Connecting people who care with causes that matter.
The Community Foundation of Central Georgia was founded in 1993 by a group of citizens interested in encouraging philanthropy and strengthening communities. Since then, the Foundation has awarded more than $5.3 million in grants through donor-advised funds, unrestricted and field-of-interest funds, scholarship funds, endowment funds, and other community funds. As a local center for philanthropy, the Community Foundation works with individuals, families, corporations, private foundations, and nonprofit organizations in carrying out their charitable objectives and in addressing emerging community issues. It is one of more than 600 community foundations in the country.
The mission of the Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Central Georgia. To accomplish this mission, the Community Foundation has five primary goals:

- To be a catalyst for the establishment of endowments to benefit the community now and for all time.
- To provide leadership and resources in identifying and meeting local needs.
- To serve donors’ varied interests and needs.
- To promote local philanthropy.
- To serve as a steward of funds.
To enhance the quality of life for

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia:

Our fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 and was a year of great progress in all areas of your Community Foundation. Since our founding in 1993, we have built a strong institution that is fast becoming a catalyst for positive change in Central Georgia. The Community Foundation provides innovative ways for donors to execute their charitable wishes, extensive grant making for the benefit of the citizens of Central Georgia, and sound management of over $22 million in assets.

I want to publicly thank Melvin Kruger for his strong leadership as Chair of the Board for the past three years. His expertise and guidance have made a positive difference in both our community and this organization. I would also like to thank Chris Sheridan for his service to the Community Foundation as a director for the past six years. We welcome Carter Bates, John O’Shaughnessey, and Billy Pitts as new members of the Board of Directors and look forward to their participation, support, and leadership.

Another exciting change in our leadership is the appointment of our new President, Kathryn Dennis. Kathryn came on board just before the end of our fiscal year. She has a strong interest in philanthropy, and has been very involved in our community for over 15 years. Her extensive banking background prepares her well to lead the Community Foundation. She brings a wonderful
enthusiasm, drive, and a host of exciting new ideas to guide our foundation well into the future. In welcoming Kathryn, we express sincere thanks to Bill Matthews, our founding Chairman, who stepped in as interim President. Bill did a great job and we appreciate his service immensely.

The Community Foundation of Central Georgia’s assets grew from $20 million to $22 million during this fiscal year. Returns on our investment pool were well ahead of the industry averages. We anticipate substantial future growth as more individuals discover the Community Foundation’s flexibility, tax benefits, ease of use, and high level of service.

The Community Foundation made more than $3.8 million in grants this fiscal year to approximately 150 organizations. The majority of these grants were from donor-advised funds. The Foundation also made more than $193,000 in responsive grants from our unrestricted funds.

The Community Foundation of Central Georgia is designed to help people achieve their philanthropic dreams in an effective, tax friendly way. The Community Foundation can help you through thoughtful advice and expert administration. Please join us in this exciting effort to build a stronger community and brighter future for all of Central Georgia.

Robert F. Hatcher
Chairman
The Community Foundation of Central Georgia gratefully acknowledges the individuals, businesses, foundations, and organizations whose contributions during our first few years allowed us to secure the Foundation’s future. The Founders Society membership includes all donors who contributed $25,000 or more to establish or add to a permanent fund during those early years.

The Founders Society

Peyton Anderson Foundation
Anonymous
BB&T
Mr. David V. Bonner, Jr.
Boys & Girls Club of Central Georgia
Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation
Career Women’s Network
Central Georgia Opera Guild
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Comer
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Family Counseling Center
Georgia Children’s Home
Georgia Pine Level Foundation
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Mr. Thad Murphey
NewTown Macon

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United Way of Central Georgia
Wachovia Bank
Mrs. B. Sanders Walker
Dr. D.T. Walton, Jr.
Mr. David J. Zuver
The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes the generous individuals who have included a Community Foundation Fund in their estate plans. This may include a bequest, a charitable remainder trust, a gift annuity, a retirement plan, life insurance policy, or any other form of planned gift. Please contact us if your name should be added to this list or if our staff can provide charitable planning information or assistance as you consider your estate plans.

Aunt Maggie’s Kitchen Table Fund. Some people only read about teen pregnancy, low test scores, school dropout rates and illiteracy. Dr. Catherine Meeks works to change the story. Through a partnership with the Community Foundation, Dr. Meeks created Aunt Maggie’s Kitchen Table, an organization that provides children and their parents an opportunity to learn and grow.

Donor Profiles

NewTown Macon Funds

The walkway along the Ocmulgee Heritage Greenway is only one visible sign of the changes to downtown Macon brought about by NewTown Macon. NewTown, a vital force for downtown revitalization, has three funds at the Community Foundation, including the Ocmulgee Heritage Greenway Fund.
Grants were made to

During the 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Community Foundation provided more than $3.8 million in grants to non-profit organizations. More than 95% of this amount was provided by Agency, Donor-Advised, Scholarship, Designated, and Field of Interest funds. The remaining 5% was awarded through our Responsive Grant program.

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- Douglass Theatre, 200.00  
- El Shaddai Ministries, 4,000.00  
- Emory University Goizueta Business School, 250.00  
- Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc. Endowment Fund, 1,000.00  
- First Presbyterian Church, 2,500.00  
- Fort Valley State College, 500.00  
- Georgia Rotary Student Program, 1,100.00  
- Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, 2,200.00  
- Grand Opera House, 5,200.00  
- Hay House, 200.00  
- Hospice of Central Georgia, 200.00  
- Jewish Federation of Macon & Middle Georgia, 5,000.00  
- Mable White Memorial Baptist Church, 1,000.00  
- Macon Arts Alliance, 200.00  
- Macon Baptist Association, 4,000.00  
- Macon-Bibb County Parks & Recreation Department, 12,102.44  
- Macon Civic Chorale, 200.00  
- Macon Concert Band, 200.00  
- Macon Fire Prevention Bureau, 500.00  
- Macon Heritage Foundation, 200.00  
- Macon Little Theatre, 200.00  
- Macon Outreach at Mulberry, 2,400.00  
- Macon State College, 1,300.00  
- Macon Symphony Orchestra, 21,200.00  
- Macon Volunteer Clinic, 500.00  
- Martha Bowman United Methodist Church, 7,500.00  
- Medcen Foundation, 1,200.00  
- Mercer University, 3,550.00  
- Mercer University School of Medicine-W. D. Hazlehurst Scholarship Fund, 1,000.00  
- Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law-Wm. A. Bootle Chair of Ethics, 1,000.00  
- Mid Summer Macon, 2,000.00  
- Middle Georgia Historical Society, 1,200.00  
- Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, 18,195.00  
- Museum of Arts and Sciences, 2,000.00
New York City Police Foundation, Inc., $667.00
New York Community Trust, $5,000.00
New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund, $667.00
NewTown Macon, $23,500.00
Page Foundation, $1,200.00
Peabody Heights Presbyterian Church, $250.00
Presentation Sisters, $2,000.00
Ronald McDonald House, $4,750.00
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, $1,000.00
Salvation Army, $20,307.16
Smith Street Baptist Church, $2,000.00
Special Olympics, $2,000.00
St. Peter Claver Church, $2,000.00
Steward Chapel AME Church, $1,500.00
Stratford Academy, $350.00
Temple Beth Israel, $6,500.00
The Gathering Place, $2,500.00
Theatre Macon, $200.00
Trinity C.M.E. Church, $250.00
Tubman African American Museum, $3,200.00
United Negro College Fund, $200.00
United Way of Central Georgia, $29,600.00
United Way of New York City, $350.00
University of Georgia Foundation, $10,000.00
Wesleyan College, $6,300.00
William P. Simmons Art Fund, $1,000.00
Worldwide Discipleship Association, $700.00
Wuesthoff Health Systems Foundation, $1,200.00
Total, $281,942.40

FIELD OF INTEREST GRANTS
Relief Fund, $22,126.31

Public Education Fund Grants
Alexander II Elementary School, 1,485.43
Bibb County Public School System, 1,500.00
Butler Early Childhood Center, 498.16
Danforth Primary School, 970.64
Elam Alexander Academy, 486.28
McEvoy Middle School, 300.00
Westside High School, 500.00
Total, $5,740.51

SCHOLARSHIPS
Clayton College & State University, $1,000.00
Georgia College & State University, $5,500.00
Georgia Southern University, $2,000.00
Gordon College, $1,000.00
Macon Music Teachers’ Association, $2,475.00
Macon State College, $4,500.00
Mercer University, $9,500.00
Middle Georgia College, $1,700.00
Rice University, $1,000.00
University of Georgia, $500.00
Valdosta State University, $1,000.00
Wesleyan College, $1,000.00
Total, $31,175.00

RESPONSIVE GRANTS
Alano, Inc., $5,000.00
Bibb County Public Schools, $1,000.00
Big Brothers/Big Sisters/Mentors Project of Bibb County, $20,000.00
Career Women’s Network, $1,500.00
United Way of Central Georgia Community Resource Center, $5,000.00
Georgia Women of Achievement, $7,000.00
Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, $10,000.00
Goodwill Industries, $15,000.00
Joycliff Community Resource Center, $10,000.00
Macon Little Theatre, $3,000.00
Macon State College, $35,000.00
Macon Symphony Orchestra, $12,603.00
Mercer University, $8,600.00
Middle Georgia Tennis Academy, $1,500.00
NewTown Macon, $50,000.00
Peach County Family Connection Council, $1,430.97
Ray Hagins Knock-Out Drugs, Inc., $2,000.00
United Way of New York City, $2,500.00
Total, $193,133.97

DESIGNATED FUND GRANTS
Boys & Girls Clubs, $4,000.00
Brookdale Elementary School, $150.00
Central Fine Arts High School, $800.00
Community Care Services, $3,000.00
Disability Connections, $4,000.00
Ft Hawkins Commission, $100,000.00
Gaisert United Methodist Church, $1,000.00
Georgia Children’s Museum, $1,500.00
Grand Opera House, $31,645.00
Hamilton Elementary, $145.00
Humane Services, $3,000.00
Lighthouse Ministry, $3,000.00
Loaves and Fishes Ministries, $3,000.00
Macon Outreach at Mulberry, $3,000.00
Mercer University/School of Medicine, $1,885.00
Methodist Home for Children & Youth, $1,885.00
South Georgia Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc., $1,885.00
Star Choices, Inc., $3,520.00
Tinsley Elementary, $500.00
Total, $167,915.00

total grants awarded
2001-2002 fiscal year: $3,880,512.82
Why Endowments Work

1. Endowments are Perpetual.
   Like an artesian well, endowment funds keep giving and giving. They allow people to “lock in” their giving. Buildings may crumble and people will come and go, but endowments last.

   For generations to come, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be reminded of a person’s commitment to others and the value of making regular gifts to support worthy causes. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind!

2. Endowments are Protected.
   Endowment funds at the Community Foundation are professionally managed and individually accounted for. Your descendants will receive a periodic fund statement showing investment returns and listing grants made from the fund. You have the assurance that your endowment fund will be secure and that it will be managed by a growing charitable foundation with professional staff and a dedicated board. The written agreement for your fund will be on file, and the terms will be followed carefully.

3. Endowments are Personal.
   While it is possible, and sometimes desirable, to create an unnamed endowment fund, many people want their fund to bear a person’s name. And they want to tailor the purpose of the fund to benefit their values and their interests. They appreciate the flexibility and the opportunity to personalize their “artesian well.”

   The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation has developed sound policies for creating and managing endowment funds. This information is available upon request. Also, the Community Foundation staff is able to show you a variety of ways you can use the vehicles of gift planning to make an endowment dream come true—whether now through a current gift or later through your estate plan. Our staff will be happy to visit or correspond with you about this exciting area of philanthropy.

Melvin I. Kruger is well known as an involved and compassionate community leader. He has also been the leader of the Community Foundation, having served as the Chairman of the Board for three years. The Community Foundation is home to both the Kruger Fund and the Schwartz-Kruger Family Foundation, Inc. Fund.

Dr. D. T. Walton Jr., a retired local dentist and Community Foundation Board member, created a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation to help him give more efficiently. As an alternative to a private foundation, Dr. Walton sees this fund as his family’s contribution to the community for generations to come.

Mrs. Peyton (Evelyn M.) Anderson established the Evelyn Matthews Anderson Fund in early 2002 as a donor-advised fund of the Community Foundation. After her death in September of 2002, nearly 100 gifts were sent to the fund in memory of Mrs. Anderson.
The Community Foundation of Central Georgia’s investment policy specifies a target asset allocation composed of high quality equities, fixed income and cash.

The Otis Redding Memorial Fund was established in honor of one of Macon’s own. This Memorial Fund is a lasting tribute to Mr. Redding and his family. Mrs. Zelma Redding currently acts as advisor to the Community Foundation for this fund.

Nora C. and Alvin M. Koplin Fund. Nora and Alvin Koplin established a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation, originally to allow them to contribute to local organizations anonymously. Since it was established, the fund has provided for improved parks and educational opportunities for disadvantaged students.

Peggy Carswell Charitable Remainder Trust. Peggy Carswell, a Macon native and former teacher, established the Peggy Carswell Charitable Remainder Trust. Through her professional advisor and in partnership with the Community Foundation, Miss Carswell has left a lasting legacy to the charities she supports.
Our Funds

Administrative Endowment Fund
Middle Georgia Tennis Academy Fund
AMBUCS Fund
Evelyn Matthews Anderson Fund
Aids Now Grasps Every Living Soul Fund
Anonymous (2)
Aunt Maggie’s Kitchen Table Fund
Albert Billingslea Scholarship Fund
Bonner Fund
Boys & Girls Club Endowment Fund
Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. Fund
Joyce Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
C.O.G. Fund
Career Women’s Network Scholarship Fund
Peggy Carswell Charitable Remainder Trust
Jesse W. Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Central Arts Program Fund
Central Georgia Opera Guild Fund
Mary A. and John D. Comer Fund
W. Elliott Dunwody, III Fund
Emergency Relief Fund
Enyart, Doyle & Daniels Fund
Families Preventing Teen Pregnancy Fund
Family Counseling Center Fund
Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc. Endowment Fund
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Central Georgia Flood Direct Relief Fund
Southwest Georgia Flood Recovery Fund
Fort Hawkins Commission Fund
Friends of the Grand Fund
GEICO Fund for Habitat
General Endowment Fund
Knight Fund for Macon
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2002–2003

Celebration Sponsors

Annually, Angelus donors have the opportunity to give back to their community by participating in our Angelus Celebration Sponsors program. In 2002–2003, more than 500 individuals, businesses, and organizations contributed to the Angelus Foundation through this program. These Angelus Celebration Sponsors provided support for a variety of programs and initiatives within the community.

The Angelus Celebration Sponsors program recognizes donors who give a minimum of $2,500, with sponsorship levels increasing based on the amount donated. Contributions from Angelus Celebration Sponsors help fund programs that enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Macon-Bibb County area.

In addition to providing financial support, Angelus Celebration Sponsors also help to build awareness and understanding of the Angelus Foundation’s mission and initiatives.

We are grateful to all of our Angelus Celebration Sponsors for their generosity and commitment to our community. Thank you for your support.

To learn more about the Angelus Celebration Sponsors program or to make a donation, please contact the Angelus Foundation at (478) 743-3230 or visit our website at angelusfoundation.org.
Life Lens Fund
The Lion and the Lamb Ministries Fund
Love Your Neighbor Fund
Macon a Better Future Fund
Macon Duplicate Bridge Club Building Fund
Macon Junior Woman’s Club Fund
Macon Miracles Fund
Macon Music Teachers Association Fund
Macon Sports Hall of Fame Fund
Macon Symphony Orchestra Fund
Macon Telegraph Fund
Macon Volunteer Clinic Fund
Matthews Fund
Mayor’s Commission on Disability Issues Fund
Memorial Fund
Carolyn Elizabeth Hussey Mendenhall Memorial Fund
Edward Miraglia, Jr. Fund
Flew Murphey Fund
Anne Whipple Murphey Fund
Thad E. Murphey Family Fund
Museum of Arts and Sciences Endowment Fund
NewTont Macon Big Picture Fund
NewTont Macon Recoving Fund
Ocmulgee Heritage Greenway Fund
The Flannery O’Connor Awards Endowment Fund
Norma & Joseph Oliner Fund
Olson Fund
B.P. O’Neal Fund
Alvin V. Palmer Scholarship Fund
Peacemakers Fund
Public Education Fund
Ray Memorial Fund
Otis Redding Memorial Fund
Reichert Family Fund
Stephen A. Reichert Fund
John F. Rogers, Jr. Fund
Historic Rose Hill Cemetery Foundation Fund
Rotary Scholarship Fund
Schwartz-Kruger Family Foundation, Inc. Fund
The Shaheen Fund
Chris R. Sheridan, Jr. Fund
The Shield Club Fund
Tred Shurling Fund
Simmons Annuity Trust Fund
Simmons Charitable Trust Fund
Sonny Carter Development Fund
Sons of the Sod Fund
Stanslaus Circle Neighborhood Fund
SunTrust Bank, Middle Georgia Fund
Tales From the Back Stoop Fund
Thornton Fund
United Way Endowment Fund
Wachovia Bank Fund
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Trusco Capital Management
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Shirley Greenway
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Community Foundation of Central Georgia offers management services to help local charitable organizations build their own endowments. Agency funds are endowments raised and established by the organization, rather than an individual donor.

Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, Inc.

Yes, those Thin Mints and Samoas sure are yummy, but cookie sales are just a small part of Girl Scouting.

“When people think about Girl Scouts, they think about cookies, camps and camping,” said Lee Laughter, executive director of Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia. “We are those things, but we’re a lot more.”

Girl Scouting helps girls become the best women they can be. Every member promises to live by the Girl Scout Law, which emphasizes respect, courage, responsibility and a duty to make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia reaches about 6,000 girls in a number of ways; in traditional troops, in neighborhood groups and through special programs for the disadvantaged and the delinquent. They also provide year-round programs as well as summer camps at Camp Martha Johnston, its 165-acre property in Crawford County.

It’s a job that covers 22 counties and employs 21 staff members, not including volunteers and seasonal help. Such a wide-ranging organization requires a variety of funding solutions, many of which the Community Foundation of Central Georgia has provided.

Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia placed its endowment fund with the Community Foundation not long after the foundation was formed. Later, the Girl Scouts used the Community Foundation to help manage a capital campaign for Camp Martha Johnston. Now the camp boasts a large dining room, classrooms, climate-controlled sleeping quarters, an arts-and-crafts village and a horse arena.

“What they did for us was help us manage the money and earn more money while we were running the capital campaign,” Laughter said. “They sent out the large checks for us once we started the construction …and of course, we’re audited every year, and it worked out perfectly for us because they had maintained our records and were able to just hand over the information. We were very pleased with the Community Foundation.”

More recently, the Community Foundation gave a $10,000 grant to the Girl Scouts to help their “at-risk” programs. These programs send Girl Scout staff members to inner-city schools, Head Start programs and Youth Development Centers. One Girl Scout staffer runs character-building programs at Bibb County Schools’ Teen Parent Center, where young mothers and expectant mothers aged 11-17 try to complete their educations.

“We’re naïve sometimes to the reality that some children face every day,” Laughter said of the character-building programs. “I’m glad we’re involved, because if we can enhance their decision-making abilities, teach them to be leaders in the future, then maybe they in turn can guide their children down that same path.”

Community investment from agency funds: $3,178,479.63
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— Lee Laughter
Executive Director
Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia
“What I want is: the ability to set up a fund; to advise that fund while I’m alive; for my children to advise it after I’m gone; and I want it to be fun. The Community Foundation takes all the drudgery out of it.”

—Chris Sheridan
These funds offer a high level of involvement and flexibility while freeing the donor from the administrative expenses associated with creating a private foundation. When desired, the donor can advise the Community Foundation of grants to be made from the fund.

Chris R. Sheridan

Civil engineers like Chris Sheridan have always made money with hardware. But the computer age has provided opportunities with software as well. In the '80s Sheridan began building a computer program for providing cost estimates for construction contracts. He formed a software company to market it and by the '90s the business had built in value.

Sheridan, president of Chris R. Sheridan & Co. General Contractors, knew what to do with that growth in value. He gave it back to his community.

Specifically, he gave his software business to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, which last year sold it to an Oregon-based software company. The proceeds became the initial donation to the Chris Sheridan Donor-Advised Fund. Sheridan also makes monthly contributions to the fund.

Sheridan, who has been a board member of the Community Foundation, knew the foundation provides a smart way to improve the city he loves.

“When you concentrate money, you can really do something with it,” he said.

Donor-advised funds allow individual philanthropists share administration costs with other donors and take advantage of the special status of community foundations while acting as an advisor to the Foundation on how their money is used.

For example, a private foundation is required by law to give out a certain percentage of its money in grants every year or face extra taxes, even if its investments are performing poorly. A donor-advised fund with the Community Foundation doesn’t have to do that, which helps it hold its value in bear markets.

Sheridan has not given any grants from his fund yet, but he has some ideas. He’s interested in building projects at St. Joseph’s Catholic School and Mt. de Sales Academy, and he dreams about building a math and science education museum in Macon, similar to the famous Exploratorium in San Francisco.

The Community Foundation can help Sheridan pinpoint needs in the community, help him join forces with donors with similar interests and provide guidance to his three children when they inherit advisory status for this fund.

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Field-of-interest funds are designed by donors so that certain charitable fields of interest will benefit. The field(s) may be as broad as “the arts” or may name a specific recipient. If large enough, the fund may warrant a separate advisory selection committee.

Public Education Fund

At Elam Alexander School in Bibb County, students and their teachers are exceptional. Ms. Mary Haney, a treatment coordinator for the SEBD (severe emotional behavior disorder) students at Alexander Academy, knew that music therapy would provide an opportunity to improve the mental, social and physical health of her students. The problem, however, was a lack of available instruments for the children to use.

Through the mini-grants program offered by the Public Education Fund at the Community Foundation, Ms. Haney purchased a QChord keyboarding system. This purchase, totaling less than $500 allowed her students to participate in hands-on activities that improved motor skill coordination, listening skills and provided an opportunity for them to practice following directions in a fun and exciting way. An additional advantage came when her students were able to participate in the holiday program at their school.

“You have no idea what a grand addition this instrument is,” Ms. Haney said about the QChord.

The Public Education Fund, which funded Ms. Haney’s request, was established in 1995 as an endowment to provide support for public education in Bibb county. Grants made from this fund are generally less than $500 and go directly to the classroom to improve the educational experience of students. Since the fund opened, 143 grants have been made totaling nearly $74,000.

At Danforth Primary, Ms. Janice Habersham, media specialist, applied for funds to create a mini-kitchen in her library. To participate in the program, students must write a book report and be recommended by their teachers. Selected students then use the kitchen, with help from Ms. Habersham, to create food items related to a story they read together. Ms. Habersham says, “This program will stimulate imagination and creative thinking.”

Among the other programs supported by this endowment were an outdoor classroom at Tinsley Elementary, oral history books at Alexander II, a young authors conference at Morgan Elementary, critical thinking practice at Miller and McEvoy middle schools and roller coaster physics at Ballard Hudson Middle School.

This fund also provided support for the Central High School Decathlon team trip to the national competition in Phoenix, Arizona.

In addition to expanding opportunities for students, Public Education Fund grants are awarded as a way to honor the teachers and other school employees who seek out and implement innovative ways to improve education in Bibb County Public Schools.

Community investment from field-of-interest funds: $22,126.31
The Public Education Fund was established in 1995 to expand opportunities for public school students in Bibb county. Grants go directly to the classroom.
“The Foundation’s staff has been wonderful to work with. They’re very efficient and very organized. I think this is an important fact for donors to know.”

— Emily Myers

Senior Vice President
University Advancement & Admissions
Mercer University
These funds allow donors to designate one or two named charitable organizations to receive the grantable income. Should an original designated organization cease to operate, CFCG’s Board will reallocate these funds, keeping in mind the original intent of the donor.

The Grand Opera House

When it was built 118 years ago, the Grand Opera House was one of the most impressive theaters in the South. It drew celebrities of previous centuries, such as Sarah Bernhardt, Charlie Chaplin and Will Rogers. There’s a trap door cut into the stage that might have been custom-made for escape artist Harry Houdini.

But the Grand’s gilded age did not last. In the ’30s it was converted into a movie house, and later fell into disuse. In the 1960s the Grand had a date with the wrecking ball; some thought the space would be better used as a parking lot.

Concerned citizens raised money to restore the Grand and secure its placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

But the trouble with historic buildings is that they never stay restored. By the ’80s the Grand’s boosters approached Mercer University for help in raising money to preserve this architectural treasure.

“The house was in sad shape again,” said Emily Myers, Mercer’s senior vice president for university advancement and admissions. “It was running on a shoestring.”

Money had to be raised to bring in a fundraising consultant. Donors made pledges and money accumulated. Over $600,000 was raised and pledged from Macon companies, individuals and organizations.

Essentially the money sat in CDs. But the house continued to go downhill, and it reached a point in 1994, when it became evident that the facility was not going to make it.

The next year, Mercer signed a 20-year-lease with Bibb County for the management of the Grand. The University felt it was important to keep the Grand open and functioning.

Still, ticket sales provide only about one-third of the cost of running the Grand.

That’s why the Board of Governors and the Macon Arts Council decided to put the money from the 1980s fundraising campaign into an agency fund at the Community Foundation.

“The money didn’t need to be in CDs, it needed to be invested,” Kirby Godsey said. “That would preserve it in perpetuity. That would be the right place for it to be.”

The Community Foundation’s performance has lived up to everyone’s expectations.

“The Foundation’s staff has been wonderful to work with,” Myers said. “They’re very efficient and very organized. I think this is an important fact for donors to know.”

This endowment will help keep the Grand alive and well, and the donors from the Macon community can feel good about the preservation of their gifts.

The University took over booking the long-running Broadway Series at the Grand, and now uses the Grand for many of its own music and drama productions. The Macon Symphony Orchestra performs there at no charge and Mercer stages its GrandKids educational series for grade-schoolers there.

community investment from designated funds: $167,915.00
CFCG works with each donor to establish the selection criteria and procedures for awarding the scholarship(s). If requested, CFCG will manage the selection process from start to finish. To maximize impact, scholarship endowments of $25,000 or more are recommended.

Charles H. Williamson Memorial

On September 3, 1923, Maconite Charles H. Williamson attended a baseball game with his brother-in-law, Gen. Walter A. Harris. After the game the 49-year-old Williamson, who held the position of secretary and treasurer of the Bibb Manufacturing Co., had supper at Harris’ Napier Avenue home.

Later that evening Williamson rose from his seat in the living room to walk to the front veranda. He never made it. Williamson collapsed to the floor, dying moments later in Harris’ arms. A contemporary newspaper account said he was a victim of “angina pectoris. … There was no forewarning of the end.”

Williamson had no wife or children. To preserve his legacy, his sister and mother created the Charles H. Williamson Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund was to provide financial assistance to boys who graduate from Macon’s Lanier High School and wish to attend the University of Georgia. Williamson attended Lanier, but served in the Spanish-American War afterward and never attended college. His family specified the University of Georgia because his father and great-grandfather had both graduated from there.

The Williamson Scholarship still exists, with assets of more than $600,000 in stock. Much has changed since 1923, however. Lanier High School went co-ed in 1970 and later was renamed Central High School. The scholarship is now for boys and girls from Central.

The Charles H. Williamson Memorial Scholarship Fund is no longer a private foundation. It is now held by the Community Foundation of Central Georgia.

That change was brought about by Macon Attorney Tommy James, who became a trustee of the Williamson scholarship fund 10 years ago. He called his duties “kind of fun.”

“We might have an applicant, and they might not be poor enough to qualify for some of the needs-based scholarships, yet they’re not really well off enough to attend college. We can help them out.”

The scholarship is not awarded every year, only when funds are available. James said there have been 25 to 30 recipients over the years, but there is no one currently receiving it.

James said one of the headaches associated with managing the scholarship was fulfilling its legal obligations as a private foundation.

“This private foundation status was creating problems, because we had to expend five percent of our corpus every year or face excise taxes,” James said. That made it difficult to keep the fund from dwindling.

“That was really the impetus behind using the Community Foundation,” James said.

James heard about the Community Foundation from colleagues at his law firm. Last year he approached the Community Foundation and transferred the scholarship fund to them. Now the scholarship fund doesn’t have to shrink in lean years, but can hold onto its value until there’s enough growth to help some more students.

“It’s just a win-win deal,” James said.

Community investment from scholarships: $31,175.00
One of the headaches associated with managing the scholarship was fulfilling its legal obligations as a private foundation.

Now the scholarship fund doesn’t have to shrink in lean years, but can hold onto its value until there’s enough growth to help more students.
“A grant from the Community Foundation is particularly valuable because it shows the appreciation of local folks....Very few people can afford to give $150,000, but through giving to the Community Foundation you can feel you’re part of a $150,000 gift.”

—Carey Pickard
Museum Director
Tubman African American Museum
Funds for the Responsive Grants Program are provided by donors who want to allow CFCG the greatest flexibility in making grants to address our region’s most pressing needs and best opportunities. Donors give the Foundations’ Board of Directors full responsibility for allocating the grantable proceeds.

There’s a new copper dome going up in downtown Macon. It’s next to Terminal Station, a few blocks from the blue-green dome atop the Greek columns of the venerable Macon City Auditorium. With its curves interrupted by four triangular glass gables, the new dome is postmodern in style. When the boxlike building under it is finished and painted sandy gold, the overall effect should evoke both the avant-garde and the River Niger.

The new dome will cap the new Tubman African American Museum, a $15.5 million project that will definitely alter Macon’s skyline and probably raise Macon’s profile in the national cultural scene.

Since its birth in 1985, the Tubman museum has occupied a creaky two-story building on Walnut Street. More than 65,000 people walk up and down its narrow stairways every year. Its storage space is overflowing with everything from 2,000-year-old African terra-cotta figures to abstract paintings by modern American artists.

The new building, all 49,000 square feet of it, will be a massive improvement. This, of course, requires massive fund raising. The museum has already raised $12 million, but it needs a few million more. A recent $150,000 grant from the Community Foundation has put the Tubman that much closer to its goal.

The grant was funded through the foundation’s Responsive Grant Program, a process open to all non-profit organizations in the central Georgia area. Other grants funded through this program include a Shakespearian experience for students at Macon Little Theatre and capacity building for GoodWill Industries.

The Tubman has also received money from government agencies, private foundations and corporations. But Museum Director Carey Pickard said the Community Foundation grant was special.

“A grant from the Community Foundation is particularly valuable because it shows the appreciation of local folks,” Pickard said.

“Very few people can afford to give $150,000, but through giving to the Community Foundation you can feel you’re part of a $150,000 gift. … The Community Foundation and the Tubman have a similar goal. We want to show the impact of philanthropy on the community and that you don’t have to be a gazillionaire to give to the community.”

Tubman African American Museum

Responsive Grants

community investment from responsive funds: $193,133.97
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