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Daniel Island's Annual  
Philanthropy Report

# THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



First Tee - Greater Charleston at Daniel Island School^

# 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.

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 Waterfront Park, 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, Acoustic Guitar Series at Waterfront Park, 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. Supporting the actions of our residents who are devoting their time, talent, and treasure to helping 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 target areas of Cainhoy/Huger and Daniel Island. Charities apply for grants which are awarded two times in a 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.

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*

## The 2023 Resident DICF Board Members



**Pete Harper**



**Steve Slifer**



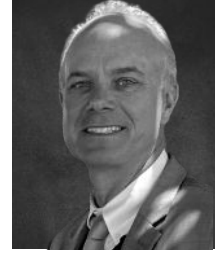
**Jim Morrill**



**Bill Stevens**



**Emily Dorton**



**Colby Hollifield**

**Thank you for your leadership and support over the years!  
The commitment and dedication you all have shown has been greatly appreciated. The countless organizations and people you have helped is a true testament to the DICF and Foundation's mission.**

## Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation Board Structure

In November 2023, the 2023 Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation Board Members adopted a Resolution outlining a new Board Structure policy. This policy designates how the members are chosen, their terms of service, and their respective duties. To view the full Resolution, please visit our website [www.dicommunity.org](http://www.dicommunity.org) under the philanthropy tab.

Per the Policy, the 2024 DICF Board of Directors are as follows:

- Jane Baker - President (DIPA appointed member)
- Frank Brumley - Vice President (DIC appointed)
- Bill McKenzie - Secretary/Treasurer (DIC appointed)
- Otto Orr (DITA appointed member)
- Mary Stuart Sutton (DITA appointed member)
- Pete Harper (DIPA appointed member)
- DICA Appointed Member - First Quarter 2024
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- Dani Stix (POA appointed member)



# 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.

"We are so appreciative of our generous 2023 DICF Grant. Our playground fences are old, and we are frequently having to repair them. We will be able to use our grant to replace both fences and make our playgrounds safer. Thank you so much!"

- Terri Largent, director of Providence Church Preschool



Children at Providence Church Preschool

## 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:** Projects like Waterfront Park and Guggenheim Terrace.

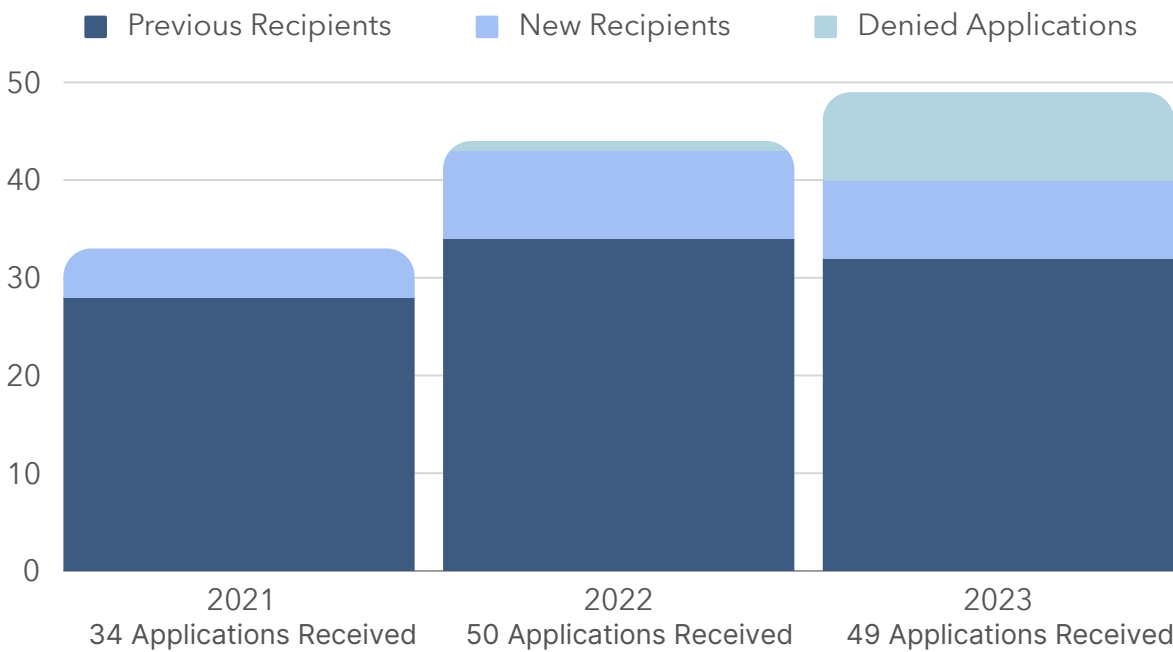
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**Events:** The DICF funds and/or sponsors community events and programs on the Island such as the Concert in the Park, the Field of Honor, Independence Day Celebration, and Holiday Decorations.

# 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, the applicant 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 2024 Grant Application is available online! To submit an application, visit the Philanthropy Page on our website - [www.dicommunity.org](http://www.dicommunity.org).

A total of \$446,286 was awarded to 40 deserving nonprofit organizations.

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

(highlighted and indicated with \* below)

# 2023 Grant Recipients

- Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- American National Red Cross
- **Beach Cowboy Fitness Foundation\***
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry
- Bishop England High School
- Blissful Dreams Rescue Ranch
- Cainhoy Elementary School
- Camp Rise Above
- Charleston Gaillard Management Corporation
- Charleston Jazz
- **Charleston Junior Golf Foundation\***
- **Charleston Legal Access\***
- Charleston Orphan House Inc DBA Carolina Youth Development Center
- Charleston Stage Company
- Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- Charleston Young Life
- Children's Museum Of The Lowcountry
- Coastal District Council Of The St Vincent De Paul Society Diocese Of
- ECCO
- Gift Of Adoption Fund Inc
- **Girls On The Run Charleston\***
- Helping And Lending Outreach Support dba HALOS
- **Hope Repair\***
- Humanities Foundation Inc
- Junior Achievement of Greater SC
- Lowcountry Food Bank Inc
- Operation Home Inc
- Palmetto Project Inc
- Philip Simmons Elementary STEAM School
- Philip Simmons High School PTSA
- **Point Hope Presbyterian Church\***
- **Postpartum Support Charleston\***
- Providence Baptist Church
- **Random Acts of Kindness of the Lowcountry\***
- Reading Partners South Carolina
- South Carolina Congress Of Parents And Teachers - Philip Simmons Middle PTSA
- South Carolina Congress Of Parents And Teachers, Daniel Island School PTA
- South Coast Lacrosse Association
- Special Olympics South Carolina
- Teachers Supply Closet





  
**East Cooper  
Community Outreach  
(ECCO)**



**Blissful Dreams  
Rescue Ranch**



**Operation Home**



**Philip Simmons  
Schools**



 **Young Life  
&  
Point Hope Church**



# 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.





"I am grateful for the transformative impact the 2023 DICE Grant has had on our program this year. With its support, we've been able to innovate, expand, and make a lasting difference in our community. This grant has empowered us to reach new heights and create meaningful change. Thank you for believing in our vision and contributing to our success."

- Lamar Mowatt, Humanities Foundation



The first STEM Lesson at Cainhoy Elementary School in 2023.

"The Daniel Island Community Fund continued the unique legacy of Jazz in Charleston by providing Scholarship Funding for Charleston Jazz Academy students to experience the personal expansion of music education regardless of financial need."

- Charleston Jazz Academy



"The Daniel Island Community Fund grant allowed Teachers' Supply Closet to provide free school supplies for low-income students. Your funds helped to ensure that students had all the tools they needed for success and that teachers did not have to pay out of pocket for supplies. Thank you for making a difference!"

-Teachers Supply Closet



"We truly enjoyed the show! The kids said that it was a field trip they will never forget. They mentioned the comparisons from the novel they read to the actual show.

Thank you so much for having us."

- Charleston Stage Company

"Thanks to the Daniel Island Community Fund, Gift of Adoption South Carolina's Chapter will be able to complete the adoption of a child in vulnerable circumstances into a permanent, local family. Gift of Adoption believes the high upfront cost of adoption should not prevent families from welcoming children in need into their homes and provides adoption assistance grants to complete the adoptions of at-risk children, giving them permanent families and the chance to thrive. Thanks to generous partners like the Daniel Island Community Fund, Gift of Adoption has, to date, completed the adoptions of more than 5,300 children. Children like Anlee who was adopted by Kathleen and Mark of Charleston, SC in 2022."

- Gift of Adoption



Anlee and her brothers



## The Spirit of Giving

"The generosity from the Daniel Island Community Fund has allowed Camp Rise Above to further expand our impact across the community and welcome more campers to our adaptive overnight and day camps in 2023 than ever before. These programs were provided completely free of charge thanks to you! Our team could not make these opportunities possible for so many medically fragile children without your support, and our staff and families at CRA are incredibly grateful! We welcome you to follow along on our social media pages to see just how impactful your support has continued to be."

- Allison Carter, CRA Director of Development



"HALOS is grateful for DICF's grant, which helps kids who can't be with their parents and are taken care of by relatives. These kids go through the same kinds of trauma as foster children but don't get state help. Thank you for supporting them and investing in the success of kinship families in our community."

- HALOS



"The grant has helped Blissful Dreams Rescue Ranch feed and care for our animals in order to serve Philip Simmons High School, Veterans, and many other children, juveniles, and adults of various abilities through our Equine and animal-assisted ministry in Huger."

- Blissful Dreams Rescue Ranch



"We remain deeply grateful to the Daniel Island Community Fund for its investment in the youth we serve and for helping our mission to grow. With the trust of their parents and guardians and the dedicated friendship of their mentors, our Littles do better in school, develop strong protective relationships with peers and family, avoid risky behaviors, and develop great aspirations for themselves. Thanks to you, we will create and support 300+ one-to-one mentoring relationships by June 2024. Thank you!"

- Merridith Crowe, CEO, of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry

"The generosity of the Daniel Island Community Fund has enabled a very special 8-year-old Daniel Island boy with a rare brain tumor and limited cognitive abilities to receive weekly exercise classes at Beach Cowboy Fitness, our fitness studio in Mt. Pleasant. He enjoys the interaction with other children while keeping both his brain and body active."

- Beach Cowboy Fitness

"The Daniel Island School PTA is so grateful for the DICF grant award. We have used grant money to purchase and provide items that directly impact our students, staff and school."

- Daniel Island School PTA



Read more quotes  
& photos online at

[dicommunity.org](http://dicommunity.org)



## 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, and promote social welfare of the community.

# Daniel Island Community Foundation 501(c)3



The Daniel Island Community Foundation fundraises and helps support:

- Natural Disaster Relief
- Special nonprofit needs as they arise (such as clothing and food drives)
- Resident nonprofit contributions

**Be on the look out for upcoming drives in 2024 on the POA Website - [www.dicommunity.org](http://www.dicommunity.org)**

The Foundations drive for local Blessing Boxes in November 2023



Food insecurity in the Lowcountry is a real issue. Blessing Boxes help meet that need that need by stocking up nonperishables, baby items, toiletries, and more. One rule applies, "Take what you need, leave what you can".



# Matching Campaign Success

It is no secret that Daniel Island residents and businesses are extremely generous in their philanthropic work and contributions. In 2022 and 2023, the Daniel Island Community Foundation's new "Matching Campaign" program made a significant impact.

In its second year running, 22 residents applied to have their donations matched by DICF up to \$2,500 per organization. A total of 17 organizations received year-end gifts from the DICF through this program.

Collaboratively, over \$75,000 was donated!

- Blissful Dreams Rescue Ranch
- First Tee - Greater Charleston
- East Cooper Meals on Wheels
- Dee Norton
- The Citadel Foundation
- Lower Berkeley County Young Life
- Lions Vision Services
- Seen Moms
- Lowcountry Food Bank
- Saint John Catholic School
- Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- Charleston Promise Neighborhood
- East Cooper Community Outreach
- MUSC Hollings Cancer Center Foundation
- Providence Church Preschool
- Philip Simmons ONE Family Touchdown Club
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

## Request A Match For Your Donation

This campaign gives people who live and work on Daniel Island the opportunity to continue to make contributions to local nonprofits they are passionate about and leverage their gift with a DICF match.

### 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 household or business 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](mailto:Danielle.Stix@dcommunity.org) for review in the 4th quarter of 2024. Please include the organization's name, what they do, proof of your donation, and why you believe it qualifies for a match.

# 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](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.

**Questions?** Contact Danielle Stix at [Danielle.Stix@dicommunity.org](mailto:Danielle.Stix@dicommunity.org).

## 2023 Daniel Island Community Fund Board/Grants Committee\*

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