

**South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc.  
Annual Report September 2009-September 2010**

On behalf of the Board of trustees of the South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc., I am pleased to present this report.

Number of Members: 15

Number of Meetings: 4

Average Attendance at Meetings: 12

**Board of Trustees:**

**2009 Officers:** Karen M. Brown, RN, President; Ann Lee, RN Vice-President; Stanley Harris RN, Secretary; Eleanor Rogers, Treasurer

**2009 Committee Chairs:** Ann Alexander, RN, Scholarship and Awards, Carl Humphries, MSW, Marketing and Development; Ann Lee, Finance; Cheryl Bullard, Bylaws, and Policy and Procedure, Priscilla Carver-Davis, RN, Chair of Nurses Care Walk Committee; Iona Graham, RN, Chair of Walk- Columbia.

**Additional Members:** Rebecca Carr, RN; Bernice Dougherty, RN; Kelly M. Pabst, RN; Iona Graham, RN; Virginia Ard, RN; Cathy Mattingly, RN, SCNA Representative; Vicki Green, RN, SCNA President.

**Additional Non Member Participation:** Renatta Loquist, RN, Program Administrator BCBS and DOC, Pi Johnson, RN, Treasurer Designee for PG; Marilyn Brady, RN and Melanie Caeson, RN Co-Chairs of Walk-North Charleston.

**Meetings of the Board of Trustees:**

The Board of Trustees met the second Friday in November, February, May and August. Future meetings are scheduled for November 2010 and February 2011 on the second Friday of the month.

**Summary of Fiscal Information:**

Total Net Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets-Cash Basis	September 30, 2009	\$666,821.59
Total Net Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets-Cash Basis	January 1, 2010	\$663,253.87
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	June 30, 2010	\$601,960.06
Expenditures	June 30, 2010	\$790,907.95
Total Net Assets	June 30, 2010	\$474,305.98

**2010 Nurses Care Graduate Scholarship Winners**

NAME	Institution
Rhonda H. Browning	MUSC
Keller Dunaway	MUSC
Christina Ruth Steward	USC
Jean Tillirson	Clemson
Stephanie Yonce	St. Joseph's College of Main

### 2010 Nurses Care Undergraduate Scholarship Winners

NAME	Institution
Jordan L. Bennett	Lander
Megan Cassity	Clemson
Melanie Garrett	USC Aiken
Christina Garvin	USC Aiken
Olivia Herman	USC Columbia
Karoline Holzschuh	USC Aiken
Lisa Klasek	USC Beaufort
Kenneth Arthur Kuenzli	Greenville Tech
Petra Ulch	Newberry
Yashika L. Wilson	Lander

Virginia C. Phillips Scholarships will be awarded to one undergraduate and one graduate student and will be determined by the Public Health nursing community.

The Mary Ellen Hatfield Scholarship is determined by the South Carolina Association of School Nurses. Apply through SCASN.

**Palmetto Gold Scholarships (\$1000 each) were awarded in January 2010 to the following students:**

College	2009-2010 Scholarship Recipient
Aiken Technical College	Vanessa Udom
Bob Jones University	Cassandra Knisley
Central Carolina Technical College	Corrie Mims
Charleston Southern University	Whitney McArthur Phillips
Clemson University	Lindsay Hook
Florence - Darlington Technical College	Anita Swain
Francis Marion University	Jeana N. Dunn
Greenville Technical College	Karen Henderson Baker
Horry Georgetown Technical College	None this year
Lander University	Tashinga Musonza
Medical University of SC	Kathryn Holahan
Midlands Technical College	Shauna Lever
Newberry College	Nadia Campas de Andrade
Northeastern Technical College	None this year
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	Ashley Price
Piedmont Technical College	Matthew C. Davis
South Carolina State University	None this year
South University	None this year

Spartanburg Community College	Andrew Noyes
Technical College of the Lowcountry	Mucia Hacay
Tricounty Technical College	None this year
Trident Technical College	Erica Brown
University of South Carolina - Aiken	Kayla Butler
University of South Carolina - Columbia	Emily Farley
University of South Carolina - Upstate	Joanna Bragdon
York Technical College/USC Lancaster	Lara Smith
University of South Carolina - Beaufort	Lisa Klasek

**Palmetto Gold Scholarship Renatta S. Loquist Graduate Student Recipient**

University of South Carolina	Sabra Smith
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**Faculty Development Stipends:**

Stipends supported each semester by **Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation and the Department Employment and Workforce** were awarded during the school year of 2009-2010 to assist Doctoral (\$20,000) and Masters (\$10,000) students striving to become nurse educators.

<b>School</b>	<b>Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of SC</b>	<b>Department of Employment and Workforce</b>
<b>Clemson University</b>	Holisa Wharton, PhD	Stephanie Blanton, MSN
	Mary Beth Steck, PhD	Courtney A. Burton, MSN
	Lisa Duggan, PhD	Tawny Jenna Fincannon, MSN
	Tomeka Samples, MSN	Tara H. Gunnells, MSN
	Jennifer Hoffman, MSN	Tiffany L. Stewart, MSN
		Andrea L. Briscoe, PhD
		Vincent E. Pair, PhD
	Sheri S. Webster, PhD	
<b>Medical University of SC</b>	Gigi Smith, PhD	Brian T. Connor, PhD
	Lisa Sternke, PhD	Melissa T. Ferdinandi, PhD
	Teresa Lawson, PhD	Jenny Rebecca Freeman, PhD
	Meagan Askea, MSN	Shannon M. Hudson, PhD
	Cathy Mulloy, MSN	Shannon M. Johnson, PhD
		Amy R. Painter, MSN
<b>University of South Carolina-Columbia</b>	Cathy Berger, DNP	Robert C. Allen, MSN
	Cristy BuShea PhD	Amanda W. Charlton, MSN
	Kathryn Mock, DNP	Kimberly H. Frick, MSN
	Ashley Haynes Chapman, MSN	Amy C. Posey, MSN

	Mickey Winfree, MSN	Shauna Rae Jones, DNP	
		Christie Roeske, DNP	
		Shannon B. Smith, DNP	
		James A. Stokes, MSN	

**Total Awards for October 2009-August 2010 .....\$1,005,500.00**

**Committee Activities:**

**Scholarship and Awards Committee**

The Scholarship committee has reviewed the process and amounts to be given during 2010. The Nurses Care Scholarships are supported by the sale of the NURSES CARE license plate in South Carolina. These awards were increased to 5 Graduate and 10 Undergraduate Scholarships at \$1,500 each this year. Sadly however, the Ruth A. Nicholson Research Award, the Evelyn J. Entekin Scholarship and the Appalachia Chapter Scholarship were not awarded this year due to the markets. Healthy Communities Grants also were not awarded in 2010 due to insufficient funds. Scholarship application forms are now on the website. The next call for scholarships will be in February of 2011([www.scnursesfoundation.org](http://www.scnursesfoundation.org))

**Marketing & Development Committee**

The ongoing activities of the Marketing & Development Committee include an annual campaign, quarterly articles in *SC Nurse*, the *Nurses Care* license plate initiative, the website and other fundraising initiatives. The annual campaign, “*Every Dollar You Donate Helps Someone Learn to Save a Life*” was launched in January 2010 and will run until the end of 2010. Information about the annual campaign is published quarterly, as well as on the web. The committee is working on possibly having a phone telethon within the year.

The quarterly articles in *SC Nurse* summarize the activities of the Foundation, and the website continues to be monitored on a regular basis. The Committee held its first state-wide *Nurses Walk* in Columbia in November of 2009. Because of statewide support we are planning to host the Nurses Walk on November 6, 2010 at a Columbia and Charleston site. The funds raised through the Walk will support the mission of the SCNF. For more information, visit [www.scnursesfoundation.org](http://www.scnursesfoundation.org) or contact Priscilla Davis at [priscillad@usca.edu](mailto:priscillad@usca.edu).

**Nurse/Faculty Development Grants**

SCNF is in the third year of the grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of South Carolina for faculty development. In May 2008, the BCBSFSC granted \$1.5 million over three years to establish graduate-level nursing scholarships through the South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc. The grant has provided financial support each semester through stipends to student nurses enrolled in PhD, DNP (\$20,000), and MSN (\$10,000) programs in SC who agree to become faculty in SC state-approved nursing education programs for a certain period of time. The grant is administered in cooperation with the three graduate nursing programs – Clemson University School of Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing, and University of South Carolina College of Nursing – who serve on an Advisory committee along with representatives of other nursing education programs.

Fifteen students are currently enrolled and six students have graduated, three have begun their service agreements employed as faculty in RN programs in South Carolina, two are seeking

employment and one is part time seeking full time employment. Outcomes Research is being conducted via survey and will be completed soon.

In 2009, The SC Department of Employment and Workforce (formerly DOC) awarded a grant of \$1.8 million over a three year period to impact the nurse faculty shortages in our state. The funds are part of the Workforce Investment Act funds distributed by the federal government. The terms and guidelines for the stipends are similar to those of the BCBSSC stipends but include part time and summer as well as the stipulation that the student finish studies by August 2012 when the funding comes to an end. PhD, DNP, and MSN students are eligible for the stipends as in BCBS. Currently there are twenty two students enrolled in this program.

The Foundation appreciates the opportunity to work with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation and the Department of Commerce in this endeavor. Renatta Loquist is Project Administrator for both grants. For information on eligibility for the stipends, one may contact their school of nursing or Renatta Loquist at [rloquist@earthlink.net](mailto:rloquist@earthlink.net).

#### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee continues to monitor the Foundation's Investment Portfolio with Morgan Stanley. A Conservative Index has been utilized to maximize our investments this past year due to market uncertainty.

The Board approved Administrative fee of 1.5% annually continues for 2010 and will be utilized as operating capital. This fee is based on the closing balance as of December 31 in each of the investment accounts.

The Director's and Officer's Liability Policy, and a Dishonesty / Crime Policy were purchased with Sullivan Company in Greenville for 2010, and a General Liability Policy was added to cover activities of the Foundation, including the Palmetto Gold and the Walk.

The Foundation has also utilized discretion in the purchase of short term CD's at appropriate times to increase interest during market uncertainty.

McGregor and Company, LLP continues to manage the accounting aspects of the Foundation. The 990 for 2010 and Secretary of State Registration were submitted.

#### **Palmetto Gold Steering Committee**

The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program celebrated its ninth anniversary on April 26, 2010 with the Palmetto Gold Gala at Seawell's Convention Center in Columbia, SC. Over 900 nurses have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to excellence in nursing in South Carolina. Nursing scholarships of \$1000 each have been awarded to almost 200 nursing students over the past eight years as well. In 2010 twenty-two undergraduate nursing scholarships and one graduate scholarship were awarded.

The 2011 Gala will be held at The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on April 9, 2010. This will be the **Tenth Anniversary** of the Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program.

#### **Bylaws Committee**

Current bylaws were reviewed. No changes were made.

**Policy and Procedure Committee**

The committee continues its work to create a formal policy and procedure manual for the future administrative workings of SCNF. This will be a continuing process for 2010-2011.

**Other activities of the Board of Trustees**

The Foundation Board has continued its membership in SCANPO.

We are also utilizing Conference America to hold conference calls for meetings of committees for members around the state in order to decrease travel for the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen M. Brown*

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