Annually, the Laurens County Community Foundation recognizes and honors an outstanding community member through its George Love Philanthropy Award, in which a Laurens County resident is honored for their outstanding philanthropic contributions to our community.

It is with great pleasure that the Laurens County Community Foundation presented the 2019 George Love Philanthropy Award to Emily Bailey, a generous benefactor to many organizations in our community for many years. Her generosity is overshadowed only by her modesty. You see, she is a person who reaches out to help others because she knows it is the right thing to do and not because she wants to be in the spotlight. Indeed, she prefers to do her philanthropic work behind the scenes without public recognition. Throughout her life, Emily Bailey has donated both her resources and her time to improve the lives of others right here in our community and beyond.

The list of organizations she supports is quite lengthy, including Presbyterian College, First Baptist Church, the City of Clinton, Musgrove Mill State Park, Habitat for Humanity, local elementary schools, United Ministries, Clinton Canopy, and many, many others. Emily Bailey joins other outstanding LCCF Philanthropy Award honorees, including George Love himself, Jim Roberts, and Ann Cornelson.

Give where you live

In order to better serve local community needs, LCCF has several endowments that specifically serve Laurens County. To learn more about these endowments and how you can get involved visit our website at www.laurenscountycf.org or email robin@laurenscountycf.org
1) It starts with you and your desire to do something good for the community.

2) We’ll work with your philanthropic goals and how to create a way to give to the causes you care about the most.

3) You establish a new endowment or give to an existing fund by giving a donation immediately or with your estate planning strategy.

4) Your donation is carefully and prudently managed in order to make grants which enrich those living in Laurens County. Endowed gifts become a permanent source of funding for the community.

5) We’ll distribute grants and scholarships on your behalf and we handle all of the administration for you.

6) Laurens County is positively impacted by your giving in areas of greatest need including, education, the arts, health, social services and the environment.
A community foundation is an independent nonprofit organization that focuses on giving back to its community for the betterment of its people. Most community foundations are geographically defined and give back to their local communities in the form of grants to charitable projects and organizations.

**Types Of Funds**

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**
Supports a specific area of “interest” that you define. Donors identify an area of charitable interest- broad or narrow such as the arts, education, etc.

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**
Ensure regular, endowed support is provided to specific charitable organizations the donor’s name.

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**
Provides the greatest flexibility, allowing us to respond to the community’s most pressing needs.

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**
Donors make grants to causes close to their heart and the giving continues forever.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**
Help further the education of local students by providing them with scholarships.

**MEMORIAL FUNDS**
Ensure a special person is remembered through a fund that reflects his or her legacy. Donations are given in memory of a loved one.

**AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS**
A means for non-profits to build charitable dollars for the sustainability of their mission and work.
More than $202,000 in scholarships and $23,000 in grants can make a big difference in Laurens County. That’s part of what our community foundation has invested here, at home, where we live and work. In 2018-2019, grants went to buy a 3-D printer for Clinton and Eastside Elementary Schools, provided food and supplies for students who would otherwise have gone without, a water safety program at the Laurens YMCA, and funded the Clinton Middle School’s Wildcat Café job training program.

You may know that the Laurens County Community Foundation provides investment and administration for a number of churches and non-profits, but did you know we can help individuals with their charitable giving, too?

The average grant was $1500. You could help fund another grant with a pledge of as little as $500 per year or with an endowment of as little as $10,000. You can even build the required endowment with gifts over a period of 3 years. Or, you can establish an Acorn Fund as a placeholder for a bequest in your will.

Even our investment management fee of 1% stays right here at home and helps fund grant writing seminars, our Community Enrichment Grants, and a part-time professional working in the county to help educate on philanthropy and promote local causes: our Executive Director, Robin Day.

We have a range of causes and types of funds, all with one thing in common: they have an impact here in Laurens County. You can look at the types of funds we have on the previous page of this newsletter and find one that’s best suited for your philanthropic goals.

You are invited to join us with our mission by investing today and improving tomorrow. Contact Robin Day to learn more, robin@laurenscountycf.org / 864-681-5223.

Morris Galloway
Chairman of the Board

Start Making An Impact Today For The Betterment Of Tomorrow

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