



## 2017 Grant Finalists

### Indicator Area: Social Environment

**Organization:** Boys & Girls Club of the Upstate

**Project:** The Places We Go!

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000

**Project Summary:** Funding for half the cost of a new 72 passenger bus to increase the number of field trips offered to over 1,000 children annually. Trips spark a love for learning, drive high attendance in afterschool/ summer programs, and provide opportunities that children from lower income families would not otherwise have.

### Indicator Area: Education

**Organization:** Boy Scouts of America, Palmetto Council

**Project:** Transportation for At-Risk Scouting Youth

**Amount Requested:** \$57,500

**Project Summary:** The "Transportation for At-Risk Scouting Youth" grant will provide transportation resources for youth members of the Palmetto Council Multi-Cultural Markets Service Initiative. This grant would remove the barrier to participation in outdoor experiences for our most economically challenged members while allowing resources to be channeled into building greater capacity.

### Indicator Area: Education

**Organization:** Spartanburg County School District Six's Child Development Center

**Project:** Growing Great Readers: 4K Bytes into Apples; iPads in Pre-K Reading

**Amount Requested:** \$30,000

**Project Summary:** Research shows that there is a 30 million-word gap between children from the lowest and highest income families. By adding technology and reading with apps on iPads and phones, along with the school-home-community connection, we will support vocabulary growth and foster a love of reading for 300 three to five-year-olds and their families annually.

### Indicator Area: Education

**Organization:** The Children's Museum of the Upstate

**Project:** TCMU-Spartanburg

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

**Project Summary:** The Children's Museum of the Upstate requests support to aid in construction of a children's museum in downtown Spartanburg focused on early childhood education. TCMU Spartanburg will support and assist the previously identified community's goals related to school/kindergarten readiness for children ages 5 and under.



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**Organization:** Christmas in Action

**Project:** Ramp Accessibility Made Possible By Students (R.A.M.P.S.)

**Amount Requested:** \$25,600

**Project Summary:** How often do you think about your freedom to leave your home? Do you have to rely on others to get to the doctors? Unfortunately, many homeowners have lost their independence to live life on their own terms and turn to Christmas In Action for help. Partnering with students, RAMPS will build 15 wheelchair ramps for Spartanburg's disabled and elderly citizens.

### Indicator Area: Public Health

**Organization:** Hub City Farmers' Market

**Project:** Reinstatement of the Mobile Market Program

**Amount Requested:** \$34,000

**Project Summary:** In 2015, the USDA identified 23 distinct food deserts in Spartanburg County. Using an innovative walk-in trailer model, the Mobile Market will take healthy, local food to people where they live, work, and play by making over 400 stops yearly at schools, churches, businesses, neighborhoods, and community centers across Spartanburg County.

### Indicator Area: Social Environment

**Organization:** Middle Tyger Community Center

**Project:** New Senior Center

**Amount Requested:** \$29,500

**Project Summary:** Funding from Women Giving for Spartanburg will furnish and decorate the new Senior Center at Middle Tyger Community Center. The co-location of the Senior Center with the existing preschool at MTCC will be the first intergenerational program of its kind in our state!

### Indicator Area: Social Environment

**Organization:** Mobile Meal Service of Spartanburg County, Inc.

**Project:** Blast Chiller for Better Food

**Amount Requested:** \$45,000

**Project Summary:** The Mobile Meals "Blast Chiller for Better Food" Project will enhance food safety and provide a quality product for the frozen meals delivered to recipients on days when we cannot deliver hot meals. The quicker blast chilling/freezing process will ensure the safety and quality of our catering product for sale to our volunteers and the Spartanburg community.



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### Indicator Area: Education

**Organization:** Spartanburg Science Center

**Project:** Science Center 3.0- Exhibits Upgrade

**Amount Requested:** \$31,350

**Project Summary:** The Science Center's project will add three new exciting STEM hands-on exhibits: Robotic Arm, Robotic Bernoulli Blower, and Color Shadows. All exhibits will be updated and signage will be added to realign all of the exhibits with a focus on STEM careers and the educational pathways that lead to each.

### Indicator Area: Social Environment

**Organization:** Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

**Project:** Operation Kitchen Rescue

**Amount Requested:** \$35,213

**Project Summary:** Operation Kitchen Rescue funds are needed to replace meal preparation equipment. Current equipment is more than 10 years old (which is past the average equipment lifespan). Replacement is necessary for volunteers to continue to prepare meals to feed 350+ daily. Using dilapidated equipment may cause us to lose some of our valuable volunteers.

### Indicator Area: Public Health

**Organization:** Walker Foundation

**Project:** Kid Zone Outdoor Recreational and Learning Park

**Amount Requested:** \$65,470

**Project Summary:** Playground memories last a lifetime. We will create a new Outdoor Recreational and Learning Park next to our Sports Complex that is all inclusive and fully accessible for students at the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind and the Spartanburg community as well. Together we can give these special children the same outdoor opportunities as other children.

### Indicator Area: Education

**Organization:** YMCA of Greater Spartanburg

**Project:** Closing the Achievement Gap through Tutoring and Enrichment

**Amount Requested:** \$30,000

**Project Summary:** We will assist more than 1000 children attending 14 schools in Districts 1, 5, 6 and 7, in meeting 3rd grade reading and 8th grade math proficiency benchmarks by providing every child enrolled in YMCA afterschool and summer day camp programs with small group tutoring and academic instruction, delivered by certified teachers. Funding will provide curriculum and materials, plus an assessment tool to measure every child's social-emotional needs and growth.