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Parker's Donates \$27,000 to Beaufort County Schools Through Fueling the Community Program

PHOTO CAPTION: Parker's founder and CEO Greg Parker, right, presented a check for \$27,000 to Beaufort County Schools at a school board meeting on March 19, 2019. Beaufort County School Board Chair Dr. Christina Gwozoz, left, accepted the donation on behalf of the school district.

BEAUFORT, S.C. (March 20, 2019) – [Parker's](#), one of the nation's leading foodservice and convenience store companies, recently donated \$27,000 to Beaufort County Schools as part of an ongoing commitment to giving back to the community. The proceeds came from the company's Fueling the Community program, which donates one cent of every gallon of gas sold on the first Wednesday of each month to local schools.

A portion of the Parker's donation funds the school district's annual Support Person of the Year recognition program, which honors school nurses, social workers, bookkeepers, office managers, teacher assistants, school secretaries, and technology and data specialists. Other funds go to specific schools designated by Parker's PumpPal customers when they purchase their gasoline on the first Wednesday of each month.

"At Parker's, we're committed to giving back to the Beaufort County community and supporting local schools through our Fueling the Community program," said Parker's founder and CEO Greg Parker. "We know education has the power to transform lives, reduce crime and expand opportunities. We're grateful to all the Beaufort County School District teachers, administrators and staff who work hard every day to support student success in the classroom."

Parker's launched its charitable initiative in 2011 and has donated money to public and private schools in every community where Parker's does business.

Beaufort County School Board Chair Dr. Christina Gwozoz accepted the donation on behalf of the school district.

"This generosity we see from Parker's every year is really impressive," Gwozoz said. "Over the past five years, they have donated nearly \$100,000 to district schools, and that's a solid investment in our kids."

Founded in 1976, Parker's has earned accolades for its new Parker's Rewards loyalty program, award-winning Fueling the Community charitable initiative, innovative mobile app and acclaimed PumpPal program, which has saved customers more than \$10 million since its inception. All Parker's stores offer fountain drinks with Chewy Ice, bean-to-cup gourmet coffee, freshly brewed sweet tea, a wide range of convenience items and high-quality gasoline.

Parker's has been ranked on Inc.'s elite list of the top 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. for four consecutive years, has been recognized by *USA Today* for its impressive food selection and was recently named the Food Service Leader of the Year by *Convenience Store News*. The company employs nearly 1,000 individuals at 56 stores throughout the region and completes more than 125,000 transactions daily.

ABOUT PARKER'S:

[Parker's](http://www.parkersav.com) is strategically redefining America's convenience store industry, offering customers high-quality products, freshly prepared food and superior customer service at 56 retail stores throughout southeast Georgia and South Carolina. Headquartered in Savannah, Ga., Parker's has a commitment to exceeding customer expectations and has repeatedly been recognized as one of the nation's leading convenience store companies. Foodservice is a specialty, featuring Parker's Kitchen favorites like hand-breaded Southern Fried Chicken Tenders, tender bone-in chicken, made-from-scratch mac 'n' cheese, a breakfast bar and daily specials. The company's popular PumpPal loyalty program, which includes more than 150,000 members, has saved Parker's customers more than \$10 million to date. For more information about Parker's, visit www.parkersav.com.

RECENT AWARDS AND ACCOLADES:

- 2018 Convenience Foodservice Leader of the Year - *Convenience Store News*
- Top 10 U.S. Gas Station Brands – Gas Buddy
- Best Convenience Store - *Savannah Morning News* Readers' Choice Awards
- Best Convenience Store - *Savannah Magazine* Best of Savannah Awards
- Best Convenience Store - *Statesboro Herald* "Best in the 'Boro" Awards
- Best Convenience Store - Bryan County Now "Best of Bryan" Awards
- Regional Economic Impact Award - Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
- Best Convenience Store - *Island Packet*
- Most Fab Convenience Store - *Effingham Herald*
- Keep Liberty Beautiful Award - *Coastal Courier*
- Most Fabulous Gas Station – *Effingham Living*
- Wayne County's Favorite Convenience Store – *Jesup Press-Sentinel*
- Citizen of the Year Award – Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club
- Community Hero Award – 100 Black Men of Savannah

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