

# Giving Matters

NEWSLETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENVILLE • SUMMER 2009

## Community Foundation Awards Grants to 20 Local Nonprofit Organizations

The Community Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$137,200 to twenty nonprofit organizations in Greenville County. The *Community Enrichment Grants* are awarded annually and provide financial support to local charities serving the needs of our community. Grants for this year focused on meeting critical needs in our community with 78% of the funds awarded to social service and health programs.

The expanding need for charitable assistance in our community and the difficult economic times were evident in the grant applications. The Community Foundation received 82 applications requesting \$959,000. The Grants Review Committee reviewed applications, conducted 27 site visits, and awarded grants to 20 nonprofit organizations.

We appreciate the time spent by the Grants Review Committee members to be good stewards of this grant money in support of the nonprofit community. The 2009 Committee members are:

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## Community Enrichment Grants for 2009

### Arts and Humanities Programs: \$14,130

- *Metropolitan Arts Council* - \$4,160 to support the Smart ARTS Project, an arts integration program in Greenville County Title 1 schools.
- *Children's Museum of the Upstate, Inc.* - \$9,970 to provide funding for Title 1 students in Greenville County to attend the museum.

### Education Programs: \$15,500

- *Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.* - \$7,500 for the expansion of the Carolina First Center to provide training and support for Greenville County Schools.
- *Project Hope Foundation* - \$8,000 for organizational capacity building which includes the purchase of a new computer server and software.

### Health Programs: \$23,000

- *Cancer Society of Greenville County* - \$10,000 for life-saving chemotherapy and pain relief medications for local cancer patients.
- *Greenville Free Medical Clinic* - \$7,000 for dental treatments and preventive services for low-income individuals without dental insurance.
- *Taylor's Free Medical Clinic* - \$6,000 for pharmaceutical expenses for those who are poor, homeless or have no access to affordable insurance.

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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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### *Social Services Programs: \$84,570*

- *A Child's Haven* - \$6,500 to purchase 9 laptop computers for lead clinical staff and for technical support.
- *Family Connection of S.C., Inc.* - \$10,000 for a parent support and education series on autism.
- *Gateway House, Inc.* - \$8,000 for a comprehensive health and wellness program for mentally ill participants enrolled at Gateway House.
- *Girls on the Run* - \$6,760 to provide funding for the Crossroads Group Home for Adolescent Females to participate in the "Girls on Track" program.
- *Greenville County Recreation Department* - \$2,500 for the Brutontown Outdoor Adventures in Leadership program to engage youth as citizens and leaders.
- *Greenville Literacy Association, Inc.* - \$8,000 to provide current and relevant reading resources for the Adult Basic Education and pre-GED program.
- *Harvest Hope Food Bank* - \$3,500 to purchase equipment to support the Mobile Food Pantry program and educate current and future clients about the services that Harvest Hope provides.
- *Miracle Hill Ministries* - \$7,500 to upgrade the computer lab for the Boys Shelter "homebound" school.
- *Pendleton Place* - \$10,000 for operational support to offset program cuts resulting from reduced state funding and increased community needs.
- *Pleasant Valley Connection* - \$5,000 for the Senior Citizen Fitness program that promotes healthy diets, healthy lifestyles, and socialization for seniors.
- *Sterling Hope Center* - \$5,000 to provide a summer camp enrichment program to serve at-risk children who are ages 5-12.
- *Triune Mercy Center* - \$5,000 to provide one year of continued recovery support and housing and employment counseling that enables participants to become self-sustaining.
- *YouthBASE* - \$6,810 for a mentoring program for children that includes a mock town environment in which each child has a job/position and real responsibility for the town's businesses and management.

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## **The Grant Connection**

The search for grant money can be daunting in the best of times. In the current economic climate, many nonprofit organizations are searching very carefully for grant opportunities.

The Greenville County Library System provides extensive reference resources that include the latest intelligence on grantmakers and their grants for nonprofit organizations. The most popular resource is the *Foundation Directory Online* which is one of the best tools available for grant and funding sources. Another resource is the Foundation Center website at [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org). "It's Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQs) offers helpful information and links to many other related funding websites," says Gwen Johnson, Information Services Manager.

The Greenville County Library also maintains a printed Grants Research Collection at the Hughes Main Library. This collection includes the Foundation Directory and many other resources for those who prefer print media. The online grant information is conveniently available at the Hughes Main Library and all branches in the library system during extensive library hours. The Greenville County Library System provides a valuable benefit for the nonprofit organizations in Greenville County and they're ready to help you use it.

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## **Greenville's Women Keep on Giving**

Founded on the concept of collective giving, Greenville Women Giving has grown to 335 members and made a big impact in just three years. By pooling their funds and distributing the annual contributions, these women have provided significant awards to local nonprofit organizations.

In May of this year, Greenville Women Giving awarded \$382,000 to 13 area nonprofit organizations. Over the first three years, \$854,000 has been given back to 30 organizations in Greenville County. We applaud the success of Greenville Women Giving, which is a special initiative of the Community Foundation, and are pleased to have supported their efforts with contributions of \$150,000 over the first three years.

*For more information about Greenville Women Giving and for membership forms, visit their website at [www.greenvillewomengiving.org](http://www.greenvillewomengiving.org).*



## President's Message

Life sure is busy in downtown Greenville this time of year. Various recreational opportunities include the Upstate Shakespeare Festival, the Greenville Drive, the West End Movies and even an indoor miniature golf course. This summer also marked the unveiling of a sculpture honoring the life and leadership of Max Heller.

The dedication ceremony included a recitation of Max's achievements in urban revitalization and economic development during his tenure as our city's Mayor. While Max humbly shared

credit with many of the civic leaders who came to honor him, each speaker made it clear how Max's personal vision and persistence lead to the rebirth of our downtown.

Probably the most moving part of the dedication was when Max's great-grandchildren thanked the families of the women who helped Max escape the Nazi occupation of Austria. It made me realize that any effort we make to help just one person can affect an entire community, state and nation.

I take pride in the fact that Max served as Chairman of the Community Foundation in 1985. Many of Greenville's most prominent citizens have chaired our board including Betty Stall, David Freeman, Minor Shaw, Susan Shi and C. Dan Joyner. Our current board has a number of young civic leaders like Tod Hyche, our legal counsel, Randy Fisher, our board chair and Jo Hackl, our vice chair. You can see why I have so much confidence in the Community Foundation's volunteer Board of Directors.

In a similar vein, I just participated in Leadership Greenville Class 35. The Chamber of Commerce program has hundreds of alumni who are making sure that Greenville continues the work of Max Heller, Buck Mickel, Roger Peace and other community leaders who put community first and worked to make the unseen a reality. We have so many people and things to be grateful for here in Greenville. Cheers to Max and his kindred spirits.

Best Regards,

Robert W. Morris  
President

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### The Numbers for 2008

Donor Services:  
Total Donors – 1,065  
New Funds – 11  
Total Number of Funds – 217  
Total Gifts Received – \$6.0 million

Community Services:  
Total Grants - 1270  
Organizations Supported - 546  
Total Grants Awarded - \$4.3 million  
Total Assets Under Management - \$33.4 million

### Our Mission

The Community Foundation of Greenville exists to enhance the quality of life of citizens of Greenville by linking philanthropic leadership, charitable resources and civic influence with needs and opportunities in the community.

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Randy Fisher - *Chair*  
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### Grantmaking Deadlines

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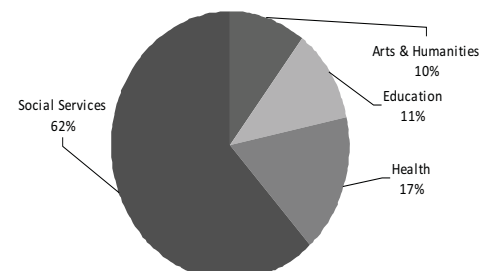
September 4, 2009

4:00 pm

For the benefit of Furman University, the YMCA of Greenville, and for charitable organizations that operate or conduct affairs for the benefit of charitable uses within Greenville County or for the benefit of residents of Greenville County.

For grant applications and guidelines, visit our website at [www.cfgreenville.org](http://www.cfgreenville.org).

### 2009 Community Enrichment Grants





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## YouthBASE

### working with kids who need more

It's only three years old but YouthBASE has already made a big difference to at-risk children in Greenville. YouthBASE works with kids that need more intensive support to be successful behaviorally, academically, socially, and emotionally. The quality and success of its programs recently earned a Community Enrichment Grant from the Community Foundation.



The grant will support BASE Town, their newest creative program to promote behavioral success. BASE Town is a mentoring program that uses a mock town environment with jobs and real responsibility for businesses and management. "The Community Foundation of Greenville has enabled us to take a huge step forward with BASE Town. It's our way of showing kids the real world instead of preaching about it," stated Executive Director Bobby Caples. With the grant and the efforts of a summer Furman intern, the mini-society has become even better with real world lessons in action. Some of the cool components being added are live animals for the zoo, opening a nail salon (an ingenious idea from one of the kids) and a news reporter who will now be posting live video straight to YouTube.

Children are referred to YouthBASE by schools, other after-school programs, or their families and undergo a multi-dimensional assessment. Only children who need this level of support are accepted. The children attend YouthBASE five or more days each week, from 2:30 – 8:00 pm (and longer during the summer), with transportation provided. They receive a "BASE" of support through research-based youth development programs including academic interventions, art therapy, and behavior skills support. The program is delivered in a family-like setting and dinner is even served Monday – Thursday. All this is provided at no charge to the families who participate.

The various programs of YouthBASE create a web of support for the needs of these children. To learn more, visit their website at [www.youth-base.org](http://www.youth-base.org).