

The Springs/Close Foundation
News of Leadership Transitions

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FORT MILL, SC—With great pride the Springs Close Foundation of Fort Mill announces that Hugh William (Will) Close, Jr., grandson of its founder Elliott White Springs, has assumed the organization’s Board Chairmanship.

Will Close succeeds his mother, Anne Springs Close, chair since 1983 who is now Chair Emerita. His father, H.W. (Bill) Close, chaired the then Springs Foundation until his death in 1983. With other family members, Will Close has served on the Foundation board for many years. He succeeded Charles Bundy as President of the separate Springs and Close family foundations from 1997 to 2002, when they were consolidated as The Springs Close Foundation in 2003.

In September, 2020, Michele Lineberger was named Executive Director of the Foundation, upon the retirement of longtime President Angie McCrae, who continues as an advisor. Lineberger also serves as the consultant for York County Community Board. She previously was staff accountant and oversaw the student loan program, after earlier service as an accountant with Leroy Springs and Co.

The Springs Close Foundation also noted two other leadership changes in recent years. Lucille Mackey now serves as the consultant for the Chester County Community Board, having succeeded the late Bobby Holcombe. Tammy Woods serves as the consultant for the Lancaster County Community Board, having succeeded Jay Rainey.

Lucille Mackey had a career in human relations with Omnova Solutions and its foundation. She is a former chair of the Chester Chamber of Commerce and has been particularly active in community education organizations.

Tammy Woods has devoted more than 30 years to work in recreation and fitness programs, overseeing that work from 1993 to 2019 as Recreation Director at the Leroy Springs complex in Fort Mill, now part of the Upper Palmetto YMCA. .

“I assume this role with full awareness of the legacy that comes with it,” said Will Close. “Our family and other Board members, our devoted staff and our wonderful network of local community boards will continue to keep us focused on the special needs of the communities we serve.”

The Springs Close Foundation is a \$38 million family foundation based in Fort Mill, SC. Founded in 1942 by Col. Elliott White Springs, the foundation has awarded nearly \$120 million in grants to Chester, Lancaster and York Counties in South Carolina to help support and improve the communities that once housed the textile mills of Springs Industries.