



Six organizations make up the Spartanburg Joint Funders. We are committed to intentional collaboration and coordination. As significant funders in Spartanburg County it is important that we work together and, when appropriate, partner on common community efforts.

CHAPMAN* **Chapman Cultural Center** provides funding, facilities, and education for many of Spartanburg's arts and cultural organizations. Chapman's vision is for everyone in Spartanburg can create and experience high quality arts and culture.

Funding: Chapman Cultural Center offers grants to artists, cultural organizations, and other nonprofits and government agencies in Spartanburg County for arts and cultural projects, artistic professional development, general operating support, and ongoing programs.

 www.chapmanculturalcenter.org

 **MARY BLACK FOUNDATION** **Mary Black Foundation** is an independent grant-making organization focused on improving the health and well-being of the people and communities of Spartanburg County with a specific focus on children and families. The Foundation serves as a funder, investor, convener, advocate, and partner to local organizations.

Funding: The Mary Black Foundation distributes grants to nonprofit organizations in Spartanburg County whose work aligns with our mission. Grant cycles take place 1-2 times each year.

 www.maryblackfoundation.org



Spartanburg Academic Movement ensures Spartanburg County's children and youth reach academic and life success through cradle to career academic achievement.

Spartanburg Academic Movement also serves as the backbone convener for Movement 2030.

Funding: Spartanburg Academic Movement works alongside and supports partners working towards aligned outcomes. Traditional grants are not currently available.

 www.learnwithsam.org



Spartanburg County Foundation

Spartanburg County Foundation is a community foundation that manages, preserves, and grows over 1,100 philanthropic funds. The Foundation also provides educational opportunities for nonprofits and community groups to strengthen their impact.

Funding: Spartanburg County Foundation offers varying levels of funding support through competitive grant cycles to the nonprofits working to improve the lives of Spartanburg County residents.

 www.spcf.org



Spartanburg Regional Foundation

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is a healthcare philanthropic organization supporting Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and the communities we serve. The Foundation seeks to advance health through strategic partnerships in defined priority areas.

Funding: The Foundation supports healthcare needs in partnership with community organizations. Funding is available for community partners looking to advance health by invitation only.

 www.regionalfoundation.com



UNITED WAY
Piedmont

United Way of the Piedmont helps more families become self-sufficient in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties. UWP builds the capacity of nonprofits through training, investment, and national service, convenes partners to address complex community issues, and fills critical gaps in services.

Funding: UWP funds programs in Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union counties aligned with our Community Impact Agenda on a three-year funding cycle.

 www.uwpiedmont.org

ABOUT SPARTANBURG'S JOINT FUNDERS

Each of the Joint Funders, alone, does impressive work within the community with great impact. But, together, we can harness our collective power to have even greater impact. Often, we find issues that have commonality across all of our focus areas and we are able to learn more about the issues, develop strategies to address the issues, and sometimes even co-fund solutions.

One example is our joint investment in teen pregnancy prevention. In 2007-2008, the Joint Funders were looking at data through the Spartanburg Community Indicators Project (now known as Strategic Spartanburg, Inc.) and saw that teen pregnancy was directly or indirectly related to every indicator of community well-being. At the same time, the primary nonprofit working to reduce teen pregnancy closed its doors. We funders came together for the first time to pool our resources and address the issue in a comprehensive and coordinated way. We hired a consultant to conduct a needs assessment and develop recommendations for how we should move forward as a community. As a result, 15 years later, we have one of the most successful approaches to teen pregnancy in the state. We've gained national attention and over \$10M in federal funding. More importantly, we've seen a more than 60% decrease in the teen pregnancy rates since we started this work. We demonstrated that there was real power in working together on challenging issues and it inspired us to do more collaborative work.

A similar situation resulted in the Behavioral Health Task Force. For over ten years, the Behavioral Health Task Force has been successfully identifying and implementing strategies to increase access to behavioral health services for people living with mental health or addiction issues. There was a time, though, when services happened in isolation and there was little communication among service providers. The Joint Funders stepped in after a key service provider went out of business and funded an assessment of our local needs. The picture was grim and the funders committed to bringing service providers together to create a more effective system of services in the community. The Behavioral Health Task Force has seen many successes including expansion of trauma-informed approaches in schools and community organizations. Another example is the Peer Living Room at The Eubanks Center, which is designed to reduce the stigma of getting support for mental health symptoms by providing services in a home-like setting.

Another area where we work together is in building the capacity and effectiveness of the nonprofit sector and its leaders. The Joint Funders provide a variety of education and training opportunities including effective governance, storytelling and communication, fundraising, strategic planning, and building financial acumen.

The Joint Funders believe collaboration is the best way to achieve our individual missions. We collaborate with our nonprofit partners, grassroots community members, governmental institutions, the business sector, and with each other as other funders to achieve greater health, civic engagement, community vibrancy, and economic prosperity for all.

