



THE BYERLY FOUNDATION

2002 Annual Report



Our Mission

The mission of The Byerly Foundation is to improve the quality of life in Hartsville, South Carolina. We envision the Foundation as an instrument of positive change in our community. We will work with public and private interests to improve the education and meet the economic and social needs of our citizens.

A Brief History

Founded in 1995 as a result of the sale of the Byerly Hospital, the Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of trustees composed of community and business leaders committed to improving the quality of life in the community.

Board of Directors

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2001–2002 Overview

The Byerly Foundation was able to contribute more than a million dollars to the Hartsville community during the 2001–2002 fiscal year. A complete overview of the grants is included in this report. The Foundation's grant-making program supports the mission of making Hartsville one of the best places in the world to live and raise a family.

The Board of the Byerly Foundation continues to see the major role of this organization as a catalyst for action in our community. When the Foundation Board began to study the needs of this community, they identified public education as one of the keys to improving the quality of life in and around Hartsville. You will notice from the grant summary that the Foundation continued its strong support of public education. Our school system needs to be stronger, and we continue to work with the Darlington County School District to support efforts to strengthen the system. The Board funded an evaluation of the Foundation-funded Center for Leadership in School Reform program. This evaluation showed that during the three years of the program, the district increased its focus on helping teachers continue to improve the quality of work provided for students in classrooms.

During the 2001–2002 fiscal year, the Foundation increased its catalytic role by providing matching grant funds for the Cargill Project's proposed Burry Park in downtown Hartsville. The \$200,000 in this grant was approved in a matching grant format. At the same time, the Foundation provided another \$200,000 to the City of Hartsville for the construction of the next phase of the Hartsville Sports and Recreation Complex.

While the interest from the sale of the hospital assets provides a body of funds for distribution as grants, the current state of the economy has meant that less money is available for grant making during the 2002–2003 fiscal year. The shortage of funds emphasizes the important role of the Foundation in helping Hartsville continue to build collaborative efforts to address issues, concerns and problems in our community. A key example of such a collaborative effort is the way the Communities in Schools organization works with specific schools in the community to make a difference in the lives of children. During the 2001–2002 school year, the Foundation funded Project Hope, which the Sonovista Alternative School and CIS developed to provide a mental health counselor and literacy coach on a close to full-time basis at the alternative program.

The Byerly Foundation continues to believe collaboration is a key to building a solid community. During the fiscal year, the Foundation held a workshop for providers of after-school programming. This workshop featured many state experts, but probably was most valuable for the opportunity it provided for the people from the various after-school programs to meet and talk with one another.

The Foundation knows that Hartsville is blessed because we have so many people who are willing to invest their time, their creativity and their money to continue making Hartsville a great place to live. It is truly people who make the difference in building a community!

A Review of 2001–2002 Grants

The Trustees of The Byerly Foundation awarded \$1,137,500 in grants during the 2001–2002 fiscal year, our fifth year of grant-making. These grants covered a variety of programs aimed at helping the Hartsville community become one of the best places in the world in which to live. The grants were awarded in the categories of Education, Community Life and Economic Development.

The Foundation Trustees awarded grants of \$612,000 to education-related projects. This sum amounted to 54% of the grant funds. Community Life grants amounted to \$24,000, approximately 2% of the 2001–2002 grants. In the area of Economic Development, \$500,000 was awarded, or approximately 44% of the years grant funding.

Because of the large number of multi-year grants that had been awarded previously, in the 2000–2001 fiscal year the Foundation awarded \$404,921 in grants. Of that total, 92.31% or \$371,921 went to the Education category. The remaining 7.69% or \$31,000 went into the Community Life category. The Foundation also granted the Byerly Hospital and adjacent property to Coker College during the 2000–2001 fiscal year.

In the third year of funding, 1999–2000, The Foundation awarded \$895,988.95 in grants. An analysis of those grants by category shows that 93.92%, or \$841,488.95, of the funds went into the Education category. The remaining 6.08%, \$54,500, went into the Community Life category.

In the second year of funding, 1998–1999, 73% of the grants went to Education, a total of \$1,160,248.65; 19% went to Economic Development, a total of \$300,000; and 8% went to Community Life, a total of \$133,893..

In the 1997–1998 fiscal year, the first grant-making year for the Foundation, \$514,543.13 (48.7%) was distributed for Education; \$47,500 (4.5%) was provided for Economic Development; and \$493,600.00 (46.8%) was for Community Life. There were two large grants in this category during the first year: \$200,000 to Coker College to help fund the performing arts center, and \$250,000 to the Hartsville Family YMCA.

A Review of Grants for 2001–2002

Education 54%

Center for Leadership in School Reform \$290,000

This was the third year of a grant to fund a consulting effort aimed at classroom leadership development and continuous improvement in the Darlington County School District. An evaluation was completed on this program and is available by request from The Byerly Foundation.

Information Literacy — Carolina Elementary School \$25,000

This grant was to help Carolina Elementary set up portable computer labs at the school to serve students in grades one through three.

Project Hope — Communities in Schools and Sonovista Alternative \$58,249

This project had two major aspects: the first was to pay for an onsite mental-health counselor at the Alternative School; the second was to provide funds for a literacy coach at the school.

Kalmia Gardens Education Center Project \$100,000

This proposal is to help continue to underwrite the salary of the education coordinator, as well as buy office equipment and site furnishings for the education offices. There are other funds proposed in this grant to enhance the educational experience of area teachers and students with hands-on science activities. This was a multi-year grant, with \$70,000 paid in the first year and \$30,000 in the second year.

Coker College Anti-Alcohol \$5,707.75

This grant request was to develop an innovative program using a trained cadre of college students to make dynamic presentations to schoolchildren on the dangers of alcohol.

Puck's Theatre \$10,000

The Puck's Theatre grant was to provide opportunities to use an innovative theater program to reach at-risk students in a variety of venues from Head Start to the Alternative School.

Choices Alternative School \$15,000

This grant request was to help cover the cost of computers and software for Choices Charter School, located near Florence in Darlington County. Choices serves students who

have been expelled from all of the other educational possibilities in Florence and Darlington counties.

Southside Early Childhood

***Building Environmental Awareness and Responsibility* \$49,175**

This grant helped build a nature classroom at the Southside Early Childhood Center. The project includes an outdoor learning complex composed of a variety of centers and is in extensive use at this school.

Dropout Survey for Darlington County

***Coker College — Mal Hyman and Dr. Tracey Welborn* \$8,000**

This grant funds a research project studying the dropout problem that is evident in Darlington County. Professor Mal Hyman and Dr. Tracey Welborn are conducting the research. They are interviewing recent dropouts to discover patterns, so that the school district might develop programs for at risk students.

Licensed Practical Nursing Program Darlington County Schools \$33,000

The Foundation partnered with two other organizations to fund the LPN education program at Hartsville High for one more year after the school district lost the ability to fund the program.

Staff Development — Reading \$50,000

This program was to help the Darlington County School District accelerate the training in a new reading program for teachers of grades one through three.

Thomas Hart Academy \$10,000

This grant was for science equipment and a special summer science program for elementary-aged students. Funds were dispersed, but the school ultimately returned the funds because of changes that did not allow the school to implement the grant program.

Open Sesame — Thornwell School for the Arts \$10,000

This grant was to assist Thornwell with updating its library with newer books.

YMCA Vision Camp \$3,000

This was to assist in funding the annual camp for sixth graders who are moving to the Hartsville Junior High School. This Camp provided an opportunity for children from different schools to meet with and work with one another before getting to the Junior High.

Boy Scouts — Camp Coker Ropes Course \$200,000

This was a multi-year grant to the Boy Scouts to upgrade the rope course and the educational facilities at Camp Coker in Society Hill.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartsville \$74,000

This was a multiyear grant to establish a technology program at the Boys and Girls Club. This club received computers through another grant, and these funds were to pay for a person to implement a computer program for the children taking part in the Hartsville club.

Community Life 2%

Jazz Carolina \$5,000

This grant was to help in the funding of a downtown jazz festival.

RenoFest \$3,500

This grant was to help support an annual blue-grass music festival in downtown Hartsville.

PALS \$6,000

This grant was to fund the production of a newsletter to the members of People Always Lending Support. The grant paid for computer supplies and an intern to help produce the newsletter.

Free Medical Clinic \$10,000

This grant helped support the programming for the Darlington County Free Medical Clinic.

Darlington County Habitat for Humanity \$25,000

This grant helped support the Habitat organization establish its store in a new location that had been donated for its use.

Trees for Tomorrow \$40,000

This is a multi-year grant to the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce to help with the maintenance of trees in the downtown section of Hartsville.

Economic Development 44%

Hartsville Regional Airport Advisory Board (City of Hartsville) \$20,000

This was a matching grant to help with improvements at the Hartsville Airport.

Governor's School for Science and Math Foundation \$100,000

This multi-year grant was to help provide leadership for the school's endowment campaign.

Charles Burry Park at Cargill Place \$200,000

This grant was provided as a matching grant to the Cargill committee to help increase the pace of fund-raising for this project.

Hartsville Recreation Complex — Phase II \$200,000

The grant is to help partially fund the expansion of the Hartsville Recreational Complex with new softball/baseball fields, a track, landscaping and parking.

Out-of-Cycle Grants

City of Hartsville Trash Receptacles \$1,000

Christmas in April-Hartsville \$1,000

Financial Summary

STATEMENTS OF CASH AND INVESTMENT RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended September 30, 2001

	2001	2000
CASH RECEIPTS		
Interest	\$ 255,544	\$ -
Dividends	822,924	1,096,660
Capital gain distributions	462,944	338,041
Investment aggregate receipts	1,098,431	1,891,734
Rental income	14,853	73,785
Sale of equipment	-	17,500
Miscellaneous	8,904	8,927
	<u>2,663,600</u>	<u>3,426,647</u>
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Program services		
Grants and awards	1,462,503	1,027,024
Salaries and payroll taxes	37,794	35,100
Legal and professional	13,305	-
Utilities and telephone	4,864	-
Travel	3,261	-
Insurance	7,022	-
Office supplies and operating expense	18,959	-
Repairs and maintenance	3,354	-
Marketing survey	27,722	-
Other program related expenses	1,071	11,659
Miscellaneous	2,164	-
Total program services	<u>1,582,019</u>	<u>1,073,783</u>
Management and general supporting services		
Investments aggregate costs	1,133,102	1,737,274
Legal and professional	416	19,502
Salaries and professional	23,211	66,202
Utilities and telephone	7,283	23,448
Travel	1,901	6,340
Rent	115	3,900
Insurance	-	49,742
Office supplies and operating expense	6,664	19,618
Miscellaneous	1,735	7,103
Repairs and maintenance	4,177	10,091
Licenses, fees, and taxes	38,795	34,178
Marketing of hospital property	7,500	-
Equipment and furnishings	80,100	113,412
Total management and general supporting services	<u>1,304,999</u>	<u>2,090,810</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>2,877,018</u>	<u>3,164,593</u>
Increase In Cash And Investments	(223,418)	262,054
Beginning Cash And Investments	27,515,222	27,253,168
Ending Cash And Investments	<u>\$27,291,804</u>	<u>\$27,515,222</u>
Cash and investments per statement of cash and investment receipts and disbursements	27,291,804	27,515,222
Accrued interest	-	64,969
Accumulated unrealized gain	(2,678,025)	1,034,884
Cash and investments per statement of financial position	<u>\$24,613,779</u>	<u>\$28,615,075</u>

Information for Grant Applicants

The Foundation's primary grant-making goals are as follows:

1. Be a catalyst in the development of Hartsville's ability to provide an equitable, quality education for all children.
2. Strengthen the capacity of our community to promote local economic development.
3. Improve community life through the support of locally based projects and organizations.

Who Can Apply

All funded activities must benefit Hartsville area residents.

Organizations determined as charitable under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, public entities, or other charitable, educational or cultural organizations may submit proposals to the Foundation for consideration. Recognizing the variety and scope of interests and needs in our community, Foundation grants will respond to opportunities in the following areas in order of priority:

- Education
- Economic Development
- Community Life

The Foundation welcomes and encourages requests from responsible organizations that seek to provide significant benefits to our community in these areas. To make the best use of Foundation funds, the Trustees assign a higher priority to programs that

- Offer creative responses to the community's most pressing needs and concerns
- Demonstrate cooperation and collaboration among two or more agencies or program providers
- Maximize the impact of modest grants as well as those of significant size
- Leverage other funding through the use of matching funds
- Will become self-sustaining without the need for ongoing funding from the Foundation:

The Foundation does **not** ordinarily fund individuals, religious programs, debts or existing obligations; lobbying or political campaigns; technical or specialized research; intermediate organizations; fund-raising; teams or events; advertising or memorials.

How to Apply

The Foundation accepts grant proposals throughout the year. Interested parties are encouraged to call the executive director or to send a brief letter of inquiry to determine the feasibility of submitting a grant request before preparing a complete proposal. The Foundation also hosts informal information sessions that address best practices for developing grant proposals.

Because of the weak economy and the decline in investment returns, the Byerly Foundation placed its grant-making program on hold for the 2002–2003 fiscal year. As a result, there will be some changes to the grant-making schedule. Those interested in applying for Byerly Foundation grants should contact the Foundation at (843) 383-2400 to get an updated schedule of the grant cycles. All grant proposals are limited to five pages, and information required for grant proposals is available from the Foundation office.



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