

Giving Matters

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Margaret and Jack Paylor Family Scholarship Fund will Help Students Achieve a Higher Education



Margaret Paylor believes that higher education is key to success in life. The North Carolina native was taught to value education at an early age by her parents, both of whom

were college graduates. Paylor herself attended Peace College before obtaining a bachelor of arts degree from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill at the age of 19. She earned a masters degree from Clemson University.

Education would eventually enable the lifelong Democrat, whose father was Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and Speaker of the House, to run for South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980. "It was a campaign that took some courage for me to enter and it took a certain amount of work since I visited every house in the

district," she recalls. Although she wasn't elected, Paylor maintains the experience was worth it. "I received a respectable vote and I learned a lot in the process."

Her late husband, Jack Paylor, also believed strongly in the importance of education. Jack attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh before serving in World War II. He returned to school to graduate with a degree in engineering.

Jack and Margaret put their four children through college and graduate school; their two sons went to medical school, one daughter attended law school and their other daughter earned a masters degree. This was a sacrifice but one that they believed was worth it. Jack would often say that he paid for "29 years of school" in total.

Recognizing that a person doesn't achieve anything without the help of others, Paylor chose to honor those who open the doors of opportunity by setting up a donor-advised fund with the Community Foundation in

1995. From that, she was able to support a variety of organizations that further education including the Greenville Tech Foundation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Peace College, among others.

Last year, she took another step to ensure that a college degree was within reach for even more students. With the guidance of the Community Foundation, she established the Margaret and Jack Paylor Family Scholarship Fund.

The Fund will provide educational scholarships for economically disadvantaged students who live in Greenville County and plan to attend a South Carolina public college or university. Rising freshmen must have a minimum 2.5 GPA in high school and be accepted to an institution of higher learning prior to applying.

Thank you, Margaret Paylor, for your generosity and commitment to helping others obtain higher education!



Margaret and her family celebrate her 80th birthday in Greenville in 2005.



Margaret tours Lake Conestee Nature Park in June 2016.

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4 Community Leaders Join Board

SUSAN CINQUEMANI



Susan Cinquemani has lived in the Upstate for more than 15 years and is an active community volunteer. She currently serves on the Advisory Board at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, where she has served as secretary and vice-chair. She is a

member of the School Readiness Council at the United Way of Greenville County and is an Advisor for Five Hands Foundation Fund, a fund held at the Community Foundation. She is also a member of Greenville Women Giving where she has served on the grants review committee as a member and group leader. In her spare time, Susan is a photographer. Susan earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland. She and her husband, Michael, live in Simpsonville and have two children, Emily and Anthony.

DANIEL HUGHES



Daniel Hughes, a native of Pickens, SC, is a Partner at Duggan & Hughes, LLC, where he practices in a variety of areas of law. He also serves alongside John Duggan as general counsel for Greer and Mauldin, as well as prosecutor for Greer, Mauldin, and

Travelers Rest. Daniel serves as general counsel for the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board for Greer Community Ministries. Daniel received a B.A. from Furman University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law. While at Furman, he ran cross-country and track and served as the team captain in both sports his senior year. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar and Greenville County Bar Association. When not at work, Daniel spends time with his wife and children, runs, follows college sports, and spends time outdoors. He is also actively involved in Grace Church.

FRANK O'BRIEN



Frank O'Brien is the Wealth Market Leader for the Metro Carolinas Region of TD Wealth Private Client Group. He has 30 years of financial services experience and has been in executive positions with WHM Capital Advisors, SunTrust Banks and Wachovia

Bank. Frank currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Storm Eye Institute of MUSC and on the Board of Artisphere. He is a graduate of the Diversity Leadership Initiative at Furman University's Riley Institute. Previously, Frank served on the Board of Advisors for Camp Greenville, the Board of the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Foundation, the Board of Directors for United Way of Greenville County, and the United Way's Palmetto Society, where he served as chairman. Frank is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

CARLOS PHILLIPS



Carlos Phillips serves as the President and CEO of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining the Greenville Chamber in March 2016, Carlos served as the Senior Vice President of Operations of Greater Louisville Inc., The Metro Chamber of Commerce of

Louisville, KY. Phillips is an active member of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executive, where he serves as a member of the Board's Executive Committee, Chair of its Education Committee, Chair of the Membership Development Division, and a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. He serves as a Board Member of the Louisville Sports Commission and the University of Kentucky National Alumni Association. Phillips received an undergraduate degree in Communications from the University of Kentucky and a masters degree in organizational communication from Western Kentucky University. He and his wife, LaTonya, have four children.

*** SPECIAL THANKS ***

We extend a special thanks to our volunteers who completed their service on the Board of Directors in 2016:

Ben Clauss, Harriet Goldsmith, Todd Harward, Travis Olmert & Magaly Penn

The Community Foundation of Greenville and the city of Greenville have benefitted from your service! THANK YOU!

2016 Capacity Building Grants

The Community Foundation allocates funds for Capacity Building Grants based on income generated by the Foundation's unrestricted endowment and donor contributions. We believe that when capacity building is successful, it strengthens and improves a nonprofit's ability to achieve its mission, sustain itself over time, and have a quantifiable impact on the community it serves.

We are proud to provide Capacity Building Grants to the following organizations:

The Cancer Society of Greenville County – \$6,000

Funding will help purchase a new computer server and laptop. New equipment will allow the organization to increase educational and prevention classes, and improve presentations to local civic organizations and companies.

A Childs Haven – \$10,000

Funding is for technology upgrades to increase effectiveness of the finance and development department at A Child's Haven by dedicating resources to expand current donor and financial management software systems.

Julie Valentine Center – \$15,870

Funding will provide a telephone system upgrade. This will allow the organization to improve responsiveness and service delivery to community partners, stakeholders, and clients.

Junior Achievement of Upstate SC – \$5,630

Funds will be used for strategic planning to address the challenges of attracting sufficient and timely financial resources to accommodate the growing demand for programs.

Meals on Wheels of Greenville – \$10,000

Funds will be used for a website upgrade to incorporate mobile-responsivity and facilitate e-commerce. New website is

projected to help grow volunteer base and client base.

Rebuild Upstate – \$7,500

Funds will be used for strategic planning and board development. Specifically, funding will provide a new strategic plan to help guide the board's role in future capacity of the organization.

Safe Harbor – \$20,000

Funds will be used for a capital campaign feasibility study to determine the possibility of relocating the Greenville domestic violence shelter. Current shelter is over one-hundred years old and many victims and dependent children were turned away last year due to inadequate space.

Senior Action – \$10,000

Funds will be used for new technology including laptops and desktop computers at their main office and outreach sites. These computers will help provide access to resources needed for physical, emotional, and social well-being of those served.

Urban League of the Upstate – \$15,000

Funding will be used for evaluation and capacity readiness assessment. Specifically, funds will allow organization to commission The Riley Institute at Furman University to develop a customized evaluation which will help develop an evaluation strategy and reporting mechanism to demonstrate evidence-based impact and improve serviced delivery.



President's Message

In this edition of Giving Matters you will be introduced to new Board members of the Community Foundation. We continue to recruit outstanding civic leaders, volunteers and professional advisors to help us achieve our immediate and long-term goals. You will also read about Margaret Paylor who is using the Community Foundation to provide stewardship to the vision and resources she has dedicated to charity.

I have been thinking about the uniquely American traditions of volunteerism and charitable giving. Collectively, the commitment of people like you to make Greenville County a remarkable place is seen across a broad spectrum of educational initiatives, cultural opportunities and civic programs. David Dodson, a thought-leader in philanthropy, describes these traditions as "Passing Gear Philanthropy". While individuals and foundations can independently model these strategies they are most often realized in collective efforts like Greenville Women Giving and the Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy.

Governor Nikki Haley recently awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent to Sue Priester, Harriet Goldsmith and Frances Ellison. As founders of Greenville Women Giving, they have demonstrated how collective giving paired with inclusive leadership can create a new cadre of informed and strategic givers.

OnTrack Greenville, a middle grades success initiative led by United Way of Greenville County and supported by the Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy, was recently highlighted in The Chronicle of Philanthropy. This is another example of a collective effort as it is funded by the Social Innovation Fund and members of the Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy.

Thank you for the ways you personally and collectively contribute to making Greenville a great place to live.

Best regards,
Robert W. Morris, President

If you have made a planned gift for the Community Foundation, please contact Bob Morris at 331-8412.

Community Foundation Supports Community-Wide Capacity Initiative

In an effort to build capacity in the nonprofit sector, the Greenville Nonprofit Capacity Steering Committee was created to develop a comprehensive community-wide capacity initiative. The goals of the initiative are to:

- Collect data to design capacity building efforts
- Strengthen partnerships among nonprofits and funders interested in supporting organizational and system-wide capacity
- Gain a deeper understanding of capacity needs and opportunities
- Develop appropriate local strategies to address capacity needs
- Improve the impact of philanthropic investments in capacity building

The initiative is completing its data collection phase. With the help of TCC Group, a national leader in capacity building, 43 nonprofit organizations have participated in a self-assessment to help better understand their organization's capacity needs and opportunities.

Later this winter, an aggregate report of the assessments will be presented, outlining areas of opportunity for the design of future capacity building efforts. By working collectively, we can strengthen Greenville County's nonprofit system.



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Making a Difference

Margaret Linder Southern

The Margaret Linder Southern Endowment Fund was established in 2013 with an \$8.4 million bequest from Margaret Southern. This fund makes perpetual annual distributions to benefit early childhood education, special education for children and youth, and the Greenville Humane Society. This year's distributions will benefit our community through the following organizations:

Greenville Humane Society – \$150,000
Greenville Humane Society is one of the largest no-kill facilities in the Southeast that works in partnership with the community to create an environment where all animals are treated with compassion and respect. Funds will go towards helping them fulfill this mission.

Kidnetics – \$38,000
Kidnetics provides therapeutic services for children on an inpatient and outpatient basis from birth to age 21. Funds will be used for the Intensive Feeding program. Funding will provide necessary equipment, evaluation, and treatment materials for therapy, test materials, education and training for specialized certifications.

Legacy Charter Elementary School – \$50,000
Legacy Charter Elementary School features a progressive curriculum delivered via a nationally recognized system for teaching and learning. Funding will equip each grade with Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) literacy kits for the extended day program, provide for an intimate teacher-to-student ratio (two teachers and two assistants per grade level), transportation home after the extended day program, and supplies for family engagement.

Roper Mountain Science Center – \$25,000
Roper Mountain Science Center encompasses a campus containing facilities for studying life and natural sciences, and space and physical sciences. Funds will be used to purchase new equipment and software for immersive education for The Planetarium Project. This will allow additional young students to benefit from the planetarium experience. It includes lessons in Earth Science and Physiology that were not previously available.

Washington Center – \$37,000
Washington Center is a school facility for students with severe to profound intellectual disabilities often accompanied by medical and orthopedic challenges. Funds will upgrade technology available to students including touch screen tablets, student computers with touch screens, and an interactive device to explore instructional topics.

Scholarship Information

Please visit our website at cfgreenville.org/scholarship-funds.php to find a list of available scholarships. Information includes a description, criteria to apply, and application deadlines of all scholarship funds administered by the Community Foundation.



Legacy Society

Our Legacy Society members are creating their own lasting charitable legacy with a planned gift to the Community Foundation or any fund at the Foundation. Planned gifts can be made by will or revocable trust, beneficiary designations of IRA and retirement plan assets, gifts of life insurance, charitable lead trusts, and charitable remainder trusts.

For more information about becoming a Legacy Society member, please call Bob Morris or Gina Blohm at 864-233-5925.

Annual Campaign Exceeds \$233,000

We are grateful for the generous donors who contributed to this year's Annual Campaign. These funds are used for operating support to help the Community Foundation of Greenville achieve its mission of enhancing the quality of life in Greenville County by linking philanthropic leadership, charitable resources and civic involvement with needs and opportunities in the community.

"The continued support of our long-time contributors combined with a steady increase of new donors allows the Community Foundation to invest in important projects in Greenville County," says Bob Morris, president of the Community Foundation.

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