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*Summary of 2009 – Donor Letter January 2010*

Dear Foundation Friend:

***Thank you for all that you have done to build such a wonderful and permanent resource for our community – Cumberland Community Foundation!*** Thanks to gifts like yours and those of more than a thousand other people during 2009, Cumberland Community Foundation accomplished a great deal. We are pleased to provide this short update on the year.

In 2009 we ***paid 780 grants totaling \$1.6 million.*** These grants are from all fund types, including our unrestricted Community Funds, Summertime Kids Endowment, Scholarships, Designated Funds, and Donor Advised Funds. This brings total grants paid since 1980 to \$23.9 million.

***These grants supported the arts and recreation, child and youth development, animal welfare, environment and sustainability, economic development, education programs, college scholarships, human services, health care, other aid for the poor, leadership development, aid for seniors, and so many other good causes.*** Each grant is a valuable investment in the community and we are happy to help our donors do so many great things!

Last summer, our ***Summertime Kids grants program helped 1,213 children*** from low income and under-served communities. Children and youth attended camps and programs that strengthened their reading skills, nurtured their artistic sides, connected them to nature, and built their life skills (such as nutritional choices, financial management, and social skills). One of our goals for 2010 is to grow the number of children helped through our Summertime Kids program. There is great need in this area. ***We invite your gifts to the Summertime Kids Endowment so we will help more kids every summer.***

***During 2009, we received 1,585 gifts totaling \$4,677,677.*** Gifts ranged in size ***from one dollar to \$2.3 million.*** As usual, about half of the dollars received came from estates of people who wanted to continue to do good things in the community. ***As a result of these gifts, the community foundation grew to almost \$42 million in assets in 2009.***

Every gift to the community foundation is treated with the same level of stewardship, accountability, and respect. As always, we received an ***unqualified audit opinion*** from Haigh, Byrd, & Lambert and remained ***certified in compliance with National Standards for US Community Foundations.***

***The endowment fund investments returned more than 25% in 2009,*** great progress that we hope will continue. We are thankful for a good relationship with our many local investment professionals who know that their results will help us change lives through increased grantmaking.

***The community foundation was in the news a lot in 2009.*** In December you may have seen the story in *The Fayetteville Observer* about a generous grant to The Salvation Army to help children at Christmas. As is often the case, the donor wished to remain anonymous and made the gift through her advised fund. This is just one example of a community foundation donor trying to make life better for others. It is an honor to work with so many generous people.

We are happy to welcome these ***new funds established at the community foundation in 2009:***

- Will Gillis Military Appreciation Endowed FSO Chair *[for the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra]*
- The Hines Family Summertime Kids Endowment *[for Summertime Kids programs]*
- Community Health Outreach Fund *[to improve birth outcomes through prenatal care during the first trimester]*
- Mary Rankin Hayslip Advised Fund *[for organizations recommended by the donor]*
- Katherine Yarborough Huguley Memorial Fund *[for Summertime Kids programs]*
- Arthur and Joan Ingalls Advised Fund *[for organizations recommended by the donors]*
- The Kiwanis Club of Cape Fear Scholarship Endowment
- Erna Elisabeth Lynch Charitable Endowment *[for the Fisher House at Ft. Bragg and the Cape Fear Botanical Garden]*
- Manning Family Advised Fund *[for organizations recommended by the donor]*
- Connor Elizabeth Maxwell Memorial Endowment *[established by her friends in Girl Scouts to support her favorite youth programs, including scholarships]*
- Cameron Averitt Maxwell Memorial Endowment *[established by his sister's friends to support his favorite youth programs, including Christian athletic programs]*
- Maxine McCoy Advised Fund *[for organizations recommended by the donor]*
- Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Rochman Summertime Kids Endowment *[for Summertime Kids programs]*
- Terri Union and Carlos Zukowski Endowment for the Arts *[to support arts in Cumberland County, NC]*
- Van and Dan Stryk Charitable Endowment Fund *[to support five favorite charities designated by the donor, forever]*

On behalf of our staff – Erica, Rachel, Soula, Susan, and Kimmi - I want to say that it is our pleasure to work with you throughout the year. You are a very important part of the community foundation's role in making our community a better place.

Together, we are making a lasting difference.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Holmes  
Executive Director

