

# THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



**Cover Photo: Dr. Greene from the DI Nail Bangers delivering hand-built desks to Principal Glears at Cainhoy Elementary**



**Dear Friends,**

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While 2020 was a year full of challenges, the Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF) and the Daniel Island Community Foundation (Foundation) were still able to contribute to many local non profit organizations.

Together, we have continued to work on our Foundation fundraising goals, grown with existing community partners and made connections with several new community partners through our DICF grant process. Our island has stepped in to aid those in need who were experiencing the toughest of times and we could not have done any of this without your support and involvement.

We encourage you to talk to your friends and co-workers about a nonprofit cause that means something to you and make sure you tell them about all the good things the Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation are doing to make a positive change in the Lowcountry and beyond. It will make you even prouder of living in this great community, Daniel Island. That's what the spirit of giving is.

Our residents, businesses and community partners are the reason we are able to continue to do what we do through the Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation.

We **THANK YOU** for lending a hand.

Always,

Your Daniel Island Philanthropy Team



## The Daniel Island Nail Bangers

In September 2020, Principal Glears was on a call with a representative from the Daniel Island Community Fund and mentioned that most of her students who were participating in virtual learning were attending school from their kitchen tables, or laying on their beds and floors as they did not have a proper space to learn.

It was discussed that a portion of the grant awarded to the Cainho Elementary School should be used toward desks for the students attending school virtually. Knowing that the DI Rotary Club had many skilled members, the DICF and the Rotary Club's Nail Bangers partnered on the project to answer the call.

In just six weeks, the Nail Bangers built 115 handmade desks for the Cainho students. The desks were then delivered to the school at the end of October for parents to pick up.

In total, the project cost \$2,812.21 constructing 115 desks which made each desk \$24.45. In addition to the desks, the Cainho Elementary School received a \$10,000 grant which was used towards necessary supplies and learning materials for the virtual learning students so that they have the same materials as those students learning in the classroom.

# Daniel Island Philanthropy as a Family Legacy

Philanthropy has always been important in the Brumley family. Growing up in a small rural community in Southeast Georgia, George and Frank Brumley learned from their parents, their church, and their community what it means to be philanthropic.



From left: Dr. George Brumley and Frank Brumley in 2003 at the Beresford Creek Boat Landing.

After Medical School at Duke and graduate work at Harvard and Johns Hopkins, George became the first Neonatologist in North Carolina. While “Dr. George” was not part of the Daniel Island development team, he played a large role in the concept and success of the Daniel Island Community Fund. He was even nicknamed the “Vice President of Health, Education, and Welfare” of Daniel Island.

Dr. George felt that philanthropy should be a part of any community and that the real fabric of a community are its schools, churches, libraries, and parks. With that in mind, Frank Brumley and his partner Matt Sloan took Dr. George’s lead and collectively decided that philanthropy would be a cornerstone in their development of Daniel Island. They donated the land sites for the churches and schools and sold land to the City of Charleston at a reduced cost for their park space to enhance quality of life for the region.

As a true academician, Dr. George, Chairman of Pediatrics at Emory University, had a strong connection to helping children and under-served communities. His way of thinking and his personal involvement within his own community inspired Frank and Matt to continue to find opportunities that would make Daniel Island not only a beautiful place to live but a place you would be proud to live.

That is exactly how the Daniel Island Community Fund began. In the early stages of planning Daniel Island, Frank and Matt recognized the negative impact some other master planned communities had on their surrounding neighborhoods. Many of Daniel Island’s closest neighboring communities were under-served and offered an opportunity for the Daniel Island Community Fund to fill the philanthropic gap.

Over two decades later, with over 100,000 people positively impacted, the Daniel Island Community Fund and sister philanthropic organization the Daniel Island Community Foundation have been more successful than originally anticipated. Each year, the Daniel Island Community Fund continues to grow with existing community partners and connections with new ones. Dr. George’s vision has come to fruition and is certainly a legacy we can all be proud to carry on.

## DANIEL ISLAND COMMUNITY FUND

*The Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF) was established in 2000 as a means for supporting community enhancement projects and philanthropic initiatives on Daniel Island and in the surrounding Cainhoy peninsula communities. This private 501 (c) 4 organization is financially supported by a Community Enhancement Fee on all resale transactions on the island.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

**\$0 FUNDING FROM ANNUAL PROPERTY OWNER ASSESSMENTS GOES TOWARD THE COMMUNITY FUND.**

Despite COVID-19 canceling many programs and events, In 2020, the Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation collectively awarded \$796,251 via grant making, a matching campaign, and community initiatives.

#### **Who Makes The Decisions Where To Direct Funding?**

- **Grant funding** decisions are made by our Daniel Island Community Fund Grants Committee.
- **The Foundation Matching Campaign** decisions are made by our Resident Advisory Committee.

Both committees are made up of Daniel Island residents.

## The 2020 Daniel Island Community Fund Grants Supported:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry – \$10,000
- Cainhoy Elementary School – \$10,000
- Camp Rise Above – \$2,500
- **Charleston Field Hockey – \$5,000**
- Charleston Gaillard Management Corporation – \$5,000
- Charleston Jazz – \$5,000
- Charleston Promise Neighborhood – \$5,000
- Charleston Stage Company – \$5,000
- Charleston Symphony Orchestra – \$5,000
- Charleston Young Life – \$10,000
- Children’s Museum Of The Lowcountry – \$5,000
- Daniel Island Library – \$5,000
- Daniel Island School PTA – \$25,000
- East Cooper Community Outreach – \$50,000
- East Cooper Meals On Wheels Inc. – \$5,000
- **Florence Crittenton Programs Of South Carolina Inc. – \$5,000**
- Girls On The Run Charleston – \$5,000
- Humanities Foundation Inc. – \$7,900
- Junior Achievement of Greater SC – \$5,000
- **Lifeline Children’s Services, Inc. – \$12,000**
- Lowcountry Food Bank Inc. – \$8,422
- Lucy Boyle Memorial Fund – \$15,000
- Operation Home Inc. – \$29,590
- Philip Simmons High School Band – \$5,000
- Philip Simmons High School PTSA – \$10,000
- Reading Partners South Carolina – \$5,000
- South Coast Lacrosse Association – \$5,000
- **Teachers Supply Closet – \$2,000**

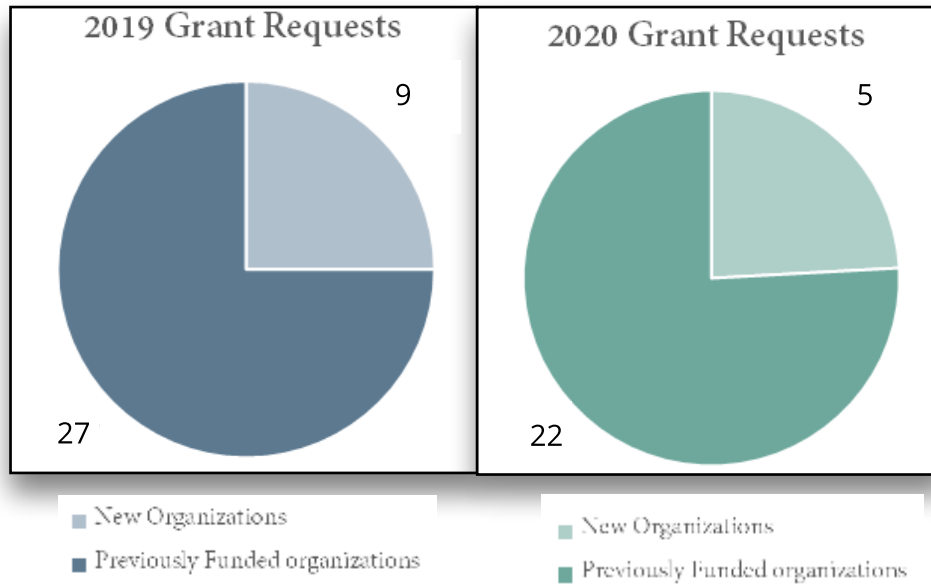
### Qualifying For A Grant

For an organization to qualify for a DICF grant, the initiative they are requesting funding for must directly impact one of Daniel Island's 5 geographical service areas.

Daniel Island's geographical service areas consist of Daniel Island, Wando, Huger, Cainhoy, and St. Thomas Island.

**\*The highlighted organizations indicate the new organizations supported in 2020\***

## APPLICATION SNAPSHOT



*In 2019, we awarded a total of 36 grant applications through DICF. Of those 36 applications, there were 9 new organizations who had not received funding from DICF in the past.*

*Many organizations were unable to host programs in 2020 which resulted in a decreased number of grant applications. However, DICF still received 5 requests from new organizations.*

The *Daniel Island Community Fund* is now accepting 2021 Grant Applications online!

To submit an application, please visit the Philanthropy Page on our website - [www.dicommunity.org](http://www.dicommunity.org).



## Giving Tuesday

In November, Giving Tuesday was another opportunity for DICF to give back. Several of the COVID-19 relief organizations that DICF and the Foundation had supported earlier in the year were in need of additional funds to continue their work in the community. DICF donated an additional \$150,000 (\$50,000 per organization) on Giving Tuesday to Shifa Medical Clinic, East Cooper Community Outreach, and the Lowcountry Food Bank.

## A New Year, A New ECCO Program



Since 2007, the Daniel Island Community Fund has played a pivotal role in the success and growth of East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO). With a ministry of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”, ECCO provides help and hope to those facing financial hardship in the East Cooper communities. Last year, ECCO provided assistance to over 3,400 local neighbors with services including monthly food distribution, financial assistance, free medical and dental care, prescription assistance and much more - with over 21% of these families residing in the 29492 and 29450 zip codes.

When the pandemic hit our community, it impacted our most vulnerable neighbors the hardest. With record-high unemployment and layoffs, neighbors arrived at ECCO desperate for financial assistance and food. Thanks to the generosity of supporters like the Daniel Island Community Fund, ECCO was able to be part of the solution and meet those needs. Since March 2020, ECCO has provided over \$425,000 in financial assistance to help pay rent, mortgage and utility payments for local neighbors. Through our Wellness Food Pantry, over 1,800 households were provided with emergency prepacked food assistance.

The impact of the Daniel Island Community Fund has not only been felt in the response to the pandemic, but also in the creation of a new ECCO program. Over the past six months, ECCO has been working hard to find a solution and return to its Client Choice Food Pantry model - giving neighbors the opportunity to choose the items included in their monthly food order. On March 1, ECCO will launch the SmartChoice Food Pantry program, where neighbors can place monthly food orders safely from their own home using their phone, tablet or computer. For those without internet access, orders can be placed over the phone. To help with this new endeavor to better serve the community, the DDCF awarded ECCO a grant to cover the first year of costs for the new software.

In all, the DDCF has donated over \$108,000 in 2020 to support ECCO’s programs and services, with gifts to ECCO’s Annual Fund, the WellnessPantry Renovation Project, and towards the expansion of the monthly Farmers Market and technology resources at ECCO’s partner facility, The Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center in Huger, SC.

The DDCF isn’t alone in making an impact at ECCO. Residents across Daniel Island are passionate about ECCO’s mission and give their time and treasure to the organization. Our weekly group of volunteers includes dozens of Daniel Island residents - many even volunteer together in the Wellness Food Pantry, Front Desk or serving on special event committees. When it comes to treasure, last year over 125 DI residents donated to the organization. We can truly say, Daniel Island is an important partner in our mission to help our neighbors facing financial hardship.





# DANIEL ISLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*The Daniel Island Community Foundation (Foundation) is a private 501 (c) 3 organization financially supported by donations from Daniel Island residents, businesses and employees. The Foundation's purpose is to build or maintain public spaces, promote social welfare of the community, and provide, or assist persons of limited financial means.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Daniel Island Community Foundation has a Resident Advisory Committee. The committee helps gather information on which local nonprofit organizations residents are passionate about. They also help in the fundraising and special projects for the annual Foundation Campaign.

The year started off strong when the 2020 the Foundation launched it's third year of the Matching Campaign. Six organizations were chosen by the resident led committee to receive the funds from the annual Foundation campaign. The chosen organizations not only represented non-profits in which the community is passionate about, but also ones that have served or can serve members within the community.

Before COVID-19 began to affect the lowcountry in March, two of those six organizations (below) had met their goal of \$5,000 raised which was matched by the DICF for a minimum of \$10,000 donated! (Amounts below include DICF \$5k match)

- Shifa Medical Clinic – \$15,200
- Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center – \$11,579

In April, four organizations who had urgent needs for funding for COVID-19 relief were brought to our attention. The Foundation immediately set up a matching campaign for each of the organizations to help fund their needs. In total, \$79,340 was raised for these four organizations. Total donation amounts including the DICF match are as follows:

- American Red Cross – \$20,540
- East Cooper Community Outreach – \$20,570
- East Cooper Meals on Wheels – \$18,880
- Lowcountry Food Bank – \$19,350



## Magnolia Blossom Foundation Match

The Magnolia Blossom Foundation exists to provide motivated individuals with opportunities they cannot create for themselves. Through their grant process they made a contribution of \$10,000 to Children's Promise Neighborhood in September 2020. The Daniel Island Community Fund matched this contribution.

## MOVING FORWARD TO 2021

### Continuing Success

Since we have had such great success with our Foundation campaign, we will:

- Continue to fundraise for local nonprofits through the Foundation and DICF will match up to \$5,000 per nonprofit
- Continue to partner with nonprofit organizations that are near and dear to our residents
- Continue to encourage resident, business and youth participation in any capacity
- Continue to review matching requests on a case by case basis

### A New Year:

In 2021, we will continue to fundraise for the four organizations chosen in 2020 that were unable to fulfill their \$5,000 matching goal. Residents will be able to donate to any of the selected nonprofits at any point throughout the year via the organizations Donate2It page or by check at the POA office – 130 River Landing Drive, Suite 1C. If you choose to donate by check, please include the organization name in the memo section of your check.

- Soldiers Angels
- PAALS
- Friends of Berkeley County Animal Center
- Surf Riders

If you have any suggestions for organizations to fundraise for in 2022, please email Danielle Hermann at [Danielle.Hermann@dicommunity.org](mailto:Danielle.Hermann@dicommunity.org).

To donate to any of the above organizations, please use this QR code or visit the Philanthropy page on our website - [www.dicommunity.org](http://www.dicommunity.org).



## Get To Know Our Resident Leaders

### Jim Morrill, DICF Board and Grants Committee Member

Jim and his wife moved to Daniel Island in late 2003 from Pittsburgh, PA where they spent almost 30 years. They loved Pittsburgh but didn't want to deal with the cold weather in the winter after retiring.

Jim has been involved with non-profits and service organizations all his life. Before moving to Daniel Island, he was a big brother, on the board of an adult literacy organization and a theater group for children. In Charleston, Jim has been on the board of the Habitat ReStore (which helps fund homes), Executive Director of the Charleston Animal Society and Board member of the DI Rotary.

"I am honored to serve on the Grants Committee where we assist in identifying charitable causes and organizations with specific needs. I enjoy "hands-on" projects and giving back to support local organizations."

### Elizabeth Perkis, DI Community Fund Advisory Committee

While living and raising a family on Daniel Island since 2003, Resident Advisory Committee member Elizabeth Perkis has stayed busy volunteering in our local schools and in surrounding area. Finding a way to involve her two girls as much as possible was at first a necessity when they were small, and now is as important for another reason: supporting their growing desire to make a meaningful difference in their own community. Elizabeth recently helped co-found a DIS club, the Do Gooders, which organizes volunteering among their middle school members.

Many island residents know Elizabeth because she's often on social media gathering support for the Lowcountry Blessing Box project, an organization that collects and supplies food to neighborhood micro-food pantries. Her home is a permanent drop off location of non-perishables and her family and friends help distribute throughout the surrounding communities. She is part of the DI Community Foundation and Daniel Island Gives Back because she wants to streamline volunteer and giving opportunities to all Daniel Island residents. "Whenever Daniel Island is asked to support a good cause they step up and make it happen, whether that's by donating or signing up to volunteer. The DI Community Foundation makes that easier and that's something I need to be a part of," says Elizabeth.

## Stay Up To Date

Keep an eye out for news and updates on our Daniel Island Philanthropy Initiatives by signing up for our resident weekly e-newsletter. Visit [www.dicommunity.org](http://www.dicommunity.org) - scroll down to the box labeled "Sign Up For Our Newsletter!", hit "sign up" and follow all prompts. Once you sign up, you will begin receiving all weekly newsletters and important announcements.

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If you are interested in being on the Foundation resident advisory committee please email Danielle Hermann at [Danielle.Hermann@dicommunity.org](mailto:Danielle.Hermann@dicommunity.org).