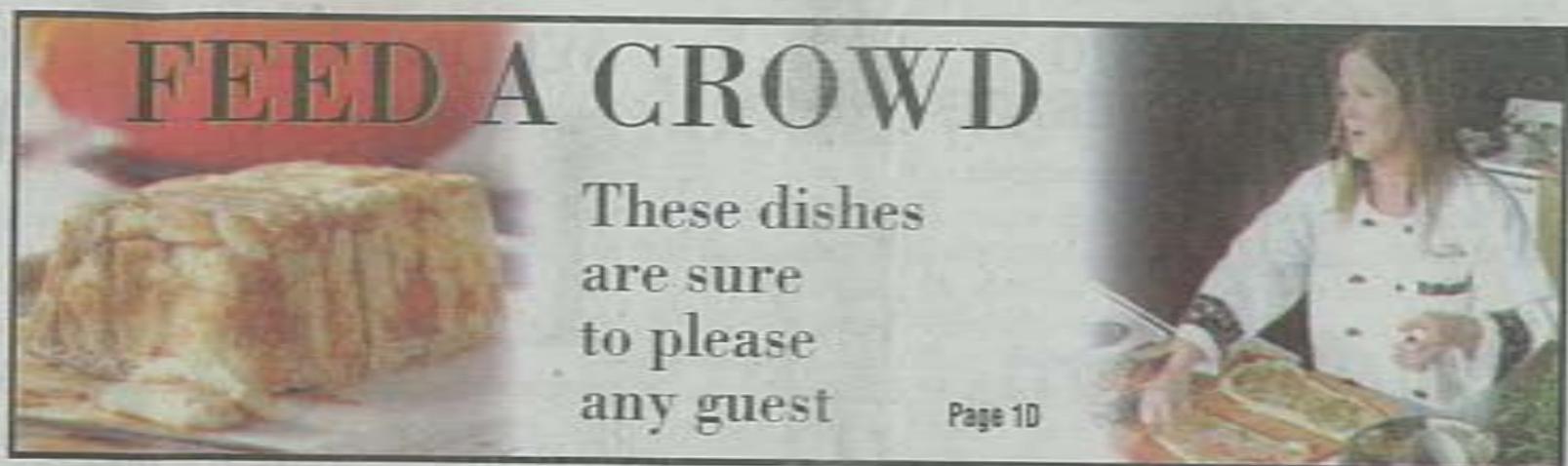




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Foundation forms in Florence

Eastern Carolina Community Foundation aims to promote philanthropic endeavors in Pee Dee

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FLORENCE — The Pee Dee now has its own community foundation aimed at supporting and enabling effective philanthropy

with the launch Tuesday of the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation.

The Eastern Carolina Community Foundation will be one of eight community foundations in the state. It covers Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Mari-

on, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties.

"Finally, our seven-county area can begin enjoying the benefits all other major areas of South Carolina have enjoyed for years," Trip DuBard, chairman of the Eastern Carolina Community

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Foundation, said. "This has the potential to be a powerful force for good in our community.

"This enables people who want to do good to do it anonymously, tentatively or at their own pace," he said. "It really expands the pool (of donors)."

Community foundations are public charities created by and for local citizens, according to the

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

- **NAME:** Eastern Carolina Community Foundation
- **PURPOSE:** To support philanthropic endeavors
- **REGION:** Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties
- **RESOURCES:** The foundation received a \$75,000 donation to fund operating costs for three years.

SOURCE: From staff reports

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Eastern Carolina Community Foundation Web site, www.easterncarolinacf.org. The foundation helps people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support issues they care about. Through

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■ For more details on the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, visit: www.easterncarolinacf.org

the generosity of donors, community foundations build endowments to meet community needs.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Veto, chairman of the Florence Rotary Club and headmaster of Trinity Collegiate School, was present Tuesday to announce a donation of \$75,000 to the foundation for initial operating costs during the next three years. The announcement was made during a ceremony announcing the foundation's formation at Francis Marion University's Cottage.

"When we first started talking about this idea, we got very excited right away," Veto said. "I'm very proud to be associated with it, and so is our whole club."

In 2005, a representative from the Coastal Community Foundation of Charleston spoke to the Florence Rotary



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Trip DuBard, chairman of the newly formed Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, talks to those gathered for a press conference Tuesday to announce publicly the formation of the foundation. The foundation's purpose is to help people with philanthropic interests in the Pee Dee to support the issues they care about.

Club about community foundations. DuBard said it was there members who attended the meeting began thinking of forming a community foundation after realizing the Pee Dee was the only major area of the state that lacked one.

Rotary Club members met with other foundations and nonprofits to discuss creating a community foundation in the Pee Dee.

In 2006, the foundation gained its 501(c)3 status, and with a local board of leaders

from Florence and Darlington counties, the foundation began organizing.

The foundation will serve in four main roles: grantmakers, community conveners/partners, consolidator of endowments and philanthropic advi-

MAKING PHILANTHROPY EFFECTIVE

The Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, aimed at supporting and enabling philanthropy, was formed in 2006. The foundation's board of directors include Trip DuBard, chairman of the foundation; Vivian Gallman-Derenzio, secretary, director of student services for Florence-Darlington Technical College; Walker Floyd, treasurer, comptroller for King Cadillac Buick Pontiac GMC; David Barr, president of United Way of Florence County; Bradley Callicott, executive director of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation; Steve Powers, owner of S/W Printing; Dick Puffer, executive director of the Byerly Foundation; Michael G. Roberts, Turner Padgett Graham & Laney PA attorney; Charles Saverance, owner of Saverance Family Auto Center; George Wilds, managing director for Coldwell Banker Commercial Seaboard Properties; and Marguerite Willis, Nexsen Pruet attorney. Advisory board members include Francis Marion University President Dr. Fred Carter; Frank Avent, general manager of Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.; Emerson Gower, vice president of Progress Energy Carolinas' Southern Region; and Don Herriott, head of Roche Global Chemical Manufacturing.

SOURCE: From local reports.

sors/partners. As a grantmaker, the foundation can donate to any public charity in the Pee Dee.

The foundation can partner with government, businesses or public charities to address such community issues as population growth or donations for a new library as community conveners/partners.

As a consolidator of endowments, nonprofits can combine their funds with others in the foundation.

The last role of the founda-

tion, as philanthropic advisors/partners, allows the organization to help families and individuals set up efficient and effective targeted funds, such as unrestricted, field of interest, designated or donor-advised funds.

FMU President Dr. Fred Carter said the community foundation shouldn't be seen as a competitor to other foundations in the area, but instead as a partner in terms of looking for ways to better serve the community.