

With the understanding that the needs of worthy initiatives far out weigh the capacity, AgFirst's charitable donations will be focused on the organizations supporting one or more of the following:

► **Community Development/Neighborhood Preservation**

Seeks to direct resources to address critical issues facing our communities. Funding supports non-profits providing the following needs to low and moderate income individuals and communities: affordable housing, neighborhood preservation, economic development, and neighborhood revitalization, primarily in the greater Columbia, S.C., area.

► **Education**

Seeks to create positive culture change through programs and services that provide educational and learning opportunities to ensure that children and young adults can reach their fullest academic potential. Funding supports youth development and mentoring organizations, organizations/programs that focus on civic or community engagement, 3k-12 educational organizations, dropout prevention organizations/programs, community college/workforce development programs, community education partnership programs, and agricultural education programs.

► **Health and Human Services**

Supports and strengthens non-profit organizations that seek to improve the health and well being of the most vulnerable in our community. In this regard, funding supports access to affordable and quality healthcare, family support services, food and shelter programs, and homeless and transitional services in the greater Columbia, S.C., area. Funding may also support non-profit organizations having national prominence in initiatives affecting large segments of the local population, such as United Way, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, and JDRF.

AgFirst will NOT provide funding for the following types of requests:

- Organizations without a verifiable non-profit status,
- Political organizations, candidates, or campaigns,
- Lobbying groups,
- Sponsorships/donations directed to an individual,
- Religious events.

Applicants must re-apply each year regardless of whether or not AgFirst supported their request(s) in previous years.