



## **Port Royal Community Charitable Fund (PRCCF)**

### **Answers to Your Questions**

#### **How We Began**

While we live in a very special place, we are aware that some nearby are less fortunate. To help address the poverty and needs of our neighbors in the greater Lowcountry area, the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund (PRCCF) was established in 2021.

A small group of Port Royal residents with a diversity of backgrounds from finance to fundraising to grant-making decided to establish the fund for Port Royal residents to celebrate our gifts, experience, skills, and resources and give where we live. An advisory board is at work and the fund is recognized by the Port Royal Board of Directors as an organization within the neighborhood.

#### **Why We Began**

A number of neighboring communities on Hilton Head and in the area have charitable giving funds. These communities raise and donate funds because it is a powerful way of multiplying their impact in the community. We want to do the same. With the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund, we will create a stronger sense of community that adds a 'look what we can do together' kind of pride and strengthens our neighborhood's reputation as a giving community.

#### **Who's Involved**

Port Royal resident Renee Roth presented the idea for a fund to various neighbors with positive response. A small group was formed and in collaboration with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund was established.

The Advisory Board of the PRCCF is composed of residents and/or their partners who volunteered and made financial contributions to establish the fund. Board membership is for three-year terms. Three new members will be elected each year from among Port Royal residents and partners.

#### **Officers**

- Chair: Renee Roth
- Vice Chair: Anita Kerkhof
- Treasurer: Lou Befano
- Secretary: Kay Williams

#### **Board Members**

- Jeanne Befano
- Kaye Black
- Larry Fleming
- Paul Parrick
- Patti Soltys

\* Emmy Rooney, Advisor from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry and Port Royal resident

## **Our Mission**

Our mission is clear: to encourage and support the charitable, caring interests of PR residents, to enhance the sense of community among Port Royal residents by having our own charitable fund, and to leverage resources in order to have a larger impact in the greater community.

## **Partnership with Community Foundation of the Lowcountry**

The PRCCF advisory board is partnering with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry (CFL) for fund administration and working under their 501(c)(3) status. The Foundation manages funds for 400+ separate charitable funds. CFL's core services include processing gifts, managing monies, distributing funds, and handling IRS tax reports, etc. for an administration fee of 1.5% annually. That means 98.5% of your donation will benefit nonprofits!

## **Activities of the PRCCF**

The PRCCF may sponsor events that offer our residents the opportunity to participate in activities that raise philanthropic funds. For example, communities hold food drives, golf tournaments, fun runs, and more. Resource development and marketing committees of the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund are developing plans for outreach and fundraisers to help disseminate information about the needs, how the fund will operate, and how neighbors can be involved. Funds raised and contributed will support grants to nonprofits that serve those in need. We would love to have you join us by contributing to PRCCF today!

## **Grants**

The scope of PRCCF's philanthropy is broad. The Community Foundation has identified seven areas of focus and the advisory board has adopted these areas. They are: Arts and Culture, Health, Human Services, Education, Community Development, Environment, and Animal Welfare.

Grants will be awarded based on the careful review of the applicant organization by the grants committee who will make recommendations to the PRCCF Advisory Board. This committee will follow up to ensure that grants are used for their intended purposes.

## **Ways to Help**

Tax-deductible donations are accepted for the Port Royal Community Charitable Fund by the Community Foundation, primarily via checks and credit cards. Checks are payable to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry and must include "PRCCF" in the memo line. Mail to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, P.O. Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29925.

A link for credit card payment is available on our website: [www.portroyalcommunitycharitablefund.org](http://www.portroyalcommunitycharitablefund.org). Stocks and matching gifts, IRA distributions and other options for giving are available by calling CFL at 843-681-9100. All donations will be confidential.

If you are interested in assisting in the activities of the PRCCF, email [prcharitablefund@gmail.com](mailto:prcharitablefund@gmail.com). We welcome your involvement!