



LAURENS COUNTY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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"I am sincerely grateful and excited to serve as Chairman of the Laurens County Community Foundation Board. I deeply sense the great obligation of this position and I shall regard it a duty and privilege to advance its mission and policies. It has been a pleasure to work alongside our outgoing Chair, Mr. Morris Galloway and I am most thankful for his outstanding leadership and service.

The Laurens County Community Foundation is truly a county-wide enterprise. It's Executive Director and Board of Directors is comprised of local business professionals, educators and civil leaders from across the county. And together these professionals ensure the foundation is operating in accordance with its mission and vision. Our community was very forward-thinking in choosing to establish and maintain this foundation. In fact, we have already begun to realize and witness the success envisioned by our founding members."

Lumus Byrd, Jr.

Chairman of the Board | Laurens County Community Foundation

Community Foundation Grants Programs

The Laurens County Community Foundation (LCCF) seeks to enrich the lives of the residents of our wonderful community. As one way of achieving this goal, the LCCF awards monetary grants to deserving organizations that have ideas and plans to improve the culture and life of Laurens County. The value of the Laurens County Community Foundation's Community Enrichment Grants Program has already been demonstrated. Laurens County is blessed to have many organizations that imagine ways of making life better

in our community, and the LCCF is blessed to be able through its programs to help some of those imagined ways become reality.

In addition to the LCCF Community Enrichment Grant Program, the Community Foundation also offers annual Literacy Grants and scholarships to help enrich the lives of those living in Laurens County. To learn more about the LCCF grants programs and scholarships visit:

www.laurenscountycf.org

Programs funded by LCCF's Community Enrichment Grants Program include:

- Laurens County Museum Summer History Camp
- Clinton Community Garden Project
- Ford Elementary Ladies and Gentlemen's Club
- Main Street Laurens Nutrition Awareness Program
- MS Bailey Child Development Center Educational Success Program
- Laurens Rotary Club Backpack Food Program
- Laurens YMCA Water Safety Program
- Clinton Elementary & Eastside Elementary School 3D Printer Program
- Clinton Church of the Epiphany Backpack Food Program
- Clinton Middle School Wildcat Café Job Training Program
- Mountville 4-H Club Youth Sewing Education Program
- Thornwell Charter School Readers Theater Program
- Laurens County Cancer Association Gas Card Assistance Program
- Joanna Woodside Elementary School Sensory Learning Program
- Joe Adair Center Environmental Education Program
- Bridging the Gap Transportation for Underserved Youth
- Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board Sweet Shop Job Training Program
- EB Morse Elementary School Student Technology Program

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Top 6 Reasons to Get Involved with Your Local Community Foundation

1. The groups that the LCCF funds do amazing, life-changing work

Every single day we see and hear stories of how the money we give is spent for the good of Laurens County. Whether it's a project to build job skills like the Sweet Shop at the Laurens County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, supporting the Laurens County Cancer Association's gas card program, buying a 3D printer for the middle school or feeding children through community backpack programs, we have funded some amazing organizations who are at the forefront of tackling some of the most pressing issues our county.

2. We are local, you can give where you live

Sometimes you need to see it to believe it. When you donate to your local community foundation, you'll be able to see with your own eyes the tangible difference that your money makes on the community where you live and work. Home is where the heart is. It doesn't matter where you are in the world you can always connect with the place that feels like home by supporting the amazing groups who try to improve it. We work, are located, and are focused on Laurens County.

3. We do the legal heavy-lifting, and we are here to stay

If you want to get all the enjoyment of giving but don't want to get stuck in a legal quagmire of compliance, tax regulation and the like, then giving through your local community foundation is the right path for you to take. LCCF submits voluntarily to an external auditor who provides an independent assessment of our financial statements, management and controls. Our financial model means that we are here for the long-term to serve

and enrich the lives in our county in perpetuity. We also support non-profits and community groups to be more sustainable.

4. We're all about the evidence

LCCF works hard to identify the issues that need to be funded and do our due diligence on the projects we fund. Our grant program is competitive, and we work hard to make sure the funding is in the best hands to make the biggest impact. You will be able to rest assured that your money will be tackling the most prevalent problems in our community and funding the groups we know can make a difference on the ground.

5. Find the causes closest to your heart

LCCF is flexible and working with us allows you to customize your giving exactly the way you want it. This can save you a great deal of legwork in finding the organizations and projects that best match your cause. We will work with you to develop a tailored plan for your giving. Local charities and organizations are the backbone of our community. Your money could be the lifeline they need to stay afloat and continue their vital work.

6. Community foundations are a passionate bunch

Our network is full of driven, compassionate, experienced, local, and knowledgeable people who are wholeheartedly committed to improving our county through philanthropic giving. Community foundations come in all shapes and sizes but one thing that is resplendent in our community foundation is the dedication of the Laurens County Community Foundation staff, advisors, and trustees.



Yes, I, _____ agree to donate the amount enclosed to the Laurens County Community Foundation.

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other _____

Card Number _____

Exp Date _____

Name on Card _____

CCID/CCV# _____

Signature _____

Donations can also be made using PAYPAL or major credit card at www.laurenscountycf.org.

Join the Recurring Gift Program:

To provide dependable monthly support for LCCF, I'd like to become a **Sustaining Donor**.

Please charge my credit card the following amount every month:

\$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other _____

I will mail a check for the following amount every month:

\$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other _____

Note: You can change your mind at anytime.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent provided by the law. Laurens County Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization.

Fundholder Testimonials

“ A few years ago, when Cindy and I began developing an estate plan, we decided to give a sizeable portion our estate to the Laurens County Community Foundation. We believe in the LCCF’s purpose: planting seeds today so that your funds grow and give back to our local community in the future. An inheritance is just a collection of assets that one leaves to people; a legacy involves much more; it is what one leaves behind to make a difference in people’s lives. Having served on the LCCF board for several years, I have seen the difference that others’ legacies have made and are making in the lives of people here in our own community, and Cindy and I wanted to be a part of making sure that process continues long after we are gone. We want to make sure that the people of Laurens County will be the beneficiaries of our legacy, and the Laurens County Community Foundation is the ideal way to accomplish that.

Norman Scarborough

Norman and Cindy Scarborough Fundholder

“ Walter and I decided to open a fund through the LCCF due to the passion we have for our Laurens community. Our jobs have given us the focus on who we support through the LCCF. I notice a lot of need within the younger generation after working more than 20 years in Laurens School District 55. Walter, on the other hand, has noticed needs within our elderly community like, for example, The Laurens County Memorial Home. LCCF continues to allow us the opportunity to help people in need from the very young to the elderly in the Laurens community as well as other worthy organizations.

Lynne Todd

Walter and Lynne Todd Fundholder

“ After our 17 year-old son died as the result of his Type 1 Diabetes, we wanted to start a scholarship to help others students who had this terrible disease. With the help of friends and family the Scholarship Fund began to grow, and we were able to give a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a graduating senior who has Type I Diabetes. We chose the LCCF to help us in this effort. The LCCF allows us to not only be able to give the scholarship each year, but it also helps meet other needs in our community. A small fee is collected from the returns of each fund with LCCF, and this allows grants to be given to worthy efforts in our community. By being a part of the LCCF, our son’s scholarship is able to help in additional ways than just giving a scholarship each year. His fund is helping in two ways now.

Don Adams

Kevin’s Dream Scholarship Fundholder



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