

# News from your Credit Union Foundation

The Carolinas Credit Union Foundation is proud to embody and promote philanthropy for credit unions in the Carolinas. It is the mission of the Foundation to enrich the lives of children and with the support of credit unions, its employees and its members, we are making a lasting investment in our communities.

This monthly newsletter will serve as your source for Foundation information and philanthropic credit union news. You are encouraged to share this with others.

## November 2016

### Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief Donors

#### National Support

Cornerstone CU League	\$2,500
Heartland CU Association	\$1,000
Louisiana CU League	\$2,500
Northwest CU Foundation	\$3,500
Ohio CU Foundation	\$5,000
Southeastern CU Foundation	\$2,500
Suncoast CU	\$10,000
West Virginia CU League	\$2,500
Wisconsin CU Foundation	\$750
World Council of CUs	\$1,000

#### Support in the Carolinas

American Partners CU	\$2,500
Charlotte Metro FCU	\$5,000
Fort Bragg FCU	\$2,500
Founders FCU	\$15,000
Lion's Share FCU	\$2,500
Piedmont Advantage CU	\$1,000
Palmetto Citizens FCU	\$3,000
Palmetto Health CU	\$5,000
SC State FCU	\$600
The Jim & Mary Taylor Fund	\$10,000
Vizo Financial	\$10,000

#### Individual donors from:

Allegacy FCU, Coastal FCU, Piedmont Advantage CU, Premier FCU, & Carolinas Credit Union League



### President's Message: Helping Those In Need

In the true cooperative spirit of the credit union industry, contributors from the Carolinas and all across the country have **answered the call** to help those affected by Hurricane Matthew with over \$80,000 raised! The Foundation launched its grant application just a week following the storm after hearing heartbreaking stories from credit union CEOs and branch managers across the eastern part of North Carolina. Members and employees were returning to their homes after mandatory evacuations to find their homes flooded and most of the possessions ruined. Nearly a dozen credit union employee grants have already been distributed and applications from employees are still being accepted.

The Foundation has been inundated with applications for disaster relief aid, even after grant acceptance was suspended on October 26, 2016 for credit union members. With the assistance of the Carolinas Credit Union League, we are now in the process of contacting applicants with follow-up questions and plan to have 300 credit union member grants disbursed by Thanksgiving.

The Foundation is incredibly appreciative of the generosity of the credit union system to help those in need who are facing incredible hardship from this natural disaster.

Sincerely,

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### Foundation News



#### Holiday and Thank You Cards Available To Support Reach!

The Foundation is offering credit unions and business partners the opportunity to purchase holiday and thank you cards created by Victory Junction's Reach Campers at \$1.00 per card. All proceeds benefit the Foundation's exclusive partnership with Victory Junction to power its outreach program called Reach—bringing specialized camp-style programming to children and families year-round at hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses all across the Carolinas.

Shipping and handling is extra but your cost per card includes a printed return address on your envelope and a customized printed message in the inside of your card. To view all of the designs and to place your order, click on the button below.

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[2016 Principles & Philosophy Conference hosts birdhouse build for Reach](#)



[12th Annual Carolinas Cup highlights – SC takes home the trophy](#)



### 2016 Award Winners Announced

Each year the Awards Committee of the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation has the difficult task of selecting state-level winners for CUNA's National Awards Competition. These awards are designed to encourage and recognize distinguished credit unions which demonstrate social responsibility (the Dora Maxwell Award), the credit union philosophy (the Louise Herring Award), and financial education (the Desjardins Awards).

To view all of this year's winners, please [click here](#). The Foundation is proud to recognize all of the 2016 winners for their amazing initiatives that enhance financial literacy, increase social responsibility, and demonstrate the practical application of the "people helping people" credit union philosophy.

The League and Foundation will jointly recognize all of the 2016 winners at the Foundation's Awards Gala held in conjunction with the new Carolinas Credit Union Connect expo. The Awards Gala will be held on February 2, 2017 in Charlotte, NC and for sponsorship opportunities, please [click here](#).

As one of the League's new premier events, Connect will serve as a "one-stop-shop" where credit unions can evaluate products and services and gain valuable insight on offerings that will help them better serve coworkers and credit union members. This two-day event will include the small and mid-size credit union roundtables and offer all participants the benefit of hearing from industry experts, while networking with credit union professionals throughout the Carolinas. For more information on Connect, visit [www.carolinasconnect.com](http://www.carolinasconnect.com).

[Click here to see the full list of winners.](#)



From November 17th to December 15th, all Heritage Trust branches will serve as drop-off locations for Toys for Tots donations!

[Heritage Trust locations to serve as a Toys for Tots drop-off sites](#)



[Coastal's Foundation donates \\$10,000 to the CENC Food Bank](#)



[Truliant donates to local high schools to develop financial literacy programs](#)

### Foundation Announces New Chairman, Executive Committee and Appointments

At the Foundation's Annual Meeting held last month, the Board elected a new Chairman as well as a new Secretary and Treasurer as part of the Foundation's Executive Committee. Stepping into the role of Chairman is Brian Sponaugle, Chief Operating Officer for Greenville Federal Credit Union.

"I am humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation Board," commented Sponaugle. "I am excited about the direction of the Foundation, thanks to the leadership of our CEO, and look forward to working with Lauren and the Board in that capacity. Making a difference in children's lives and in communities all across the Carolina's is an awesome opportunity."

Joining Sponaugle on the Executive Committee will be Vice-Chairman, Mark Caverly of Local Government Federal Credit Union who previously served in the Secretary/Treasurer position. The Foundation Board also voted to split the role previously served by Caverly and appointed Willard Ross of Coastal Federal Credit Union as the new Foundation Secretary and Bob Bruns of Charlotte Metro Federal Credit Union as the new Treasurer.

Other appointments included Mark Curran of Lion's Share Federal Credit Union to the Foundation Board for a three-year term and Frank DeDonato of PFP as Chair of the Foundation's Advisory Council.

### Donate Today

Your support makes it possible for the Foundation to proudly promote the credit union philosophy of people helping people by supporting scholarship opportunities for our youth, professional development of credit union staff & volunteers, and disaster relief support for credit union communities. The Foundation's mission is to enrich the lives of children in the Carolinas and through the years has focused on fundraising initiatives to address educational opportunities and programs that focus on the needs of young people.

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