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**National Philanthropist to Address Community at Give Local Celebration on June 20**

Mark Constantine, President and CEO of the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation, Richmond, VA, will address the community on June 20 at USC-Lancaster, during the Give Local Lancaster celebration luncheon.

Constantine's message will center on the importance of building community partnerships in order to strengthen community. His book, Wit and Wisdom: Unleashing the Philanthropic Imagination, features the nexus of philanthropy and community to affect positive change in the American South.

Lancaster News Publisher Susan Rowell will also address the power of community in her remarks.

Representatives of 36 nonprofit organizations, 15 businesses, and five sponsoring organizations will be present to celebrate the community's first day of local giving, May 3, 2016. Give Local Lancaster garnered over \$93,000 for participating organizations in Lancaster County, Fort Lawn, and Great Falls. Individual donations from 18 states and two countries made up \$61,025 while business matching gifts totaled \$33,650.

"Give Local Lancaster was a collaboration from start to finish," said J. Marion Sims Foundation President & CEO, Susan DeVenny. "This is a caring community, where causes matter to people and charitable giving is strong. Working together, we see great things ahead for our region."

The J. Marion Sims Foundation is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of grantmaking intended to support and transform the health and wellness of Lancaster, Fort Lawn, and Great Falls, SC. For information about our grants and other programs, please see [www.jmsims.org](http://www.jmsims.org) or contact the Foundation at (803) 286-8772.

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