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## Press Release

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The Board of Directors of The Springs Close Foundation along with the Chester County, Lancaster County and York County Community Boards made grants at their April 26, 2017 spring meeting totaling \$580,310 to twenty-two agencies and organizations helping local citizens who need basic and emergency needs such as food, medical assistance, shelter and early childhood education.

The Foundation supports the Weekend Backpack Program which provides a backpack full of nutritious, ready to eat or easy to prepare foods that is sent home on weekends and holidays when school meals are not available. The Weekend Feeding Program is designed to supplement meals for children, who depend on school breakfasts and lunches during the week. The Foundation will serve nearly 1,600 children during the 2017-2018 school year in Chester School District, Lancaster County School District and the Fort Mill School District. The grants approved are as follows:

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina - Backpack Programs: \$164,780

- Chester County School District – SnackSack Program (400 students) - \$50,000
- Lancaster County School District –Backpacks Program (210 students) - \$40,320
- Fort Mill School District – Backpack Program (200 students) - \$38,400
- Fort Mill School District – Lunch & Learn Program (190 students) - \$4,560
- First Baptist Church of Kershaw – Backpack Buddies Program (175 students) - \$31,500

Lancaster County First Steps – Weekend Backpack Feeding Program: \$78,720

- Clinton Elementary School – 4k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (205 students)
- Brooklyn Springs Elementary - 4k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (205 students)

These grants primarily covered the three-county service area of Chester, Lancaster and York Counties. These grants approved are as follows:

Multi- County Grants: \$82,500

- Hospice & Community Care – Charitable Care Program - \$37,500
- American Red Cross – Disaster Relief Fund - \$25,000
- YMCA Camp Thunderbird – Scholarships for EEC CCSD & LCSD - \$10,000
- Welvista – Patient Advocacy Programs in Chester & York Counties - \$10,000

Chester County Grants: \$65,310

- Chester County School District – Lunch with Leaders Project at CHS - \$4,000
- Second Baptist Church of Great Falls – The Lords Lunchbox expenses - \$7,500
- Ember Church – i58 Housing Initiative - \$17,000
- Charlotte Symphony – 4<sup>th</sup> graders “Linked Up” Project - \$20,000
- Fort Lawn Community Center – Senior Meals Program - \$16,810

Lancaster County Grants: \$109,000

- Classroom Central – Mobile Free Supplies Unit in LCSD - \$2,500
- Lynwood United Methodist Church – The Bridge Ministry - \$2,500
- Columbus Parker Track Club – uniforms & equipment - \$4,000
- Greater New Hope Christian Association – Soup Kitchen - \$25,000
- Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce – “Leader in Me” in the LCSD - \$20,000
- HOPE in Lancaster – Pantry Expansion & Renovations - \$30,000
- Lindsey Pettus Greenway – Phase 1 in Lancaster - \$25,000

York County Grants: \$80,000

- Habitat for Humanity of York County –Home Repairs Paradise Community - \$25,000
- Foundation for Fort Mill Schools – Summer Lunch & Learn Program - \$20,000
- Florence Crittenton Services – Maternity Program - \$10,000
- Early Learning Partnership of York County – Reach Out & Read Program - \$25,000

The Springs Close Foundation has assets totaling \$30.5 million and since 1942 has distributed over \$116 million into its geographic area. Anne Springs Close is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Angela McCrae is President. The main office is headquartered at 168 Skipper Street in Fort Mill, SC. The telephone number is (803) 548-2002 and the FAX number is (803) 548-1797.

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