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The Springs Close Foundation Presents \$10,000 “Fabric of the Community” Awards to Area Nonprofits

LANCASTER, SC — Members of the Lancaster County, Chester County, York County and Fort Mill communities gathered on Wednesday, August 19th at the Founders Federal Credit Union Corporate Headquarters in Lancaster for the third annual “Fabric of the Community Awards” presented by The Springs Close Foundation. The awards honor one nonprofit, business or individual in Lancaster County, Chester County and Fort Mill/York County for exemplary service to the community. The Foundation Community Advisory Committee presented each winner with a \$10,000 check and a special handcrafted sculpture by Lancaster metal artist Bob Doster.

The 2015 Fabric of the Community Award winners are:

LANCASTER

Christian Services, Inc.

Defeating poverty takes a broad range of services — like those provided by Christian Services, Inc. Since 1981, this organization has provided assistance to those in need, growing steadily to serve nearly 500 families each week. Christian Services distributes almost 1 million pounds of food a year, operates 20 mobile food trucks, helps families transitioning into homes with security deposits for housing and utilities, and operates a Family Store for those in need of household items and clothing. In addition, Christian Services had helped more than 1000 adults become workplace-ready through its free Employability Skills Lab. All told, the direct impact of Christian Services’ work in Lancaster County exceeds \$2,000,000. But the lasting impact is in the stability and hope it instills in the families that live there.

FORT MILL

Children's Attention Home (Nonprofit)

The Children's Attention Home believes every child is "a success story waiting to happen." Since 1970, more than 7,000 children who have been removed from their families have found loving and secure temporary care here. The Home's Shelter Program welcomes any child in the state who has been a victim of abuse, abandonment or neglect, and provides them with 24-hour care while they await court dates, family rehabilitation or foster care placement. All children receive a warm welcome from dedicated staff members who help them feel safe and accepted during a time of great crisis. Each child also receives medical and mental health assessments, is enrolled in school, and works with the care team to create personal goals for growth and learning.

CHESTER

Samuel Rogers Stone, MD

Dr. Stone is a force for health and community. For more than 30 years, he has provided free athletic physicals at three county high schools, and was a co-founder and medical director of the Good Samaritan Free Clinic. He also served on the Springs Close Foundation Community Advisory Committee from 2004-2006, and has participated in countless community volunteer roles, including Chester Rotary Club, Chester Jaycees, deacon and elder at his church, sponsor for various youth sports teams, and Christmas in Chester. Dr. Stone has served as chief of staff for Chester Regional Medical Center, and as medical director for several organizations, including Hospice Care of S.C. which named him Medical Director of the Year in 2008 and 2014. In 2013, he received the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award. Dr. Stone designated the following organizations from Chester County: Battered But Not Broken, Chester Ministerial Association, Good Samaritan Medical Clinic, The Turning Point, Chester Citizens Alliance, Friends of the Animals and Chester High Athletic Department, Great Falls High Athletic Department and Lewisville High Athletic Department as the recipients of the Foundation grant that accompanied his award.

Other nominees for the 2015 Fabric of Community Awards were:

- In Lancaster: Southside Adult Family Literacy Project and Julie Walters of the Women's Enrichment Center
- In Fort Mill: Affinity Health Center and The Community Café
- In Chester: Battered But Not Broken and Chester Ministerial Association

The Springs Close Foundation, August 26, 2014

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Board of Directors of The Springs Close Foundation, along with the nine members of the Community Advisory Committee, created the Fabric of the Community Awards in 2013 to celebrate the Foundation's 70th year of service and to honor the legacy of giving back to the community instilled by founder Col. Elliott Springs.

The Fabric of the Community awards will be bestowed on one individual, nonprofit organization or business from Lancaster, Chester and Fort Mill each year. Each winner receives \$10,000 to direct to a nonprofit organization in the communities served by The Springs Close Foundation. Nominations come from former members of the Foundation's Community Advisory Committee. Current Community Advisory Committee members select finalists and choose the award winners. The Foundation will give these awards for a total of five years, culminating on its 75th anniversary in 2017, for a total of \$150,000.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Springs Close Foundation has assets totaling \$40.7 million and since 1942 has distributed more than \$103 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 951 Market Street, Suite 205 in Fort Mill, SC. The telephone number is (803) 548-2002 and the FAX number is (803) 548-1797.

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