



# Making A Difference

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## Ernest Beck named President & CEO of the Foundation



After an extensive, nationwide search by the Executive Leadership Transition Committee, the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina

Foundation named Ernest L. Beck as the new President & CEO effective March 1, 2017. He succeeds Bob Coon, who led the Foundation for 15 years until he retired on February 28.

Beck has served as the Foundation's Director of Planned Giving since 2001. He is a graduate of Clemson University, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and the National Planned Giving

Institute. He is a Certified Fundraising Professional (CFRE) as well as a member of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives and the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners.

Beck and his wife, Laura, have two children, Caroline and Jantzen. They are active members of St. Luke Lutheran Church Summerville, SC.

In making the Committee's recommendation, Board Chair, Mike Brittingham, noted that "While several candidates were strong and could serve the Foundation well, one candidate, Ernest Beck, was by far the best candidate to recommend to the Board as the Foundation's new CEO upon Bob's retirement. Ernest demonstrated to us the core competency to serve as the leader of the Foundation and the heart to be a success in his service and leadership."

## Please Mark Your Calendars!

*The Franke at Seaside Golf Tournament, will be held on Monday, April 24 at RiverTowne Country Club. Reservation information can be found by going to <http://foundation.lutheranhomessc.org> or calling 800.756.9443.*

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## Foundation Annual Report

In the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2016, 1,854 donors contributed \$1,574,285 to the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation. These gifts along with income on endowments made it possible for the Foundation to provide \$1,600,646 of support for the ministries of Lutheran

Homes. This support included spending \$663,744 to subsidize the care of 47 residents, Lutheran Hospice patients and BeWell Home Services clients, funding \$699,965 of capital purchases and providing \$236,937 for program enhancements.





## Grants Continue to Make a Difference

### Grants received since the last issue of Making a Difference include...

\$380.43 from The Duane and Shirley Munn Player Gemar Fund at the InFaith Community Foundation for subsidized care at Franke at Seaside

\$600 from the South Carolina Synod Mission Endowment for the We Honor Veterans Project at Lutheran Hospice

\$3,000 from the Bartels Family Foundation to subsidize the care of those who need BeWell Home Services but cannot afford to pay the full cost

\$5,000 from the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation, Greenville, to subsidize the care of patients served by the Greenville Office of Lutheran Hospice

\$1,000 from the Mary Elizabeth Avinger Charitable Foundation for the development of the Heritage at Lowman

## Innkeeper Legacy Society

Friends of Lutheran Homes who make us aware of their plans to leave a legacy of care through a will, gift annuity, charitable trust, life insurance policy or retirement plan may remain anonymous or give permission for their names to be included on the roll of the Innkeeper Legacy Society. We are grateful for the following individuals and couples who have made the Foundation aware of their planned gifts:



Anonymous (8)  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest L. Beck  
The Rev. H. Gene & Frances Beck  
Mr. & Mrs. Luther C. Boliek  
Mr. & Mrs. Perry Bouknight  
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The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Harold Park  
Dr. Donna Millar Potts and Dr. David Potts  
Mr. J. H. "Jack" Richardson, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Ryan, Jr.  
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Mrs. Ned (Mary) Schall  
Mr. Walter A. Sigman, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Smyth, Jr.  
David & Susan Troutman  
Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Warren  
Dr. Sandra S. Watson  
Glenn & Mary Workman (New Members)  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Yetter

Please call the Foundation at **800.756.9443** or use the attached envelope to tell us about your planned gift or receive information about establishing one.



## Staff Promotion

Effective October 1, 2016, Melanie Gregg, who joined the Foundation as the Donor Relations Coordinator in 2004, assumed additional staff responsibilities. In her new role as Director of Annual Giving and Donor Relations, she is now responsible for cultivating new donors and working to retain current donors. Annual Giving responsibilities will also include coordinating the Thanksgiving-Christmas and Mother's Day-Father's Day Appeals. This promotion further utilizes the gifts and talents Gregg has developed through the years and is a natural extension of her previous duties.

**Mission Statement** The mission of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation is to support the ministry of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina by enabling donors, who care about older adults and hospice patients, to achieve their philanthropic goals and by being a faithful steward of their gifts.



## Jerry Zucker Charleston Ride for Hope

The Foundation recently received \$5,000 from the 2016 Jerry Zucker Charleston Ride for Hope. These funds will be used by Lutheran Hospice to provide care for cancer patients served by Lutheran Hospice, who need financial

assistance to provide for their care. Lutheran Hospice has been a beneficiary of this ride that raises funds to fight cancer since the ride's inception nine years ago.



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contributed \$31,083 to Lutheran Homes since the inception of the program.

If you are a Thrivent member, please go to [www.Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice) or call **800.847.4836** to direct your Choice Dollars to Lutheran Homes of South Carolina.



## Bank Drafts and Credit Card Payments

The Foundation can now accept one-time and recurring contributions through bank drafts and credit card payments. Please contact Melanie Gregg at [foundation@lhomes.org](mailto:foundation@lhomes.org) or **800.756.9443** for more information about these programs.

## Estates and Bequests

Gifts from estates and other planned giving instruments have played a vital role in the 100-year history of Lutheran Homes and its predecessor ministries. Since the last issue of this newsletter, the Foundation has received funds from planned gifts established by the following:

**Phoebe S. Callahan**  
for the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation

**Dorothy L. King**  
for the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation

**Dorothy Williams Bratton**  
for the Heritage at Lowman

We are grateful that these faithful supporters chose to leave a legacy by naming one of our ministries as a beneficiary of a planned gift.

## Looking for a Unique Charitable Deduction?

The Foundation now accepts vehicles such as cars, vans, trucks and golf carts that are in good working condition to benefit the ministries of Lutheran Homes. All vehicle donations are accepted in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service Code. Contact Melanie Gregg at [foundation@lhomes.org](mailto:foundation@lhomes.org) or **800.756.9443** for more information.



## Purpose Statement

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## Franke at Seaside Evacuated

The threat of Hurricane Matthew made it necessary to evacuate residents of Franke at Seaside to the Heritage at Lowman on October 5. In addition to buses from the other Lutheran Homes retirement communities, two South Carolina Synod, ELCA congregations assisted with the evacuation. Mt. Hermon in West Columbia and Trinity in Greenville

sent their buses to transport residents and staff. The Mt. Hermon bus was driven by Ronnie Fulmer and Perry Bouknight and the Trinity bus was driven by David Troutman. The same buses and drivers assisted with the return trip. We are very grateful that these two congregations and their drivers helped make sure our residents were safe.



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