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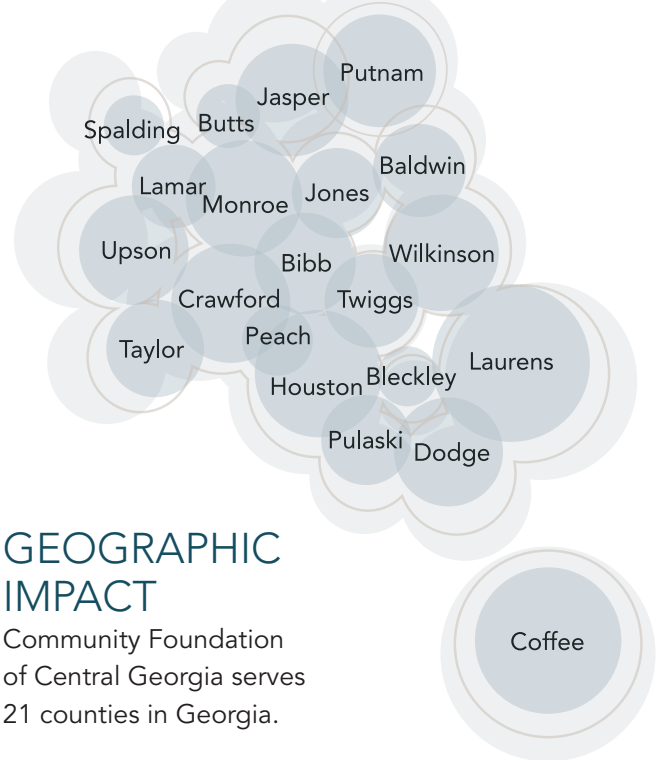
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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Community Foundation of Central Georgia has affiliate foundations in **Barnesville-Lamar County** and **Coffee County**. CFCG provides the administrative support for these Foundations. Each affiliate foundation has its own local Board of Directors under the umbrella of CFCG's Board of Directors.



GEOGRAPHIC IMPACT

Community Foundation of Central Georgia serves 21 counties in Georgia.

OUR MISSION IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL GEORGIA AND TO ENSURE OUR REGION IS A PLACE WHERE PHILANTHROPY THRIVES.

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CFCG Q&A

Ronnie Rollins (Chairman of the Board) and Kathryn Dennis (President) share how CFCG works with donors to help grow philanthropy in the Central Georgia region.



What has been CFCG's most significant accomplishment in the past few years?

R: To serve the needs of our region, CFCG is helping donors across Central Georgia transform their communities through philanthropic work.

K: The Community Foundation of Central Georgia is a regional organization that has made a significant impact in expanding geographically in our 21-county footprint. 22% of funds, 33% of staff and 43% of its Board are represented by people outside of Bibb County.

Why is a fund at Community Foundation a good way to invest in your community?

R: CFCG provides the single most efficient way to give to needs in your community. Our services are cost effective, easy to navigate, and efficient. CFCG provides the opportunity for legacy giving. Your donation can meet an immediate need or be directed to long term needs over time.

K: Community Foundation of Central Georgia offers donors a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. The Foundation's staff provides donors with personalized philanthropic solutions to support their communities.

What can donors expect when they create a fund at Community Foundation?

R: They can expect to have a partner to walk with them through every step on their journey of charitable giving. The donor can expect that funds donated will be professionally administered and invested wisely.

K: Donors can expect competent CFCG staff to help them achieve their own personal philanthropic impact — by helping plan their initial gift to making the impact they desire.

To learn more about creating a fund at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, please call the Foundation at 478-750-9338 or visit www.cfcga.org.

ACHIEVING PHILANTHROPIC GOALS

Joseph E. and Camille H. Carruth Fund

Donor Advised Fund / Laurens County



Joseph and Camille Carruth

We believe we have a Christian obligation to give to others,” said Joe Carruth, a retired physician from Dublin. “So my wife, Camille, and I decided to look into establishing a charitable fund. When we learned about the Community Foundation, we realized that we could set up a way for our fund to be ongoing and have a long lasting effect.” The Community Foundation helps the Carruths achieve their philanthropic goals. Because CFCG is able to accept gifts other than cash, the Carruths made a gift of life insurance and other assets to endow their fund.

The Carruths’ philanthropic priorities include education and Christian missions. They both sing

in their church choir where Camille was organist for many years. Camille’s love of music, particularly the organ, stems from her training as a student at Agnes Scott College. So Camille and Joe award a scholarship annually to a music student studying at Camille’s alma mater. They also help fund a mission of Campus Crusade for Christ at Kennesaw State University.

Camille believes that the most recent grant from their fund not only highlights history but also fosters good community relations. This grant of \$5,000 completed a “5 for 5 challenge” issued to community leaders to raise \$25,000 to fund the final phase of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Park in Dublin, the Carruths’ home town. The park is across from First African Baptist Church, where, as a boy of 15 years, King gave his first public speech and won an oratorical contest. The first phase of the monument park has painted murals and a sculpture created by Georgia artists and a display of historical photographs and documents. The next phase will include an audio-visual tour with recorded oral histories and a podium sculpture on the grounds of the church.

“We could have made a donation to the Monument Park from personal funds. However, we wanted our gift to give awareness to the Community Foundation,” said Dr. Carruth. A donor advised fund at the Community Foundation is an easy way for Dr. and Mrs. Carruth to support local projects, their alma maters, and causes about which they are passionate.



Mural at Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Park in Dublin, Georgia

JIM BURT



Deacon Ernest Wade and Jerry Davis at First African Baptist Church, across from Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Park



Donor Advised Funds

Simplify and enhance your lifetime and legacy giving by creating a donor advised fund, which provides a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving. Offering a high level of involvement and flexibility, a Donor Advised Fund enables you to support your favorite charitable organizations during your life and involve your family in philanthropy now or in the future.

NO DISTANCE TOO FAR FOR FAMILY

J. W. and Martha Whipple Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Fund / Wilkinson County



Martha and J. W. Whipple

Commonly a family fund is handed down from parents to children. This is an uncommon tale of a family giving the gift of philanthropy to a man who was not their biological brother, but rather a brother of their hearts. In 2011 at a family member's rehearsal dinner, the Miller Family presented J. W. and Martha Whipple with a scholarship fund to advise at CFCG. "I just cried and cried, said Martha "I knew that we loved them and they loved us, I just didn't realize how much." J. W. and Martha award a scholarship from the fund each year to a graduate of Wilkinson County High School. They make their selection by reading applicants' essays and reviewing their grade point average.

When J. W. Whipple was 12 years old, his mother died. He had been doing yard work for Mr. Miller's mother in Gordon before he moved to Irwinton. "When I moved to Irwinton, I was living here and there and the Millers took me under their wing," says J. W. "Mrs. Carolyn started calling me their oldest son, so I became the oldest of five boys, even though I was black and they were white," he chuckled.

J. W. worked in the Millers' poultry business, first caring for the hens and later driving a delivery truck. Even after J. W.'s career path took him to Englehard Kaolin, where he worked his way up to the position of relief foreman, he remained a part of the Miller family. J. W. and Martha are always invited to and look forward to attending every Miller family function.

Years ago Mr. Miller told the Whipples that it was never too late at night to call if they needed anything at all. Today, J. W. echoes that sentiment in talking about his Miller brothers. "If they called right now, I'd have to go. No distance too far." And now the scholarship fund allows the Whipples to make a difference in the lives of other young people.

Scholarship Funds

Newton and Sara Anderson
Scholarship for Excellence Fund

Leo H. Brooks Scholarship Fund

Joyce Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund

Career Women's Network Scholarship Fund

Major David L. Carter Scholarship Fund

French Barron Cason and Thomas H. Cason
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Clifton-Whitehead Scholarship Fund

Sgt. Rodney M. Davis, USMC (MOH)
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Education Together Fund

GIGA Inc. Scholarship Fund

P. Allen Golson Scholarship Fund

Sarah and George William Grier, Jr.
Scholarship Fund

Hancock Scholarship Fund

Chapin Henley M.D. Scholarship Fund

Thiele Kaolin Higher Education Scholarship Fund

Trevor James Kelley Scholarship Fund

Gladys Lasky Endowment Fund

Al Lucas Memorial Scholarship Fund

Miller-Lanier-Central Scholarship Fund

John and Nancy Nations Scholarship Fund

Alvin V. Palmer Scholarship Fund

David Leon and Love Lankford Presley
Scholarship Fund

Riehl Science Scholarship Fund

Rotary Club of Downtown Macon
Scholarship Fund

The Shield Club Fund

G. Michael Shoffner M.D. Scholarship Fund

William P. Simmons Art Scholarship Fund

Billy and Bobby Stevens Fund

Walters Family Scholarship Fund

J. W. and Martha Whipple Scholarship Fund

Charles H. Williamson Memorial Scholarship Fund

WinShape Trailblazer Scholarship Fund

HER LEGACY LIVES ON

Gladys Lasky Fund

Scholarship Fund / Bibb County

COURTESY MIDDLE GEORGIA ARCHIVES



Gladys Lasky

DANNY GILLELAND



Gladys Lasky was a ballet teacher, choreographer, dance critic and scholar credited with enhancing culture in Macon in the late 1950s. During the last year of Miss Lasky's life, when she was critically ill, the Macon Ballet Guild raised \$20,000 to preserve her legacy in support of classical ballet. The Gladys Lasky Fund at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia memorializes Lasky's distinguished career and promotes the study of classical ballet by annually awarding a scholarship to a ballet student to participate in classical ballet instruction or a summer intensive.

Miss Lasky performed in Europe for many years before settling in Macon in 1955. She established her dance studio on Mulberry Street and also the Macon Ballet Guild. Through the Guild she produced classical story ballets and invited dance celebrities to perform alongside local students. "She was all about education and the arts, and enriching people's lives with culture," says Laura Lengel of Dance Arts Studio in remembering her mentor.

Christopher Crawford received a scholarship from the Gladys Lasky Fund in 2016 to attend a summer intensive at the Boston Ballet, and he wrote a note of thanks describing how he had been "transformed" by the experience afforded him by receiving the Gladys Lasky scholarship. "Thanks to the training and life lessons I learned during the intensive, I walk into my ballet classes with a new mindset and focal point for myself. The intensive not only made me a better dancer but it made me a better person, teacher, student and young adult. Now, I know I have what it takes to be great and very successful at what I do."



Miss Lasky's legacy lives on through the students who receive scholarships from the fund, like Christopher Crawford, shown here in a performance of The Nutcracker.

The money raised sat dormant for many years until the funds were transferred to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. "I wish we had known about the Foundation sooner," says fund advisor Patrick Cramer. "The Community Foundation is equipped to handle scholarship funds. They facilitate everything and send us a report of how the funds are awarded and how the students are impacted." This fund is an example of the power of an endowment. Miss Lasky's legacy lives on through the students who receive scholarships from the fund.



THE JOY OF GRANTMAKING

The Farrar Fund

Curtis and Annie Farrar can participate in grantmaking now while building an endowment for the future.



Curtis and Annie Farrar

Donor Advised Fund / Coffee County

Curtis and Annie Farrar planned to establish a fund at the Community Foundation of Coffee County (CFCC) through their will. Then they both served on the CFCC board, which led them to go ahead and establish a donor advised fund that they could enjoy using during their lifetime. "We wanted to see how this works so that later we can expand it. We are just trying to learn how we want to give, and teach our children how to give" says Curtis Farrar. "This will help to form a pathway to giving—causes we care about—that our family can follow when it becomes their responsibility."

Curtis and Annie decide what to give by paying attention to what's going on in the community. "I've lived in Douglas all of my life," says Curtis. They like to give to organizations with limited resources for whom a donation of \$500-\$1,000 could have a meaningful impact. Their selection process is simple and on their own timeline. "My wife and I don't have set criteria. One of us may hear about a need and we talk it over." They have provided support to

4-H programs, summer camps, the Boys and Girls Club, historical preservation groups, and senior citizen groups, usually for a targeted purpose. Their selections differ from year to year so that "no one group comes to depend on us." This method of giving allows them a great deal of discretion and the advantage of giving quietly.

Annie adds, "We made a contribution to create our fund at CFCC. Then at our request, the Foundation's staff researches the organizations we want to support, and we decide what grants we want to recommend." And while enjoying grantmaking during their lifetimes they can also build an endowment for the future that will always be there to support the community they love.

The Farrars value highly the support provided by the staff of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. "We have a lot of confidence in them. They are sincere and very good at what they do."

Community Foundation of Coffee County (CFCC) *was established in 2002 to improve the quality of life in Douglas, Georgia. Local citizens have benefitted from CFCC since its founding by taking advantage of the Foundation's charitable and estate planning expertise. Donors have given more than \$3 million to eight endowed funds, which have made approximately \$650,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations so far and will continue to do so. The entire Coffee County community has benefitted from these grants and the quality of life in Coffee County has been enhanced.*



BANDING TOGETHER

Bragg Jam Fund

Organizational Endowment Fund / Bibb County



In 2015, the Bragg Jam Board of Directors established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia (CFCG) to ensure the organization's sustainability. A \$12,000 challenge grant from CFCG spurred the Bragg Jam Board to raise an additional \$24,000 to seed the endowment fund.

In the almost 20 years which have passed since bereaved band mates originally held a memorial concert for musician brothers Brax & Tate Bragg, Bragg Jam has grown into an annual event which in 2017 boasted 85 bands and solo artists at 20

stages performing a variety of styles - experimental, country, rap, Americana, rock, blues, and soul. Now a nonprofit organization run by dedicated volunteers, Bragg Jam, Inc. plans, promotes and staffs not only the annual music festival held the last Saturday each July but also a monthly Second Sunday Community Concert series. Funds raised have been donated to the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail. According to Everett Verner, Board Chair of Bragg Jam, "Bragg Jam donations have funded a raft-canoe putout on the south side of Amerson Park as well as helping with maintenance and construction of the Trail."

The busy volunteer board of Bragg Jam has been described as a "family of compatible young people" by Julie Bragg, mother of Brax and Tate. As the Bragg Jam Board members continue to band together to hone their skills as civic leaders, they have chosen to partner with CFCG to establish and maintain an endowment to ensure a strong financial footing for the future of Bragg Jam. CFCG will help the organization build the fund, and handle all administrative and financial management duties.

Board members see the value of partnership and are glad to have an endowment fund at CFCG to ensure that Bragg Jam will be able to continue to promote hip, entertaining urban events, preserve the legacy of Brax and Tate Bragg, and support local causes such as the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail.



Organizational Endowment Funds

More than 40 local nonprofit organizations have endowment funds at CFCG to provide a perpetual source of income to support their missions. The Community Foundation of Central Georgia offers these nonprofits planned giving support, publicity, and access to high quality investment management. For a full list of Organizational Endowment Funds, please visit cfcga.org/for-donors/organizational-endowment-funds.



TEACHING PHILANTHROPY

Michael and Lynda Brutz Family Fund

Our parents taught us philanthropy by example,” says Mike Brutz, “even though we come from humble backgrounds. They didn’t talk about giving; they did it by helping a neighbor cut grass or by preparing a meal for them.”

Mike and his wife, Lynda, established the Michael and Lynda Brutz Family Fund of the Barnesville-Lamar Community Foundation (BLCF). “At Thanksgiving when we’re feeling grateful and blessed, we sit down with our children and choose charities to support. It makes our holiday,” explains Lynda. “It’s a wonderful feeling to see our children’s excitement and to give back in honor of our parents.”

Lynda and her sister, Becki, also have established a separate fund in memory of their parents, Bobby and Margie Caldwell to honor them “for working hard to raise and educate us, and for their countless sacrifices.” Because education was important to their parents, they have made grants from both the Brutz and Caldwell funds to many children’s causes, such as the Ferst Foundation of Lamar County.

Sharing family philanthropy with their children is important to Mike and Lynda, too. Their fund at BLCF provides that opportunity. “A donor advised

fund is an excellent teaching tool for passing down the art of philanthropy to the next generation,” says Mike. “Our children are practicing now by giving smaller amounts of money so that when they advise the family fund, they will be experienced philanthropists.”

Mike was a founding member of the board of the Barnesville-Lamar Community Foundation. It was Mike’s work with BLCF that inspired them to create their family funds at the Community Foundation. He is convinced of the value that a community foundation offers to a community. “The dependable funds that a community foundation injects into a community, for perpetuity, demonstrates the vitality of that community and promotes confidence in a better future for all its citizens.” And Lynda concludes, “I just can’t say enough about how thorough, professional and supportive the Community Foundation staff is. They research any organization that we show an interest in and ensure our grants happen with ease.”

Barnesville-Lamar Community Foundation (BLCF) was founded in 2007 by a group of civic-minded citizens to encourage charitable giving and enhance the work of local nonprofit organizations in Lamar County. At BLCF’s 10th Anniversary in 2017, it was announced that donors had given more than \$2 million in contributions to create 17 funds, which had awarded more than \$275,000 in grants benefiting Barnesville-Lamar County. Through its donors who make grants to local charitable organizations, BLCF is making Lamar County a better place to live and work.

Mike and Lynda Brutz (center) with their children and grandchildren.





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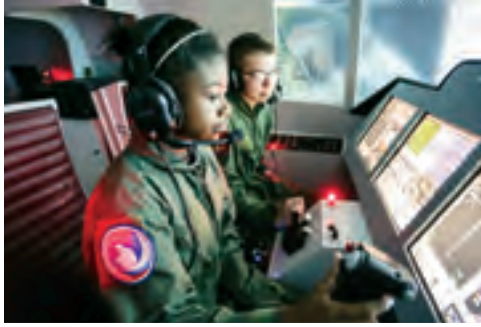
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