

Giving Matters

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Remembering C. Niles Ray and his Compassion for Greenville



C. Niles Ray gave back in many ways to the city he called home for more than forty years.

Niles was born in New York City and moved to Asheville, North Carolina when he was a young boy. He studied accounting at Florida State University thanks to the generosity of his aunt and uncle. After college he enlisted in the Navy where he served for five years. Niles began his career as a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in 1964 in Asheville and moved to Greenville to open a new office in 1974 where he was the managing director.

His charitable interests were many; from the arts to education, he was also passionate about helping children and the elderly. In honor of his uncle who made it possible for him to pursue a higher education, he established an endowed scholarship fund to help motivated students with limited resources begin or continue their education at Greenville Technical College. Niles was chairman of the Finance Committee during the construction and early operating years of the Peace Center. He supported many local nonprofit organizations including the United Way of Greenville County, the Greenville County Art Museum, A Child's Haven, YMCA, and delivered meals for Meals on Wheels after his retirement.

Niles became involved with the Community Foundation in 2000 and served on the Board of Directors from 2001-2006. He also served on the Development Committee, Grants Review Committee, and on the Margaret Linder Southern Endowment Fund Committee from 2013 until the time of his death in October 2017. He established a Donor Advised Fund to support his charitable interests, was a loyal annual campaign donor for nearly twenty years, and designated the Community Foundation as a beneficiary of his IRA.

Niles was charismatic and outgoing with a wide variety of hobbies and interests. He enjoyed hiking, travelling the world, family vacations, playing sports, and telling stories about his daily adventures and life experiences. Ben Clauss, a friend, business partner, and mentee of Niles' said, "Niles was smart, thoughtful, selfless and generous, not only with his pocketbook but with his time. He taught me so much professionally and personally. I was tremendously fortunate to work alongside him, so grateful to have called him my friend."

Niles truly made the world a better place and we are grateful for his contributions to our community!

Bridging Philanthropy & Purpose – We've been strengthening the network of organizations doing great things for Greenville for over 60 years. Your donation helps us continue our commitment to improve quality of life for everyone. Let's work together.



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In Honor of Lud & Jean Weaver
Rob & Stephanie Morgan

Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds help make charitable giving easier for individuals and families by providing a cost-effective and tax-efficient strategy to support the charities that are important to you. The Community Foundation specializes in administering these funds.

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 Donor Advised Funds or becoming a Legacy Society member, please call Bob Morris or Gina Blohm at 864-233-5925.



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Gateway Expands to Serve More People Living with Mental Illness in Greenville

Gateway House, located at 415 Rutherford St., is the internationally renowned, premier adult mental health resource for Greenville County. Founded in 1984, Gateway's mission is to help those with severe mental illness live, work, and function as independently as possible.

Their capital campaign, From Shadows to Light: Building Greenville's Gateway to Dignity and Hope has raised nearly \$4 million towards its \$5 million goal. The Community Foundation's Board of Directors recently approved a \$100,000 grant to Gateway. Gateway's Board Chair Stuart Mauney said, "These funds will be used to help build a new clubhouse, which will allow us to serve up to 450 members annually, doubling our current capacity for serving the mentally ill in our community. We are grateful for the Community Foundation's longstanding support of our work." Funding for the board-initiated grant is made possible by income generated from the Foundation's unrestricted endowment and donor contributions. Gateway also received a \$100,000 grant made possible by Greenville Women Giving, a special initiative of the Community Foundation.

Ground breaking is expected to take place late summer, with a 12-month construction plan. For more information, please visit Gateway-SC.org.



President's Message

Niles and Lynne Ray were one of the first couples I met when I moved to Greenville. They were fun, welcoming, and longtime donors. We worked with them for many years administering their Donor Advised Fund.

Niles served on our board, referred friends and clients to us, and relished his role on the grants review committee. He was often paired with Rudy Gordon and they were a persuasive and dynamic duo when it came to advocating for the Greenville Free Medical Clinic and Gateway House. They were convinced that a personal visit to grant applicants provided keen insights into the leadership and beneficiaries of local nonprofit organizations. I am happy to honor their legacy of service by making introductions to agencies that you feel may meet your charitable interests.

Niles and Lynne made an unrestricted gift of the remaining balance of their fund and also designated the Community Foundation as the beneficiary of Nile's IRA. Niles believed he should follow the recommendation he had made to many clients to use their IRAs as a great way to make a Legacy gift. In addition to fulfilling his personal commitment to philanthropy it was the most tax-efficient strategy to support charity. Integrity was a defining value for Niles in that his deeds reflected his values.

I was able to attend a retirement party given by his associates at Merrill Lynch a few years ago. Ben Clauss gave Niles a copy of TIME Magazine from the week that Niles began his distinguished career as a stockbroker. The cover story featured the Sputnik. In his own way Niles made sure that no town would outshine Greenville.

Best regards,
Robert W. Morris, President

If you have made a planned gift for the Community Foundation, please contact Bob Morris at 864-233-5925.



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Making a Difference

2018 Alice Watkins Scholarship



Hailey McCoy will be graduating from Wade Hampton High School in June and attending the University of South Carolina this fall to study journalism. She is the proud recipient of the 2018 Alice Watkins Scholarship.

Entering her senior year of high school, Hailey was unsure what she wanted to study in college until an opportunity presented itself to join the yearbook and newspaper staff. Hailey discovered her love for writing and became the Publications Editor for the school newspaper. English teacher Marian Grieve said, "Hailey is reliable, trustworthy, and responsible and she has taken on additional tasks on many occasions. She is a considerate and effective leader on the newspaper staff." Hailey was recently inducted into the National Honor Society, she is an officer for Future Business Leaders of America, and a valued member of Junior Civitan. She also enjoys volunteering as a student tutor.

Hailey is excited to pursue a career in journalism. With a passion for writing and a love of travel, she hopes to one day be a reporter or editor for a national magazine. Hailey is thankful to be the recipient of the Alice Watkins Scholarship and said, "This scholarship made it possible for me to attend the University of South Carolina and made it a reality for me to pursue my dream! I am very grateful."

*About the Alice Watkins Scholarship:
This memorial scholarship was established in 2013 by the family of Alice Watkins Senter. She was gifted in poetry and music but her life was shortened by a tragic and incurable illness. The Senter family celebrates her most productive and happy times by awarding a Wade Hampton High School student an opportunity to pursue a degree in higher education by providing a scholarship in the amount of \$10,000.*

Grantmaking Deadlines

Capacity Building Grants
SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 at Midnight
Grants will be made to support nonprofit organizations establish and maintain a solid infrastructure and develop good governance. Visit cfgreenville.org.

Greenville Women Giving
NOVEMBER 30, 2018 at Midnight
High impact grants will be funded in each of the areas of arts, education, environment, health, and human services. Visit greenvillewomensgiving.org.

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.

