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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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Club Makes Plans
For Annual Session
To Be Held Dec. 12

The three speakers for the annual meeting of the Good Fellows Club, which will be held at Hotel Charlotte at 12:30

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It's the only time the Good Fellows ever meet, and they meet only for the purpose of giving.

And they give generously. Yesterday, they gave well over \$25,000, the most ever given.

The \$25,000 they gave last year went to help 850 needy Charlotte families.

And all the giving takes place in about 10 minutes.

It starts with three speakers, each with three minutes to tell the others of the plight of a family.

Money certainly isn't the symbol

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"\$1,000? thank you. Who's next?"

We want every bit of money from you people."

But the money is only part of the story.

The other part is what the giving means: through their giving they help many poor people who need the help, but they also reflect the kind of compassion Charlotteans show for each other and their community, for this is a city of sharing people.

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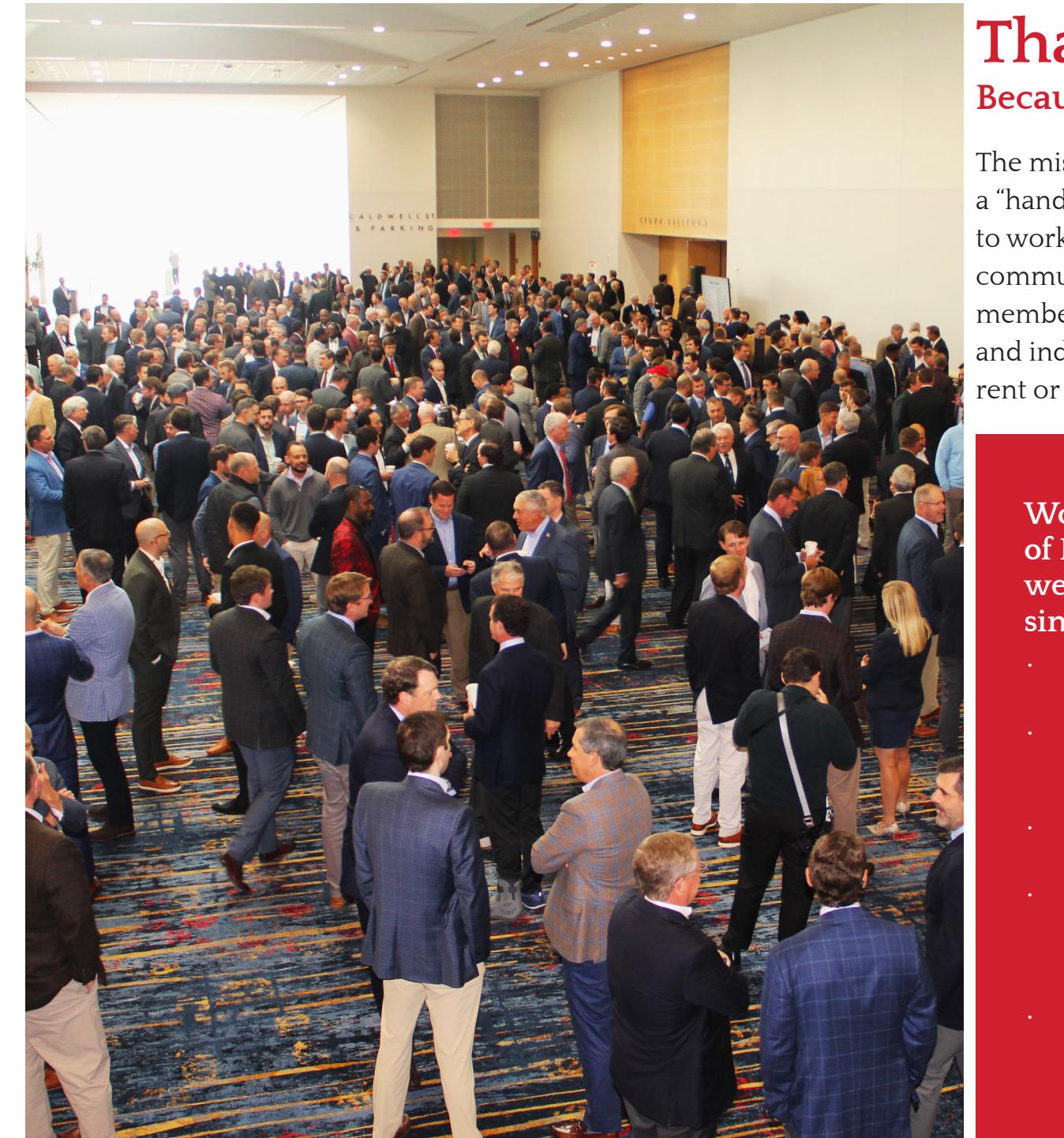
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Thank You!

Because of you, we can fulfill our mission

The mission of the Good Fellows Club is to give a “hand up” with emergency financial assistance to working families and individuals within our community. The generous donations from our members are used to help those working families and individuals during a time of crisis with their rent or utility bill.

Working together with your Board of Directors and Emeritus members, we have accomplished a great deal since 2023:

- Membership remains strong with over 1,400 dues paying members
- The Young Leaders have increased their participation to over 270, completing two service projects this past year
- Creation of the Legacy Society has allowed us to increase our fundraising by 40%
- Expanded communications through additional newsletters and livestreaming of our annual luncheon and meeting have allowed us to reach our members more easily
- The establishment of the Lifetime Impact Award recognizing our first two inaugural recipients: Smoky Bissell and Graeme Keith III (posthumously)

Executive Director's Update

One of the things I appreciate most about The Good Fellows is its relentless commitment to simplicity and humble care, with a primary focus on keeping families housed through rental assistance. The Good Fellows partners with 34 agencies across Charlotte that identify families that are in crisis and meet the qualifications set forth by the board.

Social Workers send an application to the Good Fellows on the tenant's behalf and we process that referral within 48 hours. Last year we were able to distribute all funds raised at the 2024 Luncheon; allowing 2,134 families in Charlotte to receive assistance during times of crisis.

As a member of Good Fellows, you serve as a vital referring partner. If you encounter someone experiencing a crisis—at work, at home, or in the community—please reach out so we can determine how Good Fellows may be able to help.

Average Children in Household
2

Average Assistance
\$1,552.74

88%
of families receiving assistance had children in the home, ranging from newborns and daycare-aged children to CMS students and North Carolina university students.

91%
of recipients made a partial payment toward the amount owed, underscoring our model of partnership and a one-time “hand up,” not a handout.

The most common crises addressed included **Unexpected Medical Emergencies, Job Transitions, Essential Car Repairs, and the Death of a Family Member.**

2025 by the Numbers

 \$2,110,000
pledged to families in 2025

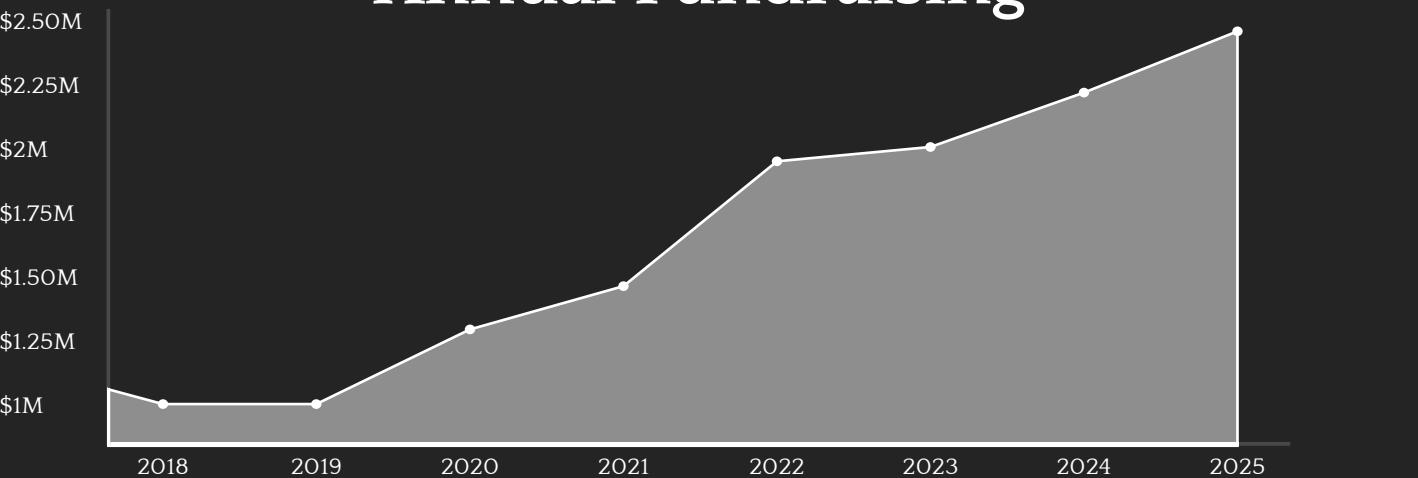
 2,000+
families assisted

 1,486
dues paying members

 211
new members in 2025

1,834
Good Fellows and guests attended
the 2025 Christmas Luncheon

Annual Fundraising



Supporting Veterans and their Families

The Good Fellows partnership with Veterans Bridge Home

Veterans Bridge Home (VBH) served 3,391 families across the Carolinas last year, **including 1,157 in Mecklenburg County**.

VBH prioritizes federal, state and county resources to support veterans and their families. When those options are unavailable, The Good Fellows provides critical gap funding to help stabilize housing and prevent displacement. In 2024, The Good Fellows supported 19 housing-related service requests for veterans in Mecklenburg County through VBH. These grants provided timely, life changing support during moments of crisis.



"When other resources are exhausted, The Good Fellows steps in at a critical moment to help veterans remain housed and move forward with dignity."



Steven Cole
President of the Metrolina Market
for Veteran's Bridge Home

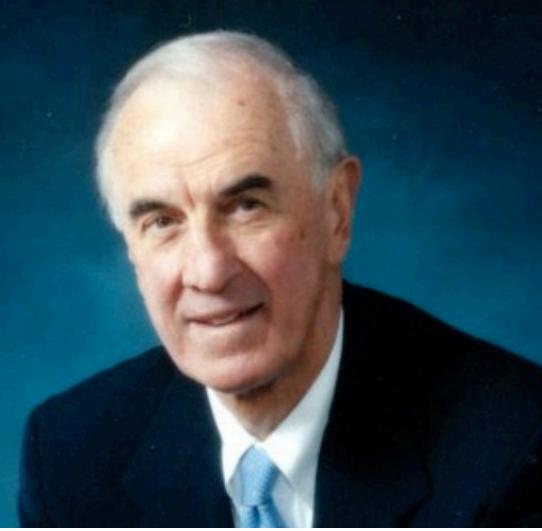


One of Charlotte's Oldest Traditions



Lifetime Impact Awards

The Lifetime Impact Award is presented annually by the Board of Directors to a member of the organization or board member that, through the years, has demonstrated a long-term commitment to furthering and expanding our mission of helping those in our community that need emergency financial assistance.



Graeme Keith II

"He loved the Good Fellows Club tremendously. He would say every year 'My Christmas starts with the Good Fellows lunch.'

-Graeme Keith II



Smoky Bissell

"The Good Fellows is indeed the beginning of Christmas.. Wonderful event, great leadership, I can't thank you enough for this. Be assured it is a treasure I will always cherish."

-Smoky Bissell

2025 Legacy Society

Anonymous
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Andy & Mac Everett
Barringer Construction
Bridge Holdings
Brown Brothers Harriman
Cambridge Properties
CPI Security
David Tepper
Ed McMahan
Ed Rose
Ed Weisiger
Felix Sabates

First Citizens Bank
Frank Harrison
Gary W. Harris Foundation
George Dewey
Harris Investment Company
Hendrick Family Foundation
Howard Bissell, III
Jubal A Early, Sr.
Jordan Raniszewski
Julie and Flint McNaughton
Kris Fetter
Marc Oken
Mark Ficken Ford
MSS Solutions

Oliver Private Wealth Mgmt.
Pappas Family Foundation
Rob Edwards
Sara and Ken Haynes
Smoky Bissell
Spangler Family Foundation
Speedway Motorsports
Springsteen Capital
SteelFab
The DeCarlo/Stiles Family
The Dowd Foundation
The Keith Family
Tim Belk

Donors who commit \$25,000 or more annually are enrolled in the Legacy Society.
A yearly lunch is held to intimately discuss details related to the Good Fellows Club, membership, and fundraising.

"Supporting Good Fellows is truly an honor for us at Carnegie Private Wealth and aligns perfectly with our broader commitment to the Charlotte community we call home. Year after year, we've seen the meaningful impact this organization has on families across Charlotte. They meet families in critical moments with exactly what's needed—when it matters most. We're proud of our continued partnership with Good Fellows and deeply value the essential support they provide to hardworking families in our community."

- Jordan Raniszewski

<https://www.goodfellowsclub.org/young-leaders/>

Young Leaders

This year, our Young Leaders participated in two meaningful service projects: supporting a Habitat for Humanity build in West Charlotte and helping restore one of Charlotte Green's community gardens, a shared space where neighbors come together to grow fresh, healthy food.

We have a dedicated webpage inviting individuals to join the more than 270 Young Leaders who are part of the Good Fellows community.



2025 Good Fellows Club Board Members

Adam Currie*	Graeme M. Keith, III*	Mark Reed
Bailey W. Patrick, Jr.	Heath W. Campbell*	Mike Rucker
Byron B. Burns, III	J. Frank Harrison	Peter A. Pappas*
Charles F. Bowman	John Petrone	Rob Edwards
David Dooley	Jonathan Ishee	Sam Bowles
Derick S. Close	Jubal A Early Sr.*	Stick Williams*
Frank E. Emory*	Ken D. Haynes	Thomas C. Nelson
Geoff Gray	Kevin W. Bailey	Thomas M. Belk, Jr.
George S. Dewey, IV	Kris Fetter	Todd Collins*
Greg Johnson	Larry Shaheen	W. Frank Dowd, IV

*Denotes Executive Committee Members

2025 Emeritus Board Members

Crowder Falls	Jim Woodward	Peter Gilchrist
Erskine Bowles	John W. Harris	Tom Meckley
	Larry J. Dagenhart	



Thank You to Our Retiring Board Members



Charles Bowman
G. Ken Thompson

Greg Johnson
Mike Rucker

Tom Nelson

Welcome to Our New Members



Ed Rose

Felix Sabates

Govenor
Pat McCrory

H. Atkins

Hunter Edwards

Ken Gill

Marcus Smith

