

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Central Georgia

2004 Annual

Report

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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.

In the President

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

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and the Chairman

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,

Bathing V. Dennis 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 commu-

nity 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

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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.

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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



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to Macon, she decided to create a fund with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, she said, "This is home right now, and I live here." Investing in the community where she lives seems to be second nature to Jeanie and Mark.

One of the benefits of a donor advised fund is that over time, donors may see changing needs in the community, and may shift their gifts from one area to another. Jeanie says it is a special occasion when the family comes together once a year, from opposite coasts, to consider where the money will go. They listen to each other, hear about the causes each believes important, and then decide who the beneficiary will be. Last year, Sarah's recommendation for an organization to receive the annual gift was chosen by the family. Although she lives in California. Sarah believed that the Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia had the greatest need at that time. When they meet again, they will listen to each other, consider many organizations, and then, as a family, make a decision on where the funds will go.

With a community foundation there are no laws governing the frequency with which grants must be made, so Jeanie's family enjoys a significant amount of flexibility over how and when grants are given from the fund. They also know that the staff of the Community Foundation is available for advice at any time, and that they will oversee the administration of the fund, relieving Jeanie and her family of the record keeping and accounting often associated with a private foundation.

With the donor advised fund, Jeanie can name her successor advisors. "Long after I'm gone," Jeanie said, "Sarah will be the administrator, and then pass it on to her children." So 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.

"The Community Foundation of Central Georgia is an example of gratitude," Jeanie said, noting that it provides many opportunities for donors to give back to the community in ways that best meet their need to give. "When one gives," she added, "one receives so much more, because you are giving to something so much bigger than yourself."

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.

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.

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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 unwavering belief in the importance of education.

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.

Scholarship Fund

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

MIKE FOUND A WAY TO KEEP HER MEMORY ALIVE BY HELPING OTHERS REALIZE THEIR DREAMS. 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.

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THE GRAND OLD HOUSE AT 730 COLLEGE STREET, HOME TO THE 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 BEING A PART OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION "HAS HELPED US MEET OUR MISSION OF IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY AND STRENGTHENING MIDDLE GEORGIA."

-Carol Salami-Goswick

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,



Macon Endowment Fund

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.

Organizational Endowment Funds

are a unique opportunity for community foundations to work with other non profit organizations and help them to build their endowment. The Community Foundation offers many benefits to these organizations, including high quality and diversified investment management, planned giving support, publicity and workshops focused on fundraising.

IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT MINNIE LEE BROWN CHOSE TO SERVE THE COMMU-NITY through an unrestricted fund with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, for Mrs. Brown lived a life that put no restrictions on her generosity. Stories abound relating the love of L.D. and Minnie Lee Brown not only for each other, but for nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends. Throughout 64 years of marriage, the Browns shared all that they owned with others.

Owners of a small grocery store on Vineville Avenue in Macon, the Browns were known for their work ethic. Frugal with their means, they were nevertheless friendly and welcoming to all who came near. They were careful not only with dollars, but with every facet of the store's operation. This is revealed in a delightful story about Mr. Brown and his wife's nephew, Alex Strozier, who worked in the grocery store as a teenager. As Alex was wrapping some produce for a customer, he used a good bit of string to make a nice, large bow, whereupon his uncle showed him the correct way to wrap a package using a small amount of string, tied in a small knot. "String is paid for by the pound," the boy was told, "and should not be wasted." Unselfish throughout their lives, they were nevertheless careful with resources.

Careful, they always were; selfish, never. Mr. Stozier tells a Depression-era story that demonstrates the Browns' enormous generosity. A railroad ran behind the stores across the street from their grocery and it often carried desperate men looking for work, men who hopped on boxcars and traveled from city to city, men who were always hungry. These boxcar men would come

Minnie

into the stores, looking for a job or food. Mrs. Brown would cut large slabs of cheese, cold cuts, and bread and give it to the men. Mr. Strozier reported that his Aunt Minnie often said of those times: "No one ever came into that store and went away hungry."

L.D. and Minnie Lee Brown lived carefully and thoughtfully, giving time to their church and to volunteer activities, but usually behind the scenes. Having no children of their own, they showered affection on nieces and nephews, as well as neighboring children who loved them like family. Janet Butler Walker grew up next door to the Browns and enjoyed many tea parties at their home, where Mrs. Brown served Coca Cola in her favorite glass for the young child they loved as their own. Interestingly, the Browns invested in the Coca Cola company early in their marriage, and this was to be the source of much of their generosity after they were gone. Janet says, "I could never list all the ways they showed me kindness as a child, but Brownie (Mr. Brown) and Mrs. Brown were incredibly patient and loving to me. It seems that every time I had a pet that died, Brownie helped find a box or blanket to put them in before we buried them in the backyard. He was so gentle, so calm, so tender." As an adult, Janet never left their home without a box of Russell Stover candy, a gift that Mrs. Brown gave to every visitor.

Albert Reichert, Jr. tells the story of Mrs. Brown's extended family and friends gathering in her home for her 100th birthday, each taking turns to visit her bedside, as if receiving a final blessing. And final blessings she did bestow. She

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

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

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.



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.

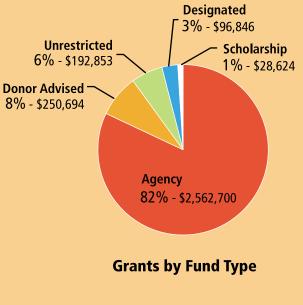
Addison Fund Administrative Endowment Fund AMBUCS Fund Anonymous (2) Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table Fund Baldwin Family Fund Better Business Bureau Community Education Fund Bibb County Supporters of the Gifted, Bette-Lou Brown Scholarship Fund Albert Billingslea Fund Bonner Fund Boys and Girls Club Endowment 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 Dunwody, 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 Cemetary 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.





Mrs. Miller reads to a group of young Boys & Girls Club members.



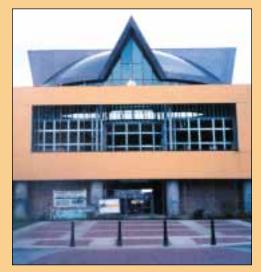
Judy Whetstone, AmeriCorp member placed with the Mentor's Project, congratulates "Most Improved Protegé," Chiquita Jackson.



Grants by Interest Area



Two boys enjoy playing ping pong in the game room at one of the many Boys & Girls Clubs in Central Georgia.



The new Tubman African American Museum, currently under construction, on Cherry Street



Hernandez Family. Mrs. Hernandez assisted Sister Marian and Mother and Child Ministries in developing their new outreach newsletter, written in Spanish.

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 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

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BEGINNING WITH A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION in December 2002, the Community Foundation of Fort Valley was established with great enthusiasm. This energy first started with Mayor John Stumbo and quickly caught on with other community leaders. A partnership was established with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia and an endowment fund

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Community Foundation of Coffee Count

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, insuring 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 longtime 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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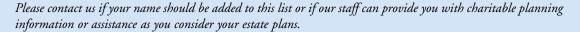
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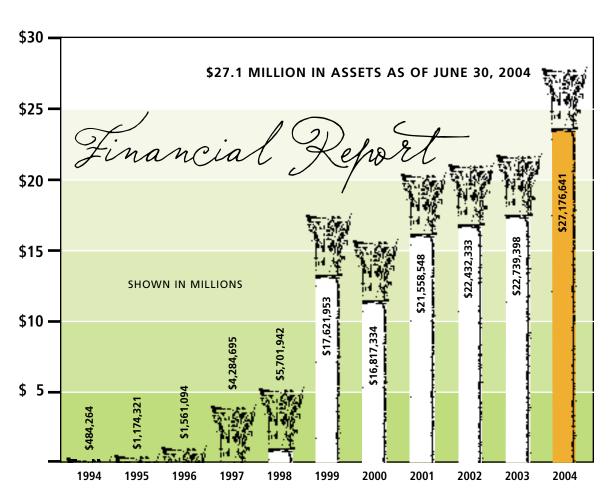
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