The Charles Webb/Ed Croft Endowment Fund awards grants annually to nonprofits who strive to improve the lives of children with special needs in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties. The fund was established with a donation of $900,000 from the sale of the original Charles Webb Center in Downtown Charleston. The fund made its first grants in 1997 and has since granted $1.7 million dollars to nonprofits serving children with special needs. None of this would have been possible without the support of community members who have collectively donated over $1 million dollars to the fund.

BACKGROUND
After his son suddenly contracted polio at the age of four in 1928, Charles Webb became an advocate for children with special needs. He and his friend Ed Croft convinced the Rotary Club of Charleston to establish the Crippled Children’s Society of South Carolina. Webb and Croft worked for years to help disabled children and expand the Rotary Club’s fight to eradicate polio.

Shortly after Webb’s death in 1962, the Charles Webb Center opened in Downtown Charleston. In 1993, the center moved to West Ashley and in 1995, part of the proceeds from the sale of the original center were used to establish the Charles Webb/Ed Croft Endowment Fund at Coastal Community Foundation. The Charles Webb Center is now located in West Ashley.

CAMP RISE ABOVE
Camp Rise Above is an organization that has been supported by the Charles Webb/Ed Croft Endowment Fund. They provide overnight camps, day camps, family fun days and hospital camps for children and adults with special needs, disabilities, and medical challenges. Each year they serve hundreds of campers and families across the state, with the majority of them living in the Lowcountry. Through grants and contributions, Camp Rise Above is able to offer their programs at no cost to families. Camp Rise Above’s Executive Director Erin Ulmer remarked that having the support of community funding opportunities like the Webb/Croft Fund “is vital to our success and ability to grow as we meet our families’ needs.”
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