



## Mothers have super powers

**M**other's Day is Sunday, and one of the hardest jobs ever is being a mother. That is why a day has been set aside specifically to honor mothers and all that they do. Some moms are stay-at-home, some go to work every day and some moms are single fathers.

The ancient Greeks celebrated the goddess Rhea with a festival every spring. She was acknowledged for her proficiency at delivering newborn babies and raising children. Her super power was that she could induce feelings of tranquility and cure madness — two super powers that all mothers need.



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In 1858, Ann Reeves Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker who lost eight of her 12 children to poor sanitation conditions, formed an organization to teach women better sanitation practices. When the Civil War broke out,

the women vowed to provide medical care to the wounded, regardless of which side they were fighting for.

Jarvis died in 1905, and her daughter, Anna, wanted to create a way to honor her mother as well as all mothers. She wrote newspapers and appealed to politicians and finally received the financial backing of John Wanamaker, who owned several successful department stores. The first official Mother's Day celebration was held at a church in Grafton, W.Va., on May 10, 1908. Simultaneously, hundreds of people stormed the Mother's Day event held at Wanamaker's Department Store. Wanamaker became successful due to his expertise in advertising.

Finally, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made it official when he announced the first national celebration of Mother's Day. This is the same Woodrow Wilson who had the suffragists arrested for picketing in front of the White House for the right to vote (just sayin').

Today, mothers have become specialized and categorized. For instance, the Helicopter Mother tends to hover over the child and make certain they attend a particular school with a particular teacher or coach. The Hummingbird Mother also hovers but does not interfere. The Lawnmower Mother will "mow down" any obstacles or challenges that may cause the child to struggle or suffer distress.

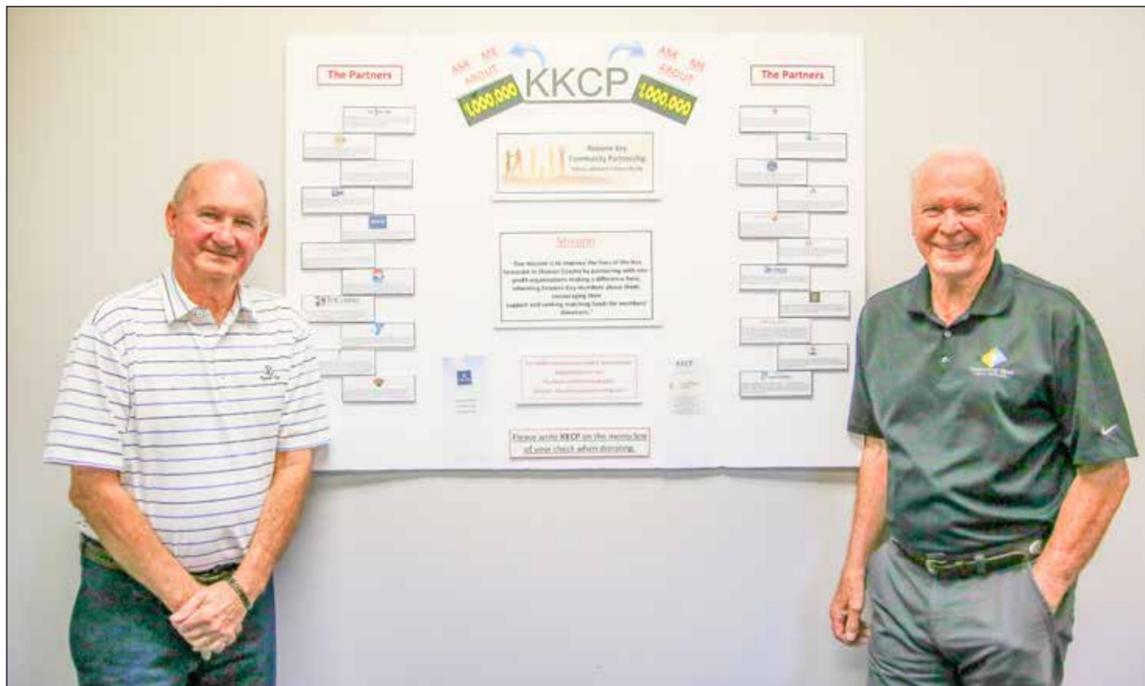
The Tiger Mother puts excellence in academics ahead of leisure time, while the Elephant Mother values emotional security and tends to focus on the happiness of her child rather than academic or athletic success.

The Free-Range Mother gives her child the freedom to do as he or she pleases as long as they come home in time for dinner. My mother definitely falls into the free-range category. I grew up in Chicago and would hop on the Fullerton bus to go to the beach or Lincoln Park Zoo. I would take the subway downtown to meet friends for a movie and a hot dog. I would go to exhibits at the Art Institute and visit the dolphins and otters at Shedd Aquarium. Ah, those were the days!

Mothers never hesitate to give you advice, even if it's not what you want to hear. They wash your clothes and pack your lunch. They sympathize when you don't make the soccer team and soothe your tears when you get dumped right before the prom. They force you to eat your vegetables and pay your cellphone bill each month. It doesn't really matter what category your "mothering" falls into, children are resilient and will find their way in the world despite any misgivings or anxiety their mother may have.

Celebrate your mother's super powers on Sunday by giving her a super hug. No matter what category your mother falls into, she loves you.

**LYNDA IS** praying for the mothers in Ukraine. You can reach Lynda at [lyndaabegg@charter.net](mailto:lyndaabegg@charter.net).



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The Keowee Key Community Partnership (KKCP) recently topped \$1 million in donations from residents in the community to its 22 partner charities in its first three and a half years of existence. Pictured, from left, are Jon Bachman and Dave Eldridge.

## Keowee Key partnership tops \$1M in donations to 22 local charities

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**SALEM** — An effort to encourage Keowee Key residents to give to and volunteer for charitable organizations in Oconee County has reached a significant milestone — a \$1 million milestone.

The Keowee Key Community Partnership (KKCP) recently topped \$1 million in donations from residents in the community to its 22 partner charities in its first three and a half years of existence.

"To have reached \$1 million of contributions in three and a half years, I think it's amazing," said Jon Bachman, chairman of the partnership board. "We just thought, 'Let's act as a conduit between our residents who we know are giving — because we knew that they were volunteering all this time — and organizations that need volunteer support as well as financial support.' If we can link those two, we can be successful, because we have so many people coming into the community who don't know who these (charities) are."

### A DIFFERENT APPROACH

Unlike similar organizations, the KKCP isn't a 501(c)(3) organization. In fact, it doesn't even handle donations or accept money. The partnership board works to get the word out about the work of the 22 partners — all nonprofit organizations — to encourage residents to make donations.

Residents give directly to the partner or partners they want to support personally and are only asked to include a note saying they are a Keowee Key resident. Each year, each partner organization sends the KKCP a statement with the annual total donated by Keowee Key residents.

The KKCP puts together a memorandum of under-

### KEOWEE KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PARTNERS

- Habitat for Humanity
- Keowee Fire Department
- Fostering Faithfully
- Collins Children's Home
- Our Daily Rest
- Prisma Health Oconee Memorial Hospital Foundation
- Friends of Guardian Ad Litem
  - BabyRead
  - Grace's Closet
- Oconee County Sheriff's Foundation
  - Our Daily Bread
- Golden Corner Food Pantry
  - Safe Harbor
  - Ripple of One
- Tri-County Technical College
  - Tamassee DAR School
  - Foothills YMCA
- Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center
  - Ride to Work Ministry
  - Purple Heart Homes
  - Foothills Care Center
  - Christ Central Ministries

standing with each partner. One requirement for all partners is they spend the money received from Keowee Key residents in Oconee County.

"We don't ask them to tell us who's giving money because we don't want to know," Bachman said. "We don't ask them to tell us how they're spending the money because we don't want to know. But we do want to know that it's been spent in Oconee County."

"This is where we live. This is our home," he added. "We retired to Oconee County ... and we should be supporting the county where we live. Look at some of these charities, they're making a tremendous impact on the less fortunate and we, as Keowee Key residents, are making, I think, a tremendous impact on them."

The KKCP began in October 2018 with Tri-County Technical College as its first partner, working to provide scholarships to help local students attend college there. The first scholarship



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Keowee Key Community Partnership volunteer Dave Eldridge, left, spends time with Derek Keels, the program's first scholarship recipient.

recipient was Derek Keels, an employee working at Keowee Key at the time.

"He was in his last year (of school) trying to become an HVAC technician, so we funded him," KKCP volunteer Dave Eldridge said. "Then he graduated, and now he's in the maintenance department at Clemson. So, he has a very good job. It really was fun for me and Jon to work with him through that process."

So far, six scholarships have been provided through the partnership, and Bachman and Eldridge said they expect three more scholarships to be available next year.

Eldridge's role on the board has been to work with corporate partners who may want to be involved in helping partner organizations.

"BASF came on board as our first major employer, and they've really been a tremendous partner for us in what they do out there, financially and volunteering," he said.

"Our mission is to improve the lives of less fortunate in Oconee County, by partnering with nonprofit organizations here in Oconee County that make a difference, and then encouraging our mem-

bers to donate to them either in time or in money," Bachman said. "Then we're going out and approaching local businesses as well that do business in Keowee Key and say, 'You do a fair amount of business in this community, and this community has this initiative to support local charities. Would you be interested in getting on the bandwagon?' And last year, we had 11 that did — 11 small businesses and one major corporation, which was BASF, that donated to a charity because of what we were doing."

While helping to raise \$1 million in such a short time for local organizations is exciting, Bachman and Eldridge are moving toward the next goal — \$2 million.

"Really, there's no reason to put a tarp on it," Bachman said. "As long as people are willing to donate, we can channel those donations to those charities here in Oconee County. Why do we stop?"

The KKCP will hold an appreciation forum for residents on May 18 at the Club at Keowee Key.

For more information, visit <https://kkcommunitypartnership.com/>.

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