



THE MILDRED SPRINGS AND ELLA SPRINGS JONES
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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THE FOUNDATION

FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



FOUNDATION FACTS

- Established July 2021 and named in memory of Mrs. Mildred Springs and in honor of her daughter, Ella Springs Jones.
- Since 2021 the Foundation has awarded a total of 26 academic Scholarships to students enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the United States.
- Established partnership agreements with Voorhees University and Strom Thurmond High School to promote post-secondary education and career exploration among middle and high school students.
- The Foundation has an online system to track scholars' academic progress. The Foundation has developed an online system to track scholars academic progress.

2024 FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

The Springs Foundation hosted two Back-To-School Workshops in January and August for all of its scholarship recipients (and their parents), going to college for the first time or returning to college. Workshops topics included Transitioning from High School to College: Study Habits and Time Management, and Things You Need to Know About Your College/University: Roles of College/University Administrators and the Importance of Understanding GPA.



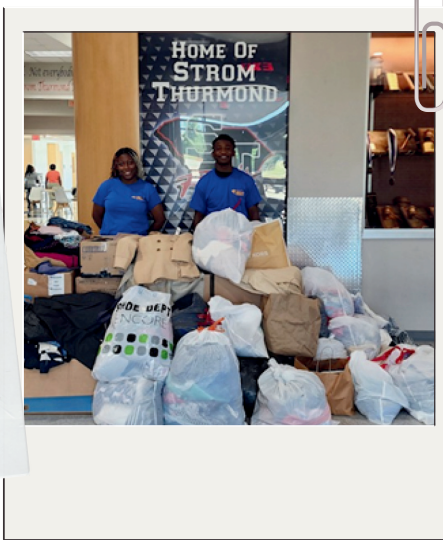
Back-To-School Workshop Images

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- PROJECT: SMART (Science, Math, Art, and Robotic Technology) designed to expose students to technology career options, kicked off with an orientation session in January 2024 with 18 student participants and their parents. Sessions included presentations focused on careers in graphic arts, robotic technology, and farming. Students also participated in sessions designed to enhance their confidence and self-esteem. The Project SMART students also planned, organized and executed a "Clothing Drive" community service project involving the entire student body. The Clothing Drive was a huge success and clothing was donated to the Edgefield County Churches Helping Others and other non-profit organizations.



Project Smart Images



- The Foundation sponsored a college tour to Voorhees University and Denmark Technical College,
- In April the Springs Foundation's Board of Directors hosted its **first fundraising event in celebration of Board Chairman's Lenny Springs' birthday**. The event which was held in Charlotte, NC was well attended and entertainment included celebrity guests, live music and live art.



Initial Fundraising Event Images

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OUR SCHOLARS

- The Springs Foundation awarded eleven scholarships to graduating seniors and previous award recipients.
- In addition to providing scholarship awards to eleven students, The Springs Foundation provided \$3,000 in **Emergency Funds** to assist scholars with emergencies such as book purchases, transportation, food, etc.
- The Foundation in partnership STHS and Piedmont Technical College sponsored a "Financial Aid Workshop" for Strom Thurmond High School students and their parents.

2024 Recipients

Roosevelt Jones

South Carolina State University

Devron Williams

Newberry College

Taylor Simpkins

University of South Carolina

Tiara Bush

University of South Carolina

William Bush

Erskine College

Briana Taylor

Savannah School of Art and Design

Aliese Upton

University of South Carolina- Upstate

Toboiris Simpkins

North Carolina A&T

Audrey Langford

University of South Carolina- Upstate

Javon Chick

University of South Carolina

Erin Williams

University of Tennessee



Scholarship Award Celebration Images

THE FOUNDATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Ronnie Devine, Support Services Deputy Director, Mecklenburg County
Kiera O'Shea, Adjunct Professor and PHD Candidate

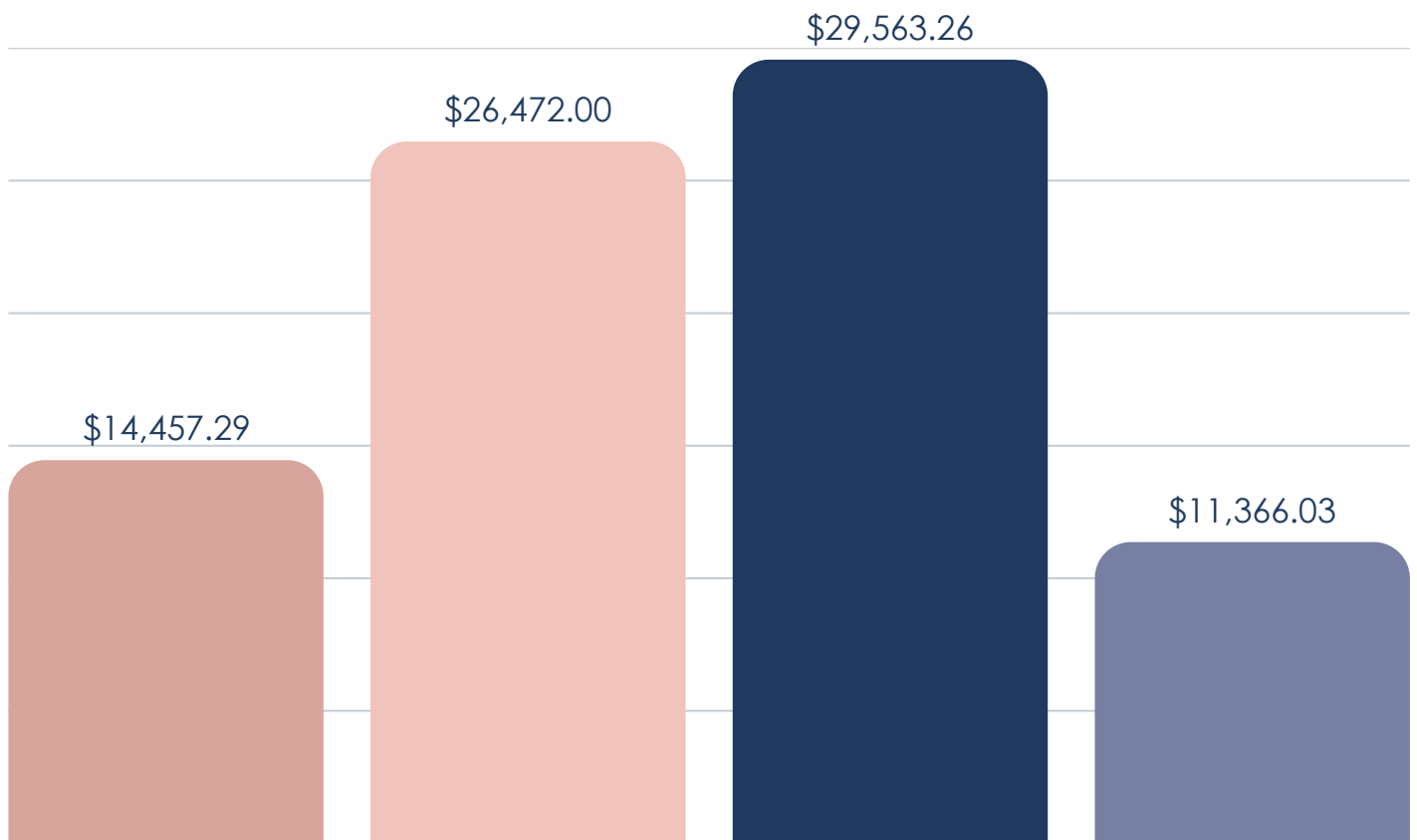


ELYSE SIMONE BAILEY
DIRECTOR

THE FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2024
- Total Revenue
- Total Expenses
- Ending Balance as December 31, 2024



Beginning Balance
January 1, 2024
\$14,457.29

Total Revenue
\$26,472.00

Total Expenses
\$29,563.26

Ending Balance
December 31, 2024
\$11,366.03

SUPPORTERS

In-Kind Donations

The S Group Consultants, Inc.
Strom Thurmond High School Faculty and Staff
Project SMART Speakers
Springhill Suites Ballentyne
Flora Brooks Boyd, Volunteer
Kelli Rembert, The Web Bar, LLC



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