



The Human Needs Endowment Impact Report



Established in 1984 by the late CCF donors Reverend Alanson “Alan” Houghton and Billie Houghton, the Human Needs Endowment is dedicated to improving access to essential resources—shelter, food, utilities, clothing, medical care, and other basic human needs—throughout the Tri-County area. Since its inception, the fund has awarded more than \$440,000 to local nonprofits committed to serving the community. This impact has been made possible by the generosity of 29 donors with contributions totaling nearly \$90,000, and CCF’s strategic investment of these contributions, creating the opportunity to grant five times the donation amount.

“Troublemaking” Trailblazers



The Human Needs Endowment was one of many funds established by Alan and Billie Houghton to fulfill their charitable vision of improving the lives of both youth and adults in our community. As Alan Houghton once said, “We’re community troublemakers.”

Driven by their passion for service, the couple played a pivotal role in founding organizations such as Crisis Ministries and YOUTH Service Charleston. Their impact extended to projects like constructing Georgetown’s first emergency homeless shelter and launching Emergens, a small business incubator.

For the Houghtons, giving was more than an act of generosity—it was both a privilege and a responsibility.

A New Direction After Prison



Turn90 creates an opportunity for success after prison. They use the power of peer mentorship, cognitive skills training, supportive services, and employment opportunity to create an immersive program experience. The

generous support of the Human Needs Endowment has been instrumental in advancing Turn90’s mission. In 2023, the organization employed 111 men, with 34 of them transitioning to permanent employment.

Making a deep investment in a person’s emotional, social, behavioral and financial well-being gives them the skills to manage life differently, a pathway to legal employment, and an offramp from the incarceration cycle. Turn90’s supported workplace model fills a critical gap in the prison reentry landscape, and with funding from the Human Needs Endowment they are revolutionizing the field.

By the Numbers

\$89,090	29
DONATIONS	FROM DONORS

\$440,945	59
GRANTMAKING	TO ORGANIZATIONS



THE HUMAN NEEDS ENDOWMENT

Grantees

- Advocacy Coalition for People with Disabilities
- American Lung Association - Southeast Region
- American National Red Cross
- American National Red Cross - Carolina Lowcountry Chapter
- Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina (ABVI)
- Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic
- Camp Happy Days
- Canterbury House
- Carolina Autism Supported Living Services Ltd
- Carolina Hearing Aid Bank
- Charleston Area Community Development Corporation
- Charleston Habitat for Humanity
- Charleston Jewish Federation
- Charleston Legal Access
- Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
- Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center
- Dorchester Habitat for Humanity
- Dorchester Interfaith Outreach Ministries, Inc.
- Dorchester Seniors, Inc.
- East Cooper Community Outreach
- East Cooper Habitat for Humanity
- East Cooper Meals on Wheels
- Florence Crittenton Programs of SC
- Good Neighbor Center
- Habitat for Humanity Georgetown County
- Habitat for Humanity of Berkeley County
- Helping Hands of Goose Creek
- Humanities Foundation
- In Every Story
- Landmarks for Families (formerly Charleston Orphan House dba/Carolina Youth Development Center)
- Loving America Street
- Lowcountry Food Bank, Inc.
- Lowcountry Local First
- Lowcountry Orphan Relief
- Meals on Wheels of St. Paul's Parish
- Meals on Wheels of Summerville, Inc.
- Med-I-Assist
- Moncks Corner Baptist Church
- My Sister's House
- NAMI Charleston Area (SC)
- Neighbors Together
- One80 Place
- Operation Home
- Operation Sight
- Palmetto Community Care
- Pattison's Academy
- Rape Crisis Center
- Saint Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Salvation Army
- Sea Island Habitat for Humanity
- Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation
- South Carolina Department of Social Services Area C Adoption
- Teachers' Supply Closet
- Tri-County Home for Girls
- Tri-County S.P.E.A.K.S.
- Trident Area Agency on Aging Inc.
- Trident Literacy Association
- Turn90 (formerly Turning Leaf)
- United Methodist Relief Center



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