



The Charitable Foundation
OF AIKEN

President's Message

As we welcome the start of summer, we also celebrate an extraordinary season of milestones and thankfulness.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the United States of America — a reminder of the enduring values of community, service, and opportunity that continues to inspire us.

We are proud to celebrate the 5th anniversary of The Charitable Foundation of Aiken. In just five years, the Foundation has grown into a powerful force for good, strengthening our community through generosity, partnership, and shared purpose. This anniversary is made even more meaningful by a record-breaking fundraising year. Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners, we have reached new heights and expanded our ability to make a lasting impact. We look ahead with optimism and appreciation—for the progress we've made, the lives we've touched, and the exciting opportunities still to come.

Here's to celebrating our nation's rich history, our Foundation's remarkable first five years, and a bright future built together. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey

Kathleen Bennett

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..... Oh say does that star-spangled
banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the
home of the brave!

A Message from the Board

On behalf of the Board of the Charitable Foundation of Aiken, we are pleased to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the two beneficiaries of our fundraising efforts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: **Public Education Partners of Aiken County (PEP)** and **Overflow Foundation's Clubhouse Community of Hope**

These outstanding organizations reflect the spirit of service, compassion, and community partnership that the Foundation is proud to support. Through their dedication, they are strengthening lives, expanding opportunities, and helping build a brighter future for individuals and families across Aiken County.

We are grateful to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners whose generosity made this year's fundraising success possible. Your support allies the Foundation to invest meaningfully in organizations that are making a lasting difference close to home.

Recently, the Charitable Foundation of Aiken proudly presented donations from its 2025-2026 fundraising campaign to Public Education Partners of Aiken County (PEP) and Overflow Foundation's Clubhouse Community of Hope, two local organizations dedicated to creating life-changing opportunities for Aiken County residents. The contributions reflect the generosity of the Foundation's donors and supporters and will help advance programs that strengthen public education, support educators and students, and promote mental wellness, resilience, and community connection.

Public Education Partners of Aiken County (PEP)

is a 501©(3) nonprofit that supports the Aiken County Public School District. PEP funds classroom innovation grants, provides student scholarships and operates "My Own Book" literacy program to improve 3rd-grade reading success. PEP Board Chair, Nancy Marks, said "PEP is so grateful for the amazing gift of \$27,000 from the Charitable Foundation of Aiken. We so appreciate all the hard work that goes into raising these funds. And it's not just the financial support. As a beneficiary of the Charitable Foundation, PEP has also received invaluable visibility in the Aiken Community." "The PEP board is so thrilled about this contribution. There has already been excited discussion on the most effective use of the donation to support Aiken County's public school students and teachers. PEP anticipates using the \$27,000 to fund innovative programs for 4K Early Learning and new hands-on STEM projects in Elementary schools."



Overflow Foundation's Clubhouse Community of Hope is dedicated to supporting and empowering people living with mental illness. Clubhouse members can recover by gaining access to opportunities for employment, socialization, education, skill development housing and improved wellness. Executive Director, Terry Lee, said "It has been quite a joy to work with the Charitable Foundation of Aiken over the past year. The Clubhouse Community of Hope is so honored to be one of the recipients of funding, and we are especially grateful for the friendships we have formed with the board members of the Foundation. Funds will be used to directly support the extensive transportation program at the Clubhouse, as we now use two different vans to transport members from across the county to and from the clubhouse every day. What timely funding, as exorbitant gas prices continue to challenge every household."



The Charitable Foundation of Aiken's mission is to pledge our resources to organizations that create life-changing opportunities for the residents of Aiken County, South Carolina. The Foundation will raise funds separately through annual giving programs such as the Circle of Giving and year-round fundraising initiatives. These funds will be dispersed under the guidance of the Foundation's executive board and advisory committee.

We are grateful for your support of The Charitable Foundation of Aiken. It is through your generous giving that we are able to support organizations which create life-changing opportunities for the residents of Aiken County. Consider one of the options:

- * Circle of Giving - \$1000+
- * Friend of the Foundation - \$500+
- * Benefactor - \$_____

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit fundraising organization which allows donors to make tax deductible contributions to specific beneficiaries. Tax ID# 85-3996900

Donations can be made via:

- * thecharitablefoundationofaiken.org
- * Checks payable to The Charitable Foundation of Aiken, 262 East Gate Dr., #139, Aiken SC 29803

Thank you!



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