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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND THE PRESIDENT

A message to our community

A major component of your Foundation's mission statement is "...connecting donors with community needs to enhance the lives of present and future generations." Over the years, this collaborative effort between you, our fundholders, donors, nonprofits, government, houses of worship and schools has addressed our community needs and has unquestionably enhanced the lives of present and future generations. Thank you for your continued collaboration and partnership with the Foundation.

We are pleased to share with you the Gaston Community Foundation annual report and to thank the many donors who gave to and through the Foundation to make our community a better place.

As you begin your review of the annual report, we would like to point out a few highlights of 2022 that you made possible:

W. Duke Kimbrell Center for Philanthropy completed September 1, 2022.

Total Grants from the Foundation exceeded \$6.7 million (over \$128 million since inception).

Gifts to the Foundation during 2022: over \$15.4 million.

Total Assets at year-end: \$120.1 million.

Scholarships from the Foundation supported 110 Gaston County students with college expenses.

Unrestricted Community Grants of \$818,713 assisted 33 community nonprofits and Foundation initiatives (RUN, Teens Changing Gaston County, Sumner Nonprofit Professional Education grants, Slade Award and multi-year grant awards).

A successful RUN raised \$1.2 million with a 35% match for local nonprofits. This event has contributed over \$24 million dollars to Gaston County since inception.

Teens Changing Gaston County experienced a successful year with 42 members completing the program from 11 county high schools working together to experience philanthropy on the front lines.

We thank you, our donors, and supporters, for your *collaboration*, work, and generosity "to enhance the lives of present and future generations" of our community. Your Foundation exists for you and because of you!

Nancy B. Paschall
Board of Directors Chair

Ernest W. Sumner
President

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THE Legacy SOCIETY

Legacy Society Members are philanthropists who have designated a charitable endowment gift to the Foundation through their estate planning. These patrons are role models for the community. Many options for creating an endowment are available for your personal planned giving, from bequests in your will to charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities. These gifts create a legacy for you and your family that address the needs of our community for generations to come.

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THE GARRISON FUND

Unrestricted Giving

Donations made to the Garrison Fund are used to make unrestricted grants to nonprofits in Gaston County. When you give to an unrestricted fund, your gift addresses a broad range of local needs – including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. Because you set no restrictions on the use of your gift, it enables our staff and Board of Directors to assess community needs and respond by awarding grants to the nonprofit organizations that undertake our community's most critical work. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables the Community Foundation to support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and, meet the changing needs in our community.

Donors that give to this fund annually are members of the Benefactors Memorial Program, where they can request that memorials be sent in remembrance of friends and family during the year. Names of the deceased are entered into the Book of Memory in this report (page 3) and on our website.

Philanthropists (\$5,000+)

Mrs. Ann R. Black

Friends (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

AB Carter, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Bryant

Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Craig

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Book of Memory

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Henry "Hank" Dul
Jennie Ferguson Whitesides
Linda Gail Greene
Ercell Kimbrell Ratchford
Marsha Tucker Jones
Coy Lee Schultz
Frederick C. Scheideman
Brenda Motes Harris
Joyce Corn Stowe
Ralph Smyre Robinson, Jr.
Dorothy Wehrmann
Gaynell S. Moore
Charles A. McCarter
Stella Kathryn Reece Grice
Daniel Senn LaFar, Jr.
Wanda Hamilton Huffstetler
Dr. Michael Joseph Pollak
Peter John Harold Pattinson
Dr. Carlos Abraham Vargas
Weston "Wes" Eugene Wright
Hugh Johnston
Charles William "Bill" Sexton
Billy Winget Joye, Jr.
Mahamood "Mo" Ally
Austin Ivy Harvell

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Martin Carl Eudy
Dorcas Ann Barnes Hatley
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Max Gettys Erwin
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Lawrence Bayne McSpadden, Jr.
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Debbie Winzenburg
Jerry Fultz
Patricia Jennings
Joyce Taylor LaFar
Hazel Legge
Samuel "Sam" Lineberger Howe
Dorothy Bell Kile Thompson

Anne Ferguson
Frederic Sherman Letts
Tom Weiskopf
Clyde "Buck" Hatley
Sharon Smith Hooker
Ruth Harding Stowe
Yvonne Catherine Johnson
Robert Edgar "Eddy" Robinson, Jr.
Gary Dean "Rocky" Bennett
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Emily "Emmie" Simpson Bowyer
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Donald Andrew Buckner, Sr.

Community Foundation RUN

20 years

April 9th, 2022



The 20th annual Run was a celebration of both the old and the new in 2022. With the opportunity to either participate in person or virtually, runners enjoyed a new 5k course and walkers a new 2k route that began and ended in a new venue, CaroMont Health Park/the FUSE. Enthusiasm for the Run was renewed following two consecutive years of a virtual Run due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Every dollar contributed by sponsors or donated by community members goes directly to participating

nonprofits, remaining in Gaston County to make an impact in our community. It is further multiplied by your Foundation's match, increasing each organization's bottom line. In 2022, over 120 nonprofit organizations participated in the Run, raising a combined total of \$1,208,877 with a 35% match! Since the Run was conceived in 2003, \$24,670,670 has been raised, while your Foundation has invested \$3,708,000 of that total.

Our nonprofits work tirelessly day-in and day-out to fulfill their missions to feed the hungry, stand with the elderly,

educate children and adults alike, build affordable housing, enrich the lives of our citizens through the arts and healthful living, protect our environment and ensure that the overall needs of our community are being met.

Gaston County is on the move once more as our nonprofit organizations make our beloved home a wonderful place to live, work and play!





TEENS CHANGING GASTON COUNTY

Teen Philanthropists Make a Big Impact

Teens Changing Gaston County celebrated seventeen years of leadership within the GCF family of givers. TCGC is a youth-led philanthropy board made up of 9th-12th graders throughout Gaston County representing public, private and charter schools, as well as representatives from Gaston Early College. During the academic year, TCGC met monthly to interact with each other and to network with nonprofit leaders. Each meeting focused on a particular area of need in our county ranging from food insecurity, to environmental initiatives, to cultural awareness, and health and wellness. Students learned about and participated in a grant deliberation cycle and awarded 11 grants totaling \$6,000 in giving this academic year to student-led projects in Gaston County. All year long, students showed how, together, they were able to make a big impact!

2022-2023 TCGC Grant Recipients for student-led projects

Catherine's House

Katelin Vaheer received a grant to assist Catherine's House with restocking their shelves with necessary items like bed sheets, comforters, towels, and snacks for children.

Cancer Services of Gaston County

Jerome Butler received a grant to purchase and put together dental kits for clients suffering from head and neck cancers.

Book Drive for Brookside

Kieran Wood received a grant to conduct a book drive at Highland School of Technology to provide a book for every student at Brookside Elementary. Highland students then delivered the books and spent the day reading to Brookside students.

Bit of Hope Ranch

Bridget Lowery received a grant to purchase supplies and build obstacles for horses that can be used during therapeutic riding lessons.

Backpack Weekend Food Program

Mary Kate Hurst received a grant to provide backpacks filled with necessary foods for 2 students during the course of the school year, which she will assist in packing each week.

Forestview High School/Boy Scout Troop 11

Riley Rouse received a grant to assist with the purchase of supplies and the installation of the John Hunsucker Outdoor Classroom at Forestview High School. Riley worked to complete this project in order to achieve his Eagle Scout Award.

Cancer Services of Gaston County

Nicole Allen, Chandandeep Chahil, Olivia Hensley and Eliana Phadke (four students from three different schools) partnered to purchase and stock the shelves of Cancer Services with Gatorade and canned soup, which are necessary supplements for those undergoing cancer treatment.

Hunter Huss High School Nurse Program

Carson Weaver received a grant to provide supplies and snacks for diabetic students at Hunter Huss High. Candy, snacks, bottled water, and glucose meters and strips are a dire need when students have low blood sugar, especially since school lunches are no longer free.

Gaston Early College of Medical Science

9th and 10th grade students in the Human Services program will partner with the Gaston County Controlled Substances Coalition to learn more about substance use disorders and prevention programs, as well as

strategies by going on field trips and attending workshops. The group will then create and publish a digital journal that documents their learning and experiences, including a digital presentation.

Class of 2023 TCGC Grant

At the close of the TCGC year, the Class of 2023 was given the opportunity to designate a \$1,000 grant to an organization(s) of their choice. After a grant deliberation at their May meeting and nominations from the entire TCGC Board, the Class of 2023 selected Cancer Services of Gaston County to receive \$500 for the purchase of additional shelving for their soup and Gatorade storage room and \$500 to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center-A Domestic Violence Shelter for the purchase of new toys and diapers for children at The Shelter.

TCGC 2022-2023 Board

Caroline Allen	Lilly Floyd	Caroline Poole
Nicole Allen	Kale Franks	Alexis Ramkissoon
Olivia Ballard	Catherine Greene	Carter Robinson
Hannah Bauer	Olivia Hensley	Summy Satterfield
Jenna Brame	Mylah Howe	Chloe Sorrell
Ava Bumgardner	Koshie Larbi-Shaw	Andrew Taylor
Bobby Burke	Savion Leacock	Katelin Vaheer
Chandandeep Chahil	Rachel Long	Will Vanacore
Samuel Cooke	Bridget Lowry	Ainsley VanderMeer
Lucas Crisp	Joshua McAferty	Carson Weaver
Joshua Crowder	Abby Oliver	Grayson Wingate
Nicolas D'Avria	Addyson Painter	Kieran Eric Wood
Emmy Dawe	Eliana Phadke	JeanClaude Younan
Mary Stewart Efirid	Charles Pierce	Catherine Zeigler



NEXTGENERATION fund

The Giving Circle with a Ripple Effect

2022 was a year of rebooting the Next Generation Fund. With a new emphasis on the power of collective and collaborative giving, the Next Gen Steering Committee made a shift from focusing on the age of participants in order to begin an intentional focus on creating more diversity among this circle of givers. Next Gen, designed to bring people together for impactful giving, set out to reach out to folks of all ages who were from all areas of the county, renewing our mission to the community to pool resources with others to put philanthropic dreams into action.

Since the year 2000, the Next Generation Fund has made grants totaling over \$183,000 to Gaston nonprofits. Annual gifts to the Fund grow the Next

Generation Fund endowment to help make a far greater impact on the community than any of us can make on our own. Next Gen giving circle participants may have a seat at the table when funding decisions are made as grants for worthy organizations are considered. Additionally, Next Gen gives its participants the opportunity to socialize and network with other Gaston County citizens, connecting people to causes that matter to them and to our community!

If you are interested in joining the Next Generation Fund Giving Circle, a gift of \$150 (couple) or \$75 (individual) is encouraged to support the grant-making process. Gifts are tax deductible and stay in Gaston County to support local nonprofit organizations.



Are You Smarter Than a Gaston County 5th Grader? has been an ongoing mission of Next Gen for a decade. Providing a \$1,000 sponsorship to the Gaston County Education Foundation, as well as players to compete in the game in February 2022, the Next Gen team proved they were superheroes for the night! Pictured here with two 5th graders from Kiser Elementary School are Michelle Kinsley, Seth Sherrin, Whitney Dowling and Rush Simmons.



A Next Gen grant made in December of 2021, was fulfilled in the summer of 2022 by the Gaston County YMCA.

Each summer the YMCA offers a FREE drowning prevention program called Safety Around Water (SAW). In 2022, the Community Foundation Next Gen helped to support this effort which made

it possible for 188 youth and teens to build confidence and new skills in and around the water!

Sharon Padgett, YMCA CEO, and Lauren Vanacore, the Foundation's Community Engagement Officer, visited Lineberger Pool to see the program in action!

Current Next Gen Members (2022)

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Dr. Lidia and Mr. Joshua Adkins
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Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wong*

*Signifies Steering Committee Members

Bringing New Hope to South New Hope

Leaders from across the County collaborated to achieve “Bringing new hope to South New Hope,” coined by Pam Warlick.

The New Hope Business District: Business, Philanthropy and Healthcare. What began as a strategic plan turned into action and is a beautiful development where we can see first-hand the physical impact. To understand the district, it is important to first understand the vision.

In 2018, Board Member, David Ratchford, led a strategic visioning process for the Development Committee of the Community Foundation. Through this process, hundreds of surveys were collected about the Foundation’s impact and visibility in the community. During the planning, many times the topic of a “stay or move” scenario would surface. The Foundation did not own the building at 1201 East Garrison Boulevard and the visibility was not prominent. The Committee recommended that the Foundation look into a new location and the concept of owning a building rather than leasing. When David Ratchford rotated off the Board of Directors, Marsh Spencer was in line to become the next Development Chair.

Marsh led the charge to look into locations across Gaston County that had potential to be a new home for the Foundation. In early 2020, Marsh met with Tim Efird, the Chairman of the Community Foundation Board and Gene Matthews. Gene, who met previously with Richard Rankin and Andy Warlick, had a proposal in mind. From there, Andy Warlick conceived the vision of the New Hope Business District. Understanding that the New Hope corridor is an important place for our healthcare system, a major exit from the interstate, home to seven banks in a very short distance, includes an international business and a foundation; the business, healthcare and philanthropy initiative was born.

The property at 250 South New Hope Road—formerly known as the “old Girl Scout building” or former Duke Energy site—was for sale. The group saw the potential in this site to become a cornerstone of the business district. The vision to bring Class A office space to Gaston County led to the David Belk Cannon Foundation purchasing the site and gifting it to the Community Foundation, along with a generous grant to demolish the current building in order to construct an advanced building.

Demolition and construction of a new building came with many responsibilities, which were shared by a leadership team consisting of Tim Efird, Gene Matthews, John McGill, Angela Micalizzi, Nancy Paschall, Elizabeth Patton, Richard Rankin, Marsh Spencer, Ernest Sumner, and Andy Warlick.

The project was so important that meetings were held weekly in 2020 and 2021 then transitioned to biweekly meetings in 2022. Those weekly meetings in 2020 and 2021 were spent strategizing the role of the Community Foundation in this new district. By presenting the Foundation with a building of this magnitude, the future goals were set to offer opportunities for collaboration among community leadership, donors and nonprofit organizations.

The Gaston Community Foundation has served the community since 1978 and since that time, has grown in assets from approximately \$700,000 to well over \$100 million today. To continue this growth and to further the impact of the Foundation, a building representative of these goals was important to the leadership team.

As the building’s vision grew, the leadership team’s tasks were divided and sub committees formed. One subcommittee, led by Richard Rankin and Tim Efird was tasked with raising the funds for the building. During a silent campaign, just over 70 families and businesses contributed to the building, raising over \$11.5 million. The fundraising committee members led by Richard and Tim included Davidson Hobson, Gayle Kersh, Nancy Paschall, David Rogers, and Marsh Spencer.

Another vital subcommittee, The Arts Committee, played a significant role in the building’s vision by bringing internationally recognized, local artists under one roof. May Barger, Carol Carstarphen, Merryman Cassels, Ring Stafford and Pam Warlick, led the charge to select artists and artwork for the space, featuring artwork from Curt Butler

of Gastonia; Juan Logan of Belmont; and Ivan Depeña of Charlotte. Dramatic and eye-catching artwork may be found in the Matthews- Belk Gallery, once you enter the front doors, welcoming workers and guests into an inviting, colorful space.

While many people are to thank for their support of this building, we are grateful to the groups behind the scenes who brought the vision to life:

- Our architects, LS3P
- Construction Company, Shelco
- Technology, Individualized Computer Solutions
- Furniture, Alfred Williams
- Signage, Sign Connection
- Landscape, Tiz Johnston for designing and Carlton Rouse for installation

Each of these groups was coordinated mostly through the competent and capable leadership of Marsh Spencer. As Gayle Kersh once stated, Marsh has been the “hard worker in a hard hat.” His dedication to the success of the building was clearly demonstrated time and time again. In the early morning hours, Marsh would have made several calls to contractors and staff. The leadership team would receive texted photos at 9 o’clock at night to see the building when the lights were first turned on and the logo for the Foundation first installed. Marsh’s wife, Amy, said their Sunday ritual had become going to church followed by drive-by site visits. Everyone involved with the creation and construction of the building knew Marsh and he was the first call many people made for any type of decision. Marsh led the project clearly and efficiently. He served as the catalyst to ensure the building received its certificate of occupancy in record time. Marsh’s passion, coupled with his skill-set was one of the most valuable assets to the development of the state-of-the-art, 20,000 square foot building to serve as the Gaston Community Foundation’s home.

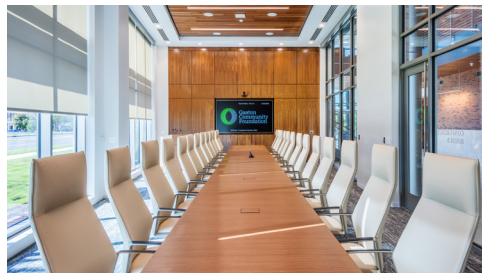
As the Gaston Community Foundation had settled in and begun welcoming nonprofits, businesses and friends into our new office, the future of the Foundation continues to be rooted in its original mission: to lead the way in philanthropic giving by connecting donors with community needs. The lives of present and future generations are always in view as the Foundation meets its mission with vision, benevolence and equity for all of Gaston County.



Donor Recognition

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 George Ann and Andy Ratchford
 Hugh Bryant
 Tabernacle Baptist Church



W. Duke Kimbrell Center for Philanthropy

The W. Duke Kimbrell Center for Philanthropy recognizes Mr. Kimbrell's extraordinary contributions to this community. His name on the Foundation's building not only honors him, but, hopefully, inspires others to live with similar purpose, generosity and compassion.

During a business career that spanned most of his life, W. Duke Kimbrell (1924-2014) built Parkdale Mills into one of the world's most successful textile manufacturers, and he himself became acknowledged as one of the world's top textile executives.

A lifelong Gastonia resident and World War II combat veteran, Duke Kimbrell led almost every important civic concern and philanthropic initiative in Gaston County until his death. He was especially devoted to the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia; the Boy Scouts of America; the North Carolina State University School of Textiles; Gaston College; Gaston Day School; and the Gaston Community Foundation. Mr. Kimbrell served as Chairman of the Board of the Gaston Community Foundation in 1989 and was recipient of the Allen H. Sims Award in 2000.

Mr. Kimbrell managed to beautifully balance fierce business competition, loyal friendship, community vision, wise counsel, family, and extraordinary generosity. A person of great personal charm and warmth, he brought excellence, energy, imagination, integrity, and fun to everything he pursued.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Impact from unrestricted funds

African American Museum of History and Culture - \$10,000

Funding to feature authors and programs from November 1st National Authors Day to June 30th the end of Black Music Month. These programs are designed to build intercultural skills to enhance cultural awareness in Gaston County.

American Red Cross Blue Ridge Piedmont Chapter - \$7,500

Funding for the Red Cross Disaster Services in Gaston County.

Animal League of Gaston County - \$10,000

Funds used to provide extremely low-cost spay/neuter services to Gaston County residents who receive public assistance or demonstrate a financial need.

Arin's Good Girl Dog Treats - \$7,500

The funds will allow Arin's Good Girls Dog Treats to add three people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) and offer them individualized coaching, training, and support in their adaptive workspace. The funds will support an adaptive work environment with additional adaptive equipment.

ArtPop Inc - \$7,500

Funding for Gaston County Artists community awareness and support.

Backpack Weekend Food Program, Inc. - \$5,000

Funding to provide students with bags of nutritionally balanced meals each week. This program ensures no child goes hungry on the weekend.

Bit of Hope Ranch, Inc. - \$5,000

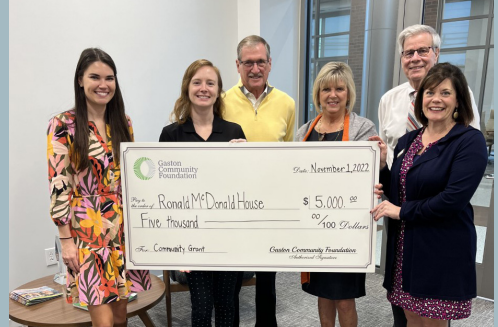
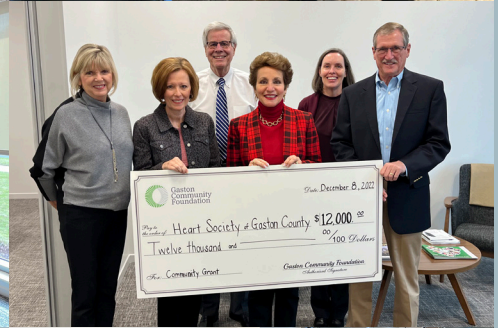
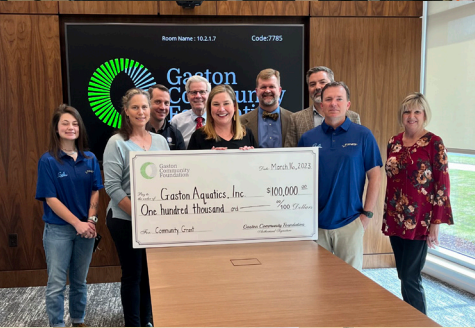
The Ranch offers professional therapeutic services using outdoor and equine assisted therapy. In 2021, the Ranch opened a 900-square-foot Wellness Clinic to serve special needs clients. This funding will be used for a lift mounting system for immobile and unsteady riders.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston - \$10,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston works to help youth of all backgrounds develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. Many of those served rely on the supper program to get a nutritious meal other than school lunches. These funds will go toward the purchase of a new industrial oven/stove and refrigerator for the purpose of providing meals for the club youth.

Carolina Cross Connection - \$3,000

Carolina Cross Connection was founded in 1987 to minister to the needs of the elderly, impoverished, and disabled. This home repair program will use these funds to buy materials for wheelchair ramps as part of their safe-access project in Gaston County.



Children’s Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - \$15,000

These funds will be used to provide comprehensive support and loving compassion to families whose children are battling cancer in Gaston County.

Christ Community Outreach Food Ministry - \$20,000

Funds will be used towards the purchase of a van for traveling to local food banks and distribution centers to pick-up donated goods for their food ministry program.

Dallas High Shoals Christian Social Ministry - \$5,000

Funds will be used for their Emergency Client Assistance Program, assisting clients with food, utilities, and clothing.

Dream Center Academy, Inc. - \$23,000

Funds will be used to expand and enhance year three of high-school programming.

Gaston Aquatics - \$100,000

Funds will be used for the construction of the aquatic center in Gaston County. The center will provide aquatic safety/swim lessons for children and adults and provide medically focused aquatic-based rehabilitation. Local emergency personnel will use the center for year-round training and high school and collegiate swim teams will use the center for practices and swim meets.

Gaston County Museum of Art & History - \$5,000

Funds will be used for the annual Mt. Holly Lantern Parade.

Gaston Literacy Council, Inc. - \$5,000

Funds will be used to upgrade technology infrastructure/capacity to increase Wi-Fi capabilities, enhance security and stabilize internet connection.

Gaston School of the Arts - \$6,000

Funds will be used for adding additional storage for stage and set props.

Gaston Together: Communities of Excellence - \$5,000

Turning the Tide: The Community Naloxone Program.

Heart Society of Gaston County, Inc. - \$12,000

Funding will be used for lifesaving cardiac related medication to clients in Gaston County who are uninsured or underinsured.

Holy Angels, Inc. - \$10,000

Funding will be used for “Comforting Angels” project to purchase ten ARJO clinical and therapeutic chairs for residents.

Keep Gastonia Beautiful - \$5,000

Funding for “Project Pollination” which will address the decline of native bees and the desire to provide and protect habitats for bees and other insects.

Least of These Carolinas - \$10,000

Funding to help pay off loan for their new building. The pay off of the loan will ensure the growing number of children under their care in Gaston County can continue to receive the services they need.

Off the Streets Program, Inc. - \$10,000

Funding will be used to provide increased community outreach, day-to-day operations, transportation, and supplies for the women who are seeking employment.

Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, Inc.- \$5,000

Funding to help keep Gaston County families together when a child is ill.

Special Olympics Gaston County - \$1,000

Funding for the Spring 2023 “Healthy Athletes Day,” a day for athletes to get complete physicals free. Special Olympics require athletes ages eight and above to have complete physicals every three years.

The ARC of Gaston County - \$5,000

Funds for training for the FASD Education Program. In the United States, up to 1 in 20 children has a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). Prenatal alcohol exposure is the leading preventable cause of birth defects in the United States.

The Gastonia’s Potters House - \$7,500

Funding to bring Grace Place Apartments up to code with county permitting and fire code regulations.

The King’s Daughters Ministry - \$5,000

Funding for the Emerald House Shelter Home roof replacement project.

The Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium - \$15,000

Funding to help with the development of the new earth science exhibit.

Victory Farm Therapeutic & Adaptive Horsemanship - \$1,000

Funding to purchase helmets for the safety and protection of their riders and drivers.



Albert G. Myers Scholarship Recipients

Front row: Emily Rollins, Daisy Lopez,
Tonito Eduardo-Paz Abello, Ashley
Mahboub, and Rylee-Grace Burgis.

Back row: Joshua Crouch, Justin
Larter, and Logan Crisp.

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Fulfilling Educational Dreams

During the Fall of 2022, 44 new scholars and 66 renewable scholars for a total 110 scholars fulfilled their educational dreams and the dreams of their parents, thanks, in part, to the donors of the Gaston Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation has over 38 scholarship funds established by donors who are committed to education. Many scholarships are named in the memory or honor of a loved one that valued education. Students are evaluated by an advisory committee of board members and community volunteers based on a written application, test scores, transcripts, and interviews. Individual scholarships range in amounts from \$500 to \$5,000 per year.

“While the amounts for scholarships vary, each scholarship serves a purpose and that purpose is to further an educational path for students showing great potential,” said Ernest Sumner,

President of the Gaston Community Foundation. “Foundation donors have the opportunity to assist these families in achieving further education. Whether a scholarship provides a book or the entire sum of the education, it makes a difference in the lives of our Gaston County students.”

Scholarships fulfill a large part of the Foundation’s mission through continuing education and the betterment of our community. The Gaston Community Foundation is your foundation, your future.

For more information on the scholarship program, or about establishing a charitable fund at the Gaston Community Foundation, please call 704-864-0927 or visit www.cfgaston.org.

The 2022-2023 newly awarded recipients along with the name of the family and friend for which the scholarship is named:

Alaina Abernathy Scholarship

- Jackson Owens-Lenoir-Rhyne College

George & Patricia Barnard Scholarship

- Kayla Becraft-NC State
- Logan Crisp-NC State

Bess Chapel UMC/Brad Baxter Scholarship

- Elena High-Ithaca College

Clyde and Dezaree Brackett Family Scholarship

- Natalie Maier-UNC Chapel Hill

Bradley Alton Baxter Memorial Scholarship

- Jenna Wylie-UNC Chapel Hill

Tom Browne Scholarship

- Caroline Beaty-Clemson
- Justin Larter-Liberty
- Luke Jeffries-Gaston College

Alfred W. Bohanan Scholarship

- Justin Larter-Liberty

Mary Armstrong Coffey Scholarship

- Zackary Carr-Appalachian

Van and Virgie Costner Memorial Scholarship

- Katie Ramsey-Gardner-Webb

Perry Fewell Honorary Leadership Scholarship

- Garrett Ziemer-Wofford

Max J. Fowler Scholarship

- Luke Kirby-NC State

Paul Fuller Memorial Scholarship

- D'Myah Mathews-UNC Charlotte

Honorable Ralph C. Gingles, Jr., Scholarship

- Natalie Maier-UNC Chapel Hill

Wm. G. & Hazel V. Hardin Education Scholarship

- Rachel Medici-Appalachian State

Pat Haney Scholarship-Belmont Historical Society

- Emily Revels-NC State

Tom & Erlene Hogan Scholarship

- Brittany Bridges-Gaston College

Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship

- Katherine Knight-Gardner-Webb

John Hunsucker Memorial Scholarship

- Zailyn Jeter-UNC Pembroke

Jarman Family Scholarship

- Gracie Smith-USC Pharmacy

Judy M. & George R. Miller Scholarship

- Nancy Swan-Asheville Buncombe Community College

Albert G. Myers Scholarship

- Tonito Eduardo Paz Abello-Boston College
- Rylee-Grace Burgis-UNC Chapel Hill
- Logan Crisp-NC State
- Joshua Crouch-Appalachian State
- Justin Larter-Liberty University
- Daisy Lopez-UNC Charlotte
- Ashley Mahboub-Appalachian State
- Emily Rollins-UNC Chapel Hill

Maxine Porch - McAdenville Woman's Club

- Patrick Lamp-UNC Wilmington
- Alexis Baker-Western Carolina
- Elise Martin-UNC Wilmington
- Evan Richardson-NC State

Mildred J. Sadler Scholarship

- Madison McCathern-UNC Charlotte

Theodore Drury Stowe Science and Technology Scholarship

- Ronald "Trey" Baker, III-NC State

Lonnie & Rachel Waggoner Nursing Education Scholarship

- Abbey Horne-Gardner-Webb
- Whitley Buchanan-Belmont Abbey
- Corrie Cloninger-Gardner-Webb

Weisler United Beverage Scholarship

- Kaylin Dowling-Queens University
- Neika Peterson-Appalachian State

Grover W. White Scholarship

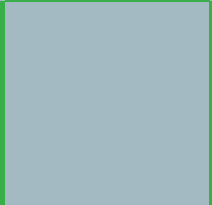
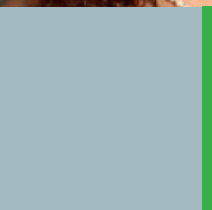
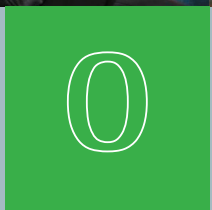
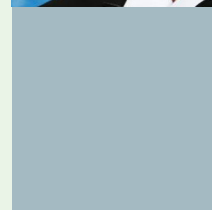
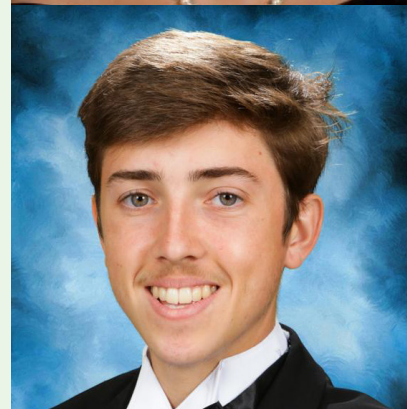
- Tyler Rapp-UNC Chapel Hill

John E. Willoughby Scholarship

- Zackary Carr-Appalachian State

David Belk Cannon Family Scholarship

- Alexander Pineda-Gaston College
- Anna Ingle-Gaston College
- Cherish June-Gaston College
- Daniel Green-Gaston College
- Emily Evans-Gaston College
- Ragan Jones-Gaston College
- Raquel Romero-Gaston College
- Robert Gorch-Gaston College
- Rubeltine Smith-Gaston College
- Shana Scott-Gaston College
- Shawnte Brodie-Gaston College
- Stephanie Estevez-Gaston College
- Yismiling Paulino-Gaston College



The 2022 Allen H. Sims Award

October 6, 2022 - the culmination and celebration of commitment to community. Friends, donors, nonprofit organizations, religious leaders, and political leaders gathered at 250 South New Hope Road based on one common thread- the Gaston Community Foundation.

The evening served as the Foundation's annual report to donors, the 32nd Annual Allen H. Sims Award, and the blessing and dedication of the Community Foundation's new home. Nancy Paschall, Foundation Board Chair presented with detail of the Foundation's investment in community, numbers found in this report on pages (16-17). Upon concluding the business portion of the meeting, Nancy introduced Andy Warlick and Richard Rankin to recognize the 2022 Sims Recipient, Eugene R. Matthews II.

Gene Matthew's commitment to philanthropy and, in particular, to the Gaston Community Foundation has lasted a lifetime. Beginning with board service in the mid-1990s, Matthews served a total of six terms (eighteen years). In a timespan that encompasses more than one third of his adult life, he has held various Gaston Community Foundation leadership roles, including Grants Committee Chair, Investment Committee Chair and Board Chair (2001).

While his volunteerism to the Foundation is vast, Matthews has contributed to many organizations locally and across the state. He is a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia.

Mr. Matthews started in his family's department store business as a young man. Working his way up through the ranks, he served in a number of executive positions in Matthews-Belk, Company Store Group in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Texas. As a Belk executive, he participated on the boards of various store corporations and completed his career with the company when it was sold in 2015. Since then, he has been involved in the family's real estate business.

Gene Matthews gives because he cares. His philanthropy is an expression of faith, compassion, and commitment to his community. He gives out of gratitude and a desire to improve other people's lives. He believes deeply in our responsibility to give back.

The W. Duke Center for Philanthropy is the culmination of Matthew's lifelong commitment to the Gaston Community Foundation, Gastonia, and Gaston County. While celebrating

Matthews as the Sims recipient, the evening also served as the grand opening of the Foundation's building, a project spearheaded by Matthews. Matthews, along with others from the leadership team for the Foundation's building (Tim Efidr, John McGill, Angela Micalizzi, Nancy Paschall, Elizabeth Patton, Richard Rankin, Marsh Spencer, Ernest Sumner, and Andy Warlick) were recognized for their efforts in planning and construction of the building. Before guests enjoyed tours of the building, local faith leaders representing funds held by the Community Foundation, participated in a blessing and dedication of the building. Representatives included:

Houses of Worship and Faith Leaders in Partnership with the Gaston Community Foundation

Rev. Dr. Richard Boyce

First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Gastonia

First Presbyterian Church, Belmont

First Presbyterian Church, Mount Holly

First United Methodist Church, Gastonia

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton and Minister Tangela White-Hinton

Lutheran Chapel, Gastonia



Rev. Dr. Joan Martin
Myers Memorial United Methodist Church, Gastonia
Olney Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
St. John's Lutheran Church, Cherryville
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Gastonia
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Cherryville
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia
Temple Emanuel, Gastonia

As a part of making the evening about the Gaston community, the Foundation included several partners at the event. For guests who parked their cars at Parkdale for the Trolley transport, the Greater Gaston Boys and Girls Club drummed up the excitement with their drumline. As guests entered the Foundation's parking lot, Carolina Pro Musica was there to greet people with harmonious sounds of celebration. The evening was continued by delightful music from members of Gaston Symphonic Band inside the building. Boy Scout Troop 11 was in uniform and readily provided tours of the building. Upon entering the building, guests found Gaston Day School artists Holt Harris and Travis Johnson providing live paintings of the event. Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden enhanced the interiors with majestic orchids. Even the food for the evening was a representation of collaboration and community. Restaurants represented were Ray Nathan's, Smith's Soul Food Bistro, Barristers, and Drift.

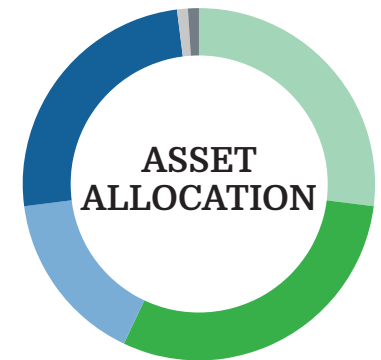
On that evening, over 300 individuals joined together to celebrate philanthropy and a new beginning for your Community Foundation.



Summarized Financial Data

Throughout a very challenging 2022, your Investment Committee worked tirelessly with our advisors, Alex. Brown, to finish the year with performance results of the main investment pool (-12.69%) which matched and, in some indexes, exceeded our benchmarks.

Thank you for your philanthropy during this past year as it truly proved to be essential in helping our community through multiple challenges. Your continuing support helped the Foundation exceed \$128 million in grants to nonprofits since inception and eclipse \$120 million in assets at year-end 2022.



- 27% FIXED INCOME
- 30% U.S. EQUITIES
- 16% INTL EQUITY
- 25% ALTERNATIVES
- 1% PRIVATE EQUITY
- 1% CASH

Total Foundation Assets

FY 16 \$78.0 million

FY 17 \$90.2 million

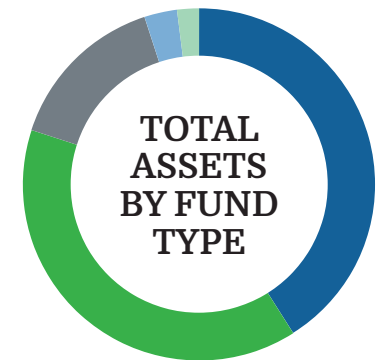
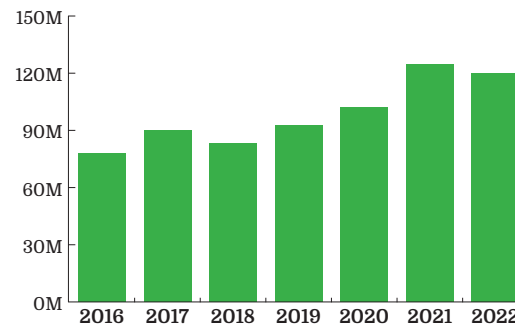
FY 18 \$83.3 million

FY 19 \$92.7 million

Fy 20 \$102 million

Fy 21 \$124.6 million

Fy 22 \$120.1 million



- 41% DESIGNATED
- 39% DONOR ADVISED
- 15% UNRESTRICTED
- 3% SCHOLARSHIP
- 2% FIELD OF INTEREST

Key Financial Indicators Year End 2022

Total Foundation Assets \$ 120,059,448

Less: Agency Funds \$ (27,706,671)

Less: Operational Liabilities \$ (4,654,578)

Net Assets \$ 87,698,199

Foundation Contributions \$ 9,624,302

Additions to Agency Funds \$ 5,771,372

Total Gifts \$ 15,395,674

Foundation Grants \$ 5,757,213

Grants Disbursed from Agency Funds \$ 1,012,859

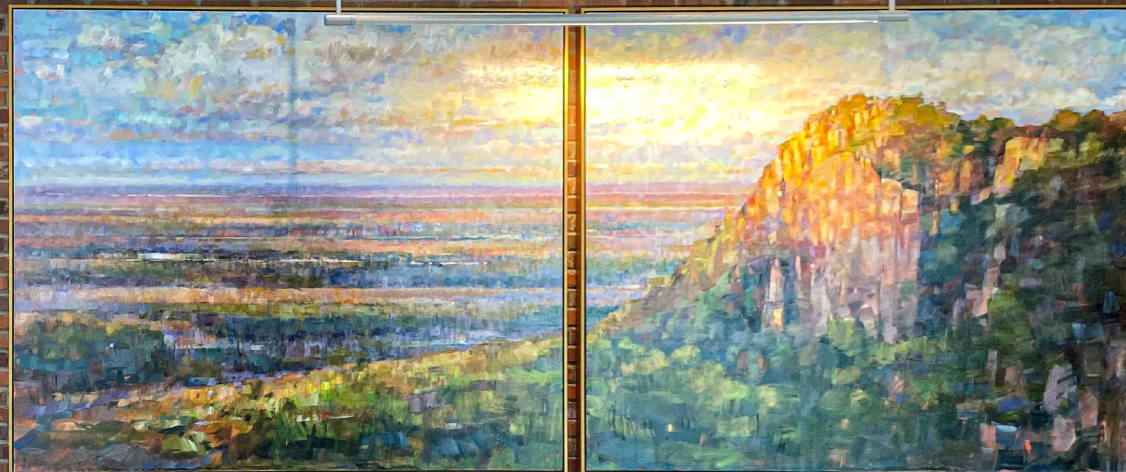
Total Grants \$ 6,770,072

Foundation Investment Return \$ (14,300,017)

Investment Return on Agency Funds \$ (3,317,982)

Total Investment Return, Net \$ (10,982,035)

Key Indicators are extracted from annually audited financial statements. These statements are reported by McCannon, Rogers, Driscoll & Associates Certified Public Accountants and submitted on the IRS Form 990. The Foundation will make the past three years of this information with the IRS tax exempt designation letter available for public inspection. If the request for any of these documents is made in person, the requested documents will be provided the day of request if possible. If request in writing (including mail), copies will be provided within 30 days of request. Questions concerning the documents should be addressed to either the President or Board Chair of the Foundation.



History of Grants Awarded by Year

2016	\$5,545,920
2017	\$8,303,227
2018	\$9,064,809
2019	\$8,666,135
2020	\$6,840,374
2021	\$7,174,162
2022	\$6,770,072
Total Since Inception	\$128,000,000+

\$15,395,674

Gifts to the Foundation

14

New funds were created

100%

Overhead coverage
from fees

0.9%

Administrative expenses
vs. total assets

Grants by Location

74%
Stayed in Gaston County

94%
Stayed in North Carolina

Grants at a Glance

1,029
grants awarded to
410
nonprofits totaling
\$6,770,072



The Gaston Community Foundation is confirmed in compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. We are proud to show this official National Standard Seal, which denotes our achievement in establishing legal, ethical, and effective operating practices that demonstrate our transparency and financial responsibility.

FUNDS at the Foundation

Donor Advised Fund List

These funds are often created as an alternate to a private foundation to allow donors to recommend the charitable organization to be considered for grants.

Bob and Tuga Adams Fund
Alala Family Fund
Dr. B. P. Albright, Jr. Family Fund
Andrews Family Fund
Anne Comer Charitable Fund
Anonymous Charitable Fund
Austin's Opioid Education Fund
Carroll & May Barger Family Fund
Herbert Wesley & Margaret Jenkins Basham Fund
Thomas E. and Edith G. Baugh Fund
Martha and Giles Beal Fund
Claude C. and Mabel F. Beam Fund
R. Locke and Mary Robin Bell Fund
The John Biggers Commemorative Mural Fund
James E. and Margaret Jenkins Black Fund
Caldwell - Blake Family Fund
Alfred W. and Carolyn W. Bohanan Fund
Ruth M. and Lance Brenner Fund
Beverly B. Bryant Fund
Scott, Ashley and Stephen Bryant Fund
Collins Warlick Byers Fund
Carlee Cause Fund
Carolina Brush Company Fund
J. C. and Phyllis Carothers Family Fund

Carrigan Charitable Fund
Billie May and Walter Carroll, Jr. Fund
Carstarphen Family Foundation Fund
Catherine Pharr Carstarphen Fund
Carter-Barger Family Fund
A. B. Carter, Inc. Fund
Merryman Cassels Fund
Cline Fund
J. T. Comer, III Fund
Cookson Fund
Dorothy H. and J. Philip Coyle Fund
Rick and Rhonda Craig Fund
Davey Family Fund
David Belk Cannon Fund No.1
David Belk Cannon Fund No. 2
The David Belk Cannon Foundation Fund
Thomas and Ellen Deese Family Fund
Jean Groves Dixon Fund
Driscoll Family Fund
Gastonia East Rotary Fund
Efird Family Fund
Coleman and Tim Efird Family Fund
Emily Atkins Fayssoux Memorial Fund
First Gaston Foundation Fund
Jerry and Sylvia Fogle Fund
Dr. James S. & Mary Francis Forrester Endowment Fund
Paul F. Fuller Memorial Fund

GAIA Earth-Balance Grant Fund
James Boyce Garland Memorial Fund
Gaston County Jaycees Fund
Gaston County Medical Society & Alliance Foundation Fund
Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce
John David Glenn, Sr. and Thomas Clyde Davis Family Fund
Sara Marley Gray Fund
Walter and Jan Gray Fund
Titus and Gail Greene Fund
GSM Services Fund
Betty and Gordon Hacker Charitable Fund
W. Alex and Virginia M. Hall Fund
Hancock Family Fund
Hannon Family Fund
Robert Hargett Fund
Harris Family Fund
Gaston County DHHS Fund
S. Russell and Margaret L. Headrick Foundation Fund
Charles and Christa Heilig Family Fund
Dougie and George Henry Fund
George F. Henry III Fund
Henry Massey Family Fund
Bill Hodde Memorial Fund
Sybil and Lin Hollowell Fund
Hunnicut Family Fund
Janet and Fred Jackson Fund
Rich and Amanda Jarman Family Fund

John Albert Rhyne, Jr. Fund
Joseph S. and Janice W. Stowe Family Fund
Robert and Anne Kahn Fund
Grayson Kellar Family Fund
Jim and Alice Ann Kelly Family Fund
R. Wm. and Annabelle M. Kelly Fund
Kennington Family Fund
Kessell Family Fund
Shepard C. Kimbrell Fund
W. Duke Kimbrell Family Foundation Fund
W. Duke Kimbrell Fund
Dave and Nan Kirlin Fund
David R. LaFar, III Family Fund
John and Dee B. Land Fund
Jim and Renee Lanier Foundation Fund
Leone Family Fund
Lineberger Foundation Fund
Gastonia Evening Lions Club Fund
Lisle Family Fund
Let Me Run Endowment Fund
Steven and Janet Long Family Fund
J. Carl and Mary W. Loughridge Fund
John C. Loughridge Fund
Lovelace Family Fund
John and Malinda Lowery Fund
Dr. Charles Emmet and Naomi Pool Lyday Fund
Margaret and Spurgeon Mackie Fund
Charles and Sue Massey Fund

Matthews-Belk Fund	Charles W. Pearson Sr. Handicapped Children's Fund	Edward D. Sadler, Sr., Edward D. Sadler, Jr., and John F. Sadler Fund	Martha Raymond Thompson Fund
Eugene R. Matthews Memorial Fund Trust	Mary Pearson Charitable Fund	Katherine and Jason Sanders Fund	Benson E. L. & Lorna G. Timmons Family Fund
Eugene R. Matthews II Fund	Plato and Catherine Pearson Fund	Secret Santa II Fund	Natalie M. Tindol and Jonathan M. Davis Fund
Betty Choate & B. Frank Matthews, II Fund	Robert S. Pearson Fund	John and Janet Sarn Fund	C. K. Torrence Fund
The Bob and Chris McCullen Fund	Mr. & Mrs. Plato Pearson, Jr. Fund	The Senior Center Fund	Vaher Family Fund
John K. McGill Family Fund	Peek Family Fund	Bethany Shelter Fund	The Tom Wallace Family Fund
McKenney Family Fund	Larry K. Petty Fund	Shovelin Family Fund	Leslie & Mike Wallace Fund
Martha Elaine McPhail Fund	Phi Kappa Theta - Alpha Rho Alumni Sustaining Endowment Fund	Ada Ellen and David Allen Smith Family Fund	Donald Walsler Family Fund
McPhail Family Fund	Bryan Bailey Pigg Memorial Fund	Solomon Family Fund	Anderson D. Warlick Family Fund
Lindsay H. & Charles J. Meakin, III Fund	Planer Family Fund	South State Bank Fund	Anderson Davis Warlick Jr. Fund
Philip and Juli Miller Family Fund	Wray A. Plonk, Sr. and Alma Putnam Plonk Fund	Southeast Center for the Visual Arts	Pamela K. Warlick Fund
Kelly Morris Family Fund	Herb and Joyce Price Family Fund	Bob & Janet Spencer Fund	Elizabeth Matthews Welton Fund
Leslie M. and Mary Alice Morris Fund	Project Hope Fund	Arthur M. Spencer IV Family Fund	The Wertz Family Fund
Tommy Morrison Fund	PSNC Energy Fund	Ring Torrence Stafford Fund	Robert Wilton Williams, Sr. Memorial Fund
Dan Moser Family Fund	Robert Allison Ragan Philanthropic Fund	Mike and Beth Stanforth Family Fund	Williams Pratt Pryor Fund
Mark Moskowitz Family Foundation Fund	Richard E. Rankin, Jr. & Sarah Park Rankin Fund	Susan Stanley Fund	James and Eleanor Williams Fund
Ernest & Vivian Mosley Youth Mission Fund	David R. Ratchford Family Fund	Ray and Peggy Starr Fund	Steven Blair Wilson Fund
MPM Fund	Fred A. and Louise K. Ratchford Fund	Bruce and Betsy Steketee Fund	James C. Windham, Jr. Family Fund
Myers Fund	Linda and Jim Ratchford Fund	Stott, Hollowell, Palmer and Windham Fund	Winecoff Family Fund
Dr. Daniel and Laurie Ness Fund	Rauch Family Fund	Richard Alan Stout Scholarship Fund	The A. Knox and Beth Winget Family Fund
Newcombe Family Fund	Stephanie Rauch Charitable Fund	Stover Family Fund	Luby E. and Catherine Wood Fund
Next Generation Fund	Jerry W. and Lisa C. Richardson Fund	Charles T. Stowe Jr. Family Fund	Barbara Yarbrough Fund
Johnnie E. Nichols Fund	Ed and Cathy Robinson Fund	Helen B. and W. Wesley Styers Fund	Zenge Family Fund
Dr. Douglas Nigbor & Heather Hodde Nigbor Fund	The Sally and Ralph Robinson Endowment Fund	Summerville Family Fund	Lawson-zumBrunnen Family Fund
Noah Fund for Epilepsy Awareness	May and Royce Robinson Fund	Will and Alison Summerville Family Fund	
Gastonia Optimist Youth Fund	Jerry and Susan Roche Foundation Fund	Mary & Ernest Sumner Fund	
Carolyn and Bill Palmer Fund	Rotary Club of Gastonia Fund	H. Randolph and Elizabeth N. Sumner Fund	
Tim & Nancy Paschall Fund	Annabelle Matthews Royster Fund	Ron and Janet Sytz Fund	
Elizabeth and Joseph Patton Fund	S.E.A. Change Fund	Robert and Elizabeth Sytz Jr Endowment Fund	
Patton Family Fund	Mildred J. Sadler Fund	Robert and Jo Ann Sytz Fund	
Charles W. Pearson Sr. Fund		Teens Changing Gaston County Endowment Fund	

2022 Designated and Agency Fund Listing

These funds allow the donor to make specific organizations the beneficiary of grants when the fund is established.

Belmont Abbey College Endowment Fund	Crimestoppers of Gaston County Fund	Gaston Literacy Council, Inc. Endowment Fund	Harold Rankin Fund
Alliance for Children and Youth Endowment Fund	Crisis Assistance Ministry Endowment Fund	Gaston Diabetes Center Fund	Janet and Fred Jackson Memorial Fund
Asai Miller Scholarship Fund	Frank W. Davis Fund	Gaston County YMCA Endowment Fund	Junior League of Gaston County Endowment Fund
Animal League of Gaston County Fund	Ronnie Digh Endowment Fund	Gaston Christian School Capital Fund	Dan and Gayle Kersh Charitable Fund
Andy Osborne Fund for Animal Welfare	Daniel J. Stowe Benevolent Fund	Gaston Christian School Scholarship Fund	Virginia Hamilton Lewis Endowed Fund
Gaston Aquatics, Inc. Fund	Dolls and Dogs for Jesus Fund	Warlick Center Maintenance Fund	Lighthouse's Together We Shine Fund
Gaston Arts Council Fund	Dream Center of Gaston County Fund	Ness Learning Academy Endowment Fund	Little Red Schoolhouse Fund
Gaston Art Space Fund	Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden Endowment Fund	Gaston Day School 50th Anniversary Capital Fund	Dave and Eunice Lore Mission Fund
Ashbrook Foundation Fund	Education Foundation's Highland School of Technology Fund	Henry Academic Center Baseball Field Endowment Fund	Least of These Carolinas Fund
BackPack Weekend Food Program	East Gaston Boys & Girls Club Endowment Fund	Henry Academic Center Fund	Lutheran Chapel Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
Clayton and Jo Ann Berryhill Fund	Erskine College Trust Fund	James Heyward Henry Activity Center Endowment Fund	Ann Maddox Memorial Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gaston Endowment Fund	Mountain Island Educational State Forest Fund	Judith M. Miller Endowed Scholarship Fund	First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Holly Fund
Bit of Hope Ranch Endowment Fund	Mountain Island Educational State Forest Capital Fund	Gaston Day School Scholarship Fund	Maternity Home Fund
Camp Rotary Endowment Fund	Carillon Fund	Alice McNeil Rankin Gordon Fund	Mount Holly Farmers Market Fund
Carlee Cause Foundation Agency Fund	Dixon Lighting Fund	Gaston County Parks Improvement Fund	Montreat Conference and Retreat Fund
Cherryville High School Education Foundation Fund	Howe Memorial Fund	Gaston School of the Arts Endowment Fund	Fred T. Morrow, III Scholarship Fund
Cherryville High School Education Foundation Endowment Fund	First Presbyterian Church Mount Holly Endowment Fund	Gaston East Rotary Literacy Endowment	Mountain Island Lake Protection Fund
Julie Rankin Civils Service Leadership Award Fund	F. P. Hall Lecture Endowment Fund	Gaston Day School Endowment – Lineberger Foundation Fund	Robert M. Mundy House Fund II
Carol Bush Lewis Arts Council Fund	Sylvia R. Fogle Charitable Fund	GSOA Eugenia Evans Scholarship Fund	Gaston County Museum Rauch Art Gift Fund
Gaston College Endowment Fund	Blair Fraley Scholarship Fund	Gaston Together Fund	Gaston Music Education Foundation Scholarship Fund
Clyde Collins Mission Fund	Mary Frances and Kenneth Friday Fund	Dede Gunter Music Fund	Albert G. Myers, Jr. Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston Fund
Covenant Village Endowment Fund	Friends of the Gaston County Library Fund	Habitat for Humanity Fund	William T. & Mabel H. Nolen Charitable Fund
Covenant Village Benevolent Fund	First Presbyterian Church of Belmont Organ Fund	Promise For Haiti Endowment Fund	Olney Presbyterian Church Inc. Cemetery Endowment Fund
Sara Leigh Scholarship at Covenant Village Fund	First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Missions Trust Fund	Lloyd and Lucille T. Hales Fund	Victor & Evelyn Osborne Fund for Crisis Assistance
Town of Cramerton Veteran's Memorial Fund	FUMC General Endowment Fund	John Harry and Lynda Wilson Hancock Fund	Susan Owenbey Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont Fund
	FUMC Scholarship Fund	Highland School of Technology Investment Fund	Gastonia Optimist Club Park Fund
	First Wesleyan Christian School Endowment Fund A	Ethelda Hanna Mission Fund	Pearson Salvation Army Fund
	First Wesleyan Christian School Endowment Fund B	Harry & Ruby Bryant Capital Fund	Homer Porter Fund
	Gaston Day School Endowment Fund	Heart Society of Gaston Co., Inc. Endowment Fund	George R. Poston St. Mark's Episcopal Church Fund
	Gaston County Education Foundation Endowment Fund	Hospice Endowment Fund	George R. Poston Fund

Dan Ragan Family Fund

Caldwell & Jocelyn Sikes Ragan Fund
Lila S. Rankin Fund

Andy and George Ann Ratchford Legacy Fund

Rejoice Fund

David and Helen Rogers Family Fund

Rudisill Family Fund

Salvation Army Boys and Girls' Club of Gaston County
Endowment Fund

Secret Santa Fund

Schiele Museum Endowment Fund

Girl Scouts Pioneer Endowment Fund

Shining Hope Farms Reserve Fund

Saint John's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

Saint John's Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund

Saint John's Lutheran Church Lower Piano Fund

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Cemetery Trust Fund

Robert L. Spencer Family Fund

Charlotte Symphony Endowment Fund

J. Caswell Taylor, Jr Family Fund

Temple Emanuel Building and Improvements Fund

Rauch Endowment for Temple Emanuel Fund

Harley and Carrie Toney Fund

United Way of Gaston County Endowment Fund

Robert F. Walkowiak YMCA Memorial Fund

Lyndon Grier and Ela Dickson-Dixon Wilson Fund

W. D. Stowe Trust Fund

With Friends, Inc. Reserve Fund

2022 Unrestricted Fund Listing

These funds give discretion to the Foundation to make grants that address the most urgent needs in Gaston County.

Mary W. Adams Fund

Belmont Community Impact Fund

Lucille Rankin and Margaret Rankin Beam Fund

Cherryville Community Impact Fund

Dr. Daniel and Jean Cotter Fund

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E. D. Craig Fund

William and Elizabeth Current Fund

Frank and Mattie Davis Fund

Mary Frances Friday Fund

Garrison Fund

Harry and Ruby Bryant Fund

Wayne and Ann McCorkle Howe Fund

Jenkins-Rankin-Morris Fund

John K. & Rebecca M. Long Fund

Eleanor K. and James H. Martin, Jr. Fund

Mount Holly Community Impact Fund

Barbara S. Rhyne Fund

Ralph and Sally Robinson Fund

May and Royce Robinson, Jr. Fund

Community Foundation Run

Allen H. and Anne R. Sims Fund

Marsh and Amy Spencer Family Fund

Daniel J. Stowe Charitable Fund

Norma C. Sumner Fund

2022 Scholarship Fund List

These funds are specific in providing scholarship funding for continuing education.

Alaina N. Abernathy Memorial Scholarship Fund

The George and Patricia Barnard Scholarship Fund

Brad Baxter Scholarship Fund

Bradley Alton Baxter Memorial Scholarship Fund

Beam Construction Company Fund

Locke Bell Family Scholarship Fund

Bess Chapel U.M.C./Brad Baxter Scholarship Fund

Alex Blackwelder Memorial Scholarship Fund

Alfred W. Bohanan Scholarship Fund

Bancroft Poston Scholarship Fund

Clyde and Dezaree Brackett Family Fund

Mary Armstrong Coffey Scholarship

Van and Virgie Costner Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dunagin Scholarship Fund

Perry Fewell Honorary Leadership
Endowed Scholarship Fund

Max J. Fowler Scholarship Fund

Honorable Ralph C. Gingles, Jr. Scholarship Fund

Joe and Janie Greene Scholarship

Belmont Historical Society's Pat E.
Haney Scholarship Fund

William G. & Hazel Vuncannon Hardin Education Fund

Tom and Erlene Hogan Scholarship Fund

Edward T. Hogan and Erlene G. Hogan Scholarship Fund

Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship Fund

Dr. William and Karen Hunter Science Scholarship Fund

Jarman Family Fund

John Hunsucker Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kings Mountain Student Scholarship Fund

Helen Rhyne Marvin Scholarship Fund

Judy M and George R Miller Scholarship Fund

First Gaston Foundation Fund / Albert G.
Myers Scholarship

William P and Odessa Swann Phillips Scholarship Fund

Maxine Porch McAdenville Scholarship

Mildred J. Sadler Scholarship Fund

Theodore Drury Stowe Science and Technology
Scholarship Fund

George W. Stowe Scholarship Fund

Dr. Bernard H. Sullivan, Jr. College Scholarship Fund

The Phil Turner Fund

Lonnie & Rachel Waggoner Nursing Education
Endowment Fund

Laramie Walden Scholarship Fund

Jane Stephenson Walsh Scholarship Fund

Martha H. Waters Memorial Fund

Weisler United Beverages Scholarship Fund

Dr. Grover W. White Scholarship Fund

2022 Field of Interest Fund List

These funds benefit specific areas of interest to the donor; such as education or the arts. They can also benefit a geographic area.

Annie's Fund For Women & Children

B.E.A.M. Fund

Dixie's Wish Fund

Ewing Family Environment Fund

Terry Albright Kenny and David J. Kenny
Charitable Fund

Roberts-Miller Children's Endowment Fund

Thomas A. and Kathy L. Stewart Fund

Barbara Yarbrough Children's Education and Arts Fund

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