



## **Angel Donor Steps Up to give \$25,000 for Lancaster County; Second Challenge Announced**

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### *First match met within 48 hours*

LANCASTER, S.C.— On November 27, the J. Marion Sims Foundation announced a contribution of up to \$75,000 to the Lancaster County Community Foundation. Funds are dedicated to the work of the local community foundation, which focuses on strengthening the quality of life in Lancaster County, S.C.

The first \$40K of the J. Marion Sims Foundation pledge is targeted for 2018 grantmaking efforts by the Lancaster County Community Foundation in the following areas, noted as priority by both boards: Education, Health, Higher Education/Workforce Development, Human Services. An additional \$10K is dedicated to Arts & Culture, recently noted as an economic driver of the region. Within the original pledge, J. Marion Sims posted a \$25,000 challenge to the community, noting the Foundation's intention to provide dollar-for-dollar match for any additional contributions made to the Lancaster County Community Foundation, up to \$25,000, through March 2018.

Within 48 hours, the initial challenge of \$25,000 was met by a single donation to the Lancaster County Community Foundation by a family wishing to remain anonymous.

"We are blown away by the generosity of this angel donor," said Robert Folks, Board Chair, J. Marion Sims Foundation. "Our community will be impacted in perpetuity by this family's contribution to Lancaster County."

Inspired by this anonymous gift -- and to support those who might make additional year-end donations to support the community-- three local organizations have worked together to offer a second match challenge this week. Together, the partners are offering an extended dollar-for-dollar match (of up to \$17,500) for all gifts made to the Lancaster County Community Foundation through March 2018. These partners have a vested interest in the overall health and wellness of Lancaster County and are dedicated to supporting the quality of life for all residents.

The Quality of Life Challenge Match Partners to support the Lancaster County Community Foundation include:

- Founders Federal Credit Union;
- J. Marion Sims Foundation;
- Springs Memorial Hospital.

To make a contribution to the Lancaster Community Foundation, please visit the website below or contact Brian Collier, EVP, Foundation For The Carolinas (704-973-4556, [bcollier@fftc.org](mailto:bcollier@fftc.org)). The Lancaster County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of Foundation For The Carolinas in Charlotte. [https://www.fftc.org/regional\\_affiliates#lancaster](https://www.fftc.org/regional_affiliates#lancaster)  
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**What the Quality of Life Challenge Match partners are saying:**

**Founders Federal Credit Union**

“We are proud to be a part of this exciting challenge focused on building and strengthening a healthy community,” said Bruce Brumfield, CEO, Founders Federal Credit Union. “Helping our community thrive is part of our mission. During this holiday season, where else can you give a gift that has such a big return?”

**Foundation For The Carolinas**

“We are always amazed at the energy and passion of our affiliate leaders,” said Brian Collier, Executive Vice President, Community Programs and Civic Leadership, Foundation For The Carolinas. “The Lancaster County Community Foundation -and the community partners joining them in this challenge- are redoubling their commitment to building a strong community for all, now and for future generations.”

**J. Marion Sims Foundation**

“We are proud to elevate the philanthropy of our community through this healthy community challenge,” said Susan DeVenny, President & CEO, J. Marion Sims Foundation. “Our common vision to build and sustain quality of life for all residents drives our decision-making and our work in the community.”

### **Lancaster County Community Foundation**

“We are working harder than ever on partnerships which impact the quality of life for residents in Lancaster County,” said Chip Cox, Chair, Lancaster County Community Foundation. “Our work with the J. Marion Sims Foundation and our other healthy community match sponsors speaks about our commitment to collaborations which make a difference for all people.”

### **Springs Memorial Hospital**

“Since 1940, Springs Memorial Hospital has been a part of the community, serving residents and providing for their health needs,” said Page Vaughan, Chief Executive Officer. “In 2018, we are proud to redouble our commitment to the community through partnerships focused on health.”

### **About the partners:**

**Foundation For The Carolinas** is a nonprofit community foundation serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of \$2.3 billion, the Foundation encourages and makes possible philanthropic giving by individuals of all means to benefit their communities. Visit [www.ffc.org](http://www.ffc.org).

**Founders Federal Credit Union** is one of the largest and most innovative in the nation, was founded in 1950 in Fort Mill, South Carolina to provide financial services to the employees of Springs Industries, Inc. Founders serves over 210,000 members with 30 offices and three service centers in North and South Carolina. The credit union has over \$2 billion in assets.

**J. Marion Sims Foundation** is entering its third decade of service to the community, with a focus on transforming the health and wellness of Lancaster County, Fort Lawn, and Great Falls, SC. Created by the sale of the Elliot White Springs Hospital in 1995, the Foundation provides partnership, programming, and grants to support community transformation. The board's new strategic direction includes a focus on building a healthy community, supporting youth transition to adulthood, and elevating philanthropy.

**Lancaster County Community Foundation** was created in 1988 to inspire philanthropy and strengthen the community by securing resources to address local issues. Led by a local board of trustees, LCCF is one of 13 regional affiliates of Foundation For The Carolinas. LCCF has awarded more than \$111,000 in grants to area nonprofit organizations since inception.

**Springs Memorial Hospital** is a 225-bed, all private-room, acute-care hospital where technology and skilled professionals come together to provide compassionate, patient-focused care. Services include 24 hour emergency care, a 14 bed skilled nursing unit, physical therapy (inpatient and outpatient), heart catheterization lab, 10 bed intensive care unit, 10 bed coronary care unit, women and children's services, inpatient rehabilitation and an adult behavioral health unit. Our diverse and highly trained medical staff offer more than 25 medical specialties. Springs Memorial Hospital is located three hours from the beaches of South Carolina and the mountains of North Carolina. For more information, visit [www.springsmemorial.com](http://www.springsmemorial.com).