



# ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN FAQS

2024-2025

## What is the “Our Chase, Together” Campaign?

This is the name of our annual internal all-campus campaign to support the students, employees, and programs of Spartanburg Community College through the Spartanburg Community College Foundation.

## What does the campaign entail?

The campaign is designed to educate, engage, and celebrate how philanthropy and charitable giving help to advance the mission and work of Spartanburg Community College. This includes informational sessions, online and printed materials, and employee engagement events.

## Who participates in the campaign?

All employees and retirees of the college, along with college commissioners and the SCC Foundation Board of Directors, are invited to participate in campaign activities and consider a gift to support the work of the Foundation based on their own capacity to give and, as much as possible, aligned with their charitable interests.

## How do I make a gift to the campaign?

We try to make giving a gift to the Foundation’s “Our Chase, Together” campaign as easy as possible. Employees can make gifts in the following ways:

- Payroll Deduction
- A One-time Gift of Cash or Check
- Walk Participation
- Recurring Credit Card Payment

I don’t know where to give, but I know that I want to make a difference.

We encourage all employees to make a thoughtful gift to the Foundation through “Our Chase, Together.” Therefore, we have the following giving options:

- **The Rick Teal Fund:** Supports faculty/staff engagement and recognition.
- **Chaser Impact Fund:** This supports a wide variety of programs and needs and allows the SCC Foundation to put your money to work where it will make the greatest impact.
- **The Chaser Success Fund:** This fund supports student Emergency, Book, and Backpack Funds based on the needs of student requests and on the recommendation of our student-success educators.

## Can I designate my gift to a specific fund or program?

Yes! If you know where you want your money to be invested, please use the pledge form section noted as “other.” If we have further questions regarding your designation, we will reach out to ensure your intentions are followed.



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## When does payroll deduction begin?

Payroll deduction for the 2024 “Our Chase, Together” campaign will start in January of 2025.

## Where do donations go?

Any and all gifts the Foundation receives are used to support the College’s and its students’ success. This includes scholarships and funds for student support initiatives, professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and programmatic needs for the college.

## Who oversees the Foundation?

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors composed of community leaders representing Spartanburg, Union, and Cherokee Counties.

## Are my donations to the Foundation tax-deductible?

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Gifts to the Foundation generally qualify as a charitable tax deduction with the Internal Revenue Service.

## Do my gifts support the salaries of the Foundation Office staff?

No. **All Foundation staff are employees of the College.** 100% of any gift designated toward student support, program growth, or employee recognition and development must, by law, follow our donors’ directives. If you want to be sure that your gift is directed toward a fund that speaks to you, contact us, and we will be happy to help you match you with your charitable interest.

## What is “Wednesday’s Jeans Day,” and how do I get it?

“Our Chase, Together” is a campaign that aims to show our students that we support them. Wednesday Jeans Day is a fun incentive to encourage all employees to participate in our campaign. All employees can wear jeans each Wednesday of the year if 80% of all employees pledge or gift to the Foundation during the “Our Chase, Together” campaign.

## When will we know if the entire College earned Wednesday Jeans Day?

As soon as we reach 80% participation, the Foundation will email everyone! Wednesday is the only “Jeans Day” tied to the “Our Chase, Together” campaign. We have shared how we earn Wednesday jeans above. Friday is Chaser Spirit Day to celebrate our mascot, Chaser, and all she means to our college and community. The gifts to the campaign do not impact Chaser Spirit Day.





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## What are incentives?

Incentives are items offered to donors in gratitude for their donations. Incentives are listed on the donation form and the “Our Chase, Together” webpage by donation level.

## When will I receive any incentives for my gift or pledge?

Most items will be distributed before the end of the campaign period. If there are any delays, those will be communicated directly to the donor.

## What is the “Our Chase, Together” Raffle?

Every donor will receive at least one entry into this year’s raffle! This year’s items include baskets and experiences valued at over \$250 each!

## Can I win twice?

Yes! The more entries you earn, the better your chance of winning.

## What is the Rick Teal Campus Walk?

For the third year, SCC is hosting a campus walk to raise awareness, spirits, and support for the Foundation. We will have the event on Friday, November 22, 2024, at 10 am on the Spartanburg (Giles) Campus. This event will be an informal gathering to bring all our departments and campuses together for a fun and healthy activity. The entrance fee is \$25.00. The proceeds from this event support the Rick Teal Memorial Fund for Employee Engagement and Recognition.

## Who is Rick Teal?

Mr. Rick Teal, SCC’s Vice President of Human Resources from 2010 through 2021, was dedicated to bringing out the best in SCC’s talented workforce. He highly valued employee recognition and strategic faculty and staff development. We lost Rick in 2021 and honor his service and legacy by establishing the Rick Teal Fund for Employee Engagement and Recognition.

