

## 2010 Annual Fund

The 2010 Annual Fund will support the installment and maintenance of two ornamental plant beds on the grounds of the Robert Mills House. Flanking the structure on either side of the great lawn, these plantings will greatly enhance the highly utilized access point to the grounds. Here's how gifts to the Annual Fund will ensure the success of this project:

### **About Historic Columbia Foundation**

The Foundation's mission is to nurture, support, and protect the historical and cultural heritage of Columbia and Richland County through programs of advocacy, education, and preservation. HCF provides a wealth of educational programs and activities that emphasize the *people, places, and progress* of our local area. In addition, HCF takes specific initiatives to protect and preserve historic and cultural sites, and serves as an advocate for historic preservation in the community.

### **The Cultural Landscape Master Plan**

In 2007 the Historic Columbia Foundation Board of Trustees adopted an expansive Cultural Landscape Master Plan which outlines opportunities for the transformation of 14 acres of grounds in Columbia's historic city center. With the goal of creating a cohesive garden district for public enjoyment, the Foundation is undertaking the task of planning and implementing period-appropriate gardens and/or major beautification efforts at each site.

### **The Ornamental Beds at the Robert Mills House**

The plant beds at the Robert Mills House will act as living walls dividing the great lawn with its park-like plantings of stately exotic and native trees. The plantings will be strategically placed for maximum enjoyment in all seasons, and will add beautiful color and texture to the landscape year-round.

### **About the Annual Fund**

As a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, HCF earns revenue through ticket sales, events, sponsorships, and memberships. Beyond these sources, donations made to the Annual Fund are important because they provide valuable funds that can be directed towards accomplishing specific goals, such as developing the gardens on the grounds of the Robert Mills House.

### **How the Annual Fund will support the Robert Mills Garden**

Donations to the Annual Fund will go towards the cost of purchasing materials for and the installation of two ornamental plant beds on the great lawn of the Robert Mills House. Funds raised will also provide for the ongoing maintenance of the beds.

### **How to donate to the Annual Fund**

To make your donation over the phone, please call our office at 803-252-7742 extension 23. You can also visit our website at [HistoricColumbia.org](http://HistoricColumbia.org). To send your donation by mail, please return the enclosed envelope with your payment, or write to:

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