

# Reserve at Lake Keowee donates to charities

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PICKENS COUNTY — Christmas came early for several local charities last month, thanks to The Reserve at Lake Keowee's Community and Charitable Foundation.

Throughout the year, members at The Reserve raise money to donate to eight local Upstate charities, according to a news release from The Reserve at Lake Keowee.

This year was another record-breaking fundraising year, with \$150,000 distributed among the charities.

"We are thrilled to be able to contribute such a large sum to these outstanding organizations in Pickens County," foundation executive director Cathy Washburn said. "The positive impact will be immediate, as this contribution will go directly to these worthy charities so that they can continue to serve those in need."

The Reserve hosted a special event on Dec. 5 to announce the selected charities and distribute the funds. A Christmas concert by Jenn Bostic



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**The Reserve at Lake Keowee's Charitable Foundation recently donated money to local charities. Pictured, back row from left, are Good Samaritan's Tobias Vogel, Feed a Hungry Child's Kathy Brazinski, Ripple of One's Dream Clay, Family Promise's Leslie Flynn and Pickens County Meals on Wheels' Meta Bowers. In the front row are foundation director Catherine Washburn, Pickens Senior Center's Dale Harward, Safe Harbor's Becky Callaham, Helping Hands of Clemson's Janet Stephens and foundation board chairman Anita Arms.**

and John Patti followed the check presentations.

The beneficiary charities this year are Helping Hands Children's Shelter, Feed a Hungry Child, Pickens County Meals on Wheels, Pickens Senior Center, Ripple of One, Safe Harbor, Samaritan's Health and Family Promise.

Feed a Hungry Child provides hungry children with nutritious food on the weekends. The kids it serves may otherwise go hungry before they return to school on Mondays. President and cofounder Kathy Brazinski said the foundation has donated nearly \$100,000 to her organization over the

years. The donations have provided 16,667 meals for Pickens County children, she said. The organization serves 634 Pickens County children.

"We believe in blessings, and The Reserve Foundation has been a blessing to children in need," Brazinski said.