



The Charitable Foundation
OF AIKEN

FOUNDATION NEWS

President's Message

As I sit down to write this message for our special edition of Foundation News, I am filled with gratitude. Gratitude for selecting the date we did to hold the second annual Polo n Blues. One week later we would have battled rain, thunder and lightning. Instead, we were blessed with beautiful weather, delicious food, great polo, dance worthy music and meaningful fellowship.

Gratitude for all of those who attended and supported the event which contributed to what has become a record-breaking year for The Charitable Foundation of Aiken.

Gratitude that we discovered two meaningful and impactful beneficiaries - The Community Clubhouse of Hope and PEP organizations making measurable changes in the lives of those they serve. Our financial books will remain open until June 30, so there is still time to accept additional donations to build upon the solid foundation we have created.

Gratitude for the numerous sponsors and donors and volunteers whose generosity made this event a tremendous success.

And on this rainy Memorial Day weekend, I am especially filled with Gratitude for those we honor -the men and women who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Kathleen Bennett

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A Message from the Board

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Charitable Foundation of Aiken, we are delighted to celebrate the tremendous success of our Polo n Blues event. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests, the event brought our community together for an unforgettable afternoon of fellowship, entertainment and purpose.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make this occasion so meaningful. The strong support for the second annual Polo n Blues reflects the heart of Aiken and our shared commitment to creating life-changing opportunities for those in our community. This success is a testament to what we can accomplish together, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the years ahead

We especially want to thank our sponsors, whose generous support made this year's event possible. Our major sponsors are **Designer Builders, David Meunier, and Jim Foley of the Wiland-Foley Wealth Advisory Group.** In addition, we are grateful to the following local businesses that also sponsored the event: **Coastal Carolina National Bank, Smith, Massey, Brodie & Guynn, LLC, Sullivan Turner Team, Aiken Pest Control, Austin and Pethick, Tito's Vodka, Taylor BMW, and Autotech.**

The Charitable Foundation of Aiken holds its Second Annual Polo n Blues Fundraiser



Under a glorious Carolina blue sky, a polo match between Field One and Red Mare Polo was held at **La Bourgogne Polo Club** on May 16th in Wagener. David Meunier, owner of the Polo Club, donated the venue to the Foundation. A sold-out crowd enjoyed a complimentary cocktail donated by Tito's Vodka, a four- course meal, raffle, silent auction and live music for dancing. Tickets went on sale in February and were sold out within five weeks.

The meal was catered by **D & R Hospitality**, and the music was provided by Stuart Stahr and his band **Wreckless Train**. Highlights of the silent auction included artwork from several local artists, a stay at the **Willcox**, a one week stay at a three-bedroom condo on Hilton Head Island, and merchandise from local shops such as **True Aiken, Floyd & Green, Equine Divine, Lionel Smith Ltd., Meadow, Iron Gate Candles, Plum Pudding** and others

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The beneficiaries of the 2025-26 fund raising efforts of the Charitable Foundation of Aiken are **The Clubhouse Community of Hope** and **Public Education Partners**.

Terry Lee
of
Clubhouse
Community
of Hope



Nancy Marks
of Public
Education
Partners



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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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