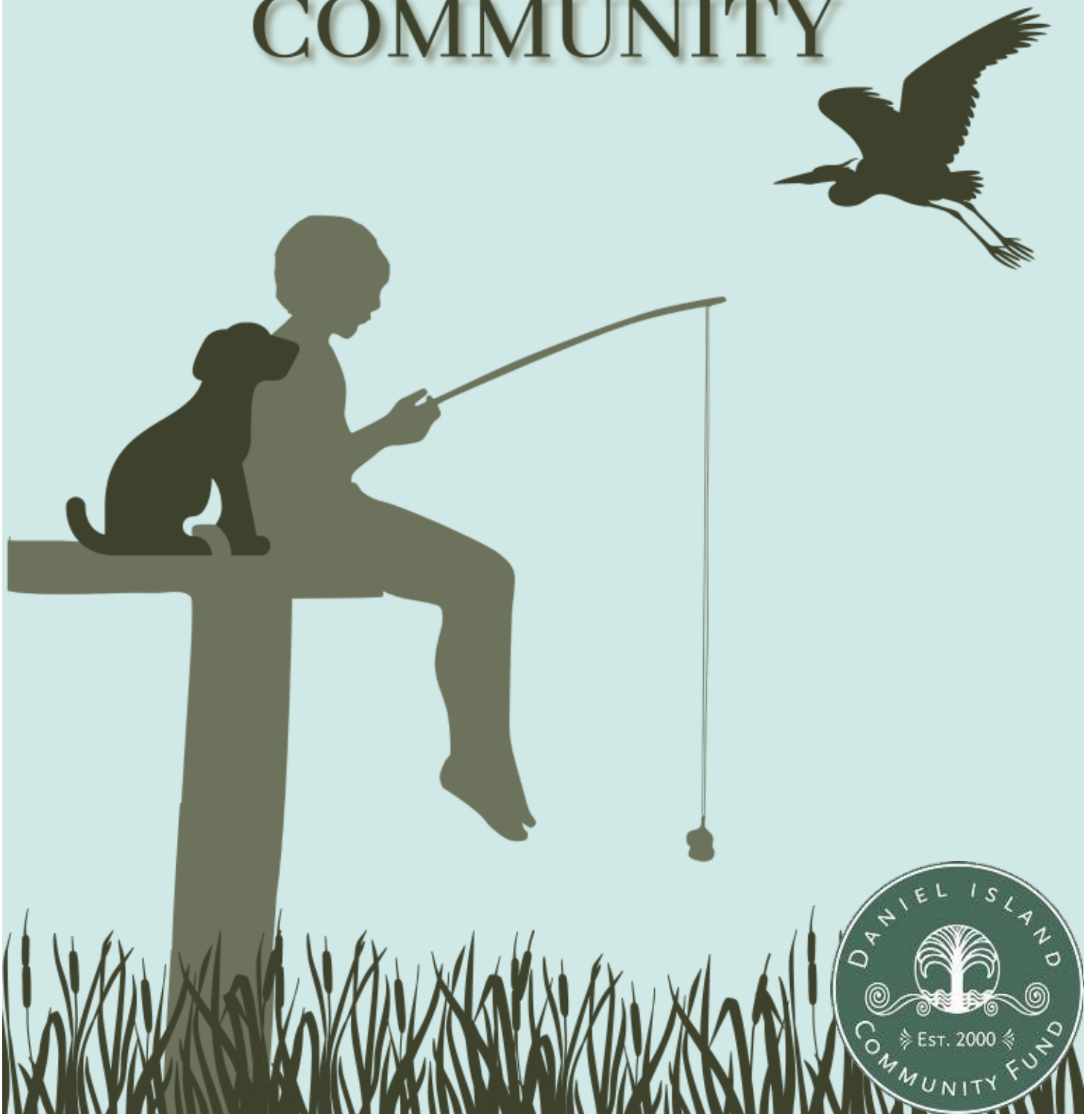


FRIENDS, FAMILY, COMMUNITY



THE SPIRIT OF GIVING
2022 ISSUE

Letter from the DDCF Board:

The Daniel Island Community Fund (DDCF) was established with a mission to enhance the quality of life on Daniel Island and the neighboring Cainhoy/Huger peninsula. Sixteen years ago, the DDCF board established a grants committee, comprised of volunteer Daniel Island residents, to guide and approve DDCF grant expenditures.

Following the original mission, the committee developed the following guidelines/categories for expenditures.

1. Supporting Community Events:

Examples of these events include Independence Day Celebration, Christmas Tree Lighting, Concert in the Park, Easter Celebration, Waterfront Park concerts, and others. If there was no DDCF and residents wanted these events to continue, they would need to be funded by additional POA assessments.

2. Support Daniel Island Residents and Local Organizations:

Toward this focused end, we look at three criteria:

- The proposed program/initiative should be led or supported by a DI resident or organization through the contribution of their time (sweat equity) and/or money.
- The proposed program/initiative should address a humanitarian area of focus or a community improvement.
- The geographic area served should be within zip codes 29492 or 29450 (Daniel Island or the Cainhoy/Huger peninsula).

Examples in this category include the Daniel Island School, the Flying Fish summer swim team, Young Life, the Daniel Island Rotary Club, the Daniel Island Exchange Club, and many more.

3. Grant Making:

Grant awards are made to charitable organizations that meet the program, service, and geographic criteria. Examples include East Cooper Meals on Wheels, East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO), the Cainhoy Elementary School, Daniel Island School and Philip Simmons Schools, and a host of other non-profits serving our area.

4. Encouraging Community Participation:

This is done through the Daniel Island Community Foundation, a tax-deductible entity, and funds are matched through DDCF. We identify organizations that the community holds close to their hearts and work together to support those organizations.

We hope after learning more about the Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation that you will conclude that both organizations make Daniel Island a better place to live. Daniel Island is a unique place and its philanthropic culture is part of what makes it unique. Please join us in continuing this important legacy of giving back.



New Outdoor Classroom And Community Meeting Space

The Daniel Island Community Fund worked in partnership with the Daniel Island School PTA and the Garden Club of Daniel Island to create an Outdoor Classroom and Community Meeting Space. Located between the Osprey Trail and Daniel Island School's front driveway, and near the Daniel Island Library, this special project benefits the entire community by providing a beautiful, functional, outdoor space for classes, group or club meetings, small performances, and more.

The Outdoor Classroom includes brick seating walls and a presentation area, as well as landscape elements that add an educational component by highlighting native and common features from across South Carolina. Features include a dry creek bed, a wooden bridge, and new plantings.

The design was thoughtfully crafted with input from Principal Leigh to consider student safety and allows for classes to contribute educational components and enhance the space.



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.



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Funding from
Annual Property
Owner Assessments
goes toward the
Community Fund.

Who Makes The Decisions Where To Direct Funding?

Grant applications are reviewed and awarded twice annually, April 1st and August 1st. Grant awards and decisions are made by the Daniel Island Community Fund Grants Committee which is made up of Daniel Island Residents.

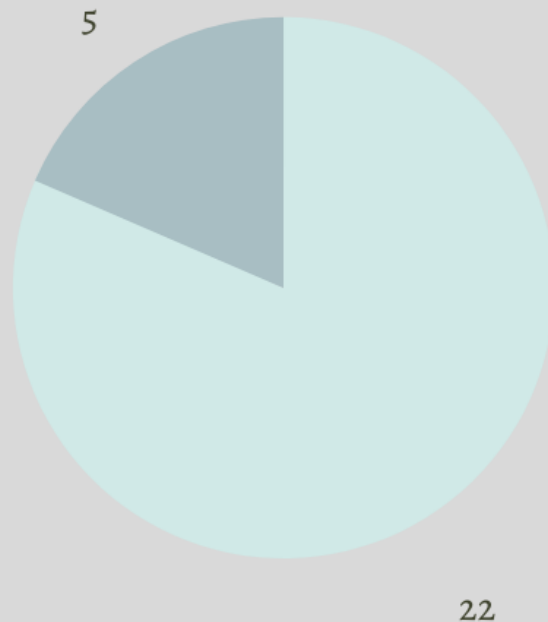
The Foundation Matching Campaign is a year long campaign that is determined in December of the previous year. Decisions on who the organizations of focus are for the year are made by our Resident Advisory Committee.

Grant Awards Snapshot

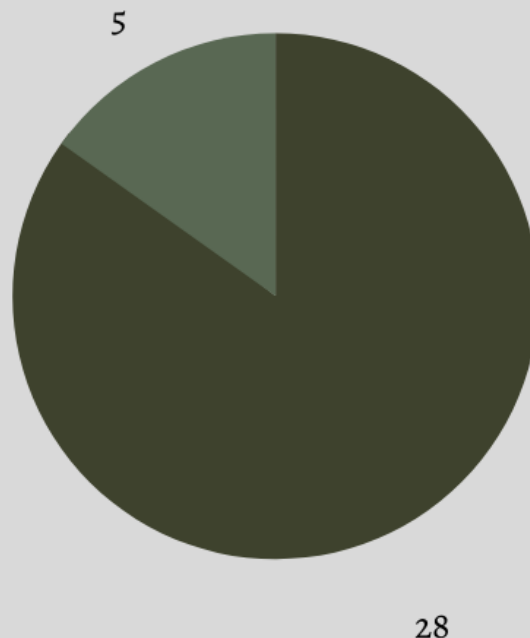
Since inception in 2000, both the Daniel Island Community Fund and its grants committee have been striving to increase their outreach and education about DICF to residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

In 2020, DICF received a total of 27 grant requests, 5 of which were new organizations. This year, DICF received a total of 33 grant applications. Of these 33 applications, 5 organizations were new to DICF and had never received a DICF Grant award before.

2020 Grant Awards



2021 Grant Awards



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 *Daniel Island Community Fund* is now accepting 2022 Grant Applications online!

To submit an application, scan the QR to the left or visit the Philanthropy Page on our website - www.dicommunity.org.

2021 Daniel Island Community Fund Grant Awards

- American National Red Cross
- Association For The Blind And Visually Impaired South Carolina (ABVI) *
- Avian Conservation Center/Center for Birds of Prey
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry
- Camp Rise Above
- Charleston Gaillard Management Corporation
- Charleston Orphan House Inc DBA Carolina Youth Development Center *
- Charleston Promise Neighborhood
- Charleston Stage Company
- Charleston Young Life
- Children's Museum Of The Lowcountry
- Church of the Holy Cross
- Coastal District Council Of The St Vincent De Paul Society Diocese Of
- Daniel Island School and Community Garden
- East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO)
- East Cooper Meals On Wheels Inc
- Families Helping Families *
- Girls On The Run Charleston
- Junior Achievement of Greater SC
- Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.
- Lowcountry Food Bank Inc
- Operation Home Inc
- Pattison's Academy
- Philip Simmons Elementary PTSA
- Philip Simmons High School Band
- Philip Simmons High School PTSA
- Philip Simmons Middle School PTSA
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc
- Providence Baptist Church
- Roper St. Francis Healthcare *
- South Carolina Aquarium
- South Coast Lacrosse Association
- Special Olympics South Carolina *

Organizations with (*) indicate the new organizations supported in 2021.

A total of \$470,954 was awarded to 33 deserving non-profit organizations!



Special Olympics
South Carolina



Association for the Blind
and Visually Impaired SC



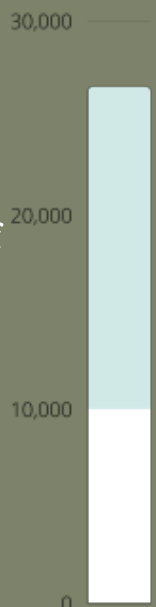
Residents Making An Impact

The Daniel Island community is a giving and passionate community. Whether it be filling up the blessing boxes with food, helping with pickup/drop off at school, or identifying a rogue dog in the neighborhood, the community members are always ready to help.

When the catastrophic tornadoes devastated much of Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee in December of 2021, it was not a surprise to us that so many of Daniel Island's residents stepped up saying they wanted a matching opportunity to assist those affected. The Daniel Island Community Fund pledged to match up to \$10,000 of funds raised for the American Red Cross.



In just 2.5 weeks, the campaign surpassed their \$10,000 goal and together with the DICF match, we have donated over \$20,000 to the American Red Cross!



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.

Resident Advisory Committee

The Daniel Island Community Foundation's Resident Advisory Committee is made up of residents who volunteer their time and are tasked with identifying local nonprofit organizations and special projects that Daniel Island residents are passionate about.

Special projects could be anything along the lines of food drives, clothing drives, or volunteer opportunities. The fundraising

opportunities change each year and can be suggested to the committee by a resident or an organization that residents are already supporting.

Once these special projects and organizations have been identified, the committee then sets out into the community to fundraise and advertise their efforts.

*Our first
special
project of
2022!*



2021 Matching Campaign

Our very first Foundation Matching Campaign took place in 2018. We had multiple local nonprofit organizations chosen to receive the funds and we set out with a goal of fundraising \$5,000 for each organization. Additionally, DICF had pledged to match up to \$5,000 per organization for a grand total of \$10,000 per organization at the end of the year. The 2018 and 2019 fundraising years were both a huge success!

We were hopeful that 2020 would have the same result, however, we fell short. In 2020, only two of our six chosen organizations had met their matching goal.

2021 came around and, although the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic was still present, it did not derail the efforts of our Advisory Committee during this year's matching campaign. We had a slow start, however, we finished the year on a high note - in the last two weeks of the year, we had met all of the matches for the four chosen nonprofit organizations! Below are the final totals per organization including the \$5,000 DICF match.

- **Surf Riders Charleston Chapter:** \$10,000
- **Friends of the Berkeley County Animal Center:** \$10,000
- **Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services (PAALS):** \$10,000
- **Soldiers' Angels:** \$10,000



**Friends of
Berkeley Animal
Center**

We can make a difference for those who cannot speak for themselves.



Beyond The Campaign

Beyond the annual matching campaign, many residents donate to various nonprofit organizations on their own. As part of the philanthropic spirit, the Daniel Island Community Fund will accept matching requests for these donations.

In 2021, DICF matched five private donations made by residents.

- **Water Missions International:** Matched \$5,000
- **Charleston Promise Neighborhood:** Matched \$10,000 from 2 families
- **Windwood Family Farms:** Matched \$5,000
- **Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired:** Matched \$5,000

How does your donation qualify for a match?

- The organization must directly affect our tri-county area.
- DICF will match up to \$2,500 per organization if funds are available. On a case-by-case basis DICF will match more should the funds be available.

Match requests will be reviewed quarterly. Please send your request to Danielle Stix at Danielle.Stix@dcommunity.org for review. Please include the organization's name, what they do, and why you believe it qualifies for a match.

We Look Forward To A New Year Of Giving!

As we look to the new year, we are filled with enthusiasm that it will be an even more successful year for giving back.

In 2022, we will:

- Fundraise for (3) new nonprofit organizations as part of the matching campaign.
- Continue to get our community and you involved in philanthropy.
- Continue to review matching requests on a case by case basis
- Host more drives such as food drives, clothing drives, etc.
- Partner with our local organizations to identify more volunteer opportunities for the community to get involved in.

2022 Matching Campaign

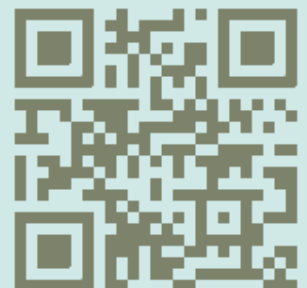
Our Resident Advisory Committee has worked with both the Daniel Island School and the Philip Simmons Schools to encourage our youth to get involved in philanthropy. The schools have both identified nonprofits they would like to focus on fundraising for in 2022.

The Daniel Island School has chosen to fundraise for the **Callen-Lacey Center for Children in Moncks Corner**. This center is a residential group home and emergency shelter serving children in foster care who are victims of abuse or neglect.

The Philip Simmons Schools have chosen to fundraise for **Families Helping Families**. Families Helping Families is a non-profit mobile food pantry based off of Clements Ferry Road and serves the Charleston and the tri-county areas helping veterans, children, and disabled men and women.

In addition to these two organizations chosen by the schools, the Resident Advisory Committee has chosen the **Berkeley County Animal Center** as the third organization to fundraise for. Donations will help to ensure that the animals of Berkeley County receive necessary medical assistance, provide enrichment for the animals, foster supplies, spay and neuter, off-site events, general care, and make their time at the center a little more comfortable.

Scan the QR code to donate to one of the above organizations online, or you can bring a check into the POA office at 130 River Landing Drive, Suite 1C. Please be sure to include the organization's name in the memo section of the check.



Get To Know Our Resident Leaders

Steve Slifer, DICF Board and Grants Committee Member

Steve and his wife Mary moved to Daniel Island in 2003 from New York City because of the scenic beauty, the historical significance, the culinary delights, and, of course, the weather. But what was less apparent to them initially was the need by many for affordable housing, a need for nutritious meals or medical attention by many home bound seniors, and the unequal educational opportunities for many children in our area. As they entered the next phase of their lives Steve and Mary sought opportunities to assist.

That led both of them to joining the Rotary Club of Daniel Island, and for Steve to become involved with the Daniel Island Community Fund. Steve is honored to be a member of the Grants Committee and be part of the team that identifies charitable causes and organizations that strive to assist those in need in our community. He is proud of the fact that from the beginning the Daniel Island Company, the developer of the island, had an ingrained social conscience and insisted that the Daniel Island Community Fund be formed to assist others. Few homeowners' associations around the country can make that statement.



Carina Buckman, DI Community Foundation Advisory Committee



Carina Buckman has been a Daniel Island resident for over 7 years & resident advisor to the Daniel Island Community Foundation for the past 3 years, during which time she has made many contributions to the area and beyond.

After a tropical storm triggered devastating flash flooding across the state in 2015, Buckman led a relief effort alongside dozens of residents and the local Catholic Church St. Clare of Assisi. A year later, after Hurricane Matthew, Buckman launched "Change for Haiti" on the island to aid in raising money for Water Missions International, an organization that provides clean water drinking systems to countries in need. Through these efforts, the campaign raised \$10,000, which was later matched by the Daniel Island Community Fund for a total donation of \$20,000.

In 2018, after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Marie hit Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and other areas, Buckman coordinated with the Daniel Island Community Foundation to promote an island-wide campaign resulting in more than \$43,000 being donated to the American Red Cross, Feeding Texas, and Team Rubicon. Most recently Carina helped promote Tornado relief for Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee.

Because of her unrelenting dedication to charitable causes and countless acts of volunteerism, Buckman was nominated and chosen as the 18th resident in the City of Charleston's history to receive the prestigious Harold Koon Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service.

Although Carina's passion for philanthropy and community is obvious through her various contributions, she emphasizes that without her fellow residents, none of what she has accomplished would have been possible. It's for this reason she continues to volunteer her time as a resident advisor to the Daniel Island Community Foundation. "I am blessed to live in a community where people naturally want to help. And I'm more than happy to volunteer my time & planning skills to provide avenues to do so!"

Stay In Touch

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 - 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.

Daniel Island Community Foundation Resident Advisory Committee

Carina Buckman	Deb Maraia
Elizabeth Perkis	Ann Wolf

Join Our Team!

If you are interested in being on the Foundation resident advisory committee please email Danielle Stix at Danielle.Stix@dicommunity.org.

Daniel Island Community Fund Board/Grants Committee*

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