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CLEMSON UNIVERSITY The Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco has established a \$1 million endowment for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University.

Clemson University President Jim Barker during the Learning Institute's annual membership meeting Tuesday that the Osher Foundation has awarded the institute \$1.05 million, including \$1 million for an endowment and \$50,000 in a grant to cover operating costs until the endowment begins producing revenue in three years.

The Osher Foundation's support of the Clemson-based program goes back to 2005 with the first of three annual \$100,000 grants, according to a university news release.

Annual income produced by the endowment will support payment of the Learning Institute's operating costs.

"We are fortunate that the Osher Foundation's strong commitment to lifelong learning has touched the Upstate of South Carolina through this endowment," said Fran McGuire, director of the Learning Institute, according to the release.

The institute received another boost last month when **Patrick Square** and the Charles K. Cheezem family announced plans to build a permanent home for the institute at the **Patrick Square** development in Clemson.

The Learning Institute is aimed primarily at retirees who teach and learn from instructors and each other in a wide range of interest areas from photography to computer training, cooking to woodcarving, according to the release. From 13 courses in 2002, the program has grown to 83 in the current catalog.

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