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Hollingsworth Funds Presents Largest Annual Gift in Organization's History

Greenville, SC – Hollingsworth Funds, Inc., a charitable support organization for Greenville County, today announced a total of \$4,362,141 in 2011 grants to be distributed to Furman University, the Greenville YMCA and 70 other local benevolent agencies. This total represents the largest annual gift in the charitable organization's history.

Beneficiaries received checks during a presentation ceremony this afternoon at the Embassy Suites.

"We are delighted to support the best efforts of local nonprofit organizations working toward a stronger, more vibrant community," said Ed Good, Chairman of the Hollingsworth Funds Board. "Hollingsworth Funds is very committed to the responsible allocation of charitable dollars, and we consider every grant a strategic investment in Greenville's future."

Textile industrialist John D. Hollingsworth established Hollingsworth Funds in 1976 and, upon his death in 2000, bequeathed almost all of his \$290 million estate to the Foundation. Under provisions of Mr. Hollingsworth's wishes, Hollingsworth Funds distributes 45% of its annual income to Furman University, 10% to Greenville YMCA and 45% to Greenville County 501(c)(3) charities selected each year through a competitive grants application program administered via the Community Foundation of Greenville (see www.cfgreenville.org/page18742.cfm for details).

The foundation received more than 139 grant requests in 2011 totaling more than \$5.9M, according to Good. Every application was reviewed and requests were ranked as to the proposed impact on Greenville's quality of life.

"We feel so privileged this year to be able to make our largest charitable gift of more than \$1.9 million in grants to 70 local nonprofits, of which eight are first-time recipients," said Minor Shaw, Vice Chair of the Hollingsworth Funds Board. "We realize that there are many deserving Greenville-based nonprofits that

need critical funding to continue their good work. The Hollingsworth Funds competitive grants program is in place to support agencies working toward making Greenville a better place to live.”

Over the past 35 years, Hollingsworth Funds has provided more than \$26 million in financial support.

List of 2011 Grant Recipients

A Child's Haven, Inc.
Allen Temple Community Economic Development Corporation
Artisphere
Beyond Differences, Inc.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate, Inc.
Blue Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America
Bob Jones University Museum and Gallery, Inc.
Bon Secours – St. Francis Health System Foundation, Inc.
Camperdown Academy, Inc.
Cancer Society of Greenville County
Center for Developmental Services
Clemson University Foundation
Communities in Schools of Greenville County, Inc.
Community Foundation of Greenville, Inc.
Compass of Carolina, Inc.
Diligent Hands Gracious Hearts
Faces and Voices of Recovery Greenville
Foothills Family Resources
Friends of the Greenville Zoo, Inc.
Gateway House, Inc.
Girl Scouts of South Carolina - Mountains to Midlands
Golden Strip Emergency Relief & Resources Agency
Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC
Governor's School for the Arts Foundation, Inc.
Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network
Greenville County Human Relations Commission
Greenville Early College
Greenville Family Partnership
Greenville Forward
Greenville Free Medical Clinic, Inc.
Greenville Housing Fund
Greenville Humane Society
Greenville Region Workforce Collaborative
Greenville Symphony Association
Greenville Tech Foundation, Inc.
Greer Community Ministries, Inc.
Harvest Hope Food Bank
Homes of Hope, Inc.
Julie Valentine Center
Liberty Fellows
Loaves & Fishes
Metropolitan Arts Council
Meyer Center for Special Children
Michael's Way, Inc.

Miracle Hill Ministries, Inc.
Naturaland Trust
Peace Center Foundation
Pendleton Place Inc.
Pleasant Valley Connection, Inc.
Project Host, Inc.
Public Education Partners
Reach Out and Read
Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Carolinas, Inc.
Safe Harbor, Inc.
South Carolina Children's Theatre
South Carolina Foothills Search and Rescue, Inc.
South Carolina Legal Services
Speak for Animals
Taylors Free Medical Clinic, Inc.
The Children's Museum of the Upstate, Inc.
The Nature Conservancy - South Carolina Chapter
The Salvation Army of Greenville County
The Warehouse Theatre
Travelers Rest Historical Society
Triune Mercy Center
United Ministries
United Way of Greenville County
Upcountry History Museum
Upstate Homeless Coalition of South Carolina
YWCA of Greenville

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About Hollingsworth Funds

Hollingsworth Funds is a charitable support organization focused exclusively on Greenville, South Carolina. Endowed by the estate of textile executive John D. Hollingsworth Jr., the foundation fosters success stories by funding efforts with the greatest potential for positive community impact. Greenville-based charities apply for funding each year through a competitive grants application process administered via the Community Foundation of Greenville. For more information, visit www.HollingsworthFunds.org.

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