

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & BOARD CHAIR



Todd Mansfield and Michael Marsicano, Ph.D.

The 24 local leaders who gathered in January 1958 to form the United Community Foundation with a modest \$3,000 had no way of predicting what would become of their creation. Now known as Foundation For The Carolinas, we are pleased to report that, after six decades, your community foundation is stronger than ever.

In 2017, our assets rose to nearly \$2.5 billion - a 25 percent increase over the previous year - thanks to \$559 million in contributions. With these assets came record-breaking generosity: our 2,600 fundholders contributed a record-setting \$419 million to worthy causes - from health to housing to the environment to the arts and more.

In addition, our donors increased our planned giving pipeline to \$750 million. Their philanthropic spirit will help generations to come.

The generosity of our fundholders was felt across the board – their more than 150 scholarship funds distributed more than \$2 million to 970 students, and a number of our regional county affiliate foundations saw tremendous growth in grantmaking dollars.

By partnering with us, our fundholders create a significant impact on our region. For 10 years, our flagship program — the Robinson Center for Civic Leadership — has worked to address our community's greatest challenges and opportunities. Of particular note:

▶ The Leading on Opportunity Council has seen important progress toward improving upward mobility in our region, including a commitment by Mecklenburg County to increase access to pre-K.

- ▶ FFTC created and seeded the Housing Opportunity Investment Fund with a \$5 million program-related investment. The goal is to eventually grow the fund to \$50 million to help mitigate the increasing affordability gap to develop housing that serves residents in a range of incomes. Access to affordable housing was a key recommendation of the Leading on Opportunity report.
- ▶ We reached our construction fundraising goal for the restoration of the Carolina Theatre, which is already underway. The renovated historic movie palace which will rise 32 stories, thanks to a third party's InterContinental hotel atop will be the highlight of Belk Place and is expected to open in 2020.

This year joins our previous six decades as being impactful, meaningful and memorable, thanks to our generous fundholders. Our partners, donors and friends continue to prove how generosity and philanthropy leads to positive change.

For more information, visit www.fftc.org.

Todd Mansfield

Board Chair, 2017-2019

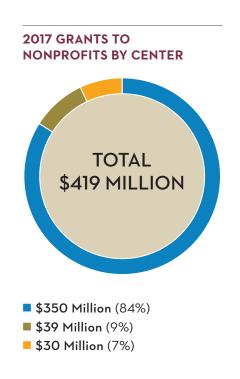
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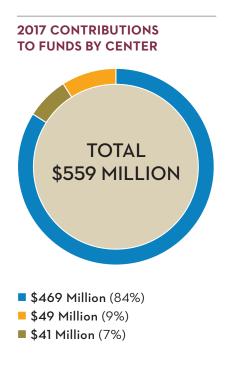
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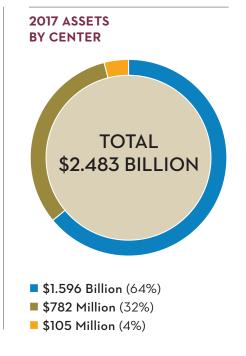
President and CEO

YOUR COLLECTIVE GENEROSITY — GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS & ASSETS

2017 GRANTS TO NONPROFITS BY CATEGORY			
Environment	\$183,983,364	44%	
Education	\$108,276,938	26%	
Human Services	\$39,528,682	10%	
Arts & Culture	\$27,157,909	6%	
Health	\$21,602,544	5%	
Other Charitable Causes	\$15,372,250	3%	
Religion	\$10,383,376	3%	
Animal Welfare	\$6,961,434	2%	
Social Capital	\$5,944,237	1%	









SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

for Years Ended December 31



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 157,613,855	\$ 235,734,967
Accounts Receivable	4,273,011	423,725
Pledges Receivable, Net	61,476,784	54,017,938
Prepaid Expenses/Inventory	131,852	3,773
Short Term Investments	140,148,893	59,987,685
Property and Equipment, Net	20,758,002	21,073,565
Notes Receivable	3,616,810	4,456,159
Other Assets	109,327,881	6,153,960
Beneficial Interest in Trust	336,365	331,865
Long Term Investments	1,952,873,611	1,597,331,563
Other Investments	32,913,186	87,477,362
Total Assets	<u>\$2,483,470,250</u>	\$2,066,992,562
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities	\$ 601,463,480	\$ 531,393,360
Net Assets	1,882,006,770	1,535,599,202
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,483,470,250	\$2,066,992,562

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	2017	2016
REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 558,990,250	\$ 498,731,447
Less – Contributions Received on Behalf of Others	(21,050,677)	(39,178,360)
Net Contributions	537,939,573	459,553,087
Other, Net*	238,995,922	111,690,593
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	\$ 776,935,495	\$ 571,243,680
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$ 419,210,734	\$ 312,242,275
Less – Grants Disbursed on Behalf of Others	(25,718,814)	(22,258,546)
Net Grants	393,491,920	289,983,729
Other Program Expenses	16,568,037	15,850,196
Management and General	17,922,767	16,437,552
Fundraising and Development	2,545,203	2,998,720
Total Expenses	\$ 430,527,927	\$ 325,270,197
Change in Net Assets	\$ 346,407,568	\$ 245,973,483
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,535,599,202	1,289,625,719
Net Assets, End of Year	\$1,882,006,770	\$1,535,599,202

Federal Tax ID #56-6047886 Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations $^{\circ} Includes \ net \ investment \ gains/losses, \ administrative \ fees \ received \ and \ change \ in \ beneficial \ interest \ in \ trust.$

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FFTC 2017-2018 GOVERNING BOARD

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Howard R. Levine

Foundation

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McKinsey & Company

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(Joined 2018)

Civic Leader

Chris Poplin

 $Faison\ Enterprises$

Kevin Roche

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Civic Leader

Ruth Shaw

Civic Leader

Eugene "Gene" Woods

(Joined 2018)

Atrium Health

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