The Community Foundation of Central Georgia was founded in 1993 by a group of citizens interested in encouraging philanthropy and strengthening our community. Since then, the Foundation has awarded more than $14.6 million in grants through its donor advised, unrestricted, designated, field-of-interest, scholarship, and agency endowment funds. We help our donors establish long-term charitable funds using the most tax-advantaged methods to benefit their causes and our community.

The mission of the Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Central Georgia. To accomplish its mission, the Community Foundation has five primary goals:

(1) To be a catalyst for the establishment of endowments to benefit the community now and for all time.

(2) To provide leadership and resources in identifying and meeting local needs.

(3) To serve donors’ varied interests and needs.

(4) To promote local philanthropy.

(5) To serve as stewards of funds.
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL GEORGIA HAS BEGUN ITS SECOND DECADE.

During this fiscal year, the Foundation and its donors provided the Central Georgia community with over $3,000,000 in grants and the Foundation grew to over $27,000,000 in assets! Ten years ago this would have seemed an impossible dream. We enter our next decade enthusiastic and confident about the Foundation's future.

This past year was an exciting one for the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. We welcomed two new staff members, Ashley Kilpatrick, Donor Relations Associate, and Gladys Taggart, Administrative Assistant. In the process of remodeling our office, we more than doubled our physical space and tremendously improved our filing systems. Our computer system has also been updated with a new server.

With our enhanced resources, we have been able to expand the services we offer to donors. We understand how important it is for founders of funds to document their philanthropic philosophies. Once this philosophy has been recorded, it remains an important part of the fund documentation and will be available for subsequent generations and fund advisors to consult. We have worked with several families this year as they developed extensive written philosophies for their funds. A donor advised fund of the Community Foundation has proven to be a wonderful way to teach children and grandchildren about philanthropy and to
ensure that what is important to you is learned by them and benefits future generations.

Our donors also look to the Community Foundation for education about the needs of the community. This past summer we hosted our first round of site visits for our fund holders and supporters. Over a period of two days we arranged for interested people to meet with 12 agencies that support children and youth. As one participant stated, “You can’t really appreciate it without seeing it firsthand.” More site visits are planned for the coming year.

The Community Foundation has come this far in large part because of the extraordinary leadership of our Board of Directors. We particularly thank Bob Hatcher, who has been on the Board for the past ten years and who has served as Chairman for the past two years. He lifted us with his upbeat spirit and guided the Foundation deftly. We also thank the directors who have rendered significant service and who have just rotated off the Board: Frank Jones, Bill Odom, Ed Olson, Jack Rogers, and Tred Shurling.

We look forward to fulfilling our mission: “To enhance the quality of life for the people of Central Georgia.” Our goal is to help our donors establish long-term charitable funds, using the most tax-advantaged methods, to benefit their causes and our community.

We ask for your continued interest and support.

With best regards,

[Signatures]

President

Chairman
SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1993, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia has advised potential donors about ways of giving that meet the donors’ needs. Often, donors are interested in one or two causes that they have supported throughout adulthood. Perhaps they inherit that interest from a parent or spouse and want to carry it forward in memory of a loved one. Occasionally, donors like Jeanie Enyart come along—donors who, with their family members, are interested less in a particular cause than in a flexible way of giving to the community where they live, realizing that needs may change over time. In Jeanie’s case, she also hoped to teach her daughter about the joys of philanthropy, and a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation provided the perfect means for meeting all her goals. A donor advised fund offers continuous involvement, with donors deciding when and to which organizations to make grants. Or, they may ask the staff of the Community Foundation for advice about grant opportunities that match their interests. Named for Jeanie, her husband, Mark Doyle, and her daughter, Sarah Daniels, this donor advised fund was established to provide broad opportunities for giving to causes that the family members support individually or collectively.

At the time she began the Fund, Jeanie’s daughter, Sarah, was finishing her master’s degree and Jeanie felt that one of the most important things she needed to learn was how to give back. “You’re never going to see this money,” Jeanie told Sarah. “But your name is on it.” So began a gift not only to the community but to her daughter, in ways that neither might have imagined. “Lots of things you give to immediately,” Jeanie told Sarah. “This isn’t instead of that. It’s in addition.”

It is obvious when talking to Jeanie Enyart that she believes in giving back to the community where she lives and works. When asked why, as a newcomer

ANOTHER GENERATION WILL LEARN THE JOYS OF PHILANTHROPY, THANKS TO THE VISION AND GENEROSITY OF A WOMAN WHO DECIDED THAT THE BEST WAY TO TEACH PHILANTHROPY WAS TO PRACTICE IT.
Donor Advised Funds offer a high level of involvement and flexibility while freeing the donor from the administrative time and expense associated with creating and running a private foundation. Donors have the privilege of recommending grants to charitable organizations that match their interests. The Community Foundation staff continually shares information on local non profit organizations and community projects donors might find of interest. Advised funds allow donors to involve children and family members and name unlimited successor advisors. The Community Foundation prides itself on recording the original donor’s interests and the philanthropic intent of the fund. We want to ensure a legacy is built for each family and their advised fund.

Jeanie Enyart believes she found the perfect tool for her family’s philanthropy with the Enyart, Doyle & Daniels Fund. The Community Foundation of Central Georgia allows donors to participate in the big picture, enriching our community and the lives of those who give.
Scholarship Funds allow our donors to invest in the future by helping deserving students pursue higher education. Students benefit from the financial assistance as well as the academic recognition of being a scholarship recipient. The Community Foundation will work with each donor to establish selection criteria, scholarship guidelines, an application process, procedures for awarding the scholarship(s), and appoint selection committee members. If requested by the donor, scholarships are listed on our website, at www.communityfoundation.info, and students can review selection criteria and download an application.

The Joyce Brown Memorial

When Mike Brown left with his wife, Joyce, and their two children, Anastasia and Michael John, for a New Year’s Day bowl game in Florida between the University of Georgia and Mike’s alma mater, Purdue University, he had only happy thoughts. He would be reunited with some of his former associates at the University where he had made a name for himself, after an outstanding football career at Southwest High School in Macon. His wife and children would be part of a New Year’s celebration that he had been looking forward to ever since the game was announced on the news.

Mike could not foresee the tragedy that this last day of 1999 would bring. While traveling on I-75 in South Georgia, the family was involved in a car accident and Joyce and Michael John were killed. What was to be a happy reunion and a celebration of his own gridiron achievements, turned into a nightmare that he could not have imagined.

In the long months following the accident, Mike and his daughter, Ana, began building a new life for themselves, all the while remembering the little boy and the wonderful mother whose life had meant so much to so many. At her death Joyce was Director of the Cancer Life Center at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, a position she had worked toward for many years. Her career as a nurse began after her first year at Macon State College. She discovered that she wanted to live a life of service to others, and she saw nursing as a perfect way to do this. Mike wanted to find a way to keep her memory alive while helping those who felt the same call to service to realize their dream.

Mike decided to establish a scholarship fund in Joyce’s memory. With the advice and support of Richard Keil, formerly Mike’s priest at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, and a good friend, Mike chose to create a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. This would be a perfect way to honor Joyce’s memory, while making an education available to those who are working at the Medical Center of Central Georgia and interested in a nursing career.

“Joyce had to work hard to get her education,” Mike said. “And I wanted to make it a little easier for others who had that desire to serve, like Joyce.” He was privileged to be on scholarship at Purdue, but Joyce did not have that luxury. Mike saw how hard it was for her to keep up with her course work while working almost full time. He knew that she endured the hardships because of her unwaivering belief in the importance of education.
That’s why they postponed marriage until they were both out of college. Now Mike wants to make it easier for those who come after him. He believes this is the perfect way to honor a noble woman whose life reflected the values he now wants to share.

“The years that Joyce worked in the cancer unit, we talked of life and death,” Mike says, “and we both believed, and I still do, that God is good.” Mike’s daughter, Ana, had an internship with a local pediatrician this past summer, and is looking forward to attending college and medical school after she completes her high school career at Central High School. Ana’s face smiles down from the walls of Mike’s home, along with pictures of Joyce, Michael John, and Mike. Sometimes he talks of Joyce in the present tense, and that is good. Because of his decision to honor Joyce in this very special way, she lives on. Her spirit dwells not only in his home and his life, but in all those whose lives she once touched when she lived among us. A scholarship fund in the name of Joyce Brown will not only honor her name, it will continue her mission to serve others in all the years to come.

**Scholarship Fund**

Mike found a way to keep her memory alive by helping others realize their dreams.
Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc., had its beginning as a residence when the noted Southeastern architect, Neel Reid, designed it for Joseph N. Neel, for whom he was named. Mr. Neel also helped Reid complete his architectural training after the death of Reid’s father. One of the first houses that Reid designed, the impressive structure was built in 1910 and was home to only one family until the Neels sold the property to the Federated Garden Clubs of Macon in 1957.

Set on the high side of College Street, with broad porches and pleasant views, the home was a showplace that the Neel family and their many friends enjoyed. By the time the Federated Garden Clubs purchased the house, it was almost 50 years old, and beginning to show its age. Corky Holliday, long time leader in the work of the Federation, points out that Neel Reid was a designer, not a structural engineer, and the roof, though attractive, became difficult to repair.

As the signs of age became more evident, members of the Federation began seeking ways to fund maintenance and repairs. Like all older homes, the Garden Center (as it is familiarly called) needed a constant cash flow to take care of recurring problems with a leaking roof, ancient plumbing and outdated wiring. According to Carol Salami-Goswick, President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc., the Federation upgraded and maintained the house over the years through grants, gifts, fundraisers, member contributions, Garden Club related events,

**BEING A PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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—Carol Salami-Goswick
lectures, and earnings from rentals and the gift shop. In part because of the close friendship of James Hyde Porter and Joseph Neel, The James H. Porter Charitable Trust became a generous donor and for many years helped maintain the property as the new owners sought ways to care for it from year to year. The Neel grandchildren and great-grandchildren also contributed to the home’s upkeep by issuing a challenge grant between one another. A major gift from philanthropist Deen Day Smith allowed the Federation to air condition the Garden Center some 16 years ago, a move that expanded its use significantly.

In 2001, Salami-Goswick said the Board realized that a more stable source of funding was needed to provide continual upkeep for the lovely structure that was home to the Federation and used by garden clubs as well as the broader community for a wide variety of activities. A serendipitous meeting with Betty Sweet Simmons pointed the Garden Center toward a lasting means of preserving and protecting the beloved house. While visiting the Center one day to view the pier mirrors that had been recently donated by the Garden Club’s original decorator, Mrs. Simmons turned to Corky Holliday.

“You should start a fund at the Community Foundation to protect this place forever,” she said. A longtime donor and supporter of the Community Foundation, Mrs. Simmons spoke as one who understood the benefits and who wanted the Garden Center to enjoy the protection that a permanent endowment fund could bring. She issued a challenge grant to three past presidents of the Federation; they accepted, and an organizational endowment fund was born. This fund was the perfect match for the Garden Center, whose leadership sought ongoing management of a fund that would protect the building and grounds forever. They concluded that establishing an endowment fund with the Community Foundation would provide the benefits they were seeking: professional management of funds, opportunity for improved investment returns, the ability to establish guidelines for the endowment to meet changing organizational needs in the future, and access to donors already interested in supporting the community. Being a part of the Community Foundation, Salami-Goswick says, “has helped us meet our mission of improving our community and strengthening Middle Georgia.”

Giving is always personal. In this case, it was personal contacts with people who knew about the wonderful Neel Reid home on College Street and wanted to make a difference in preserving a precious part of Macon’s architectural heritage. Partnering with the Community Foundation, they made it happen.
Unrestricted Funds allow the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors the discretion to make grants to address the most urgent needs and opportunities in the community. Unrestricted funds are long term funds which are intended to be available to benefit the community forever.
gave gifts to her church, to remaining family and a few friends; and to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, she gave a generous gift to be placed in an unrestricted fund. She asked that the money be used to benefit children and to help beautify the community, but beyond that, there were no restrictions. She had come to understand that needs in a community change over time, and she wanted funds to be available wherever the need appeared to be the greatest. She learned through the advice of friends like Albert Reichert, Jr. that the Community Foundation would not only manage her money well, so that it would grow and increase in the years ahead, but the Foundation would also be aware of new needs in the community, perhaps even some need unknown at the time Mrs. Brown made her gift. She trusted the Community Foundation to make the best use of her gift to the city the Browns had both loved and called home.

Early in their lives, L. D. and Minnie Lee Brown developed habits of saving for the future. Their unusual foresight and careful management of resources provided them with opportunities to share with family and friends throughout long and fruitful lifetimes, and with their community long after they are gone. The Browns are beautiful examples of generous spirits, and their spirit will dwell among us in the gifts they gave.

THEY PERSONIFY THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY BY PROVIDING RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND BRINGING BEAUTY INTO OUR COMMUNITY.
Create a Legacy

“A man does not plant a tree for himself. He plants it for posterity.”
—ALEXANDER SMITH

If it is true that every culture depends on philanthropy and non-profit organizations to provide essential elements of a civil society, then Macon is indeed fortunate to have a community foundation that is leading the way. For over a decade, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia has grown from a beginning corpus of $750,000 for administrative start-up costs to a present total of over $27 million in assets. This phenomenal growth is no accident. It has come about because many community leaders saw the need for a charitable giving vehicle that all citizens could participate in, and these leaders chose wisely when selecting management teams to lead the vibrant, new organization to its current status. It began as a way to make an investment in the larger community; it continues to gain support from a broad base of donors because the management of that investment has been excellent.

Benefits

There are a number of worthwhile reasons to give through the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. Some of them are:

• CFCG is deeply rooted in the central Georgia community; we know you and you know us.
• The professional staff has expertise in and an understanding of this community’s issues and needs.
• The personalized service at CFCG is tailored to each individual or family’s charitable interest and financial capability.
• Our Donor Advised Funds help you to invest in the causes you care about most, while letting us handle all the complex details.
• A wide variety of assets may be used to establish your fund—including appreciated stock, real estate, retirement plan assets, and cash—offering you great flexibility.
• All administrative tasks are handled by the Foundation staff, including management of complex contributions, records of transactions, disbursement of checks to multiple organizations from one donor gift and research of issues and organizations of interest to you.
• Our funds benefit from high quality and diversified investment management.
• A permanent record of your charitable interests, philanthropic endeavors, community legacy and giving philosophy is maintained.
• Full income, gift and estate tax benefits allowed by law are realized.
• No on-going tax filings are required
• Anonymity, if desired.

Starting a fund is simple and the staff at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia will help every step of the way—from your initial gift, to the development of your charitable giving statement, to building a relationship with your successor advisors. The staff has answers to questions you may not have even considered. They want you to be pleased with your decision to become a philanthropist. Personalized attention, proactive ideas and a quick response to your needs and concerns are everyday attributes of the professional staff. They help make giving a pleasure and will advise you at your convenience and as often as you feel the need so that your wishes are met and your charitable and financial goals honored.
Addison Fund
Administrative Endowment Fund
AMBUCS Fund
Anonymous (2)
Aunt Maggie’s Kitchen Table Fund
Baldwin Family Fund
Better Business Bureau Community Education Fund
Bibb County Supporters of the Gifted, Bette-Lou Brown Scholarship Fund
Albert Billingslea Fund
Bonner Fund
Boys and Girls Club Endowment Fund
Joyce Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
L. D. and Minnie Lee Brown 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
Central Georgia Partners in Health Improvement Fund
Coffee County Operations Fund
Mary A. and John D. Comer Fund
Jerry A. Davis, Jr. Fund
W. Elliott Dunwoody, III Fund
Enyart, Doyle & Daniels Fund
Family Counseling Center Fund
Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc. Endowment Fund
Fickling Family Fund
First Tee of Macon, Inc. Fund
Fort Hawkins Commission Fund
Fort Valley General Fund
Friends of the Grand Fund
Gateway-Redding Statue Fund
GEICO Fund for Habitat for Humanity
General Endowment Fund
Georgia Industrial Children’s Home Fund
Georgia Pine Level Foundation Fund
GIGA Inc. Scholarship Fund
Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia Endowment Fund
L. Kenneth Hammond Charitable Remainder Trust
Hortense Goodman Trust Fund
Grand Opera House Endowment Fund
Charles F. Heard Fund
Hertwig Fund
Historic Rose Hill Cemetery Foundation Fund
William S. Hutchings Fund
IKON Fund/ACME
Helen Duke Ingram Fund
Leland Jackson Fund
JET Foundation Fund
Jimmy’s House Fund
Jones Freeman Ross Fund
Keadle Family Fund
Trevor James Kelley Memorial Scholarship Fund
Knight Fund for Macon
Knight Fund for Milledgeville
Nora C. and Alvin M. Koplin Fund
Kruger Fund
Linda Lane Fund
Gladys Lasky Endowment Fund
Life Lens Fund
The Lion and the Lamb Ministries Fund
Macon a Better Future Fund
Macon-Bibb County CVB Building Fund
Macon Duplicate Bridge Club Building Fund
Macon Miracles Fund
Macon Music Teachers Association Fund
Macon Sports Hall of Fame Fund
Macon Tour de Georgia Fund
Macon Volunteer Clinic Fund
Matthews Fund
Memorial Fund
Carolyn Elizabeth Hussey Mendenhall Memorial Fund
Middle Georgia Tennis Academy Fund
Edward Miraglia, Jr. Fund
Anne Whipple Murphey Fund
Flew Murphey Fund
Thad E. Murphey Family Fund
Museum of Arts and Sciences Endowment Fund
Daniel E. and Muriel H. Nathan Fund
Newtown Macon Big Picture Fund
Newtown Macon Revolving 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
Project Safe Neighborhood Fund
Public Education Fund
Ray Memorial Fund
Otis Redding Memorial Fund
Reichert Family Fund
Stephen A. Reichert Fund
John F. Rogers, Jr. 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
Sons of the Sod Fund
SunTrust Bank, Middle Georgia Fund
Tales From the Back Stoop Fund
Thornton Fund
United Way Endowment Fund
Wachovia Bank Fund
Emily Walker Fund
Katherine Walters Charitable Remainder Trust
Walters Family Fund
Walters Family Scholarship Fund
Dr. D. T. Walton, Jr. Endowment Fund
Charles H. Williamson Memorial Scholarship Fund
YWCA of Macon Fund
Zuver Fund
CFCG HAS TWO RESPONSIVE GRANT CYCLES each year with deadlines on April 15 and October 1. Through this Responsive Grant Program, applications for any project designed to improve the quality of life in Central Georgia will be considered for funding. Priority is given to projects that reach a broad segment of the community, address needs that are not met by existing services, are innovative, encourage matching gifts and collaborations, yield substantial benefit for the resources invested, and encourage self-help and/or self-sufficiency on the part of disadvantaged or disabled individuals. The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation is responsible for reviewing these grant applications and allocating proceeds from these unrestricted funds. Guidelines and an application for the Responsive Grant Program can be found on our website at www.communityfoundation.info.
RESPONSIVE GRANTS AWARDED FROM UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
Total, $192,853

After Five Professional Networking Association
  Professional Etiquette Development Program for High School Students - $1,440
Alexander II Magnet School PTA
  Making Math Count - Math Lab Equipment - $4,500
Bibb County Board of Education
  Feasibility Study of Restoration of Old Miller High School Building - $7,250
Bibb County Supporters of the Gifted
  Matching Grant for Scholarship Fund - $2,000
Boys & Girls Club of Baldwin and Jones Counties
  Education and Career Development Program - $5,000
Boys & Girls Club of Central Georgia
  Donor Database Software - $4,000
Central Georgia CASA, Inc.
  Advocacy for Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect - $3,000
Education First
  Strategic Planning & Retreat - $10,000
Federated Garden Clubs of Macon, Inc.
  Repairs of Headquarters House - $1,500
Friends of the Cannonball House, Inc.
  Grace Under Fire, 150th Anniversary & Museum Expansion Capital Campaign - $5,000
Georgia Children’s Museum
  Capital Campaign to build a children’s museum in downtown Macon - $33,000
Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, Inc.
  Direct Delivery of Girl Scout Program - $2,000
Habitat for Humanity - Baldwin County
  Women-Build House - $5,000
Historic Macon Foundation, Inc.
  Expenses Related to Merger of Middle Georgia Historical Society and Macon Heritage Foundation - $1,000
Lighthouse Missions
  Aftercare Program - $3,000
Literacy Education for Adults in Peach County (LEAP)
  The Alliance for a More Literate Workforce - $3,000
Loaves & Fishes Ministries of Macon, Inc.
  Family Transitional Housing Program - $5,250
Macon Little Theater
  Building Improvements - $5,000
Macon State College Foundation
  Scholarship Fund - Invest In Success Campaign - $15,000
Macon Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
  Youth Activities Program - $4,000
Mentor’s Project of Bibb County, Inc.
  2004 Summer Program - $5,000
MidSummer Macon, Inc.
  Scholarships for Students - $2,000

Grand total of grants awarded: $3,131,717
Mother and Child Ministries, Inc.  
Opening Doors to Macon Families with Income Less Than $15,000 - $5,200

Museum of Arts and Sciences  
Youth Development Program - 1 Year of Salaries for Interns - $5,000  
Nutcracker of Middle Georgia, Inc.  
School Performance - $1,000  
Center for Racial Harmony and Understanding  
Promote Racial Harmony in Bibb County - $3,913

Tubman African American Museum  
Capital Campaign to Build the Museum's New Facility - $50,000

Wesley Glen Ministries  
Computer Printers for the Residence Halls - $800

SCHOLARSHIPS
Total, $28,622

Scholarships were awarded to students who attended the following institutions or participated in their programs:

Clark Atlanta University  
Clayton College & State University  
Columbus State University  
Georgia College & State University  
Georgia Southern University  
Georgia State University  
Kennesaw State University  
Macon Music Teachers Association  
Macon State College  
Mercer University  
State University of West Georgia  
University of Georgia  
Wesleyan College

GRANT RECIPIENTS
Total, $2,910,242

Grants awarded from component funds of the Community Foundation

100 Black Men of Milledgeville - Oconee Area  
After Five Professional Networking Association  
Alexander-Tharpe Fund, Inc.  
Alzheimer’s Association  
American Cancer Society  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Red Cross  
Aunt Maggie’s Kitchen Table  
Better Business Bureau  
Bibb County District Attorney’s Office  
Booker T. Washington Community Center  
Boy Scouts of America  
Boys & Girls Club of Baldwin & Jones Counties  
Boys & Girls Club of Central Georgia Center for Racial Harmony and Understanding  
Central Arts Program  
Central Georgia Cancer Coalition  
Central Georgia Opera Guild  
Central Georgia Partners in Health Improvement  
Central Georgia Technical College Adult Learning Center  
Community Care Services  
Community Concert Association  
Congregation Sha’arey Israel Disability Connections  
Douglass Theatre  
Federated Garden Clubs of Macon  
First Presbyterian Church  
First Tee of Macon, Inc.  
Flannery O’Conner Awards  
Flannery O’Connor - Andalusia Foundation  
Fort Hawkins Commission  
Friends of the Cannonball House  
Friends of the Library  
Gaissert United Methodist Church  
Gateway-Redding Statue Fund  
Georgia College & State University Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, Inc.  
Grace House  
Grand Opera House  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hay House  
Historic Macon Foundation  
Historic Rose Hill Cemetery Foundation, Inc.  
Hope Outreach Ministries  
Hospice of Central Georgia  
Hospice of the Oconee  
Houston County District Attorney  
John W. Burke Elementary School Kid’s Journey  
Lighthouse Missions, Inc.  
Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Macon, Inc.  
Macon Arts Alliance  
Macon/Bibb Co. Fire Dept–Jimmy’s House  
Macon/Bibb Co. Fire Dept–Life Lens  
Macon Civic Chorale  
Macon Duplicate Bridge Club  
Macon Economic Development Commission  
Macon Little Theater  
Macon Outreach at Mulberry  
Macon Police Department  
Macon Regional Crimestoppers  
Macon Rescue Mission  
Macon State College Foundation  
Macon Symphony Orchestra  
Macon Volunteer Clinic  
Macon/Middle Georgia Federation of Jewish Charities  
Meals on Wheels of Macon  
MedCen Foundation  
Medical Center of Central Georgia  
Medical Center of Central Georgia - Cancer Fit Program  
Mentor’s Project of Bibb County, Inc.  
Mercey University  
Mercer University School of Medicine  
Mercey University Walter F. George School of Law  
Methodist Home for Children & Youth  
Middle Georgia Community Food Bank, Inc.  
Middle Georgia Concert Band  
MidSummer Macon, Inc.  
Milledgeville/Baldwin Co. Habitat for Humanity  
Mother and Child Ministries, Inc.  
Mulberry Street United Methodist Church  
Museum of Arts & Sciences  
National Alfa Foundation  
NewTown Macon  
Northeast High School  
Oconee River Greenway Foundation, Inc.  
Older Americans Council of Middle Georgia  
Peacemakers  
People Helping People  
Ronald McDonald House  
Rotary International  
Salvation Army  
South Georgia Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc.  
Special Olympics  
Stratford Academy  
Temple Beth Israel  
The Carolina Academy  
Theatre Macon  
Tubman African American Museum  
Twin Lakes Library System  
United Negro College Fund  
United Way of Central Georgia  
Vail Valley Foundation  
Wesleyan College  
William P. Simmons Art Fund  
Wuestoff Health System Foundation
Memorial gifts made to the Foundation are thoughtful ways to honor individuals who lived in or cared for our community. Honorariums are given to acknowledge living friends and relatives on special occasions.

**Honoraria**
- Thelma Ankrom honored by Louise B. Kelley
- Julia G. Baldwin honored by Judy Hodgens Interiors
- James E. Barfield honored by Macon Town Committee N.S.C.D.A.
- Candy Burgess honored by Nora Koplin
- Robert E. Chanin honored by Nora Koplin
- Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dennis honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Robert F. Hatcher honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Elaine Hollis-Pritchard honored by Judy Hodgens Interiors and June Jordan O’Neal
- Juanita T. Jordan honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Ferdinand Vogt Kay honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Evan Kelley honored by Louise B. Kelley
- P. Lee Laughter honored by Career Women’s Network of Macon, Inc.
- Mrs. Sidney B. McNair honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Mrs. Fred Morgan honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Reichert, Jr. honored by Stephen A. Reichert and Betty Sweet Simmons
- Mr. and Mrs. Albert P. Reichert, Sr. honored by Stephen A. Reichert and Betty Sweet Simmons
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. B. Reichert honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Stephen A. Reichert honored by Betty Sweet Simmons
- Alice S. Sheridan honored by Fifi Sheridan
- Betty Sweet Simmons honored by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald T. Williams
- Thomas J. Stevens honored by Nora Koplin
- Doris Wood honored by Angela R. Lavelle
- Joni Williams Woolf honored by June Jordan O’Neal

**Memorials**
- J. Newton Anderson remembered by Betty F. Heard
- Lily S. Atkinson remembered by Joe Sam Robinson and Vineville Garden Club
- Ann Chandler Beaty remembered by Janet F. Beaty
- Nora K. Bell remembered by Ann E. Loyd
- Braxton & Taylor Bragg remembered by Blythe H. Devlin
- Edmund A. Brannen remembered by Dianne Brannen
- Helen Walker Clark remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Clay, Harriett Comer, and Cordelia D. Holliday
- Donald Comer remembered by Joan B. Huffman
- Alice Corsini remembered by Lillian H. Lockary
- Ann Maria Domingos remembered by Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Domingos
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IN 2001 AREA LEADERS GATHERED FOR A RETREAT to discuss a new vision for the Coffee County community. A major issue was searching for a way to leave money or other assets for causes that mattered to them—causes such as education, the arts and the environment. They concluded that a community foundation would leave an enduring positive impact on Douglas and Coffee County, by permitting the establishment of a permanent endowment to support charitable works in the community. It would insure that the gifts of donors would support good works and community needs in perpetuity. Their dreams for positive growth and development would be fulfilled. After a great deal of research and under the leadership of Michele and Rod Theus, they decided that the route to take would be to develop under the umbrella of an already established foundation, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia.

The summer of 2002 saw the formation of the Community Foundation of Coffee County and over $70,000 had been contributed by December of that year. Current board member Thad Carter says, “We have so many people who are just genuinely giving and caring—they want to make a difference. That’s why I wanted to be part of the Community Foundation.” He goes on to say, “It’s an easy way to help all people and all causes—an easy way to give back to help make our home a better place.” It is obvious that the community leaders in Coffee County were developing a strong vision for their future, and were taking the appropriate steps to see that vision become reality.

In December 2003, the CFCC awarded its first grant: $1,000 to the HOPE Center to help children and families in the Oak Park community celebrate Christmas. The timing could not have been better. The HOPE Center relies on community donations to provide services and activities for the children during the holidays, and the gift from the Community Foundation of Coffee County helped insure that these families could indeed celebrate the season.

In May 2004, the CFCC created its first
was started. Earnings from this fund will be given back to the community every year, to benefit the citizens of Fort Valley. Because it is an endowment fund, there will be money available for future citizens as well.

According to Mayor John Stumbo, the goal of the organizers was “to provide a community endowment for the betterment of the quality of life for the people of Fort Valley in perpetuity.” The affiliation with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia does exactly that. CFCG provides support to the Community Foundation of Fort Valley through fund management and consultation services, ensuring that its resources are being managed by professionals who believe in the Central Georgia community.

The nine member Board of Directors has a strong vision for the future. That vision includes funding long-range plans for city enhancement in such areas of community life as health care, education, the arts, and social welfare. They realize that successful community growth happens when leaders unite behind a common purpose and work together to establish concrete objectives. The establishment of a community foundation guarantees that their dreams will become realities.

Donor Advised Fund. This fund has increased the Foundation’s endowment to $350,000, which will benefit the citizens of Coffee County for years to come.

A short-term goal of the Board of Directors is to increase awareness of the Foundation and its work. Long range goals include sustaining the endowment fund for the benefit the community, while identifying and meeting community needs. A constant goal, of course, is to serve the needs of donors who support charitable works through their gifts to the Foundation.

Coffee County native Francis Lott, a long-time proponent for economic growth, is proud to have had a hand in the creation of the Foundation and honored to serve on the Board.

“There are many philanthropic individuals in Coffee County, who, given the opportunity, will follow their hearts and ‘give back’ to the community that has been very good to them, their families and their businesses,” Lott says. “The Community Foundation serves as a fitting vehicle for that purpose.”

The Community Foundation of Coffee County grew out of a community’s vision for itself. Thad Carter echoes the sentiments of other Coffee County leaders when he says, “I wanted to be a part of something like that [the Community Foundation]; to do good for my community…our community.” And that’s how the fine leaders of Coffee County view their mission…it’s all about our community.

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