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Daniel Island's Annual Philanthropy Report

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

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How YOU Make A Difference



A letter from the Resident Members of the DICF Board

"This is a unique place." Perhaps you have heard someone say that about Daniel Island. Maybe you thought or said it yourself. We have. Daniel Island is a unique and special place in many ways – its physical beauty, its proximity to one of America's top cities, its culture and character, the people who live and work here, and their spirit of serving others.

As we introduce this annual report of the Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF), we believe it is a unique little gem itself in the fabric of our community. Daniel Island, like most master planned communities, assesses an enhancement fee on the resale or transfer of property. What is unique about Daniel Island, contrasted to many other master planned communities, is that all of these fees are used to promote the quality of life on Daniel Island and our neighboring Cainhoy/Huger communities. Along with the stories and pictures in this annual report, here are some illustrations of how DICF fulfills this mission:

Community Capital Improvement Projects – Over the years DICF has helped fund, and in some cases fully funded, Daniel Island improvements such as the deck and landscaping at Guggenheim Park, the rebuilt North Dock and landscaping improvements at Waterfront Park, the Osprey Trail Park in front of the Daniel Island School (with the Daniel Island Garden Club), the Commemorative Park and the playground at Waterfront Park (with Daniel Island Rotary). In the Cainhoy Community, DICF helped build the Baldwin Carson Community Center (partnering with ECCO and Nucor).

Community Events – DICF has funded all of the beloved annual events open to residents of Daniel Island, such as the Concert in the Park, Independence Day Celebration, Pumpkin Walk and Halloween Bash, Food Trucks at various locations, Acoustic Guitar Series at Waterfront Park, and Holiday Tree Lighting and Menorah Display. It partnered with other organizations to present the Easter Egg Hunt, 9/11 Heroes Run, and JDFR One Walk.

Support the Philanthropic Work of Daniel Island Residents and Organizations – An important part of the DICF vision and mission is to support the community service work and philanthropy of Daniel Island residents and organizations. In the report that follows, you will read about many of these such as the DI School and DI Garden Club Green Heart Project, the Annual Youth Fishing tournament (Danziger Cup), the DI Exchange Club's Pinwheels and Fields of Honor events, the DI

Historical Society's Tree Markers and Kids' Ride & Seek programs, and the DI Rotary Club's improvements to a reading room at the Cainhoy Elementary School and delivery of holiday meals to the Cainhoy Community Center. Supporting the actions of our residents who are devoting their time, talent, and treasure to help others is one of DICF's most important priorities.

Grants to Charities That Serve Zip Codes 29450 (Cainhoy/Huger) and 29492 (Daniel Island) –

Each year DICF targets a portion of funds to support local charities that provide services to residents in our targets areas of Cainhoy/Huger and Daniel Island. Charities apply for grants which are awarded two times in the year. The approval process is rigorous. Post-grant reviews are done. You can see the level of grants and a list of grant recipients in the report that follows.

Daniel Island Community Foundation – this organization, a traditional 501C3 charity, has its own mission and board. You can read about it also in this report. We loved the Kids Young Philanthropist Contest that encouraged children to come up with ways to give back and raised over \$3,000. We would also encourage residents to consider the opportunity to receive matching funds, subject to limits, for gifts they make to local charities.

In conclusion, we believe DICF, and the Foundation

- Bring value to our community, residents, and service organizations
- Provide meaningful impact to the causes and people those residents and organizations serve
- Accomplish this without using any of our annual property owner dues or requiring any special assessments
- Are an important part of what makes Daniel Island unique

Because of YOU, we are able to accomplish all of this and more!

Pete Harper *Bill Stevens* *Colby Hollifield*
Jim Morrill *Steve Slifer* *Emily K. Dorton*

Meet Our Resident DICF Board Members



Pete Harper



Steve Slifer



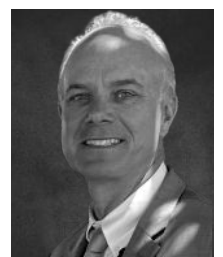
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Emily Dorton



Colby Hollifield

Daniel Island Community Fund 501(c)4

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.

Where Does Funding Go & Who Makes The Decisions?

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Grants: Grant awards and decisions are made by the DICF Grants Committee which is made up of Daniel Island Residents. They are awarded to local nonprofit organizations through two grant application cycles.

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Matching Requests: Annually, DICF reviews matching requests at a staff level for donations made by residents or through events and programs such as the Rotary Duck Race.

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Capital Projects: Such as Waterfront Park.

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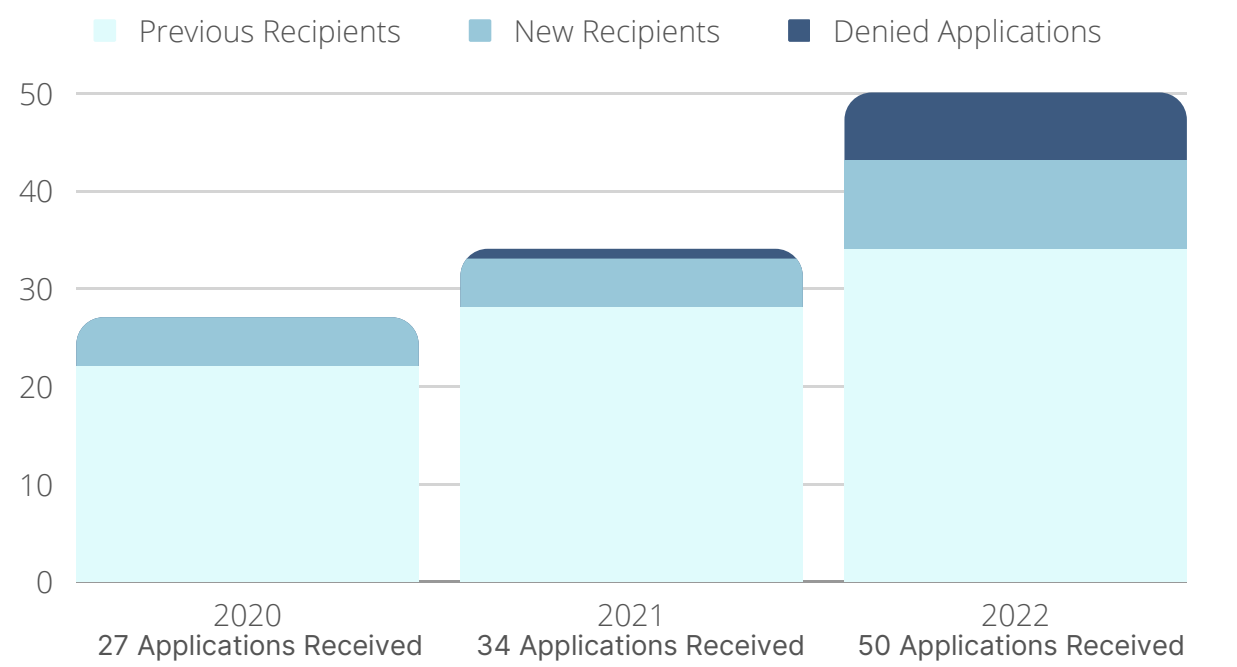
Events: The DICF funds or helps fund community events and programs on the island such as the Concert in the Park, the Field of Honor, or the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration.



3-Year DICF Grant Review

Since its inception, the Daniel Island Community Fund has been striving to increase their outreach to local nonprofit organizations while continuing to maintain partnerships with its previous grant recipients.

The below graph shows the growth of the DICF Grant Program over the last three years. In just two years, the outreach and impact has significantly increased.



Grant Application Process

Grants are submitted via an online application. Applications are accepted in early January through the end of July.

The applications are reviewed twice annually, on April 1st and on August 1st, and awards are made twice annually in April/May and August/September. The review time varies based on the number of grant applications received in the application cycle.

Qualifying For A Grant

In order to qualify for a DICF grant, they must be a registered 501c3, and 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 2023 Grant Application is available online!
To submit an application, visit the Philanthropy
Page on our website - www.dicommunity.org.

A total of \$489,000 was awarded to 43 deserving nonprofit organizations.

9 of those organizations were new and had never received a DICF grant before!

(highlighted and indicated with * below)

2022 Grant Recipients

- **Advanced Technology International***

- American National Red Cross
- Association For The Blind And Visually Impaired South Carolina (ABVI)
- Avian Conservation Center
- **Baldwin Carson Community Outreach Center***
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry
- Bishop England High School
- **Blissful Dreams Rescue Ranch***
- Camp Rise Above
- Charleston Gaillard Management Corporation
- Charleston Jazz
- Charleston Orphan House Inc. DBA Carolina Youth Development Center
- Charleston Stage Company
- Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- **Charleston Waterkeeper***
- Charleston Young Life
- Children's Museum Of The Lowcountry
- Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy
- Coastal District Council Of The St Vincent De Paul Society Diocese Of
- Daniel Island Business Association
- East Cooper Meals On Wheels Inc.
- ECCO

- **Feeding Of The Multitudes Inc.***

- Girls On The Run Charleston
- Hearts Of Huger Revitalization Effort
- Humanities Foundation Inc.
- Junior Achievement of Greater SC
- **LENS Foundation***
- Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.
- **Lions Vision Services A South Carolina Charity***
- Lowcountry Food Bank Inc.
- Operation Home Inc.
- Palmetto Project Inc.
- Pattison's Academy
- Philip Simmons Elementary STEAM School
- Philip Simmons High School Band
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc
- Providence Baptist Church
- South Carolina Congress Of Parents And Teachers for Philip Simmons Elementary
- South Carolina Congress Of Parents And Teachers, Daniel Island School PTA
- Special Olympics South Carolina
- **The Medical University Of South Carolina Foundation***
- **Windwood Farm Home for Children, Inc.***

Thanks to the Daniel Island Community Fund, 2022 was another big year for the Wando River and all Daniel Island creeks! Our Swim Alert bacteria testing data continue to show that Wando River at Waterfront Park has some of the best water quality in all of the Charleston area. Every single sample we analyzed in 2022 showed that water was safe for recreational uses like swimming, paddling, boating, and fishing. Our Creek Watcher testing shows the Beresford Creek and the surrounding marsh are healthy as well.

- Charleston Waterkeeper



The Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility and Enhanced Services Group Home are located at Windwood Farm in Awendaw, SC. Programs at the farm serve South Carolina boys, age 6-16. All of the children have a past history of abuse, neglect, or trauma. While at Windwood Farm, the children work with an interdisciplinary treatment team to process their trauma, modify behaviors, and achieve positive permanency in the community.

The funds awarded by the Daniel Island Community Fund are used to support trauma therapy services in our residential treatment programs.

- Windwood Farm




The Daniel Island Community Fund continues year after year to prepare, support, and relieve the suffering of thousands of families in our community. This year they not only offered tremendous support to victims of home fires but also victims of Hurricane Ian. Countless families are now able to begin to rebuild their homes and lives thanks to your generosity and compassion.

- American Red Cross





**Cainhoy Elementary
School**

 **Blissful Dreams
Rescue Ranch**



Operation Home



**Philip Simmons
Schools** 



**Daniel Island
&
Bishop England
School's**



Close To Home

While not all grant recipients have their home base located in our service area, they do directly impact our area by providing services to the people who live there.

Several organizations are located or operate close to home as shown in the map above.

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.

Daniel Island Community Foundation 501(c)3

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 natural disaster relief, 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.

Meet Our Resident Advisory Committee



Elizabeth Perkis



Carina
Buckman



Ann Wolf



Debbie Maraia

2022 Matching Campaign

Ten years ago, the Daniel Island Community Foundation and its Resident Advisory Committee created the very first Foundation Matching Campaign. There were multiple local nonprofit organizations chosen to receive the funds and a goal was set to fundraise \$5,000 for each organization. Additionally, the Daniel Island Community Fund 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.

Although participation decreased in recent years, the 2022 chosen nonprofit organizations still received large contributions at the end of the year. Over \$11,500 was raised for the following three organizations in 2022:

- The Berkeley County Animal Center
- Callen-Lacey Center for Children in Monks Corner
- Families Helping Families

"Beyond The Campaign" Success

It is no secret that Daniel Island residents and businesses are extremely generous in their philanthropic work and contributions. While the Matching Campaign had decreased participation, the Foundation's new "Beyond the Campaign" program triumphed!

In its inaugural year, several residents applied to have their donations matched by DICF up to \$2,500 per organization. A total of 18 organizations received year-end gifts from the DICF through this new program. Collaboratively, over \$165,000 was donated!

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| • Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired | • Charleston Area Young Life |
| • Tri-County Cradle to Career Collaborative | • Charleston Promise Neighborhood |
| • Windwood Family Services | • Dee Norton Child Advocacy Center |
| • A Child's Haven | • Dorchester Children's Advocacy Center |
| • Reach Out And Read South Carolina | • HALOS |
| • Water Missions International | • Metanoia |
| • ECCO | • The Green Heart Project |
| • Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry | • Vision To Learn |
| • Amor Healing Kitchen, Inc. | • Trident United Way |

2023 Beyond the Campaign

This campaign gives residents the opportunity to continue to make contributions to local nonprofits they are passionate about and receive an extra gift from DICF to that organization.

Qualifying for a donation 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 in the 4th quarter of the year.
- Each resident can submit up to 1 request for a donation match per calendar year.

How to Apply:

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

\$0 from Annual Property Owner Assessments go towards the Daniel Island Community Fund or the Daniel Island Community Foundation.

All funding comes from Community Enhancement fees on resales or donations.

*Thank
you!*

Thank you all for your continued support of philanthropy on Daniel Island. With your help, we are truly making a difference in our community.

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.

Simply 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.

Questions? Contact Danielle Stix at Danielle.Stix@dicommunity.org

Daniel Island Community Foundation Resident Advisory Committee

Carina Buckman **Deb Maraia**
Elizabeth Perkis **Ann Wolf**

Daniel Island Community Fund Board/Grants Committee*

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