



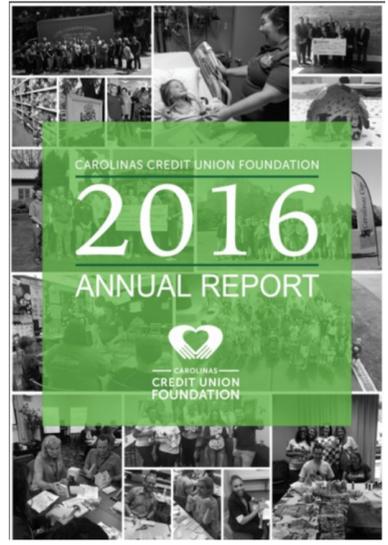
President's Message

The year seems to already be flying by with Spring officially here. The Carolinas Foundation had a busy start to 2017 with a spectacular Awards Gala held in early February, the launch of an online scholarship application for any credit union member in the Carolinas and glowing support from credit unions during the League dues process. On a personal note, our family welcomed a healthy, happy and handsome little fella to our now family of four.

Before I dive into the many exciting happenings in store for the Carolinas Foundation in 2017, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight our accomplishments last year and recognize our growing financial strength because of the support of so many in the Carolinas. On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Directors, I thank you for your steadfast commitment to the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation as we enter our 24th year of service to credit unions. Please click on the 2016 Annual Report below.

I am not the only one who is appreciative of your support of the Carolinas Foundation. There are also the hundreds of well-deserving kids and families experiencing the Reach Program at your local Ronald McDonald Houses and Children's Hospitals that are incredibly thankful for the generosity of credit unions. Take a moment to watch [a special message](#) from Victory Junction's founder, Kyle Petty, on his heartfelt thanks for the credit union industry's support.

Sincerely,
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Cast and Blast Fundraiser at the Annual Meeting – Register Today



For the avid outdoorsman (or outdoorswoman), come a day early to the League's Annual Meeting for a unique opportunity to support the Foundation's Scholarship Program. On Saturday

June 3, the Foundation will host an all-day fundraiser just 30-minutes from Pinehurst at the [King Fisher Society](#) in Laurel Hill, NC. This exclusive retreat offers supporters the opportunity to gather for a day of world-class outdoor entertainment. Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. Participants will divide into three groups and rotate among the following activities:

- **Fish** on Richmond Mill Lake for the best bluegill and bass fishing
- **Shoot sporting clays** at a state-of-the-art 5-stand facility
- Experience the sport of **falconry** with a close-up exhibit and encounter with birds of prey

Lunch, snacks, and all gear are provided by the King Fisher Society. This is limited to the first 30 guests so [register today!](#) Sponsorship opportunities are also available on the registration page along with details on accommodations outside of Pinehurst.

Carolinas Cup – Save the Date

October 22-24, 2017 at the Ballantyne Hotel



Come One, Come All! Calling on Upstate CU Volunteers.



The Foundation is pleased to join Victory Junction on Thursday, April 20 to host its first "Reach Carnival Day" at the Greenville Children's Hospital. Through the [Reach program](#), Victory Junction will provide "carnival" games and activities in all of the playrooms for the patients. For this large undertaking, the Carolinas Foundation needs 25-30 credit union volunteers to assist in the playroom activities.

[Click here](#) for more details on volunteer opportunities and to sign-up. You can also help spread the

word amongst your coworkers by circulating [this flyer](#). We hope to see you there under the Big Top!

2017 Ronald McDonald Camp Days Set

Credit unions across the Carolinas helped with dozens of Camp Days last year and the Foundation is excited to announce the [volunteer schedule for 2017](#) (scroll to page 2). Ronald McDonald House Camp Days are held in the evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and activities include archery, fishing, painting and other arts and crafts. Please email to sign-up!



Annual Meeting Silent Auction to benefit Reach

For the second consecutive year, the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation has joined efforts with the League to host a silent auction at the Annual Meeting to benefit our exclusive partnership with Victory Junction. With the help of very generous exhibitors and attendees, we raised just over \$5,000 for Reach in 2016! This year we want to make an even bigger splash and are opening up the opportunity for credit unions to also donate items to the silent auction. If you would like to participate, please send [this form](#) to the Foundation by May 15th. Thank you in advance for the support!

Foundation News



CAROLINAS CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION SCHOLAR VISION FUND

[Scholarship Applications due March 31st](#)



[Awards Gala showcases talent, heart of our industry](#)



[2016 Carolinas Cup raises nearly \\$47,000, benefiting children locally](#)



[TWC News – "Nonprofit Takes Magic of Camp Experience Beyond Its Gates to Help Sick Kids"](#)

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[Family Trust lends a hand to 34 York, Chester teachers with \\$10K in grants](#)