

FOUNDATION NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we launched The Charitable Foundation just a short two and a half years ago, we had high aspirations and expectations. Those expectations were met as we raised over \$25,000 during that inaugural year. We closed the books on our second year, and we are proud to announce we recorded over \$60,000! We found ourselves in the enviable position of being able to designate two beneficiaries: The Golden Harvest Backpack program and the Habitat for Humanity Women Build Program. Through your generous donations, we have made a significant difference in the lives of so many residents in Aiken County.

For the upcoming fiscal year we have challenged ourselves to exceed last year's total by casting a wider net for individual contributions as well as reaching out to the many corporations who operate businesses and rely on the support of the residents of Aiken County. A heartfelt thank you to all who have joined us on this journey and contributed to yet another very successful year. As stated in an old proverb, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live."

Kathleen Bennett, President



The Charitable Foundation
OF WOMEN OF WOODSIDE

\$25,000 DONATION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN BUILD \$25,000 DONATION GOLDEN HARVEST BACKPACK PROGRAM



Pictured for the check presentation are Melissa Osborne, Major Gift Officer and Doressa Hawes, Volunteer Program Manager, Golden Harvest Food Bank.

"According to Amy Breitmann, President & CEO of Golden Harvest Food Bank, 'the harsh reality is that 1 in 9 children in Aiken County struggle with hunger.' This generous donation of \$25,000 provided by The Charitable Foundation of Women of Woodside for our Backpack program will help ensure that our Aiken County children have the nourishment they need to thrive and succeed in and out of the classroom."
~Melissa Osborne

Rick Steele, Chairman, Woodside Development, L.P., presents a \$15,000 check as a three-year commitment to The Charitable Foundation.

Executive Board members: Margie Robertson, Kathleen Bennett and Julie Brozowski.



Pictured are Co-chairs of Habitat for Humanity Women Build, Judy Sennett & Judy Miller, and home owner candidate, Debbie Martin.

"Aiken Habitat must raise funds up front to acquire all the materials, required permits, and licensed vendor services to build a house. The overall building costs are higher to accommodate Ms. Martin's wheelchair. This generous grant from The Charitable Foundation of Women of Woodside will help Habitat build an affordable home that truly fits her needs."

~Judy Sennett

"Each Women Build house is unique in that the homeowners are different in background stories, age, life experiences and family. This home is particularly significant as it is our first ADA compliant house. It brought me great joy to witness how overwhelmed Ms. Martin was to experience her first tour of the interior."

~Judy Miller

