



# Making A *Difference*

## Honoring Veterans at End of Life

*"There was a peace in that room at that moment, and it was really powerful to be a part of it."*

We knew he didn't have much time left. Family members and Lutheran Hospice caregivers were there to offer support. It was discovered that our patient was a veteran, and team members asked if he would like to have a brief ceremony to recognize his military service. He and his family agreed and a ceremony was arranged that same day.

end of life. For years, veterans have done everything asked of them and this may be the last opportunity for them to feel appreciated and that their service was not in vain.

Serving this population is a great honor and Lutheran Hospice can have a dramatic impact on the quality of life with the veterans they engage. It is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home, so we can advocate and publicly acknowledge their service. We are privileged to be invited into the homes of those we serve at such a critical time. Our success depends on understanding their life experiences and being able to connect and provide peace of mind while we walk the end of life path together.

Many thanks to the Foundation for providing the funding to make this program possible for Lutheran Hospice to help serve our veterans. With honor and respect, may we help serve you and your family in appreciation for a lifetime of sacrifices.

**Greg Estes**  
*Executive Director, Lutheran Hospice*



Our Veterans Pinning and Challenge Coin Program is carried out with the intent to honor and recognize a patient's service to our country and help them find closure and peace as they near the



Charity Navigator recently announced that the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation has yet again earned the coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Receiving four out of a possible four stars each year since 2014 indicates the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. Receiving this "exceptional" rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest and most utilized independent evaluator of charities, differentiates Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation from our peers and demonstrates to the public we are worthy of their trust.

As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, it is becoming even more important that donors know which charities can be counted on to help them achieve their charitable intent.





## Looking for a Unique Charitable Deduction?

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

## 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.

## Thrivent Choice

Thrivent Choice encourages eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial donate portions of its charitable outreach funds each year. The amount that can be directed is based on a member's insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.

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

## 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  
Mrs. Kaye Bradley  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark C. Buchanan  
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Mr. Walter A. Sigman, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Smyth, Jr.  
David & Susan Troutman  
Dr. Sandra S. Watson  
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.

## "Fore!" Fundraising

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Franke at Seaside Golf Tournament was held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at Rivertowne Country Club. Congratulations to the effort led by Elliott Williams and the volunteer staff at Franke to increase the total net proceeds to over **\$15,000** for the benefit Franke at Seaside and Lutheran Hospice of the Lowcountry.





# Grants Continue to Make a Difference

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



**\$2,000** from the **Cook Family Endowment** by Boyd and Margaret Cook for Subsidized Care unrestricted to the greatest need.

**\$1,000** from the **Coastal Community Foundation** for Subsidized Care at Franke, granted by Jean and James Rion.

**\$800** from the **German Friendly Society** who is charged with supporting the care of widows and the elderly, issued a grant for Subsidized Care to Franke at Seaside.

**\$5,000** from the **Ernest and Kathryn Troutman Foundation** for the benefit of a stained glass window installation in a dedicated worship space at RoseCrest.

## Foundation Annual Report

In the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2018, 1,692 donors contributed \$1,172,908 to the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation. These gifts along with income on endowments made it possible for the Foundation to provide \$1,697,936 of support for the ministries of Lutheran Homes. This support included spending \$685,558 to subsidize the care of 43 residents, Lutheran Hospice patients and BeWell Home Services clients, funding \$803,340 of capital purchases and providing \$209,038 for program enhancements.



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## 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:

The Estate of **John "Jack" H. Richardson**, a past advisory council member at the Heritage at Lowman, distributed **\$100,000** to the Foundation as a general endowment "for such uses and purposes as its governing board shall deem necessary and advisable."

Long-time supporters of Franke at Seaside, **Walter and Carolyn Hooker**, established a Two-Life Charitable Gift annuity in 1995 in the amount of \$100,000. They both lived long and fruitful lives, and financially supported Franke in many ways, often anonymously. Upon Carolyn's death, 30% of the remainder of the annuity was distributed to "Franke Home for subsidizing indigent residents." The proceeds of **\$4,249** was directed to be spent at Franke as immediate funding for subsidized care.

**Edna M. Hooker**, a 97 year old life-long Lutheran, bequeathed a portion of her estate "to support the Lowman Home." A distribution of **\$840** has been received to benefit subsidized care at the Heritage at Lowman.

**Jean and J.J. Warren** established a Two-Life Charitable Gift Annuity and **\$19,218** has been distributed to fund the Heritage at Lowman—Building a 2<sup>nd</sup> Century campaign.

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.

## Purpose Statement

Making a Difference is an official publication of the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation, Inc. designed to make donors and friends of Lutheran Homes aware of Foundation developments. Call Melanie Gregg at **800.756.9443** or email **foundation@lhomes.org** if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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**Ernest Beck, MAR, CFRE**  
*President & CEO*

Ernest has served the Foundation since 2001 and was named the President and CEO in 2017. He graduated from Clemson

University, the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and the National Planned Giving Institute. He is active in the Association of Lutheran Development Executives and the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning.



**DeeDee White, CPA**  
*Sec./Treas. & CFO*

DeeDee is a graduate of Converse College where she received a BA in Accounting and Political Science. She served as controller for

Lutheran Homes of SC from 2001 – 2004 and remained on staff in various roles prior to joining the Foundation in 2013. DeeDee is a certified public accountant (CPA) in the state of SC and a member of the South Carolina Association of CPA's.



**Susan Troutman**  
*Director of Development*

Susan is a Presbyterian College graduate. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2017, Susan served 16 years

as a non-profit executive. She served on the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA Board of Trustees, as Chair, and on the

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Board of Trustees.



**Elliott Williams**  
*Director of Development*

Elliott is a graduate of Appalachian State University and earned a BS in Psychology. Prior to joining the

Foundation in 2018, Elliott served as a Senior Development Officer for five years. Elliott and his wife Kristen live in the Charleston area, along with their daughter Piper and son Everett.



**Melanie Gregg**  
*Director of Annual Giving & Donor Relations*

Melanie was a member of the staff at the Rice Estate prior to joining the Foundation in

2004. She has passion for supporting non-profit causes that enhance the quality of life as illustrated by her volunteer work on the Relay for Life Committee for 13 years.



**Lynn Brown**  
*Donor Relations Assistant*

Lynn is a graduate of Coker College. Prior to joining the Foundation in September of 2007, she was the Office

manager at Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville where she worked for 19 years and continues to be actively involved.

