



Daniel Island's Annual
Philanthropy Report

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING



Locals working hard at the Annual Beach Sweep River Sweep at Waterfront Park^

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!

The 2024 Resident DICF Board Members



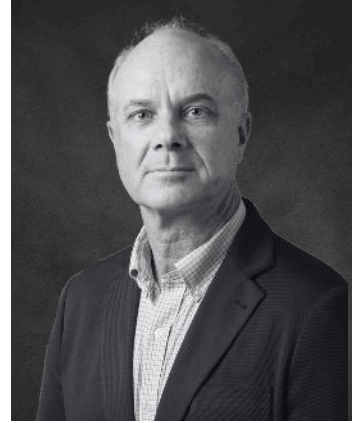
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Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation Board Structure

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.dicomunity.org under the philanthropy tab.

Per the Policy, the 2025 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)
- Colby Hollifield (DICA appointed member)
- Andrea Sullivan (DICA appointed member)
- 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.

“People delighted in cleaning up litter and finding unique items that told stories about whoever dropped them, like three wet towels washed up near the Wando bridge: did the people leave because of high tide, or they simply forget them?”
-Claire Law, Event Organizer



Volunteers at the Annual Waterfront Park Beach Sweep River Sweep

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.

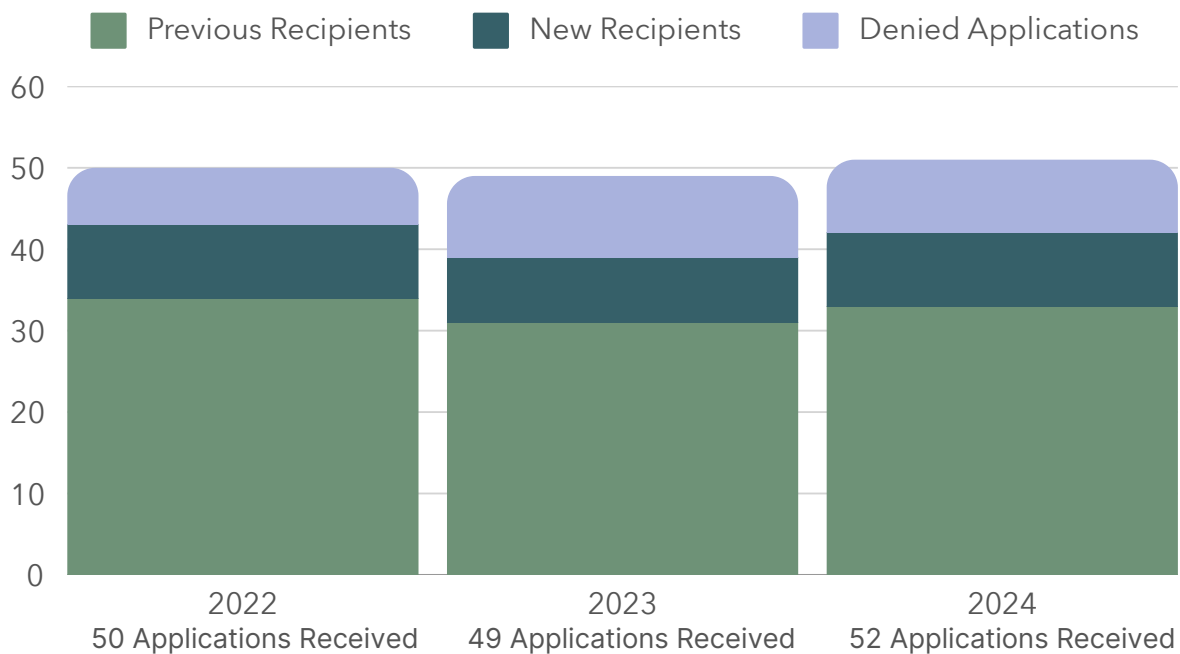
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Events: The DICF funds and/or sponsors community events and programs on the Island such as the Concert in the Park, the Field of Honor, Independence Day Celebration, and Holiday Decorations.

3-Year DICF Grant Review

Since its inception, the Daniel Island Community Fund has worked to expand its outreach to local nonprofit organizations, while also nurturing ongoing partnerships with previous grant recipients.

The graph below illustrates the growth of the DICF Grant Program over the past three years. Although the total number of applications has remained fairly consistent, there has been a noticeable increase in outreach and impact, resulting in a rise in new grant recipients.



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 2025 Grant Application is available online! To submit an application, visit the Philanthropy Page on our website - www.dcommunity.org.

A total of \$443,457 was awarded to 42 deserving nonprofit organizations.

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

(highlighted and indicated with * below)

2024 Grant Recipients

- American National Red Cross
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry
- Camp Rise Above
- Charleston Gaillard Management Corporation
- [Charleston Parks Conservancy*](#)
- Charleston Stage Company
- Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- Charleston Waterkeeper
- Charleston Young Life
- Children's Museum Of The Lowcountry
- [Church of the Holy Spirit Daniel Island*](#)
- Coastal District Council Of The St Vincent De Paul Society Diocese Of
- East Cooper Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
- East Cooper Meals On Wheels Inc.
- ECCO
- Florence Crittenton Programs Of South Carolina Inc.
- [Friends of The Berkeley County Library Inc. d/b/a Friends of the Daniel Island Library*](#)
- Girls On The Run Charleston
- Hearts Of Huger Revitalization Effort
- Helping And Lending Outreach Support dba HALOS
- Hope Repair
- Humanities Foundation Inc.
- Junior Achievement of Greater SC
- [Lowcountry Autism Foundation Inc.*](#)
- Lowcountry Food Bank Inc.
- [Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network*](#)
- Operation Home Inc.
- Pattison's Academy
- Philip Simmons Elementary School
- Philip Simmons High School PTSA
- Point Hope Presbyterian Church
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc
- Providence Baptist Church
- [PURE Theatre*](#)
- Random Acts of Kindness of the Lowcountry
- [Social Emotional Learning Alliance For 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
- [Trident United Way Inc.*](#)
- [YWCA Of Greater Charleston*](#)



**Charleston Stage
working with Cainhoy
Elementary School**



Hope Repair



**East Cooper
Community
Outreach**



**American Red Cross aid
on DJ**



Close To Home

Although not all grant recipients are based within our service area, they have a direct impact on the community by delivering services to local residents.

Several organizations are located or operate nearby, as illustrated in the map above.



"The 2024 Grant has been a game-changer for our summer program. Thanks to this generous support of the DDCF, we were able to expand our offerings, increase accessibility for underrepresented youth, and provide a more enriched experience for each participant. With the resources provided, we were able to hire qualified instructors, purchase necessary supplies, and offer this program free of charge to students who may have otherwise been unable to attend. The impact has been profound, and we've seen an increase in both engagement and overall satisfaction from our community."

-Humanities Foundation

"The American Red Cross Lowcountry Chapter is appreciative of the Daniel Island Fund support of its Home Fire Campaign and Disaster Response Program. Through generous funding, the Red Cross is able to address basic immediate needs for families that have lost everything in a home fire. One of the most tragic fire responses occurred last November at the Seven Farm Apartments on Seven Farm Drive on Daniel Island, where forty apartments were evacuated during the incident (photo in map above). The Red Cross is able to provide clothes, medicine, food, and other essentials to our residents who suffer the unimaginable tragedy of losing all their belongings in a fire. This important work simply could not be done without the help of the Daniel Island Fund."

-The American Red Cross Lowcountry Chapter



Random Acts of Kindness working with the Cainhoy Schools



"I wanted to tell you the swim lessons have been so amazing. M had a bad experience in the past with a different swim group but has done amazing this time. They are so patient and understanding with her. I have seen a huge improvement in just a few weeks. Thank you again for the opportunity."

-Lowcountry Autism Foundation



"The Daniel Island Community Fund (DICF) generously provided a grant to East Cooper Habitat for Humanity, enabling us to build a playhouse for a local family during the holiday season. This initiative brought joy to the family while raising essential funds for our affordable home build program. Thanks to this support, we were also able to provide Heather with the greatest gift—a safe and stable home—just in time for Christmas.

This grant has allowed us to create meaningful moments for local families while advancing our mission of eliminating substandard housing. Seeing Heather move into her new home for the holidays is a powerful reminder of the impact we can achieve together."

-Kristen, Development Director at East Cooper Habitat for Humanity

"This fall, the DIS PTA has been very busy. We utilized the DDCF grant money to purchase a new osprey mascot costume, paint 2 murals in the hallway, bring in Lowcountry in-house field trips (indigo dying, South Carolina aquarium, and basket weaving), and purchase recess equipment for every class.



This spring we are working on garden enhancements, supporting in-house clubs, and appreciation for support staff. Thanks again for funding all of these special projects!"

-Daniel Island School PTA

"The 2024 Daniel Island Community Fund Grant has been instrumental in providing transformative experiences for our campers at Pattison's Academy Therapeutic Summer Camp. With this support, we were able to offer enriching activities and specialized programs that foster growth, independence, and joy for children with disabilities in the Daniel Island community. The grant allowed us to create meaningful opportunities for social engagement, skill-building, and memorable summer experiences that positively impacted both our campers and their families."



-Pattisons Academy

"Thanks to the generous support of the Daniel Island Community Fund, over 1,400 students from Berkeley County Schools had the opportunity to attend a school matinee performance of Junie B Toothless Wonder and The Adventures of Frog and Toad at the Dock Street Theatre—an experience that was a first for many of them. This incredible opportunity wouldn't have been possible without our partnership with DDCF, which helps make discounted tickets available to schools, with additional discounts for Title 1 schools. We're excited to continue this partnership into 2025 and look forward to welcoming even more students to our upcoming school matinee, Last Stop on Market Street, later this month!"



-Charleston Stage (image on page 7)



Before



After

"The back deck was only workable access to the home. The decking was rotten and falling through. We replaced the decking and stairs to provide safe access to this grandmother who is caring for teenage grandchildren."

-Hope Repair

"The 2024 DDCF Grant has been instrumental in elevating our Septima tour, allowing us to bring this powerful story to new communities. The funding has enabled us to expand our reach, improve production quality, and engage with audiences who may not have had access to this transformative theatrical experience. With DDCF's support, we've been able to foster deeper conversations about justice, resilience, and leadership, ensuring Septima's message resonates widely. This grant not only empowered our creative vision but also strengthened our ability to make a meaningful impact in the communities we serve."

-PURE Theatre



"Because of your generous grant, the playgrounds at Providence Church Preschool are beautiful, safe, and fun for our children and community."

-Providence Church Preschool

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 Foundations HALOS Annual Gift Drive provided holiday gifts for 200 children!

The Daniel Island Community Foundation fundraises and helps support:

- Natural Disaster Relief
- Special nonprofit needs as they arise
- Vehicle for potential nonprofit matches

Check out our website www.dicomunity.org for participation opportunities throughout the year!

Natural Disaster Relief

The devastation from Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, as well as Hurricanes Helene and Milton in Florida, was truly heartbreaking. In response, the Daniel Island Community Foundation organized a fundraiser to support the American Red Cross, Water Missions International, and the Salvation Army.

The Daniel Island Community Fund committed to matching up to \$15,000 of the funds raised during the campaign. By the end of the campaign, \$16,450 had been raised, resulting in a total of \$31,450 donated to the three organizations.

Matching Campaign Success

Daniel Island property owners, renters, and businesses are well-regarded for their generosity and philanthropic contributions. The Daniel Island Community Foundation's "Matching Campaign" program has already made a substantial impact, even in its third year!

In this third year, we received 37 requests for donation matches to 25 different local nonprofit organizations. Each of these organizations received a year-end gift from the Daniel Island Community Fund amplifying the original donors impact.

Collectively, over \$195,000 was donated through this campaign!

- Charleston Bilingual Academy
- Charleston City Rowing Club
- Charleston Jazz
- Charleston Junior Golf Foundation (DBA First Tee - Greater Charleston)
- Charleston Symphony Orchestra
- Dee Norton
- East Cooper Habitat for Humanity
- ECCO
- Feeding of the Multitudes (FOTM)
- Folds of Honor Palmetto State
- Friends of Berkeley Animal Center
- Friends of Colleton County Animal Shelter
- Gameday Club at Philip Simmons High School
- Junior Achievement of Greater SC
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Lions Vision Services, A South Carolina Charity
- Lower Berkeley County Young Life
- One80 Place
- Philip Simmons High School PTA
- Random Acts of Kindness for the Lowcountry (RAKL)
- Swing for the Lowcountry
- The Mission Collective, Inc.
- Trident Academy
- Triple B Club for Bishop England High
- Water Missions International

Request A Match For Your Donation

This campaign provides Daniel Island property owners, renters and businesses the opportunity to support local nonprofits they care about, while amplifying their contributions 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 can be submitted at any point through out the year and will be reviewed in December. The deadline to submit is December 12, 2025.
- Each household or business can submit up to 1 request for a donation match per calendar year.

How to Apply:

Requests can be emailed to Danielle Stix at Danielle.Stix@dcommunity.org. 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 - 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.

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