

COMMUNITY

Community Foundation of Gaston County, Inc.

2010 Annual Report





“Our mission is to be the primary steward of philanthropic giving by connecting donors with community needs to enhance the lives of present and future generations.”

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The Community Foundation of Gaston County, Inc. is one of several hundred community foundations confirmed in compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. The Standards are designated to do the following:

demonstrate our financial responsibility, guide us in sound policies and accountability, distinguish community foundations from other philanthropic vehicles, build our capacity to carry out our mission, and assist us with self-regulation in a manner viewed positively by the Internal Revenue Service, which has increased its examination of charities offering donor advised funds.

We are proud to display this official National Standards Seal, which denotes our achievement in establishing legal, ethical, and effective operating practices that show our transparency and financial responsibility under increased public scrutiny of foundation practices.

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Message from the President and Executive Director

2010 was a year of positive growth for your Community Foundation. Our portfolio experienced a strong investment performance of 11.46% as well as an increase of gifts to the Foundation of over 42% as compared to 2009. Grants from the Foundation and from Donor Advised Funds increased by over 18%. Total assets of the Foundation now exceed 54 million dollars. We once again celebrate the wisdom and foresight of those founding board members who used the residual assets from the closing of the Garrison General Hospital to start this foundation for the benefit of our entire community. Since the inception of your Foundation over 64 million dollars has been granted into the non-profit arena.



The Next Generation Fund members should be congratulated on an excellent year and with over 115 active members, the fund has grown to \$160,000 and they have awarded over \$100,000 in grants since their beginning.

Your Foundation has grown this year with the establishment of eight (8) new funds, bringing our total funds to 311. We additionally have had two new members join the Legacy Society bringing that total to 56 members.

We also welcomed our new Executive Director, Ernest W. Sumner, who comes to the Foundation after a 30 year career with A. B. Carter, Inc.

Grants from the Foundation's unrestricted funds totaled \$545,863 this year. Funds were used for a wide spectrum of community resources and several major initiatives including the completion of a three year commitment to Career Climb, which is a partnership with two other area foundations to fund a program to increase workplace skills of Gaston County adult workers and provide a Readiness Certificate as evidence of their qualifications. The program is a joint effort involving Gaston College, Gaston Chamber of Commerce, Gaston County Schools and Gaston Together. Indicators from the three years of operation show strong evidence of success.

Run for the Money 8 was another major event for our community. During 2010, 123 local agencies participated and raised over \$1,231,524 including the Community Foundation match. Over the past eight years this event has raised over \$9,123,360 for Gaston County non-profits. The benefiting agencies have reported that this matching grant opportunity is crucial to their fundraising each year. Not only does it bring much needed funds, but also communicates their mission to thousands of local residents. Many supporters have mentioned that the Run for the Money event has fostered a sense of community and volunteerism that has become a trademark for Gaston County.

In September we held the 21st Annual Sims Award Dinner and recognized Mr. Ralph S. Robinson, Jr. as the 2010 recipient. His involvement with the Community Foundation spans a total of 12 years of Board service including serving as President in 1996. "Ralph certainly exemplifies the core values of the Sims Award and has served and continues to serve our community well."

We want to thank our donors and supporters for continuing to help further the cause of charitable giving and philanthropy in our community. Our Board and staff look forward to working with you in 2011.

Charles Pearson
President

Ernest Sumner
Executive Director

Funds

Donor Advised Funds - These funds are often created as an alternative to a private foundation and 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
Anonymous Charitable Fund
Carroll & May Barger Family Fund
Herbert Wesley & Margaret Jenkins Basham Fund
Thomas E. and Edith G. Baugh Fund
Beverly B. Bryant Fund
Martha and Giles Beal Fund
Dougie and George Henry 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
David Belk Cannon Fund
J. C. and Phyllis Carothers Family Fund
Carolina Brush Company Fund
Carrigan Charitable Fund
Billie May and Walter Carroll, Jr. Fund
Carstarphen Family Fund
Catherine Pharr Carstarphen Fund
J. Bynum Carter Fund
A. B. Carter, Inc. Fund
Cherryville Federal Fund
Citizens South Bank Fund
Cline Fund
Mary Jo Cloninger Family Fund
J. T. Comer, III Fund
Rick and Rhonda Craig Fund
Jean Groves Dixon Fund
Linda and Dan Duncan Fund
Esther Adams Hunnicutt & Family Fund
Efrid Family Fund
H. T. Efrid Family Fund
Gastonia East Rotary Fund
John L. and Margaret S. Fraley Fund
James Boyce Garland Memorial Fund
Gastonia High School Class of 1951
John and Pat Gibson Fund
Grandmother Mae's Charity Fund
Sarah Marley Gray Fund
Titus and Gail Greene Fund
Gastonia Sheet Metal Fund
W. Alex and Virginia M. Hall Fund
Hancock Family Fund
Robert Hargett Fund
Harry and Ruby Bryant Fund
George F. Henry III Fund
Sybil and Lin Hollowell Fund
Dick Hunnicutt Fund
Jackson Fund
Jarman Family Fund
Robert and Anne Kahn Fund
William H. Keith Family Fund
Grayson Kellar Family Fund
R. Wm. and Annabelle M. Kelly Fund
Shepard C. Kimbrell Fund
W. Duke Kimbrell Fund
Dave and Nan Kirlin Fund
Kiwanis Club of Gastonia Fund
Dan and David LaFar Fund
David R. LaFar, III Family Fund
John and Dee B. Land
William D. & Betsy S. Lawson Foundation Fund
Leone Family Fund
Lineberger Foundation Fund
J. Carl and Mary W. Loughridge Fund
John C. Loughridge Fund
Dr. Charles Emmet and Naomi Pool Lyday Fund
Margaret and Spurgeon Mackie Fund
Charles and Sue Massey Fund
Maternity Home Fund
Matthews-Belk Fund
Betty Choate & B. Frank Matthews, II Fund
Eugene R. Matthews II Fund
The Bob and Chris McCullen Fund
Kevin T. McFadden Fund
John K. McGill Family Fund
McKenney Family Dealerships Fund
McPhail Family Fund
Lindsay H. & Charles J. Meakin, III Fund
Gaston County Medical Society & Alliance Fund
Judith M. and George R. Miller Fund
Kelly Morris Family Fund
Leslie M. and Mary Alice Morris Fund
Dan Moser Family Fund
Mark Moskowitz Family Foundation Fund
Ernest & Vivian Mosley Youth Mission Fund
Kittie and Albert Myers Fund
Myers Fund
Newcombe Family Fund
Next Generation Fund
Johnnie E. Nichols Fund
Dr. Douglas Nigbor & Heather Hodde Nigbor Fund
Gastonia Optimist Youth Fund
Ron S. Ownbey Fund
Carolyn and Bill Palmer Fund
Tim & Nancy Paschall Fund
Pearson's Inc. Fund
Charles W. Pearson Sr. Handicapped Children's Fund
Joseph P. Pearson Fund
Plato and Catherine Pearson Fund
Robert S. Pearson Fund
Charles W. Pearson Sr. Fund
Larry K. Petty Fund
Planer Family Fund
Wray A. Plonk, Sr. and Alma Putnam Plonk Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Plato Pearson, Jr. Fund
Herb and Joyce Price Family Fund
PSNC Energy Fund

David R. Ratchford Family Fund
The Rauch Family Fund
Richard E. Rankin, Jr. & Sarah Park Rankin Fund
Jerry W and Lisa C. Richardson Fund
Ralph S. Robinson Family Endowment Fund
Rotary Club of Gastonia Fund
Mildred J. Sadler Fund
Katherine and Jason Sanders Fund
Scott, Ashley and Stephen Bryant Fund
The Senior Center Fund
Shovelin Family Fund
Steven Long Family Fund
Ada Ellen and David Allen Smith Family Fund
Solomon Family Fund
Bob & Janet Spencer Fund
Susan Stanley Fund
Bruce and Betsy Steketee
Stott, Hollowell, Palmer and Windham Fund
Charles T. Stowe Jr. Family Fund
Helen B. and W. Wesley Styers Fund
H. Randolph and Elizabeth N. Sumner Fund
Mary & Ernest Sumner Fund
Ron and Janet Sytz Fund
Robert and Elizabeth Sytz Jr Endowment Fund
Robert and Elizabeth Sytz Jr Fund
Benson E. L. & Lorna G. Timmons Family Fund
Natalie M. Tindol and Jonathan M. Davis Fund
Toole-Ghianni Family Fund
C.K. Torrence, Jr. Fund
Jean M. Torrence Fund
Rachel and Lonnie Waggoner Fund
Leslie & Mike Wallace Fund
Donald Walser Family Fund
Pamela K. Warlick Fund
Griffie Weber Family Foundation Fund
James and Eleanor Williams Fund
Winecoff Family Fund
Luby E. and Catherine Wood Fund
Fern G. and Lester W. zumBrunnen Memorial Fund

Field of Interest Funds - 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
Claude C. and Mabel F. Beam 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
The Phil Turner Fund

Funds

Designated Funds - These funds allow the donor to make grants to specific organizations of choice when the fund is established.

Agency Fund
Alliance for Children and Youth Endowment Fund
Alfred Stowe Memorial Fund
R. Locke and Mary Robin Bell Fund
Belmont Abbey College Endowment Fund
Clayton and Jo Ann Berryhill Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gastonia Endowment Fund
Bisanar Fund
Camp Rotary Endowment Fund
Julie Rankin Civils Service Leadership Award Fund
Gaston College Endowment Fund
Clyde Collins Mission Fund
Covenant Village Endowment Fund
Crimestoppers of Gaston County Fund
Crisis Assistance Ministry Endowment Fund
Frank W. Davis Fund
Ronnie Digh Endowment Fund
Daniel J. Stowe Benevolent Fund
Simms & Betty Doster Family Fund
Education Foundation's Highland School of Technolgy Fund
East Gaston Boys & Girls Club Endowment Fund
Erskine College Trust Fund
Mountain Island Educational State Forest Fund
Dr. James S. & Mary Francis Forrester Fund
First Presbyterian Church of Belmont Fund
Carillon Fund
Dixon Lighting Fund
Howe Memorial Fund
FPC Scholarship Fund
F. P. Hall Lecture Endowment Fund
Blair Fraley Scholarship Fund
Mary Frances and Kenneth Friday Fund
First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Missions Trust
FUMC General Endowment Fund
FUMC Scholarship Fund
Gaston Day School Endowment Fund
Gaston County Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Gaston Literacy Council, Inc. Endowment
Gaston Diabetes Center Fund
Gaston County YMCA Endowment Fund
Gaston Christian School Capital Fund
Gaston Christian School Scholarship Fund
Warlick Center Maintenance Fund
Gaston Day School Scholarship Fund
Warlick Center Fund
Alice McNeil Rankin Gordon Fund
Gaston County Parks Improvement Fund
Gaston County Public Health Fund
Gaston East Rotary Literacy Endowment Fund

Gaston Day School Endowment - Lineberger Foundation Fund
GSOA Eugenia Evans Scholarship Fund
Dede Gunter Music Fund
Habitat for Humanity Fund
Ethelda Hanna Mission Fund
Harry & Ruby Bryant Capital Fund
Heart Society of Gaston Co., Inc. Endowment Fund
Hospice Endowment Fund
H. P. Beal Scholarship Fund
Harold Rankin Fund
Junior League of Gaston County Endowment Fund
Kai's Memorial Internship Fund
Virginia Hamilton Lewis Endowed Fund
Little Red Schoolhouse Fund
Dave and Eunice Lore Mission Fund
Lutheran Chapel Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
Anne Maddox Memorial Fund
Manse Fund
Miriam S. Hall Bequest Fund
Montreat Conference and Retreat Fund
Fred T. Morrow III Scholarship Fund
Mountain Island Lake Protection Fund
Robert M. Mundy House Endowment Fund
N. F. Dixon Weekday School Scholarship Fund
William T. & Mabel H. Nolen Charitable Fund
Olney Presbyterian Church Inc. Cemetery Endowment Fund
Victor & Evelyn Osborne Fund for Crisis Assistance Fund
FUMC Trustees Parsonage Fund
Pearson Salvation Army Fund
Homer Porter Fund
George R. Poston St. Mark's Episcopal Church Fund
George R. Poston Fund
M. S. Puett Trust Fund
Dan Ragan Family Fund
Caldwell & Jocelyn Sikes Ragan Fund
Rauch Endowment for Temple Emanuel
Robert Allison Ragan Philanthropic Fund
Lila S. Rankin Fund
Ratchford Mission Fund
Rudisill Family Fund
Salvation Army Boys and Girls' Club of GC Endowment Fund
Schiele Museum Endowment Fund
Girl Scouts Pioneer Endowment Fund
Bill & Polly Spencer Fund
Charlotte Symphony Endowment Fund
J. Caswell Taylor, JR Family Fund
Charitable Trusts
United Way of Gaston County Endowment Fund
W. D. Stowe Trust Fund
Edgerton Webb Street School Fund
Dr. Kevin L. Weiss Memorial Endowment Fund for Holy Angels

With Friends, Inc. Reserve Fund
YMCA of Greater Charlotte Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds - These funds are specific in providing scholarship funding for continuing education

Alaina N. Abernathy Memorial Scholarship Fund
The George and Patricia Barnard Scholarship Fund
Beam Construction Company Fund
Alex Blackwelder Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bancroft Poston Scholarship Fund
Clyde and Dezaree Brackett Family Fund
Max J. Fowler Scholarship Fund
Paul F. Fuller Memorial Fund
Gaston Music Education Foundation Scholarship Fund
Gastonia Evening Lions Club Fund
William G. & Hazel Vuncannon Hardin Education Fund
Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship Fund
Kings Mountain Student Scholarship Fund
Helen Rhyne Marvin Scholarship Fund
Bryan Bailey Pigg Memorial Fund
Richard Alan Stout Scholarship Fund
Students Helping Students Scholarship Fund
George W. Stowe Scholarship Fund
Dr. Bernard H. Sullivan, Jr. College Scholarship Fund
Lonnie & Rachel Waggoner Nursing Education Endowment Fund
Jane Stephenson Walsh Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth Matthews Welton Scholarship Fund
Dr. Grover W. White Scholarship Fund
Robert Wilton Williams, Sr. Memorial Fund

Unrestricted Funds - These funds give the Foundation the discretion to make grants that address the most urgent needs of Gaston County.

Mary W. Adams Fund
Lucille Rankin and Margaret Rankin Beam Fund
Broadus & Macie Cox Fund
E. D. Craig Fund
William and Elizabeth Current Fund
Frank and Mattie Davis Fund
Garrison 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
Barbara S. Rhyne Fund
Ralph and Sally Robinson Fund
Allen H. and Anne R. Sims Fund
Daniel J. Stowe Charitable Fund
Norma C. Sumner Fund
Harley and Carrie Toney Fund

Grants

This year, grants from the Foundation's unrestricted funds were made to 15 agencies in or serving Gaston County during the competitive grant making cycle. These grants are listed below in alphabetical order. For more information about the competitive grant application process, please visit our website, www.cfgaston.org.

As One Ministries \$10,000

As One Ministries provides daytime shelter and other basic services to Gaston County's chronically homeless. Funds will help with expenses of expanding the shelter and purchasing needed appliances such as washers and dryers.



Belmont Community Organization \$8,000

A Charitable, volunteer ministry dedicated to providing emergency aid for needy families and individuals in the greater Belmont and New Hope areas. Grant support will provide immediate relief to those requesting food, clothing, utility assistance and other basic human needs.

Crisis Assistance Ministry \$7,000

Crisis Assistance Ministry provides direct emergency assistance through collaboration with other community resources. CAM assists those facing financial crisis or struggling with the burden of poverty. Proceeds from this grant will provide increased assistance to those in need of assistance with utilities and rent / mortgage.

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden \$20,000

The Garden's mission is to inspire all who enter to become partners with nature, through educational opportunities, and to develop an appreciation for the botanical and agricultural heritage of this region. Support from this grant will help with the meadow and woodland restoration which will double the size of the area open to the public.

Family Promise \$10,000

Family Promise provides meals, shelter, and counseling services for homeless families of Gaston County, promoting growth for a successful transition to independence. Funding will help provide shelter, meals, and other services to homeless families and those in need of transitional living in Gaston County.

Gaston Arts Council \$29,991

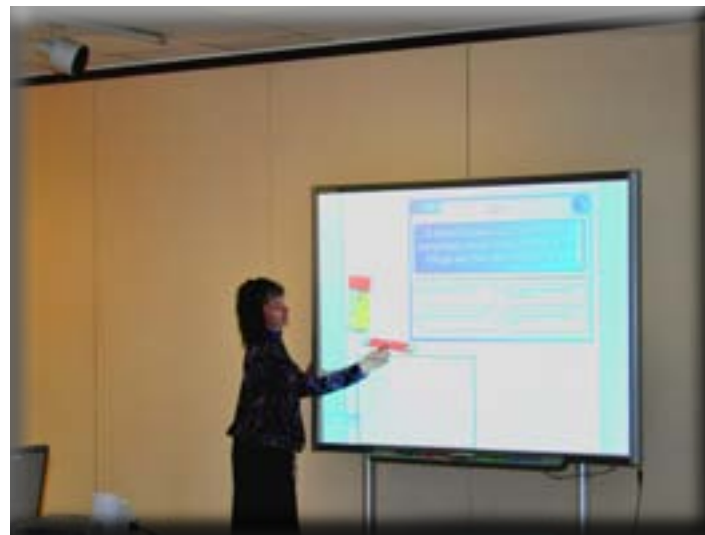
The Council's mission is to develop, enhance, advance, and sustain the cultural life of our community. Funding will eliminate the debt that was incurred during renovations.

Gaston County Family YMCA \$3,728

The YMCA's mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Proceeds from this grant will help support presenter's attendance for the North American YMCA Development Organization to present the Teens Changing Gaston County Program.

Gaston County Schools \$50,000

Gaston County Schools vision and mission include producing globally competitive students who graduate prepared for higher education and our community workforce. Grant funds will be used to help equip every classroom with SmartBoard technology.



Gaston Family Health Services \$25,000

GFHS is a complete, family-centered provider of health, education, and preventive services to our community. Grant Support will help update the medical equipment at the Eye Center.



Gaston Literacy Council \$3,442

The Council's mission is to help people become functionally literate through advocacy initiatives and instructional services. This grant will help upgrade the current network server.

Gastonia Potter's House \$10,000

A faith-based home for women who struggle with substance abuse, to provide counseling, intervention, support, and referral services. Proceeds from the grant will sustain and enhance services to women and their children who are recovering from addictions and other life-controlling issues.

Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County \$30,000

Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses so they can live and grow into all that God intended. Grant funds will be used to mark the organization's 20th Anniversary with the building and renovating homes.



Highland Family Resource Center \$20,000

HFRC's mission is to support and strengthen families and their children by collaborating with agencies to provide education, employment, health, social services, housing, and skills training. Grant funding will provide staff support and educational materials for afterschool programming.

Mt. Holly Community Relief Organization \$10,000

The CRO advances health, general welfare, and prosperity of the Mount Holly area. Funds will be used to provide assistance to those who need food, clothing, medication, and other basic human needs.

The Schiele Museum \$16,700

The museum's mission is to inspire wonder and appreciation for science and the natural world through programs, exhibits, and research. Grant proceeds will be used to help construct a 7,700 sq. ft. Environmental Studies Center.

For more information about the Community Foundation of Gaston County's grant cycle, please visit our website; www.cfgaston.org.

Run for the Money 8

Run for the Money is a matching grant opportunity for Gaston County non-profits. Sponsored by the Community Foundation, Run for the Money 8 raised a total of \$1,231,524 for 123 participating non-profits. The Foundation's Board of Directors designated \$161,500 of its unrestricted funds to build the matching funds. In addition the Foundation raised extra matching funds from individuals, businesses and organizations in the community. As a result of the community's generosity the Foundation was able to match 35% of eligible dollars raised by each of the non-profits.

On the day of the event, in addition to the 5K competitive run and 2K fun walk, organizations celebrated philanthropy in our community through informational booths centered around the difference they make in Gaston County. Twenty organizations competed in the karaoke competition highlighting the mission of their group. Winners of the 5K race designated their prize winnings to the participating non-profit of their choice. Additionally, other prize money for best booth and karaoke act went back to the winning organization.

Since its inception in 2003, Run for the Money has raised over **\$9.1 million dollars** for local Gaston County non-profits. This event has brought the public together by matching donors and recipients for the good of the community.

RUN FOR THE MONEY 8 PARTICIPATING NON-PROFITS

Aids Council of Gaston County
Alliance for Children & Youth
American Legion Post 23
American Red Cross - Gaston County Chapter
Animal League of Gaston County
The Arc of Gaston County
As One Ministries, Inc.
Ashbrook High School Booster Club
B.R.E.A.D., Inc.
Belmont Abbey College
Belmont Community Organization (BCO)
Belmont Historical Society
Belmont Parish Nurse Ministry
Bessemer City Crisis Center
Bit of Hope Ranch
Boy Scouts of America, Piedmont Council
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston
The Thomas & Nancy Brice Foundation
Camp Summer Breeze
Camp Sunshine
Cancer Services of Gaston County, Inc.
Career Management Group
Caroline Calouche & Co.
Catawba Lands Conservancy
Catherine's House

Cherryville Area Ministries
Christian Women's Job Corp of Gaston County
Connect Gaston, Inc.
Cramerton Middle School PTO
Crime Stoppers of Gaston County
Crisis Assistance Ministry
Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc.
Dallas Christian Ministry
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden
Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network
Family Service, Inc.
Field of Dreams Foundation
First Things First of Gaston County
First Wesleyan Church
Flynn Fellowship Home of Gastonia
Forestview High School
Friends of the Gaston County Public Library
Gaston Arts Council
Gaston Boy's & Girl's Club
Gaston Christian School
Gaston College Foundation
Gaston Concert Association
Gaston County Art Guild
Gaston County Education Foundation
Gaston County Family YMCA

Gaston County Fellowship of
Christian Athletes
Gaston County Medical Society
Alliance
Gaston County Museum of Art &
History
Gaston County Park Partners
Gaston Dance
Gaston Day School
Gaston Diabetes Center/Gaston
Family Health
Gaston Gators
Gaston Hospice
Gaston Humane Society, Inc.
Gaston Literacy Council
Gaston Music Education
Foundation (GMEF)
Gaston School of the Arts
Gaston Skills, Inc.
Gaston Symphonic Band
Gaston Together
Gaston United Soccer Club
Gastonia Cornerstone Christian
Center
Gastonia Downtown Development
Corporation
Gastonia Eagles Track
& Field Team
Gastonia Noon Optimists Club
Gastonia Parish Nurse Ministry
Gastonia Potter's House, Inc.
Gastonia Sister Cities, Inc.
Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to
Piedmont
Girls on the Run of Gaston County
Greater Gaston Baptist Association,
Inc.
Grier Middle School
Habitat for Humanity of Gaston
County
Hawks Nest Intermediate School
PTO
Healthnet Gaston
Heart Society of Gaston County, Inc.
Highland Family Resource Center,
Inc.
Highland School of Technology
PTSO
Holy Angels

Interagency Child Abuse Prevention
Council of Gaston County
Jack & Jill of America, Gastonia
Piedmont
Junior Achievement Serving Gaston
County
Junior League of Gaston County
Keep Belmont Beautiful
Keep Gastonia Beautiful
Little Theater of Gastonia
Loray Girls' Home, Inc.
Lowell Elementary PTO
Lowell Women's Club
Mayor's Youth Leadership Council
Mt. Holly CRO
Mt. Holly Community Development
Foundation
NCCATT Foundation
Next Generation Fund
NICU Family Advisory Board
Off the Streets, Inc.
Partnership of Lincoln & Gaston
County
Piedmont Community Charter
School, A Challenge Foundation
Academy
Piedmont Pioneer House, Inc.
Presbyterian Weekday School
Gastonia
Public Health Fund
Robinson Elementary PTO
The Shelter of Gaston County
S.O.C.K.S.
Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of
Gaston County
The Schiele Museum of Natural
History
Shining Hope Farm
Special Kare Ministries
Special Olympics Gaston County
St. Michael's School
Tri-County Animal Rescue
United Way of Gaston County
Unity Place
Voices for Kids, Inc.
WA Bess Elementary
Webb Street School
With Friends, Inc.

The Next Generation Fund

Established in 2000, the Next Generation Fund is a charitable fund that promotes long-term philanthropy by involving a group of twenty-something to forty-something community leaders interested in improving the quality of life for citizens of Gaston County. Donors make an annual commitment to the fund and have the opportunity to be involved in making community grants on behalf of the fund. Members are also eligible for seminars, workshops and social events associated with the Next Generation Fund.

Fund members and guests enjoyed the 4th Annual Ugly Sweater Party at the home of Christa and Charles Heilig. Members made donations towards the furnishings for a child's bed and bathroom at the 20th Anniversary Habitat for Humanity Home built in honor of Johan Newcombe. The Next Generation Fund members manned the People's Choice Booth at Run for the Money 8 in April. In the fall, the fund members and guests gathered at the home of Caroline and Lewis Efirid for a tailgate themed party to kick off a new season of philanthropy. Members donated school supplies for Classroom Central, a non-profit serving the neediest schools in Gaston County.

At the end of 2010, the Next Generation Fund awarded Voices for Kids a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to support and expand services provided for children in DSS custody and \$1,500 to Jr. Achievement Serving Gaston County to deliver educational programs focusing on financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workplace readiness. In 10 years, the Next Generation Fund has made grants totaling over \$100,000 to Gaston non-profits making a difference in the lives of children and their families.



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.

Mrs. Mary W. Adams
 Ms. Susanne Albright Whitesides
 Anonymous (3 Members)
 Mrs. Martha Beal
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Locke Bell
 Mr. Clayton Berryhill, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Bohanan
 Mrs. Beverly B. Bryant
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Bryant, Sr.
 Mr. Dan Carrigan
 Mrs. Walter C. Carroll
 Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carstarphen, III
 Mr. James T. Comer, III
 Ms. Merle G. Costner
 Dr. and Mrs. William A. Current, Sr.
 Mr. and Mrs. John L. Fraley, Jr.
 Mr. Titus W. Greene
 Ms. Joyce M. Holfeld
 Ms. Esther Adams Hunnicutt

Mr. W. Eugene Hunter
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Jackson
 Mr. and Mrs. William H. Keith
 Mr. and Mrs. David Kenny
 Mr. W. Duke Kimbrell
 Dr. and Dr. Philip and Cheryl Leone
 Mr. and Mrs. John K. Long
 Mr. John C. Loughridge
 Mr. H. Spurgeon Mackie, Jr.
 Mr. John K. McGill
 Mrs. Eleanor K. Martin
 Helen P. Massey Charitable Trusts
 Mr. Albert Richard Rankin Morris
 Mrs. William T. Nolen
 Mr. Ron S. Ownbey
 Mr. Plato Pearson, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. David E. Poston
 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Price
 Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Ragan

Mr. Robert A. Ragan
 Mr. Harold Rankin
 Mr. Ralph S. Robinson, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Rudisill
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne F. Shovelin
 Mrs. Linda W. Slade
 Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stanley
 Mr. and Mrs. F. Bruce Steketee
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Sumner
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Randolph Sumner
 Mrs. Natalie M. Tindol
 Mrs. Harley H. Toney
 Mr. William P. Turner
 Ms. Pamela Kimbrell Warlick
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Warren
 Mr. George C. Winecoff, III
 Mr. and Mrs. Luby E. Wood

The Harold T. Sumner Professional Education Grants

In 2010 \$3,000 in staff training grants were awarded to three Gaston County non-profits for the Harold T. Sumner Professional Education Grant. This grant was established in memory of the late Harold T. Sumner, a successful business executive and civic volunteer who was a co-founder of the Community Foundation. He strongly believed that citizens working together through independent charitable organizations are critical to improving quality of life in Gaston County. The Foundation strives to honor his memory by helping local non-profits enhance the leadership skills of a dedicated staff member.

The Gaston County non-profit organizations awarded the eighth annual Harold T. Sumner Professional Education Grants are:

- **Holy Angels, Inc. - - \$1,510- For the Executive Director to participate in the American Leadership Forum.**
- **Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America -- \$1,000 – For two staff members to become certified as Camp and Assistant Camp Directors.**
- **Mount Holly Community Development Foundation - - \$490 – For the Executive Director to attend the NC Center for Nonprofits' annual conference.**

Each of these three groups will receive part of over \$3,000 for special training opportunities to be completed during 2010. The grant selection committee believes the extra training received by each nominated staff person will not only assist their own organization but will also benefit the larger Gaston County community.

2010 Allen H. Sims Award



The Community Foundation of Gaston County, Inc. hosted the twenty-first annual Allen H. Sims Dinner at the Gaston County Club. Highlighting philanthropy and celebrating people that give back to the community is the central theme of the evening. The dinner is named for Allen H. Sims and the award by the same name is given to someone who exemplifies the selfless act of seeing a need and finding a solution, of caring for a community and making a difference. Allen Sims himself was a philanthropist. He and his wife, Anne, are credited with leaving the largest unrestricted gift managed by the Community Foundation.

Honored with the Sims Award this year was Ralph S. Robinson, Jr. A native of Gastonia, Ralph Robinson, Jr. is the son of Charlotte and Ralph Robinson, Sr. He is married to the former Sally McConnell of Gastonia and they are blessed with three children, Russell, Leigh, and Greg and six grandchildren. After attending local schools he attended Woodberry Forest School and upon graduation went to Davidson College for one year and then transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1957 he joined the family textile cotton mill operations where he had worked since he was 16 years old. In the mid 70's the cotton mill was sold to J.P. Stevens and Company. The corporation itself, Robinson Mills, became a personal holding company and operates today with diversified stock and real estate holdings.

Being active in First Presbyterian Church has been a constant for Ralph. He has served as a deacon and elder. Many committees and special projects have benefited from his involvement. He especially loves music and has focused on supporting the music program of the church.

Ralph has devoted many years actively serving the

community in Gaston County. He has provided leadership for many organizations. Ralph is the Past President of Gaston Community Concert Association, Gaston Chamber of Commerce, Gaston County YMCA, Gastonia Rotary Club, and Gastonia City Club. He was a past Director on the Board of First Union National Bank in Gastonia. He also served as Campaign Chairman and Past President of Gaston County United Way. Ralph is the Founding Co-Chairman of Family Counseling Service. He has served as past Trustee to St. Andrews Presbyterian College and Past Trustee to Gaston County Museum of Art & History. His involvement with the Community Foundation spans a total of 12 years of Board service including serving as President in 1996. Ralph is also a member of the Legacy Society.

Following in the footsteps of his parents, he and Sally have explored the world. Ralph's wanderlust led them on many exciting adventures. To capture these experiences he has developed a love of photography and can delight visitors with wonderful photos in his home or office. Some of his highlights include scuba diving with his son, underwater photography, swimming with sharks and a trip to Tibet. Ralph once commented to a family member about the ideal conditions of the day describing it as a "blue bird day". This expression is now commonly used in and around the household and sheds a positive light on the man that coined the phrase.

As a young man, Ralph achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America organization. It is easy to see that his service did not stop there and became a way of life. Currently, Ralph is the Managing Trustee of The Ralph S. Robinson Family Foundation, Chairman of the Board of Governors for The Anderson Foundation and Chairman of the Gaston

County Library Board. He was honored in 1995 as the NC Trustee of the Year.

Tom Efir, Community Foundation Board member and long time friend of Ralph Robinson's presented the award. Tom Efir recounted the many contributions Ralph and his wife Sally Robinson have made to the community along with comments on Mr. Robinson's readiness and preparation for any situation. Plato "Tete" Pearson, Community Foundation Board member, introduced the guest speaker for the evening. Capt. Erwin (Earl) Morse, Ret.

USAF was the guest speaker and is most widely known for his role in establishing the Honor Flight Network, an organization with the mission of taking WWII veterans to visit their national memorial in Washington, DC. Capt. Morse conceived the idea for Honor Flight and became the co-founder of the organization. The Board felt that hearing his inspiring story would be the perfect fit to our celebration of philanthropy. He is a fine example of how a person can start something big by having the heart and desire to do for others.



Unrestricted Giving

Donations made to the Garrison Fund are used to make unrestricted gifts to Gaston County non-profit organizations. Donors to this fund are members of the Benefactors Memorial Program, which enables them to request memorials be sent in remembrance of friends and family throughout the year. Names of the departed and the donors are entered into the Book of Memory in this report and on our website.

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2010 Book of Memory

The Book of Memory was established as a way to preserve the names of loved ones in whose memory gifts are made. All memorial gifts become part of the Garrison Fund, the cornerstone unrestricted fund of the Foundation. The income from this fund is used to make grants to local agencies through a competitive grant application process. Our website, www.cfgaston.org, maintains a current list of these memorials and the donors.

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The Nigbor Family

Our Featured Donor

When a person talks about something they care about, you can see it on their face and in their eyes. It is a look of happiness and possibilities. Some might call it a “twinkle” in the eye. That is the look you see in the eyes of Heather and Doug Nigbor when they talk about their giving. The joy of giving is a part of their lives and a value they have chosen to live.

The Nigbors became acquainted with the Community Foundation through involvement with Run for the Money. Katherine Sanders first recruited Heather as a volunteer then Will and Suzanne Current invited them to participate in the Next Generation Fund. Working with the Community Foundation was a perfect fit for both Heather and Doug. As many donors of their generation, they want their gifts to be community based and add the greatest impact. In 2007, the Nigbors established their own Fund at the Foundation to use as a vehicle for giving.

Living and working in her home town of Nashville, Heather and Doug, a fellow at Vanderbilt, met at a chance meeting in a local eatery. Their story reads like a screen play and should be sold to make the next romantic comedy. They exchange glances, talk about sports but do not exchange phone numbers. Only two days later, Heather turns around to the pew behind her in church to meet Doug again and share the passing of the peace. Let’s suffice to say they have been passing the peace ever since.

Doug is a practicing Nephrologist in Gastonia. When asked how they arrived in Gastonia, the answer is none other than a native, Max Fisher. Max and Doug were co-fellows at Vanderbilt and Max told Doug about his hometown. Since Doug was from a very rural part of Indiana and needed some space and Heather had always enjoyed the benefits of city life in Nashville, Gastonia offered the perfect blend.

Now settled and going about the business of family



and career, Doug explains how the benefits of having a fund at the Foundation make his giving so much easier. Having online updates and tracking of annual giving, simplifies the process of the family’s personal accounting. Heather and Doug each have individual charitable causes. The Nigbors can individually recommend grants and be able to track each other’s grants. The flexibility of a fund also allows them to give to the fund during more profitable years and draw from the fund in more lean years, thus keeping a steady flow of gifting as they see fit.

The joy of giving, not out of obligation or for gratitude, is a basic philosophy for the Nigbors. A strong faith is at the heart of their giving. In 2010, they directed gifts toward basic needs due to the state of the economy. Using the Foundation as a source to vet organizations, one such agency selected by the Nigbors was Crisis Assistance Ministry. Working through the Medical Alliance, Heather was acquainted with CAM and was impressed with the care and attention

paid to clients of CAM. A CAM volunteer, Margaret McCarver has been a wonderful inspiration for the Nigbors. Crisis Assistance Ministry is a Christian charity, which very much appealed to the Nigbors. The Community Foundation manages an endowment for CAM. It is important to mention that planned gifts can be directed to this endowment for the perpetuation of the services CAM provides our community.

Intentional or not, the Nigbors are also teaching their three children about giving by example. Ben, age 5 and twins, Darby Shaw and Kirk, age 3 are welcome visitors at the Community Foundation. An active bunch, the family of Nigbors has greatly enriched Gaston County with their time, treasure and talents. We are fortunate to have them in our family of donors at the Community Foundation.

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Summarized Financial Data

For Years Ended December 31

Statement of Financial Condition

Assets

	2010	2009
Cash	\$1,634,097	\$775,973
Unconditional promises to give	\$161,500	\$131,000
Investments	\$51,537,950	\$47,878,396
Other Assets	\$820,646	\$785,010
Total Assets	\$54,154,193	\$49,570,379

Liabilities

Grants Payable	\$506,447	\$212,570
Accrued Expenses	\$6,771	\$6,862
Funds held for the benefit of others	\$11,637,266	\$10,286,002
Annuities payable	\$2,644,607	\$2,656,571
Annuity remainder payable	\$102,436	\$95,588
Total Liabilities	\$14,897,527	\$13,257,593

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$12,458,852	\$11,785,432
Temporarily restricted	\$16,538,237	\$16,073,113
Permanently restricted	\$10,259,577	\$8,454,241
Total Net Assets	\$39,256,666	\$36,312,786
Total Liabilities and Assets	\$54,154,193	\$49,570,379

Statement of Revenues, Grants and Expenses

Revenues and other support

Contributions	\$2,824,773	\$1,985,462
Administration fee income	\$65,050	\$74,599
Interest and dividends	\$981,507	\$880,107
Rental Income, net of distributions	\$12,376	\$12,000
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	\$2,731,498	\$4,439,932
Increase (decrease) in cash		
Increase in value of charitable remainder trusts	\$99,613	\$167,456
Loss on disposition of property and equipment	-	-
Total Revenues and other support	\$6,714,817	\$7,559,556

Expenses

Grants	\$3,262,220	\$2,747,990
Management Fees	\$30,827	\$29,632
Administrative	\$477,890	\$492,876
Total expenses	\$3,770,937	\$3,270,498

Change in net assets

Net assets at the beginning of year	\$36,312,786	\$32,450,120
Net assets at the end of year	\$39,256,666	\$36,739,178

Historic Financials

Total Contributions since inception	\$94,123,461	\$91,298,688
Total Grants since inception	\$63,633,909	\$60,371,689

Administrative Expenses for year as a percent of assets

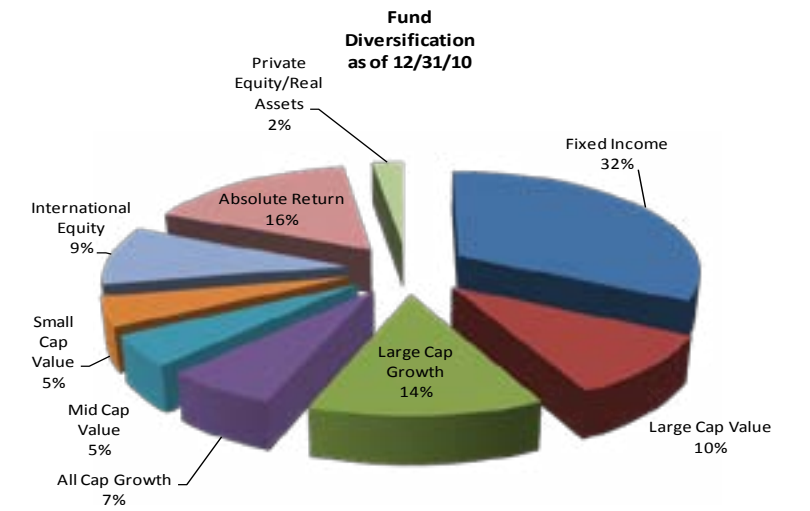
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Investment MILESTONES

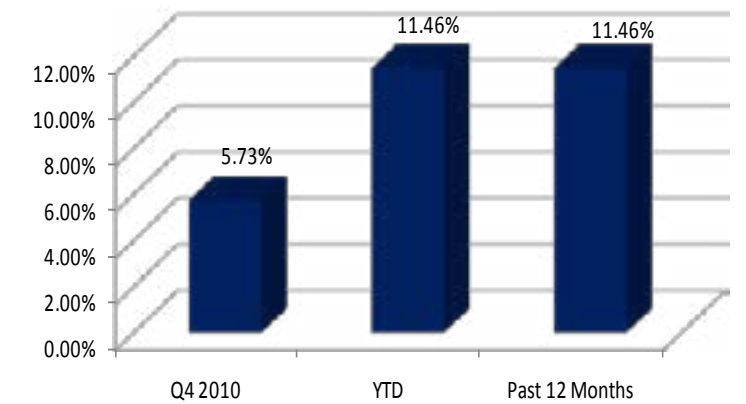
The year 2010 proved to be a year of solid performance in both the equity and fixed income markets. Our investment managers returned 11.46% in 2010. This return compares very favorably with asset allocation benchmarks.

Our Investment Committee continues to monitor both manager performance and asset allocation to achieve our return objectives with the lowest risk possible. Through the Community Foundation, donors are able to obtain the highest quality money managers for less than 0.70% in manager expenses.

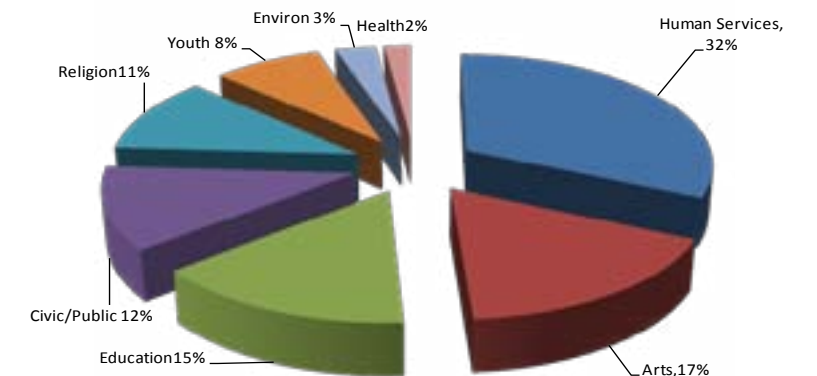
Our Board is committed to a sound investment policy through oversight of manager performance and expense efficiency as we fulfill our responsibility as stewards of our community's philanthropic resources.



Investment Performance Summary as of 12/31/2010



Total Grant Distribution by Category 2010



Total grants include Unrestricted, Donor Advised, Designated, Field of Interest, Inter-Fund and Scholarship categories.

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