



2013 Annual Report



Thanks for your support of The School Foundation and the 16,000 students we serve. This year, the foundation awarded \$99,441 in grants to Florence School District One. Since 2000, over \$810,000 has been awarded to promote educational excellence in FSD1 through grants for innovative learning and through high impact initiatives designed to prepare all students for success. Our Board of Directors has approved \$151,771.93 to be distributed for grants in the upcoming school year. This is possible because of your support! Please take a moment to review our [2012-2013 990](#).

2013 Highlights

Dancing With the Stars of Florence

Held in April, this event sold out in only two weeks and raised over \$181,000 profit! Congratulations to Jami DeBrango-Palumbo and Phillip Rast, Technical Skills Winners and Brian Newman and Tiffany Welsh, People's Choice Winners!

12th Annual Celebration Gala

Held in September, over 750 guests gathered to honor Hunter Lingle Bell, winner of NBC's hit show "Fashion Star", where she competed with thirteen other contestants to have her collection purchased by Express, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue. Dr. Lucia Huang, Wilson High's Teacher of the Year was named Florence School District One's Teacher of the Year.

Start SMART Launched

The School Foundation and FSD1 launched their Start SMART school readiness initiative designed to prepare all children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed. [Learn more](#) about investing in the lives of our children and closing the achievement gap.

2014 promises to be another exciting year!

Dancing With the Stars of Florence

Next year's event will be held on April 10th at SiMT. Our celebrity dancers are:

Rob Ardis - Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Michelle Cato - Roche Carolina, Inc.
John Chase - Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

Dr. Rakesh Chokshi - Pee Dee Spine Center
Trina Folk - GE Healthcare
Dr. Fred Krainin - Pee Dee Cardiology Assoc., P.A.
Dana Lecznar - Assurant Specialty Property
FitzLee McEachin - McEachin and McEachin, P.A.
Jeff Stevens - Carolina Canners, Inc.
Nick Townsend - Carolinas Hospital System
Craig Washington - Southside Middle School
Jason Carrico - Sexton Dental Clinic

Information on table/ticket sales will be announced in January.

How can I donate to the Foundation?

We receive no public funds and depend on YOU to support our programs. You can [donate](#) online or mail your contribution to 320 West Cheves Street, Suite 175, Florence, SC 29501. All donations are tax-deductible, as we are a registered 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

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***Thanks for your support throughout the year.
Best wishes for a blessed holiday!***



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