

Community Foundation Elects New Officers *Awards grant at recent meeting*

Hilton Head Island, SC - - New officers have been elected to the board of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc.

Officers of the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry elected for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2009 are: Wade J. Webster, Chairman; Ernst Bruderer, Vice Chairman; and Nathaniel B.P. Jones, Treasurer.

Nearing its 15th anniversary, the Community Foundation and its more than 200 funds have provided more than \$28 million in grants and scholarships to our local community and beyond. The most recent was a grant awarded July 17, in the amount of \$24,500, to Volunteers in Medicine Clinic for a diagnostic testing program. Tests will be utilized for screening, to identify risk factors for disease, to detect occult (present in amounts too small to be visible) disease, or to confirm a diagnosis. As health care expenditures continue to increase, diagnostic testing identifies the possibility of chronic or serious disease and enables the application of prevention, education, and treatment in a potential earlier stage.

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Community Foundation of the Lowcountry

Founded in 1994, the mission of the community foundation is to strengthen community by connecting people, resources, and needs. In the years since inception, the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry has grown through additional gifts and investments and provided more than \$28 million in grants to support local nonprofits. In addition to grantmaking, the community foundation focuses on assisting donors to meet their philanthropic goals and acts as a convener of resources to address community concerns. In July 2001, the community foundation expanded to serve residents in Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties. For more information, visit our website at www.cf-lowcountry.org.