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Our mission is to
ENHANCE
THE QUALITY OF LIFE
 for the people of Central Georgia . . .

**by expanding geographically,
 attracting diverse groups, and
 strengthening relationships;**

**by being a positive force
 for community change
 through collaboration with
 existing efforts;**

**by being a trusted,
 ethical, and excellent
 organization.**

20 YEARS

The Community Foundation of Central Georgia's mission is, and has been from the beginning, to enhance the quality of life for the people of Central Georgia. The Foundation has put this mission into action throughout its first 20 years. CFCG has awarded \$55 million in grants and built total assets from zero to over \$68 million—a fabulous illustration of the power of endowment and generosity! CFCG's board of directors recently adopted this vision statement for the Foundation: "In Central Georgia, philanthropy thrives, neighborhoods are strong and citizens work toward common goals." Through the generosity of our donors, the leadership of the board, and the hard work of volunteers and staff, this vision will be realized.

Two Decades of Exponential Impact!



CFCG Staff (left to right) - **Michelle Gordon**, *Administrative Assistant*; **Alex Leahy**, *Program Officer*; **Hazle Hamilton**, *Chief Administrative Officer*; **Julia Wood**, *Director of Donor Services*; **Kathryn Dennis**, *President*

We look forward to seeing the possibilities of the future turn into realities. It took 14 years to award the first \$25 million in grants and only five more to award the next \$25 million! The Community Foundation was just an idea 20 years ago and now 280 families, individuals and organization have funds at CFCG totaling over \$68 million. In the past six years, the Foundation has awarded, through its fund holders, over 3,200 grants to hard-working organizations serving our 20 counties. CFCG's generous donors have already made a \$55 million impact. Just imagine the great things ahead in the next 20 years!

We are deeply grateful to and thankful for the many donors, volunteers, and friends of the Foundation. Each of you through your support has made a positive and lasting impact in Central Georgia.

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Scholarships for Wilkinson Students

Helping local students pursue higher education

WILKINSON CO.

Bubba and Friends

Renovated flight pens for wildlife



PIKE CO.

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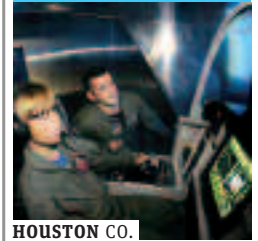
Inspired by Africa Concert

SPALDING CO.



Museum of Aviation

Educational programming, including STEM field trips



HOUSTON CO.

The Golden Rule

Helping women recover from chemical addiction

TAYLOR CO.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Empowering coaches and athletes for Christ

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MAKING A DIRECT IMPACT

Loaves and Fishes

Renovation to improve day services for the homeless



BIBB CO.

Auditory Verbal Center

Comprehensive therapy for children with hearing impairments



BIBB CO.

Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Butts, Coffee, Crawford, Dodge, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Laurens, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Spalding, Taylor, Twiggs, Upson, and Wilkinson

20 COUNTIES IN CENTRAL GEORGIA

- Arts and Culture
- Children, Youth and Families
- Community and Economic Development
- Education
- Environment and Animals
- Faith Based Organizations
- Health and Human Services
- Historic Preservation

Cub Scout Pack 59

Expanding Cub Scout Service Projects such as providing flags on patriotic days

PEACH CO.

Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center

Therapeutic riding for people with disabilities

JONES CO.

Scholarships for Upson-Lee Students

Helping local students pursue higher education

UPSON CO.

Monroe Arts Alliance

Cultivating a creative community in Monroe County

MONROE CO.

Douglas-Coffee County Industrial Authority

Supporting local economic development, creating jobs, and purchasing land for a new industrial park

COFFEE CO.

Flannery O'Connor Andalusia Foundation

Cow barn restoration



BALDWIN CO.

Advocates for Alzheimer's Care

Kitchen installation at the Lighthouse Adult Day Care facility

LAURENS CO.

4-H Youth Development

Cultivating youth for a lasting, positive impact.

BLECKLEY & CRAWFORD

ALL COUNTIES

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is a nonprofit website which allows public school teachers to request the exact materials that would benefit their students. Once FCFG's matching grant of \$50,000 was expended, a total of 200 classroom projects from Central Georgia counties were funded. This impacted more than 27,000 students and placed more than \$100,000 of material in classrooms.

Disaster Relief

IN THE WAKE OF NATURAL DISASTERS, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL GEORGIA AND ITS DONORS ARE ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT OF SUPPORTING THE RELIEF EFFORTS.

In July of 1994 the Great Flood of Central Georgia was heralded in by Tropical Storm Alberto. As it made its way across the Southeast, it stalled over Georgia and Alabama. A state of emergency was declared in 30 counties in Central Georgia. In response to this emergency, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia created the **Central Georgia Disaster Recovery Fund**, which enabled foundations, corporations, and individual donors to direct collected resources to the nonprofit organizations working with those affected by the flood. The first grant ever given through CFCG was awarded to the United Way of Central Georgia for flood relief. The \$20,000 grant helped establish “A First Call for Help,” a disaster assistance call center.

On May 11, 2008, Mother Nature again unleashed her wrath in the form of a series of tornadoes that resulted in damage to 30 Georgia counties and totaling \$125 million. In Macon, the tornadoes ravaged the area along Eisenhower Parkway and on the **Middle Georgia State College** campus, more than 90% of the tree canopy was destroyed. CFCG awarded a Community Grant to the college for its Re-Leaf Campaign which provided funding to plant more than 1,300 trees.

Also in response to the May 11 tornadoes, Grainger, an industrial supply company whose Macon location was in a tornado’s path, established the **Grainger Rebuilding America Fund** at CFCG. At Grainger’s request, the Community Foundation managed the application process and awarded disaster recovery grants to small businesses damaged by the tornado. Grants totaling \$50,000 were awarded to 12 businesses to repair damage and replace lost inventory.

In spring 2011, **Barnesville-Lamar County** also experienced disastrous tornadoes. While the landscape was devastated, the Barnesville community rallied together. It was a testament to the unity and perseverance of a close-knit community whose citizenry came together in a remarkable way. The Barnesville-Lamar Community Foundation created a **Disaster Relief Fund** to assist with short term emergency relief and long term rebuilding efforts. A long term recovery group, known as the Rebuild Barnesville-Lamar Committee, was assembled by BLCF. Led by Missy Kendrick, Director of the Barnesville-Lamar Industrial Development Authority, this committee helped victims successfully navigate the relief resources available including personal insurance, FEMA, and grants from the BLCF Disaster Relief Fund. The needs were vast and included assistance for physical damage to residences and businesses, and land clearing and debris removal. In the months that followed the disaster, scores of dedicated volunteers worked tirelessly to restore the area. Today, Kendrick reports that by working together and joining hands with dozens of agencies and thousands of compassionate volunteers, BLCF and the citizens of Barnesville-Lamar County, were able to substantially assist every single person who needed help within a year after the tornado.

“CFCG seamlessly handled the application process for disaster relief grants, and they were in touch with us constantly to see what they could do to expedite recovery. Their support, positivity, and know-how helped us work through the long days and long nights.” —*Missy Kendrick, Barnesville-Lamar Industrial Development Authority Executive Director*

In addition to establishing funds to aid local disaster relief, CFCG donors also give generously from their own Donor Advised Funds to organizations such as local Red Cross chapters, Samaritan's Purse, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. These grants have provided relief in response to natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the tsunami in Japan, and the tornadoes in Oklahoma.

We've Been There from the Start

In today's world, there are no shortages of life-affirming ideas for non-profit, charitable organizations. Yet each idea requires careful assessment, commitment, ample ground-work, and guidance before launching. Community Foundation of Central Georgia grants have assisted several successful groups from their earliest days, giving them the initial boost their founders and boards needed to successfully launch their programs. Here are a few examples.

Restoring dignity // Providing care for those in need // Revitalizing neighborhoods



At Daybreak, clients receive counseling, literacy education, and job training along with connections and referrals to other human service agencies in the area.

“ I could not imagine a better partner than the Community Foundation for any start-up endeavor like ours. CFCG's help was absolutely critical at each stage of our development in Macon. ”

—Charles Levesque, DePaul USA Executive Director

Founded in 2011 and open for clients in November 2012, Macon's **Daybreak Center**, is a daytime resource center that offers, in one place, several services for homeless individuals. The center, one of four affiliate centers of the Philadelphia-based DePaul USA organization, assists clients with the ultimate goals of locating housing and experiencing lives of greater dignity. Daybreak provides stabilizing basics such as respite, rest, meals, laundry, and showers.

According to DePaul USA Executive Director Charles Levesque, CFCG's early grant to support the center served as a stamp of approval and a catalyst for receiving other needed grants to get Daybreak up and running.

The first CFCG grant, awarded in 2011, helped the center create a formal project plan that included the identification of a facility, architectural renderings, development of a project budget, a slate of proposed services to be offered, and a fundraising strategy.

In 2012, DePaul USA received a second grant for Daybreak to facilitate the hiring of an Engagement Specialist, a caseworker who could build relationships with homeless clients and engage them in services. During the last quarter of 2012 alone, the Engagement Specialist supported 481 clients with employment training, educational, physical, and behavioral health services and life skills.

DePaul credits the Community Foundation with knowing the importance of strategic planning and developing organizational partnerships that allowed them to raise more money and reach a wider audience.



As of July 2013, Macon Volunteer Clinic has seen more than 3,000 patients in nearly 42,000 patient visits since its opening. More than 3,500 volunteer hours have been accrued.



“ Together, we will continue to improve the quality of life for all neighborhood residents in this area, not just our Habitat families. ”

—Harold Tessendorf, Macon Area Habitat for Humanity, Executive Director

MAHFH Executive Director Harold Tessendorf says CFCG’s enthusiastic support was the encouragement he and his board needed to proceed. “CFCG with its astute reputation legitimized our work and persuaded other donors to support our efforts.”

Since its inception nearly 11 years ago **Macon Volunteer Clinic** has been a shot in the arm to the Bibb community. It was the vision of retired physician, Dr. Chapin Henley. He knew exactly what the area needed—a free medical clinic for working individuals who were uninsured or underinsured, those who, by chance or circumstance, had fallen through the insurance coverage cracks and couldn’t easily pay for the high cost of healthcare and prescription medicine.

Before the Clinic received its tax-exempt status from the IRS, they needed a way to accept charitable gifts to found the Clinic. Through a partnership with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, the Macon Volunteer Clinic established a short-term organizational fund, and CFCG provided sound development advice to the new nonprofit. When MVC received its 501c3 status, the funds housed at the Community Foundation were granted back to the newly established organization.

Today, the Clinic provides free medical services that include physician visits, prescription medications, lab analyses, x-rays, eye exams, basic dental care, mental health counseling and cancer screenings.

To date, CFCG has also awarded six important grants to the Clinic: funds to provide dental services; expansion of services for an evening clinic on Mondays; cervical cancer screening and medical formulary; enhanced diabetic and obesity care services; a new telephone system; and an ophthalmology clinic and kitchen remodel.

“ The Community Foundation has been there from the Clinic’s earliest days. Its ongoing support has been vital to the Clinic’s success. ”

—Cile Lind, MVC Executive Director

When the **Macon Area Habitat for Humanity** Board of Directors first envisioned taking on the revitalization of an entire neighborhood in 2005, they knew just who to call—the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. The year before, the Habitat group was gifted with several lots in southwest Macon’s Lynmore Estates neighborhood. The area was once a thriving, working-class neighborhood. Established after WWII as an example of the urban expansion fueled by an energized American economy, by the year 2000 Lynmore Estates had fallen victim to abandonment and indifferent, absentee landlords. 47 percent of the 435 housing units were rental units, and an additional 28 percent were abandoned. Many of these were substandard, and crime and decay riddled the neighborhood.

In January 2007, a grant from CFCG helped the organization leverage an initial \$52,000 in Federal HOME funds from the City of Macon to launch their Land Development Fund for Lynmore Estates. The Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority served as the property acquisition agent, and the Land Development Fund helped this entity acquire lots, many of which include vacant and dilapidated housing. When these structures are removed, the property can be ‘recycled’ and new residences built.

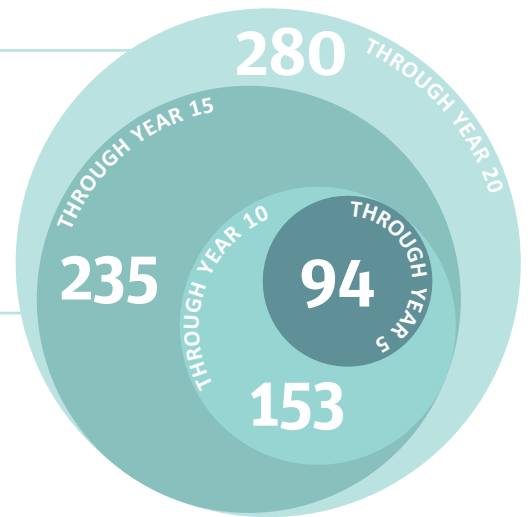
As the revitalization project at Lynmore Estates unfolds, now with an active Neighborhood Watch program, a community garden, an after-school tutoring program, a playground, and other thriving neighborhood initiatives being added, Tessendorf says he relishes seeing Lynmore Estates come to life. Although still an ambitious project and a continual work-in-progress, the signs are encouraging.

HAS AWARDED MORE THAN

\$55 MILLION
IN GRANTS!

HOW OUR FUNDS
HAVE **GROWN!**

To review a full listing of our funds, please visit cfcga.org/funds.



THE POWER
OF AN ENDOWMENT

14 Years to Award
the First \$25,000,000
in Grants.

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YEARS

to Award the Second \$25,000,000 in Grants.



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|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Assets | \$578,435 | \$1,525,161 | \$4,351,849 | \$12,728,690 | \$22,065,388 | \$26,550,849 |
| Grants | | \$169,120 | \$1,122,199 | \$3,289,028 | \$8,664,246 | \$14,697,111 |
| | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 | 2000 | 2002 | 2004 |

\$469,700 in Scholarships Given through 24 Funds

379 AND 49

Scholarships Awarded

Campuses Impacted

\$1,239

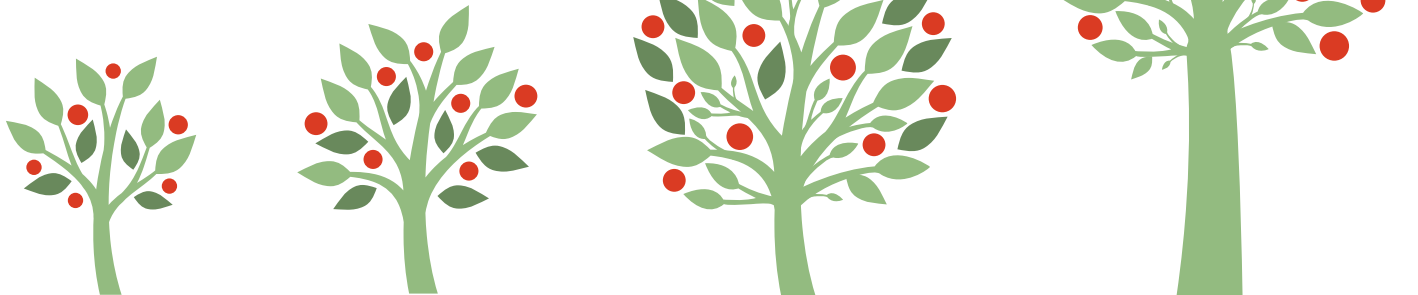
The Average Amount of a Scholarship AWARD

NUMBERS TELL OUR STORY!

\$112,357,974

Total Dollars Contributed to CFCG Since Inception

\$6,192 Average Donor Contribution



Review the 990 and audit report online. Please visit cfca.org/financials.

\$39,115,942
\$22,232,656
2006

\$50,691,166
\$33,119,577
2008

\$55,104,657
\$45,965,754
2011

\$68,500,000 ^{Estimated}
\$55,088,255
2013

Scholarships

Supporting Talent – A Wise Investment



In 2012, Denise Massey’s business, ArtReach, produced 25 programs that served more than 380 people.

“ I will always be grateful for the William P. Simmons Art Scholarship because it allowed me to begin on a path that I have enjoyed for decades now— bringing the joy of art to adults and children. ”

—Denise Massey

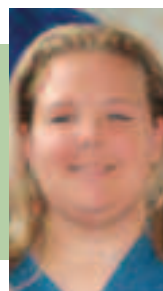
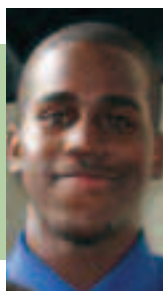
In her nearly 30 years of work as a professional artist and art educator, Denise Massey reflects back on how her career dream nearly slipped away in college. It was 1985 and Denise had been working part-time to pay for school. The pay she received not only made up the difference in tuition paid by the Pell Grant, it helped with books and supplies. That year, she was laid off due to budget cuts. Without adequate funds, Denise’s graduation was at risk. But she was encouraged to apply for the new **William P. Simmons Art Scholarship** being awarded to a rising junior or senior majoring in Art. She applied and received the scholarship, which made it possible for her to complete her senior year.

Following graduation, Denise opted to remain in Macon and give back to the community. An internship at the Museum of Arts & Sciences led to the position of the Museum’s Assistant Curator of Art. Over a 20-year period she served in other capacities there, including Curator of Art Education. Today, she is an art education consultant who originates and teaches afterschool programs, camps, and art workshops for local schools and organizations.

CFCG staff first met Denise when they visited the Tubman Museum’s After School Arts Education Program at Brookdale Elementary to surprise them with a CFCG Community Grant. Denise was leading a program in visual arts for the children in the after school program, and she shared her story of receiving the first William P. Simmons Art Scholarship, which is now administered by CFCG.

Denise’s career as a professional art educator has been impressive, and her contributions vast. Denise has served on state museum association boards, reviewed grant applications, and she has presented at professional conferences at a national level. The investment in Denise’s art education by the William P. Simmons Art Scholarship was a wise one—one that has been giving back to the art community in Macon for nearly 30 years.

A few of our Scholarship Recipients



Memorializing Uncommon Valor



The Sgt. Rodney M. Davis, USMC (MOH) Scholarship is awarded to a graduating JROTC student in Bibb County each year.

The Marines were outnumbered that day. Without hesitation, Marine Sgt. Rodney M. Davis fell atop a live grenade that had just been thrown into a trench in Vietnam. At the bottom of the trench with the grenade under him, he crawled away from his comrades to keep them from harm's way. It exploded, killing him instantly, but his comrades were saved. The selfless hero from Macon, Georgia was just 25—a Marine, a son, a brother, a husband, and the father of two toddler girls. Davis was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

When Davis' remains were returned home from Vietnam, his mother, Ruth Davis passed up the offer to have her son interred at prestigious Arlington Cemetery. She wanted his final resting place to be closer to home so it could be easily visited by family. For his burial, Ruth Davis chose Linwood Cemetery, established in 1884 near the Pleasant Hill neighborhood where she lived and Rodney and his brothers had grown

up. For years after, the Davises lovingly tended Rodney's gravesite but in the decades that followed, Linwood fell into disrepair with many of its markers and monuments broken and sinking into the ground. When word got out that Rodney Davis' gravesite in was in need of repair and prominence, Marines and others rallied to raise money to make that happen.



Marines, some of whom had been saved that day by Davis' selfless act of bravery, championed the cause and helped raise more than \$80,000 to honor the Macon hero. The money raised was used for a new monument in Linwood Cemetery and to create the **Sgt. Rodney M. Davis, USMC (MOH) Scholarship** in Davis' memory, which is administered by the Community Foundation of Central Georgia.

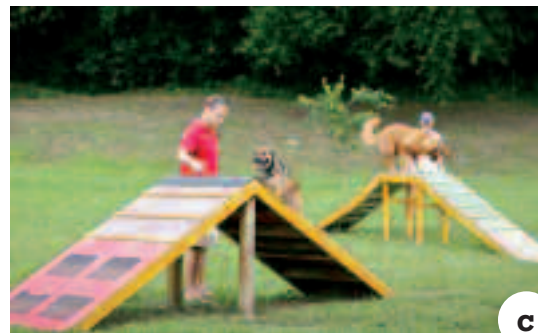
John Hollis, an Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter who is married to Sgt. Davis' niece, Regina, is writing a book about Davis:

“ His story communicates that we are all capable of greatness. ”



Endowment Fund Management

Why Two Important Local Organizations Chose Community Foundation of Central Georgia



Historic Macon has done an outstanding job promoting gifts to its endowment funds, which are managed by the Community Foundation of Central Georgia and used to maintain treasured local properties like the (a) Sidney Lanier Cottage, (b) Rose Hill Cemetery and (c) Friends of Tyler's Place Dog Park.

“ The Community Foundation of Central Georgia manages money well and provides other vital services to **Historic Macon Foundation**. CFCG’s investment performance is very competitive with the private market and its staff can process any type of gift we receive—a task we will never have the staff capacity or expertise to handle ourselves. It’s an added bonus to know that the small fees we pay will remain in the community to help other organizations. Additionally, having our endowment at CFCG allows its staff to educate prospective donors about our mission, and to share with other organizations and causes we care about, too. ”

—Josh Rogers, Executive Director, Historic Macon Foundation

Endowments

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia, Inc. Endowment Fund
- Bobby Frank Stokes Trust Fund of the Middle Georgia Regional Library
- Boys and Girls Club Endowment Fund
- Central Georgia Technical College Foundation Fund
- Dr. William D. McCord Trust Fund of the Middle Georgia Regional Library
- Family Counseling Center Fund
- Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc. Endowment Fund
- Friends of Rose Hill Cemetery Fund
- Friends of the Library Millner, Inc. Fund
- Friends of Tyler's Place Dog Park Fund
- Georgia Industrial Children's Home Foundation, Inc. Fund
- Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Endowment Fund
- Glenn Bacon Trust Fund of the Middle Georgia Regional Library
- Grand Opera House Endowment Fund
- Historic Riverside Cemetery Conservancy Endowment Fund
- Junior League of Macon Endowment Fund
- Lamar County Schools System Endowment Fund



The Community Foundation of Central Georgia began managing the endowment funds of **Middle Georgia Regional Library** in June 2013. Entities like libraries are supported by local, state, and federal government funding so they are often the first to experience a decrease in funding and an increase in demand during times of economic crisis.

“Having funds that the library can depend on to supplement our funding allows us to maintain the same high level of service we provide, even in hard times. It also gives us an opportunity to add services in times of greater prosperity,” said Thomas Jones.

“Historically, libraries used books and other printed works to provide information. In the Digital Age, libraries like ours also use technology to provide information to a new generation of information gatherers—those who are a part of what is referred to as the ‘digital divide.’ In times of high unemployment, homelessness and other adverse situations, technological services are more important than ever before. Libraries like ours provide internet access and online resources to those who may have no other way of obtaining it. What’s more, library professionals train and guide citizens from every walk of life to use these new resources.”

- Learning Disability Trust Fund of the Middle Georgia Regional Library
- Middle Georgia Regional Library General Endowment Fund
- Mildred Ward Cudabac Trust Fund of the Middle Georgia Regional Library
- Museum of Arts and Sciences Endowment Fund
- Nutcracker of Middle Georgia Endowment Fund
- Ocmulgee Heritage Trail of Middle Georgia, Inc. Fund
- Ocmulgee Land Trust, Inc. Fund
- Ocmulgee National Monument Association Endowment Fund
- Rotary Education Endowment Fund
- Sidney Lanier Cottage Endowment Fund
- Southwest High School Foundation Fund
- St. George’s Episcopal School Endowment Fund
- Theatre Macon Endowment Fund
- United Way Endowment Fund

“ The Community Foundation of Central Georgia understands philanthropy from both the donors’ and the grantees’ perspectives, and CFCG staff work to address the needs of both. They work to develop programs—scholarships, grants, endowments or other means—that satisfy donors’ wishes while enhancing the community. They help us meet short term needs and plan for the future. ”

—Thomas Jones, Director, Middle Georgia Regional Library

OUR AFFILIATES

DOING GOOD, Right Where It Counts.

Established in the third quarter of 2006, the **Barnesville-Lamar Community Foundation** is the youngest Community Foundation of Central Georgia affiliate foundation. One of its founders, banker Joe Edwards, had seen first-hand the impact of community foundations in two other Georgia towns where his bank had branches, Covington and Madison, and he and others sought the same for Barnesville. BLCF had early success building organizational endowments such as those for the Lamar County Schools System, St. George's Episcopal School, and Friends of the Library in Milner. They also added the Dundee Community Association Fund, which makes grants in neighboring Spalding County.

When the economy nose-dived in 2008, the group eased off soliciting money for its own endowment because they did not want to compete for funds with small, local charities in dire need. What Edwards and other BLCF leaders did in the following years, however, built greater recognition and awareness for BLCF than they ever could have imagined: the Board of Directors "passed the hat" among themselves to collect money to



BLCF Grant Recipient Conservatory for the Arts uses ballet, fencing, and martial arts to mentor children.

fund 5 or 6 small community grants each year. These included grants for worthy projects like the local FERST Foundation, which mails a new children's book every month to the homes of preschoolers in their county. BLCF leaders also contributed to two community centers' after-school programs; an area food bank; the Lamar Arts Association and other nonprofits needing financial help. Also read how BLCF led efforts to assist those affected by the 2011 Barnesville Tornado under the Disaster Relief section of this report.

"We have an active board that is truly committed to building our endowment for the future," said Board Chair Noel Riggins.

"Now that people in this area are aware of us and the good we can do in this community, we're very hopeful. The work ahead will be a labor of love."

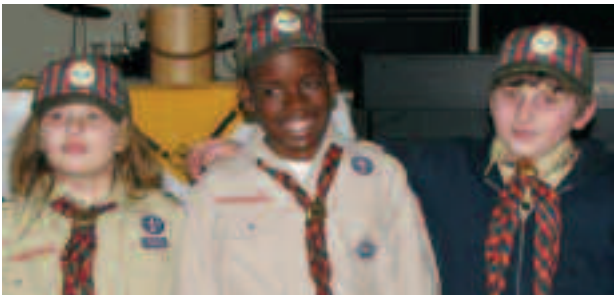
Board of Directors:

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Bert Wall / George Weldon



In 2002, Helen Rhea Stumbo and her husband, John, mobilized nearly 100 other community leaders for the establishment of the **Community Foundation of Fort Valley**. Dr. John Stumbo served as Mayor of the city, and he recognized the need was great. Along the way, the couple has been among CFFV's strongest supporters.

"Working with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia has been a wonderful way for us to maximize our efforts here in our community," said Helen Rhea Stumbo. "It's the best of both worlds—CFCC manages our funds and takes care of the technical side of things, and our Foundation board experiences the joy of being a channel for making a difference."



CFFV Grant Recipient Cub Scout Pack 59 received funding to expand their community service projects.

The foundation has been successfully building its Fort Valley General Fund, which is made up of unrestricted gifts that allow CFFV to award more than \$13,000 per year in Community Grants to organizations and programs. These include a roof for a Habitat for Humanity house; a Health Fair; and new computers for the Fort Valley's Boys and Girls Club.

Board of Directors:

Bryant Culpepper (Chair) / Wilhelmena Hill
 Sue Humphreys / Jacqueline James / Paul Knight
 Kay Morrill / Dr. Annis Strange / Helen Rhea Stumbo
 Susan Swift

Established in the summer of 2002, the **Community Foundation of Coffee County** realized immediate success and garnered more than \$70,000 in contributions from 35 donors by December of that year. Now in its 11th year, CFCC has endowment funds that exceed \$4M.

One main focus is area economic development—assisting the growth of existing businesses in the area and attracting new ones. A \$1M contribution by CFCC board member Francis Lott seeded the Coffee County Economic Development Fund. CFCC recently paired with the local Industrial Authority to run a capital campaign and invest in local properties.

The foundation's unrestricted fund provides grants annually to various community programs. Grant recipients include organizations such as Coffee Alliance for the Arts, Douglas-Coffee County Humane Society, The Child Advocacy Center of Coffee County, and more.

CFCC also offers the Leo H. Brooks Scholarship to students graduating from in its public schools. Funded by long-time educators Beth and Leo Brooks, the scholarship has supported two recipients so far.

CFCC hopes to continue to educate their community about the power of a Community Foundation and to emphasize the connection between philanthropy and the ability to meet local needs.

Board of Directors:

Kim Arnett / Don Brooks / Thad Carter
 Milton Clements / Ben Evans / Christy Evans
 Annie Farrar / Curtis Farrar / Greg Goggins / Matt Greer
 Julee Brooke Lewis / Francis Lott / Bob Preston
 Bob Porter (Chair) / Kerry Van Moore / Tommy Watkins

“Our children will maintain a presence in this community through our fund at the Community Foundation.”

—Julia and Cecil A. Baldwin, Jr., Donors

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