Colonel Elliott White Springs established the Springs Foundation, Inc. in 1942. Colonel Springs was a World War I flying ace, a successful author and a leader in the textile industry. He had a deep and personal concern for the people in the areas where Springs Industries facilities were located. He was the Foundation’s first President. His early contributions and later estate planning provided the initial funding for the organization known today as The Springs Close Foundation.

His wife, Frances Ley Springs, was active in the work of the Foundation and her estate later provided the means to expand this philanthropic work over a wider geographic area. This was done through the Frances Ley Springs Foundation established in 1968, named in her honor.

After the death of Colonel Springs in 1959, H.W. (Bill) Close was named President of the Springs Foundation, Inc. and was the first President of the Frances Ley Springs Foundation. For over 30 years, he provided strong and effective leadership for both Foundations as a Director, President and later Chairman of the Board.

H.W. Close became the first Close to be a major donor to the Springs Foundation. In 1983, when Mr. Close died, Anne Springs Close was named Chairman of the Board and, in 1985, the Frances Ley Springs Foundation was renamed the Close Foundation. As daughter of founder Elliott White Springs and wife of Bill Close, Mrs. Close’s leadership continues the tradition and vision of family philanthropy.

The Foundations established their first full-time management position in 1972 with Charles Bundy as President. H.W. (Will) Close, Jr. was named President of both Springs and Close Foundations in 1997 and served as President until 2002. In July 2003, the two organizations merged into a single foundation, known today as The Springs Close Foundation, Inc. Angela McCrae now serves as President.

The Foundation supports three emphasis areas: Recreation & Environment, Public Education & Early Childhood and Community Service & Health. The general service areas of the Foundation are Chester, Lancaster and York Counties in South Carolina. The Foundation’s mission is to continue Colonel Springs’ legacy of giving back to communities that contributed to the family’s prosperity.
Sixty-five years ago, Colonel Elliott White Springs started helping “his people” – the employees who stuck by him as he revived six failing cotton mills during the Depression.

When the mills began to prosper in the early 1940’s, Colonel Springs was determined to give back to those people who worked so hard to help him. He had always contributed to their welfare in the same way his father had done before him. College loans and financial help for his employees and their children came out of his own pocket.

He was determined to do more, however. On May 11, 1942, Colonel Springs established the Springs Foundation, Inc., to promote the welfare of people in Chester, Lancaster and York Counties in South Carolina.

His vision lives on today. For 65 years, the Foundation has contributed to the quality of life, health and well-being of thousands of residents. You can view the memories of those investments in this year’s unique report. It is a story that unfolds to an impressive tapestry of accomplishments that has transformed peoples’ lives.

Milestones along the way are many: continuing education for teachers, computers for classrooms, interest free student loans, USC Lancaster, Elliott White Springs Memorial Hospital, Leroy Springs Recreation Complex, L.E.A.P Ahead, Close Scholars, affordable housing and more.

Everything supported by The Springs Close Foundation comes from the Colonel’s essential idea of sharing prosperity. We are confident that his desire to give back will live on beyond another 65 years. His enduring legacy sustains and inspires the Foundation’s continuing commitment.

Please contact us at the Foundation with ideas that you feel can make a difference in the lives of those we are here to serve.

Anne Springs Close
Chairman of the Board

Angela H. McCrae
President
Since inception, The Springs Close Foundation has been committed to enhancing the quality of life for people in Chester, Lancaster and York Counties of South Carolina. Major milestones include interest-free college loans, funding for the construction of the Elliott White Springs Memorial Hospital in Lancaster and the Leroy Springs Recreation Complex in Fort Mill. The Foundation was instrumental in establishing the Lancaster Branch of the University of South Carolina and preserving 2300 acres of pristine land for the Anne Springs Close Greenway in Fort Mill. In addition, emphasis has been focused on funding grants for public school education programs and continuing education for teachers.

J.W. Medford (center) with Lancaster County Council of the Arts Director Nancy Howell and sculptor Bob Doster. Medford was a Foundation Director from 1961 to 1989.
2007 Grant Allocations

**Recreation and Environment**
- **Carolina Wildcats AAU Basketball**
  - 2007 Summer Program
  - $2,500
- **Chester County School District**
  - Field of Dreams Softball Facility Phase II
  - $7,500
- **Chester County YMCA**
  - Phase 2 Renovations
  - $30,150
- **Columbus Parker Track Club**
  - 2007 Annual Support
  - $2,500
- **Lancaster County Parks & Recreation**
  - Hispanic Swim Program
    - 2007 Summer Sports Camp
    - $3,375
    - $5,200
  - **Lancaster County Southern Belles Softball**
    - Uniforms & Equipment
    - $500
- **Leroy Springs & Co., Inc.**
  - Operating Support
  - $525,000
- **Palmetto Conservation Foundation**
  - 2007/08 Conservation Presentations
  - $2,500
- **Town of Fort Mill**
  - Athletic Field
  - $50,000
- **TreeTops Camp**
  - Grand Lodge Construction - 2 year grant
  - $125,000

**Total**

$754,225

**Public Education and Early Childhood Development**
- **Arts Council of York County**
  - “Through the Eyes of a Child” Program
  - $1,592
- **Chester County School District**
  - Career Center - Prometheian Boards
  - $14,780
  - Chester Park Elem. School of the Arts - Theater Project
  - $18,400
- **Communities in Schools**
  - Chester County
    - Preparing Kids for Success - 2 year grant
    - $25,000
    - Lancaster County
      - FAST Program
      - $31,800
    - EdVEnture - 3 year grant
      - Early Childhood Initiative
      - $10,000
  - **Fort Mill Adult Education - 2 year grant**
    - Computer Lab Manager
    - $18,000
  - **Fort Mill School District # 4**
    - Fort Mill Elem & Riverview Elem.
      - Sunrise to Sunset Literacy
      - $10,000
    - Special Services
      - Roddensvale School Choir
      - $1,500
    - Special Services - 2007 Summer Connections Program
      - $2,400
    - Springfield Elementary
      - 16 Keyboards & Music in Education Prog
      - $3,000
    - **Lancaster County School District**
      - Eastside Academy - Parent Liaison
      - $11,406
    - **Homework Centers - 5 Middle Schools & Lancaster High School**
      - $51,474
    - **Southside Early Childhood Dev. - Head Start Expansion**
      - $38,500
    - **Palmer Freeman Scholarship**
      - 2007/2008 School Year
      - $4,000
    - **Palmetto State Teachers Association**
      - STAR Program
      - $5,000
  - **Quality Schools Initiative Program**
    - **1. Professional & Paraprofessional Development Program**
      - Chester County School District
      - $27,117
      - Fort Mill School District # 4
      - $35,240
      - Lancaster County School District
      - $50,280
    - **2. National Board Certification Program**
      - $4,200
  - **South Carolina After School Alliance**
    - Statewide Initiative Program & Technical Assistance
    - $5,000
  - **South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts**
    - 2007 Scholarships
    - $12,000
  - **South Carolina Governor's School for Math & Science**
    - 2007 Scholarships
    - $6,000
  - **Success by Six After School Program**
    - Imagination Library - Purchase Books
    - $7,500
    - USC Lancaster - Friends of Medford Library
      - Elliott White Springs Fiction Scholarships
      - $2,500
    - Winthrop University Close Scholars
      - Travel Expense Reimbursement
      - $2,000
    - **YMCA Camp Thunderbird**
      - 2007/08 Environmental Camp
      - $25,725

**Total**

$424,414

Success by Six Family Resource Center
### Community Service and Health

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In 2003, the Foundation supported transportation services for Golden Care of Lancaster County, an adult day care center.

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Early childhood and parenting programs were funded through L.E.A.P. Ahead.

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Colonel Springs had a deep concern for the people who worked in his textile plants. He was particularly concerned with young people and helping them achieve the best in life. The following vignettes illustrate the highlights of his legacy.

The Early Years...

1942  
On May 11, 1942, Elliott Springs formalized his vision of philanthropy by chartering the Springs Foundation, Inc.

1947  
Anne Springs Close joined the Board of the Foundation.

1949  
A time of swift growth. Name changed to Elliott White Springs Foundation.

1954  
In 1954, H.W. (Bill) Close became a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

1959  
After the death of Colonel Springs in 1959, Bill Close was named President of the Springs Foundation, Inc.

1960  
The Foundation supports Fort Mill School District teachers who take workshops in Language Arts and Reading.

1969  
The Foundation offers a $5,000 scholarship to one outstanding student in each of the high schools.

1970  
The Close family at the opening of the Elliott White Springs Memorial Hospital in Lancaster. The Foundation gave $6.5 of the $8.5 million construction cost.

1971  
Three decades of Foundation investments at community programs approach $30 million.

1972  
The Foundation established their first full-time management in 1972 with Charles A. Bundy who was named President of both Foundations in 1973.

1974  
The new Woodfield Library on the UNI Lancaster Campus was funded by the Elliott White Springs Foundation. Here a student selects from one of the 60,000 volumes.

1976  
The Foundation has invested more than $10 million in improving the health of those it serves.

1977  
New $2 million dollar Leroy Springs Recreation Complex in Fort Mill.

1979  
The Foundation continues to support the growth of USC Lancaster with a $56,000 commitment.

1981  
Two new ophthalmologists, supported by the Foundation’s medical scholarship program, locate their practice in Lancaster County. The Foundation invests in eye surgery equipment for the hospital.

1982  
The Foundation has invested more than $10 million in improving the beauty of those in need.

1983  
Anne Springs Close marked the positions of Chairmen of the Board of Directors after the passing of Bill Close in August of that year.

1985  
The Springs Foundation provided funding for Springmaid Mountain, located near Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

1987  
The Foundation has contributed more than $10.5 million to education.

1989  
The Foundation commits to rebuild Springmaid Beach Pier destroyed by Hurricane Hugo.

1990  
Major grants to improve Chester County Hospital and facilities at Lancaster and Heath Springs.

1991  
Fifth graders get to talk with members of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra before a concert at Andrew Jackson High School.

1993  
The newly formed Community Advisory Committee provides community contacts and advice on local priorities for the Foundation Board. (Pictured at right is the 1994 Advisory Committee.)

1995  
The Foundation commits $157,000 to refurbish the Dairy Barn, a prominent feature of the Anne Springs Close Greenway.

1997  
H.W. (Will) Close becomes President of the Foundations. He is pictured here with Louise Starnes and Fort Mill Mayor Charlie Parris at the site of their Affordable Housing Initiative.

1999  
The Foundation invests $100,000 to replace the 46 year-old swimming pool in Kershaw.

2001  
The Foundation supports Merry Pavilion theater troupe for specially-abled adults.

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The Foundation supports Merry Pavilion theater troupe for specially-abled adults.

2004  
Three years of support for the Children’s Attention Home in Rock Hill.

2005  

2007  
Over $93 million has been given since 1942 to improve the lives of people in Chester, Lancaster, and York Counties.

65 Years of Memories & Milestones