruth Alexander Nicholson Award*, our highest honor for volunteer leadership. The Haynsworths established Clement's Kindness Fund for the Children to honor their son Clement whom they lost to an unexpected illness and to create a way to help others. With the help of an advisory board of friends and professional colleagues, they have raised over \$1,200,000 in the last eight years to help families with children who are patients of the BI-LO Charities Children's Cancer Center. The plight of these families has touched the hearts of many donors including the children of Oakview Elementary School who raised \$17,000 in honor of a classmate battling cancer and Greenville High School students who selected Clement's Kindness as the recipient of Spirit Week funds.

In addition, Community Foundation Board Chair Randy Fisher is the recipient of the 2010 Ruth Alexander Nicholson Award*. Randy has played a key role in supporting Greenville Women Giving as a special initiative of the Community Foundation, building consensus for our \$1 million commitment to the Kroc Center and the partnership between the Community Foundation and Hollingsworth Funds. Randy joined the Board in January 2000 and quickly won the trust and respect of his fellow Board members. In 2009, he led the Board through a strategic planning process that resulted in a remarkable increase in energy and productivity. Randy's professional colleagues hold him in highest regard and he has been an advocate within the professional advisor community for the Community Foundation and its benefits to donors.

We salute Knox and Pricilla Haynsworth and Randy Fisher for their vision and service to our community.

Best regards,
Robert W. Morris, President

**The Ruth Alexander Nicholson Award is presented annually for significant contributions to the Greenville community either through volunteer work for the Community Foundation or through volunteer work that contributes to one of its projects, programs or areas of emphasis. The award is named in honor of Ruth Nicholson who was known for her tireless volunteer work for the Community Foundation.*

Special thanks to our sponsors of the 2010 Donor Reception:



*** ANNUAL CAMPAIGN ***

Support Greenville and the work of the Community Foundation with your gift to the Annual Campaign. Donations may be made by check mailed to the Community Foundation of Greenville, 27 Cleveland St., Suite 101, Greenville, SC 29601 or through our website at www.cfgreenville.org under "Donors – Make a Gift".



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Greenville Women Giving Celebrates Fifth Anniversary



What started out as a “good idea” has become a great one. Five years ago, Greenville Women Giving began with three members and a challenge grant from the Community Foundation. Membership has grown to 350 members and \$1.25 million has been granted to 30 Greenville charitable organizations.

The spark was an article Harriet Goldsmith read about a group of women in Seattle, WA, who created a collective giving effort. She brought the idea to the Community Foundation and found enthusiastic support from Bob Morris and the Board to establish Greenville Women Giving as a special initiative of the Community Foundation. Frances Ellison and Sue Priester were enlisted as founding members and they set about sharing the idea with other women they knew. The circle widened by friends inviting friends and now there are 350 women getting to know each other and the needs of Greenville.

Members agree to contribute \$1,100 annually for three years and membership is open to all women who want to participate. Educational sessions are held to inform GWG members about the needs and opportunities in Greenville. Then, each member has the opportunity to vote on grant requests. High-impact grants between \$40,000 and \$100,000 are made in the areas of education, environment, arts and culture, health, and human services.

A gift by will from Jean Harris Knight to the Community Foundation provided funds to support the formation of Greenville Women Giving with matching contributions that now total \$200,000. Greenville Women Giving is one of the most significant initiatives ever underwritten by the Community Foundation. *Congratulations on your success!*

For more information, visit www.greenvillewomensgiving.org.

Grantmaking Deadlines

Greenville Women Giving Grants
JANUARY 14, 2011 AT 4:00 PM

High impact grants from \$40,000 to \$100,000 in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, health, and human services. Visit www.greenvillewomensgiving.org.

Community Enrichment Grants
MARCH 4, 2011 AT 4:00 PM

Grants to support community-based projects where a modest grant can make a meaningful and sustained difference in the quality of life of Greenville’s citizens. Visit www.cfgreenville.org.

Hollingsworth Funds, Inc.
SEPTEMBER 2, 2011 AT 4:00 PM

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