

J. MARION SIMS FOUNDATION ELECTS GARDNER, GRAY, NEW TRUSTEES

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The J. Marion Sims Foundation is pleased to welcome two new trustees to its board. Don Gardner and Vivian Gray have been elected to three-year terms and will begin their service on January 1, 2016.

Mr. Gardner retired from First Citizens Bank as Senior Vice President and Business Relationship Manager after 32 years with the bank and 38 years in banking. A US Air Force veteran, he holds a degree in Marketing from the University of South Carolina, and graduated from the South Carolina Bankers School. Mr. Gardner currently serves on the board of the Catawba Regional Development Corporation, and as a board member and Treasurer of the Lancaster Children's Home. He previously served as chairman of the Lancaster County Partners for Youth board, and of the board of the Lancaster Housing Authority, and as president of both the Kershaw Chamber of Commerce, and the Lancaster Rotary Club. Additionally, Mr. Gardner is a former director of the Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce, and of the Lancaster County Community Foundation.

A native of Chester, Mrs. Gray holds a bachelor's degree in Home Economics from South Carolina State University, a Masters in Clothing and Textiles from Winthrop University, and a Masters Plus 30 Certification from the University of South Carolina. An educator for 34 years, Mrs. Gray taught for six years in Chester County and 28 years in Lancaster County. She has served on the board of the Lancaster County Council of the Arts, and as a trustee and secretary of the board of the Educational Foundation of the University of South Carolina Lancaster. Mrs. Gray is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, and of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

In joining the board, Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Gray succeed Miriam M. Boucher and Polly C. Jackson, both of whom will retire from the board at the end of 2015.

The J. Marion Sims Foundation's mission is to support programs and projects of prevention and education that enhance the health and wellness of the citizens of Lancaster County and the communities of Great Falls and Fort Lawn.