



2005  
ANNUAL REPORT



# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GASTON COUNTY, INC.

*...Building a Solid Foundation for Gaston County*



## About the Cover:

# THE LINEBERGER PARK TRAIN HISTORY...

The Lineberger Park Train dates back to the late 1950's, The train ran for parts of four decades before closing in 1980. The cars from the train remained on the park grounds through the mid 80's as stationary playground equipment until weather and vandalism deteriorated them.

A group of private citizens led by George Henry III and Richard Rankin met in 2003 with the idea of raising the necessary funds to "Bring Back The Lineberger Park Train." Through donations from private citizens and foundations over \$150,000 was raised to purchase the train, lay the track, build a storage shed to house the train, and erect a loading station.

The "Ribbon Cutting" ceremonies were held on April 1, 2006 with the keys and operation of the

train officially turned over to the City of Gastonia's Parks and Recreation Department. The train has been a huge success with the general public. Over 5,000 riders have taken their turn on the train in the first two months of operation!

*"The community involvement and its support in bringing back the Lineberger Park Train played a major role and aided the City and the Recreation Department in securing a \$500,000 matching grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. The gift of the train is a giant first step in bringing Lineberger Park back to the status it once carried as Gastonia's "Central Park."*

*– Chuck Dellinger, Director, City of Gastonia  
Parks & Recreation Department*



## *"BRING BACK THE LINEBERGER PARK TRAIN..."*

The Next Generation Fund is a charitable fund to promote 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 a three-year financial commitment to the fund and have the opportunity to be involved in making community grants on behalf of the fund. Over the past five years, Next Generation donors have made \$80,000 in grants to support youth initiatives in Gaston County. In 2005, the fund supported the effort to "bring back the Lineberger Park train" with a \$10,000 gift to help purchase the train.

*The Next Generation—making a difference for tomorrow...right now.*

## 2005 NEXT GENERATION DONORS

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Armstrong  
Dr. and Mrs. William A. Current Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Efird  
Mr. James P. Falls Jr.  
Ms. Ruth E. Kinzey and Mr. Joseph E. Gettys  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Russell Harris  
Mr. Richard R. Jarman Jr.  
Mr. Darryl E. Kellough  
Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Long

Dr. and Mrs. Keith W. Lowry  
Dr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Nigbor  
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy F. Roberts  
Mr. and Mrs. Jason R. Sanders  
Dr. and Mrs. Gary S. Schenk Sr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley N. Styers  
Mr. Jonathan L. Taylor  
Dr. and Mrs. H. Clayton Thomason III  
Ms. Natalie M. Tindol and Mr. John Davis

## *A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...*

Two thousand five was a busy year for the Foundation as we increased our total assets by more than \$5 Million, with \$6.2 Million in gifts from Donors, including a total of just over \$1 Million in first-year gifts to 18 new funds. We had a record year of grant-making of more than \$7 Million, but investment gains obviously allowed us to show net growth.

Operationally, the Foundation's move to new office facilities stands out as an important highlight of 2005. That's because relocation to a larger and more convenient facility serves as a vivid reminder of how far the organization has come over 27 years in service to our county and one step toward preparing to build resources for that service in the future. If you haven't visited our new office at 1201 East Garrison Boulevard, we invite you to stop in at your convenience.

While we have grown from \$726,000 in seed money to over \$89 Million in assets under our stewardship, from volunteer management to a paid staff of four, and from two tiny offices to some 3,000 sq. ft. in office space, our Board's commitment is to assure that we can offer a wider range of services to Donors and the community to meet increasing community needs.

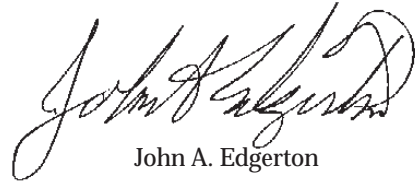
As we move into 2006, our Board's agenda includes several areas of emphasis:

- *Strategic Planning to focus our overall direction for the next decade as a catalyst for promoting community philanthropy through donor involvement and an effective grant-making program*
- *High priority for pro-active management of our core investment portfolio which is approaching \$50 Million*
- *More extensive utilization of information technology to eventually include on-line gift acceptance and grant-making activities*
- *Expanding our ability to help local citizens who want to make charitable giving goals a part of their comprehensive financial planning*

We invite you to contact us in 2006 about ways we might be of assistance to you in getting maximum benefits for your financial planning and the community from your own charitable goals.



William A. Current, DDS  
*President*



John A. Edgerton  
*Executive Director*



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# SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA for Years Ended December 31

This report is a consolidated summary of Foundation Finances including the David Belk Cannon Foundation, chartered and approved under state and federal regulation as a Supporting Organization of the Community Foundation.

Listed assets include charitable trusts and gift annuities under Foundation Stewardship. Actuarial estimates of deferred payables from those entities are listed as liabilities. No other deferred asset interests are included except for cash values of life insurance where the Foundation is beneficiary.

Under requirements of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, some Funds held for future benefit of other specific charitable agencies are listed as assets, but also are listed as liabilities, "Funds Held For Others."

Audited financial statements as reported by McCannon Rogers Driscoll & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, are available at the Foundation Office (1201 E. Garrison Blvd.), during normal business hours.

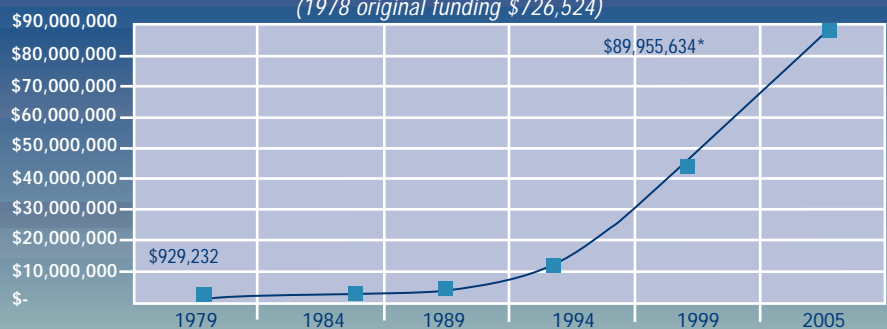
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	400,604	254,678
Investments	87,653,337	83,131,670
Other	1,901,692	1,779,578
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 89,955,633</b>	<b>85,165,926</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Grants Payable	1,613,811	1,656,500
Trusts & Annuities payable	3,814,198	3,756,794
Funds Held for Others	10,329,722	9,343,529
Other Liabilities	964	915
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 15,758,695</b>	<b>14,757,738</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	14,731,273	14,529,186
Temporarily Restricted	51,432,134	48,286,126
Permanently Restricted	8,033,531	7,592,876
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>74,196,938</b>	<b>70,408,188</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 89,995,633</b>	<b>85,165,926</b>

## Statement of Revenues, Grants and Expenses

<b>Revenues</b>		
Contributions	5,704,046	6,249,079
Interest and dividends	1,760,871	1,969,254
Net investment gains	4,169,416	12,063,098
Present Value Adjustment To charitable Trusts	205,937	60,026
Other	222,549	95,765
<b>Total revenues and gains</b>	<b>\$ 12,062,819</b>	<b>20,437,222</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grants	7,440,104	6,349,836
Expenses	833,965	487,430
<b>Total grants, expenses, and adjustments</b>	<b>8,274,069</b>	<b>6,837,266</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,788,750</b>	<b>13,599,956</b>

HISTORIC FINANCIALS (Excludes Supporting Organization)	Through 2005	Through 2004
Total contributions since organization	\$76,382,498	\$70,678,452
Total grants distributed since organization	\$44,798,000	\$37,730,579
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Administrative Expense for Year as percent of assets	.71%	.72%

## HISTORY OF ASSET GROWTH (1978 original funding \$726,524)



\*Includes addition of supporting organization, David Belk Cannon Foundation



## EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT...

### *An Expanding Challenge...*

The volatile investment environment of the 21st century is demanding increased vigilance and responsiveness from investors and charitable resources, and our Foundation has had to meet that challenge head-on as our Main Investment Pool approaches \$50 Million.

Over the last 15 years, we have moved from two investment managers to 13, and we have added an independent consultant to help us pick specialists in each field of investment diversification. After adding our first allocation to so-called "alternative investments" in 2003-4, our investment Committee moved aggressively in 2005 to look for top managers in each specialty and to add our first international equity allocation by choosing two managers for that one category alone.

Our Board has adopted a strong policy to assure performance and account effectiveness from its managers because we are in turn fully accountable to our Donors and the community for this important part of our philanthropic leadership.



## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

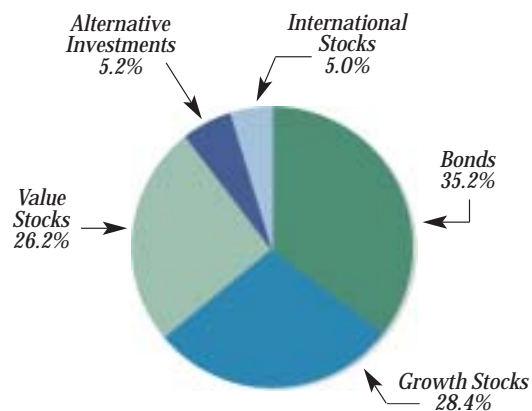
Lucille Rankin and  
Margaret Rankin Beam Fund  
Broadus and Macie Cox Fund  
E. D. Craig Fund  
William and Elizabeth Current Fund  
Frank and Mattie Davis Fund  
Garrison Fund  
Wayne and Ann McCorkle Howe Fund  
Jenkins-Rankin-Morris Fund  
John K. and Rebecca M. Long Fund  
Eleanor K. and  
James 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

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Annie's Fund for Women and Children  
Claude C. and Mabel F. Beam Fund  
Sims & Shannon Doster Family Fund  
Ewing Family Environment Fund  
Roberts-Miller Children's  
Endowment Fund  
\*Thomas A. & Kathy L. Stewart Fund  
  
\*New Fund created by a gift in 2005

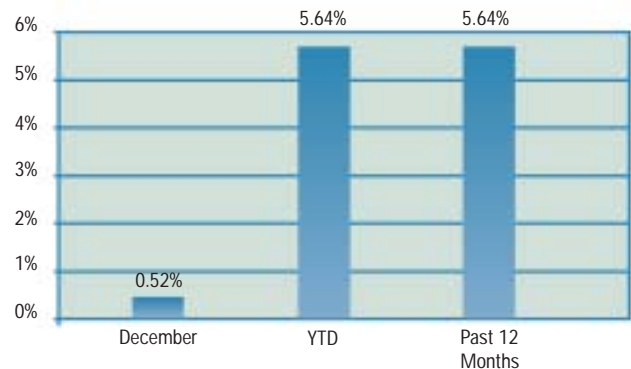
## NET INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

### DIVERSIFICATION as of December 31, 2005



\*Information about managers, costs, and Foundation oversight of our investments is available upon request to the Executive Director.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY CF MAIN POOL as of December 31, 2005



## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Bob and Tuga Adams Fund  
Alala Family Fund  
Dr. B. P. Albright, Jr. Family Fund  
Andrews Family Fund  
Carroll and May Barger Family Fund  
Thomas E. and Edith G. Baugh Fund  
Beverly B. Bryant Fund  
Martha and Giles Beal Fund  
Benevolence Number One Fund  
John Biggers Commemorative Mural Fund  
James E. and Margaret Jenkins Black Fund  
Alex Blackwelder Memorial Scholarship 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  
Cline Fund  
Mary Jo Cloninger Family Fund  
J. T. Comer, III Fund  
\*Rick and Rhonda Craig Fund  
A. Bennie Cunningham Fund  
DivorceCares Program Fund  
Jean Groves Dixon Fund  
Esther Adams Hunnicutt and Family Fund  
Efird Family Fund  
H. T. Efird Family Fund  
Gastonia East Rotary Fund  
John L. and Margaret S. Fraley Fund  
Paul F. Fuller Memorial Fund  
James Boyce Garland Memorial Fund  
Citizens South Bank Fund  
Gastonia High School Class of 1951  
John and Pat Gibson Fund  
Grandmother Mae's Charity Fund  
Titus and Gail Greene Fund  
W. Alex and Virginia M. Hall Fund  
Hancock Family Fund  
William G. and Hazel Vuncannon  
Hardin Education Fund  
Harry and Ruby Bryant Fund  
George F. Henry III Fund  
J. Mack Holland, Jr. Fund  
\*Sybil and Lin Hollowell Fund  
Dick Hunnicutt Fund  
Jackson Fund  
Jarman Family 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 Fund  
William D. and Betsy S. Lawson  
Foundation Fund  
Leone Family Fund  
Lineberger Foundation Fund  
Gastonia Evening Lions Club Fund  
J. Carl and Mary W. Loughridge Fund  
John C. Loughridge Fund  
Dr. Charles Emmet and  
Naomi Pool Lyday Fund  
Helen Rhyne Marvin Scholarship Fund  
Charles and Sue Massey Fund  
Matthews-Belk Fund  
Betty Choate and B. Frank Matthews, II Fund  
Eugene R. Matthews II Fund  
John K. and Elizabeth B. McGill Fund  
McKenney Family Dealerships Fund  
McPhail Family Fund  
Lindsay H. and 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  
Gaston Music Education Foundation Fund  
Kittie and Albert Myers Fund  
Myers Fund  
Newbridge Partners Charitable Fund  
Newcombe Family Fund  
Next Generation Fund  
Johnnie E. Nichols Fund  
Gastonia Optimist Youth Fund  
Ron S. Ownbey Fund  
Pearson's Inc. Fund  
Charles W. Pearson Sr.  
Handicapped Children's Fund  
Joseph P. Pearson Fund  
Plato and Catherine Pearson Fund  
Charles W. Pearson Sr. Fund  
Plato Pearson, Jr. Fund  
Petty Family Fund  
Bryan Bailey Pigg Memorial Fund  
Planer Family Fund  
Wray A. Plonk, Sr. and  
Alma Putnam Plonk Fund  
Herb and Joyce Price Family Fund



*"I have always believed in being active in the community, and through the Next Generation Fund, this gives me an opportunity to have a hand in making Gaston County a better place to live and to raise a family".*

*—Chris Pridnia  
Next Generation Donor*

PSNC Energy Fund  
Caldwell and Jocelyn Sikes Ragan Fund  
Robert A. Ragan Philanthropic Fund  
Rauch Family Fund  
\*Jerry and Lisa Richardson Fund  
Ralph S. Robinson Family Endowment Fund  
Rotary Club of Gastonia Fund  
Mildred J. Sadler Fund  
Scott, Ashley and Stephen Bryant Fund  
Shovelin Family Fund  
Ada Ellen and David Allen Smith Family Fund  
Solomon Family Fund  
Susan Stanley Fund  
Stott, Hollowell, Palmer and  
Windham LLC Fund  
Charles T. Stowe Jr. Family Fund  
George W. Stowe, Jr. Fund  
George W. Stowe Scholarship Fund  
Daniel Jonathan Stowe Fund  
H. Randolph and Elizabeth N. Sumner Fund  
Ron and Janet Sytz Fund  
Rauch Endowment for Temple Emanuel Fund  
\*Benson E. L. and Lorna G. Timmons  
Family Fund  
Toole-Ghianni Family Fund  
C.K. Torrence, Jr. Fund  
Jean M. Torrence Fund  
Rachel and Lonnie Waggoner Fund  
Donald Walser Family Fund  
Pamela K. Warlick Fund  
Griffie Weber Family Foundation Fund  
Elizabeth Matthews Welton Scholarship Fund  
Elizabeth Matthews Welton Fund  
Dr. Grover W. White Scholarship Fund  
James and Eleanor Williams Fund  
Winecoff Family Fund  
Luby E. and Catherine Wood Fund  
Fern G. and Lester W. zumBrunnen  
Memorial Fund

*\*New Funds created by gifts in 2005*

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

Alaina N. Abernathy Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Agency Fund  
 Alliance for Children and Youth Endowment Fund  
 Gaston County Education Foundation's Barnard Fund  
 Beam Construction Company Fund  
 \*R. Locke and Mary Robin Bell Fund  
 Clayton and Jo Ann Berryhill Fund  
 Bisanar Fund  
 Clyde and Dezaree Brackett Family Fund  
 Camp Rotary Endowment Fund  
 \*Gaston College Endowment Fund  
 \*Charlotte Symphony 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  
 Education Foundation's Highland School of Technology Fund  
 East Gaston Boys & Girls Club Endowment Fund  
 Erskine College Trust Fund  
 \*Mountain Island Educational State Forest Fund  
 Max J. Fowler Scholarship Fund  
 Blair Fraley Scholarship Fund  
 Mary Frances and Kenneth Friday Fund  
 First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Mission Trust Fund

FUMC General Endowment Fund  
 \*FUMC Scholarship Fund  
 Gaston Day School Endowment Fund  
 Gaston County Education Foundation Endowment Fund  
 Gaston Literacy Council, Inc. Endowment Fund  
 Gaston Diabetes Center Fund  
 Gaston County YMCA Endowment Fund  
 Gaston Christian School Capital Fund  
 Gaston Christian School Scholarship Fund  
 Gaston Day School Scholarship Fund  
 Gaston Day School Warlick Center Fund  
 Alice McNeil Rankin Gordon Fund  
 Gaston County Parks Improvement Fund  
 Gaston East Rotary Literacy Endowment Fund  
 Gaston Day School Endowment – Lineberger Foundation Fund  
 Dede Gunter Music Fund  
 Habitat for Humanity Fund  
 Ethelda Hanna Mission Fund  
 Heart Society of Gaston Co., Inc. Endowment Fund  
 Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship Fund  
 Hospice Endowment Fund  
 H. P. Beal Scholarship Fund  
 Harold Rankin Fund  
 Junior League of Gaston County Endowment Fund  
 \*Kai's Memorial Internship Fund  
 \*Kings Mountain Student Scholarship Fund

Virginia Hamilton Lewis Endowed Fund  
 Little Red Schoolhouse Fund  
 Dave and Eunice Lore Mission Fund  
 Anne Maddox Memorial Fund  
 Manse Fund  
 Fred T. Morrow, III Scholarship Fund  
 Mountain Island Lake Protection Fund  
 \*Olney Presbyterian Church, Inc. Cemetery Endowment Fund  
 FUMC Trustees Parsonage Fund  
 Pearson Salvation Army Fund  
 \*Homer Porter Fund  
 Lila S. Rankin Fund  
 Rudisill Family Fund  
 Salvation Army Boys and Girls' Club of Gaston County Endowment Fund  
 Schiele Museum Endowment Fund  
 Girl Scouts Pioneer Endowment Fund  
 Bill and Polly Spencer Fund  
 Dr. Bernard H. Sullivan, Jr. College Scholarship Fund  
 Lineberger Park Train Fund  
 United Way of Gaston County Endowment Fund  
 \*Lonnie & Rachel Waggoner Nursing Education Endowment Fund  
 \*Jane Stephenson Walsh Scholarship Fund  
 Robert Wilton Williams, Sr. Memorial Fund  
 With Friends, Inc. Reserve Fund  
 YMCA of Greater Charlotte Endowment Fund

*\*New Funds created by gifts in 2005*



*“The beauty of this fund is the minimum gift is affordable, the time commitment for membership is flexible, and the impact on Gaston County is tangible. The membership gets to choose the focus area for grants while a committee of volunteers funds the best project that meets the group’s goal. The end result is funding for those projects that make Gaston County a better place to live. A legacy is being built and I can’t imagine anyone not wanting to jump on board”.*

*—Dr. Will and Susanne Current  
 Next Generation Donor*

## GRANTS FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS

Agnes Scott College	1,000.00	Gaston Hospice	334,475.00
American Legion Post 100	500.00	Gaston Literacy Council, Inc.	4,712.14
Appalachian State University	3,000.00	Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council	32,540.40
Baptist Children's Home of NC	1,000.00	Lumiere Medical Ministries	4,299.07
Belmont Abbey College	2,500.00	NC State University	8,000.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston	31,284.00	North Greenville College	750.00
Boys & Girls Homes of NC	1,000.00	Olney Presbyterian Church	1,293.19
Boys Home, Inc.	1,000.00	Pfeiffer University	500.00
City of Gastonia	109,830.61	Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America	31,384.00
Clemson University	750.00	Salvation Army	60,492.00
Crisis Assistance Ministry	25,000.00	St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Cherryville	1,000.00
Erskine College	7,573.00	Tri-County Animal Rescue	2,000.00
First ARP Church	91,975.00	UNC-Chapel Hill	2,500.00
First United Methodist Church	108,891.76	UNC-Charlotte	5,000.00
Gardner-Webb University	500.00	UNC-Greensboro	2,000.00
Gaston Boys & Girls Club	15,000.00	West Avenue Presbyterian Church	24,144.99
Gaston Christian School	1,000.00	Western Carolina University	1,000.00
Gaston College	500.00	Winston-Salem State University	1,500.00
Gaston Day School	84,566.76		

### GRANTS FROM THE ROBERTS-MILLER CHILDREN'S FUND

Medical Assistance (5 Individuals)

Medically Related Equipment Needs (9 Individuals)

TOTAL 14,750.00



### GRANTS APPROVED FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

#### FROM THE LUCILLE RANKIN & MARGARET RANKIN BEAM FUND

Off the Streets Program, Inc. 12,500.00

Run for the Money 4 4,113.00

TOTAL 16,613.00

#### FROM THE BROADUS & MACIE COX FUND

Shelter of Gaston County 30,000.00

Run for the Money 4 4,981.00

TOTAL 34,981.00

#### FROM THE FRANK & MATTIE DAVIS FUND

Mt. Holly Community Development Foundation 50,000.00

Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club 20,000.00

Run for the Money 4 34,634.00

TOTAL 104,634.00

#### FROM THE GARRISON FUND

Run for the Money 4 183,435.00

TOTAL 183,435.00

#### FROM THE WAYNE & ANN McCORKLE HOWE FUND

Heart Society of Gaston County 3,000.00

Run for the Money 4 2,800.00

TOTAL 5,800.00

#### FROM THE ELEANOR K. & JAMES H. MARTIN, JR. FUND

Heart Society of Gaston County 7,000.00

Run for the Money 4 915.00

TOTAL 7,915.00

#### FROM THE BARBARA S. RHYNE FUND

Run for the Money 4 16,988.00

TOTAL 16,988.00

#### FROM THE ALLEN H. & ANNE R. SIMS FUND

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden 100,000.00

Gaston County Schools 10,000.00

Gaston Skills 1,000.00

St. Michael's Thrift Store 500.00

Gastonia Downtown Development 2,500.00

Gaston County Health Dept. 8,500.00

Shining Hope Farms 40,000.00

With Friends, Inc. 50,000.00

Run for the Money 4 52,134.00

TOTAL 264,634.00

### TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

635,000.00

