

REPORT to the COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Central Georgia





LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

“IT’S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS.” THAT WAS WHAT MELVIN KRUGER TOLD ME WHEN I MOVED BACK TO MACON FROM NEW YORK IN 1990. IN THE MORE THAN 30 YEARS SINCE THEN, I HAVE OFTEN THOUGHT ABOUT (AND QUOTED) THOSE WORDS, MARVELING AT HOW TRUE THEY ARE.

Good relationships are connections, built on trust, that generate real synergy. At the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, these relationship qualities are at the core of everything we do. We endeavor to grow the philanthropic “pie” by connecting generous donors with avenues to express their generosity by supporting passionate doers. We create 3 from 1+1 by encouraging collaboration and cooperation among the nonprofits our donors support. Finally, we build trust by exhibiting excellence and integrity in all that we do.

This year, the Foundation embarked on a new branding effort that we hope reflects these qualities as well. As you look at the new mark, I hope you will see circles evoking the perpetual cycle of multigenerational



giving; I hope you will see the synergy between donors and doers in the interwoven rings; and I hope you will sense the strength of trust found in a woven thread. Likewise, as you read the stories in this report, I hope you find the same themes: connections, synergy, trust. I invite you to read these stories and consider adding your own chapter to the work of our Community Foundation.

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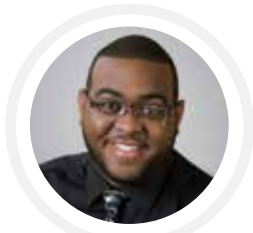
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Enhance the quality of life for the people of Central Georgia.

A Central Georgia where philanthropy thrives, communities are strong and citizens work toward common goals.

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GROWING GIVING

RELATIONSHIPS ARE AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO.
MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS EMPOWER MORE
CENTRAL GEORGIANS TO STRENGTHEN THIS COMMUNITY
THROUGH PHILANTHROPY.

The Architecture of a Legacy

Jean League Newton, AIA, Fund

Growing up as the daughter of a well-known architect, the path before Jean League Newton seemed set from the start. Her mother, Ellamae Ellis League, was a pioneering force of an architect from Macon, but Newton was a quiet woman following her mother's career path while making her own way in the field.

Trained at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Newton was passionate about preservation and restoration efforts in her beloved hometown of Macon. As an early president of the Historic Preservation Board of the Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, she was instrumental in saving much of what are now historic neighborhoods of downtown Macon.

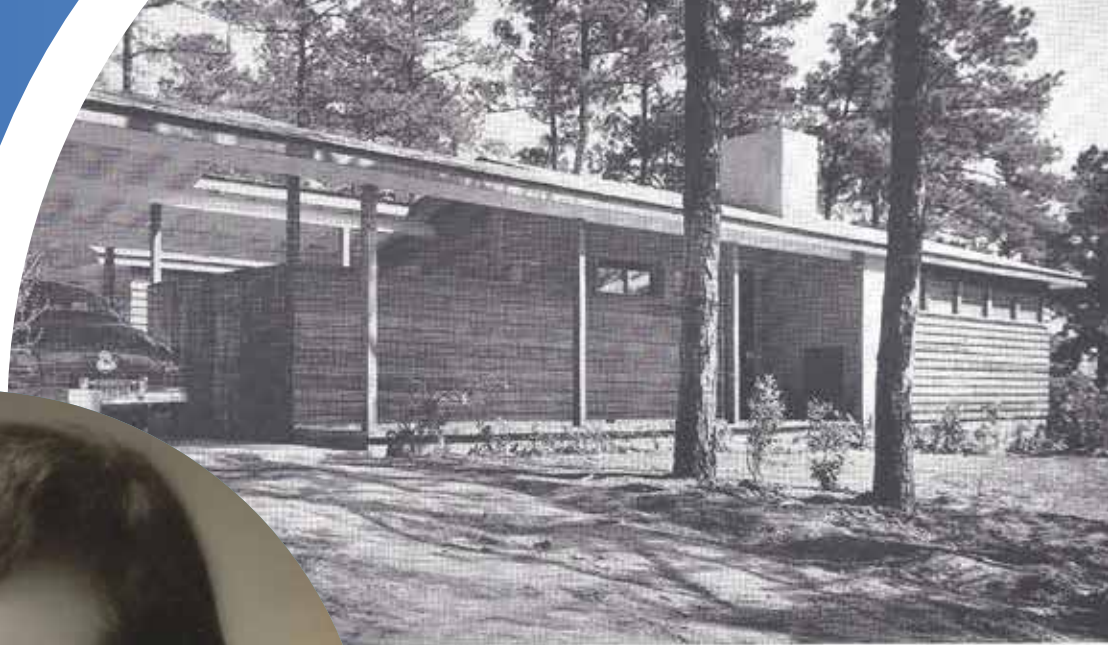
It made sense, then, upon Newton's death for her daughters, Edith Newton Wilson and Suzy Newton, to want to honor their mother's legacy by ensuring the preservation work she started in the 1970s would continue forever. So they established the Jean League

Newton, AIA, Fund at CFCG to generate annual income for Historic Macon Foundation.

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“Historic Macon has such a strong relationship with the Community Foundation of Central Georgia,” Ethiel Garlington, executive director of Historic Macon, shared. “It made sense to formalize an endowment fund at CFCG that is named after their mother.”

The Jean League Newton, AIA, Fund provides the funding for a summer internship position at Historic Macon to inspire students to continue Newton's



Jean League Newton pictured with one of her architectural projects in Macon.

valuable work of protecting architectural elements in the community, and it awarded Nouvella O’Bryant, a historic preservation and restoration student at Savannah Technical College, with the inaugural internship in the summer of 2021.

“Historic preservation breathes life back into an area, providing economic opportunities and drawing people together. It’s never just about a building. You can’t put a price or a number on the importance of doing this work in areas like Macon or other small towns and cities across the country,” said O’Bryant.

Surely, Jean League Newton would have agreed with the inaugural intern. And while neither Edith or Suzy went into architecture to follow in their mother’s footsteps, they are intent on preserving her legacy and overseeing the architecture of her impact that will last well beyond their own lives.

An Opportunity for Growth

The Fund for Houston County



A CFCG grant funded critical home repairs for low income families in Houston County.

Great communities have citizens who come together and work toward common goals. That is exactly what is happening in Houston County.

Longtime Houston County resident Kathy O’Neal, along with a committee of other local leaders, led the charge to establish The Fund for Houston County – a permanent fund at the Community Foundation of Central Georgia to solely support Houston County’s nonprofit organizations and charitable projects working to improve the lives of Houston County residents.

From Robins Air Force Base to the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Houston County has unique opportunities that define the community.

“We have needs specific to this community,” shared O’Neal. “And we wanted a way to bring people together from across the county to be part of making a difference for everyone who calls Houston County home.”

Dr. Ivan Allen, CFCG board member, explained that the goal of the new fund is to build an endowment that awards grants year after year to deserving Houston County nonprofit organizations. An advisory committee of local citizens will annually review grant requests and decide how to allocate grant dollars to best serve the unique needs of Houston County.

Local leaders know what is best for their community and having dedicated charitable resources to address Houston County’s unique needs will position the community for success both now and in the future.

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“We want to grow opportunities for people to support projects, organizations and initiatives that define Houston County or for nonprofits to be able to expand their good work to better serve the people of Houston County,” Allen said. “We are grateful for the Community Foundation’s shared vision of the importance of growing philanthropy across Central Georgia. Their support of the fund has started a ripple of positive change across our community.”

From Hardship to a Long-Lasting Memory

NAP Foundation Scholarship Fund

Life can change in an instant. Ron and Victor Shipman know this to be true. They were teenagers when their parents, Adele and Homer Shipman, Jr., died.


Ron and Victor completed high school and college and have worked hard to live out the values their parents instilled in them before they passed away at such early ages. Recently they wanted to do more to honor their parents' memory. Ron and Victor established the NAP Foundation Scholarship Fund at CFCG to honor their parents' generous, hard-working spirit and create meaningful change in the lives of students across Central Georgia.

"Parents are crucial to your upbringing, but you also need to have a supportive community involved in your upbringing and an understanding about being good stewards," explains Ron.

Named affectionately after their mother, whose nickname was "Nap," this scholarship supports students pursuing a bachelor's degree in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) field.

Recognizing how difficult it is to lose a parent at a young age, the Shipman brothers also wanted to be sure their parents' fund was structured in such a way that it helped other students facing the unimaginable heartbreak of losing a parent pursue their educational dreams.

"We want to make sure this scholarship helps students well beyond our lifetime," Ron explains. "And having an organization like the Community Foundation that you can trust is so helpful."



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Adele and Homer Shipman, Jr. for whom the NAP Foundation Scholarship Fund is named.

AMPLIFYING IMPACT

COLLABORATION AMONG OUR NONPROFITS, DONORS AND THE COMMUNITY IS CHANGING CENTRAL GEORGIA FOR THE BETTER. POWERFUL THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOWARD COMMON GOALS.

The Power of Partnership

Central Georgia COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, individuals, businesses, and nonprofits across Central Georgia faced unforeseen challenges. It was an unexpected and unprecedented crisis for our time, creating a depth of needs. However, this crisis also amplified the generosity of our community and donors, and reinforced the value of community partnerships and leadership.

Relationships with donors, nonprofits, and community partners positioned the Community Foundation to swiftly mobilize a philanthropic response to address the urgent economic, health, and social needs impacting the community. In partnership with the United Way of Central Georgia, CFCG connected nonprofits and resources to maximize collaboration and provided direct financial assistance to local nonprofits working to serve our community's most vulnerable residents.

United Way of Central Georgia's President and CEO George McCanless explained, "When COVID started, we knew that we needed to collaborate to help the



nonprofit community. We knew we would be much stronger together. Our partnership was reassuring to the community and nonprofit organizations that were rising up to meet the ever-growing needs of those impacted."

Supported by the tremendous generosity of our community, the Central Georgia COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund received more than \$2 million in donations that would be deployed back into the community in the form of grants focused on responding quickly to sudden, critical, and unique community needs.

In addition to providing funding, CFCG and United Way hosted monthly meetings (more frequent early on) via Zoom to identify pressing needs due to the pandemic. These calls built connections between nonprofit leaders that enabled them to work together to find creative solutions to their peers' concerns. The camaraderie that has developed and the encouragement offered are bonus benefits of the calls!

More than 125 grants from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund were awarded to nonprofit organizations across the Central Georgia region. Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia was one organization that benefited from grants from the Fund after sharing a large expense caused by the pandemic.

“The power we harness together is far greater than our individual efforts, and the pandemic served as an important reminder of how much more we can accomplish when we work together toward common goals.”

Suzanne Walker, shelter director at Crisis Line & Safe House, explained, “Those who were already in the shelter when the pandemic started remained in the shelter, but to comply with quarantine guidelines, we needed to house new residents somewhere with ample space and amenities.”

The organization shifted its process to house new residents in hotel rooms. This quickly removed the victims from dangerous situations but required additional funding to pay for the hotel rooms, which would not have been possible without grant funding from the COVID-19 Fund.

“We are so fortunate that we have CFCG’s community leadership in our region, because we know they care, and they are always there to help,” said Walker.



A Community Built Together

Francis Lott Community Economic Development Fund

FEW HAVE MADE AN IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY LIKE FRANCIS LOTT. BEGINNING IN THE 1970S, LOTT LED A CHARGE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HIS HOMETOWN OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA. THANKS TO HIS FORESIGHT IN ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TO BENEFIT COFFEE COUNTY, THE COMMUNITY WILL BE MADE STRONGER BY HIS GENEROSITY FOREVER.



Francis Lott, whose impact on Douglas, Ga. will be felt for generations.

Established in 2006 at the Community Foundation of Coffee County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, the fund honors Lott's considerable efforts and impact on the community by making grants to economic development projects that help improve the quality of life in Coffee County.

"This fund has the power to significantly strengthen the economic development activities of our community. It not only perpetuates Mr. Lott's drive to improve economic growth for the area, but it also offers incredible possibilities for the future of Coffee County," said Joan Zimmer, former chair of the Community

Foundation of Coffee County. "Most towns and communities this size do not have access to a fund like this. It's really unique to have something like this here in Douglas."

Lott established the fund because he wanted to create possibilities for his hometown and be sure the work continues once he's gone.

"I started thinking, somebody's got to carry this on when I'm gone, and that's why I pursued developing this fund. I'm proud of the work we've done, and I want this community to keep growing," Lott said.

Community Foundation of Coffee County

FOUNDED IN 2002

9 funds

\$4.9 million in total assets

\$1.5 million in total grants and scholarships

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EXEMPLIFYING EXCELLENCE

INTENTIONAL, STRATEGIC GIVING THAT CREATES MEANINGFUL CHANGE REQUIRES TRUST. THAT'S WHY CFCG COUPLES OUTSTANDING PERSONAL SERVICE AND POSITIVE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WITH RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

Reaching for the Future

Lamar County Schools System Endowment Fund

Joe Edwards knew that a community foundation would have a lasting impact for the community he loves.

“There are so few things that outlive you; this is one of those,” Edwards said.

Edwards and the founding board members had several clear goals for the community when they shared the vision for the Barnesville-Lamar Community Foundation (BLCF) and one was to build endowment funds to support quality education. When then Lamar County Schools Superintendent Bill Truby approached the newly formed BLCF about supporting local education, Edwards immediately helped to determine the best approach.

“Our county is only as good as our school system,” said Edwards. “We have a wonderful modern campus here, but there are still some things that can make a difference – things that county, state, and federal funds don’t provide. That’s where philanthropy can help.”



In 2007, the Lamar County Schools System Endowment Fund was established to provide a permanent way to support the public school system for years to come. It has proven particularly helpful for Lamar County Schools’ involvement with the REACH Georgia scholarship program.

The REACH Georgia program is a unique needs-based mentoring and scholarship program that pairs state dollars with local donations to provide promising students with support to graduate high school and achieve postsecondary success. In fact, the school system must raise \$2,500 for each of the five eighth grade students the year they are selected. Each REACH Scholar who successfully completes the program receives a minimum \$10,000 post-secondary scholarship.



REACH Scholars from
Lamar County Middle School.

“Donors trust that their dollars will be carefully stewarded and used to inspire young students in Lamar County to reimagine their educational pathway.”

Local educators get involved by designating funds from their own paychecks for the REACH scholarship. “Our staff recognizes the importance of training and education and has bought into investing in our students,” said current Lamar County Schools Superintendent Dr. Jute Wilson. “We can’t say enough about what an outstanding opportunity the REACH scholarship program is for deserving students.”

Having an endowment fund to also support the school system’s participation in this program helps ensure the success of the program, which has already aided 35 students and is set to select another five this year.

“Partnering with the Community Foundation for this endowment fund brings an extra level of credibility to our efforts,” shared Edwards. “Donors trust that their dollars will be carefully stewarded and used to inspire young students in Lamar County to reimagine their educational pathways.”

Barnesville-Lamar Community Foundation

FOUNDED IN 2007

25 funds

\$4.6 million in total assets

\$800,000

in grants and scholarships

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A Family Legacy of Giving

Thad E. Murphey
Family Fund

WHEN THAD E. MURPHEY PASSED AWAY IN 1997, HIS PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT ENDURED THROUGH THE THAD E. MURPHEY FAMILY FUND AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL GEORGIA.

Murphey's passion for historic preservation was evident throughout his life, with his efforts leading to the establishment of the Historic Macon Foundation. He also had a lifelong dedication to leadership in business and a vast array of causes and organizations important to him.

Because he wanted to leave a powerful philanthropic legacy, he arranged for the establishment of the Thad E. Murphey Family Fund through his estate and named his two daughters as advisors to the fund.

"Setting up a donor advised fund allowed our family to continue to support organizations that were important to Daddy and carry on a family legacy of giving," said Sally Heard, Thad's daughter.

Sally, along with her sister Harriett Durkee, have served as advisors to the family's fund since 1998 and appreciate the ease and flexibility they have in continuing to honor their father by giving to organizations important to him and their family.



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By working through the Foundation, the sisters have been able to continue yearly donations in his name to Historic Macon Foundation along with supporting organizations such as Mulberry Street Methodist church, where their father was a member, the Museum of Arts & Sciences, the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Vineville United Methodist Church, Cannonball House, Macon Arts, and NewTown Macon, to name a few.

The Community Foundation helps generous donors like the Murphey family leave a positive, lasting legacy to support the community they love and call home.

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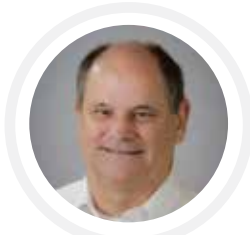
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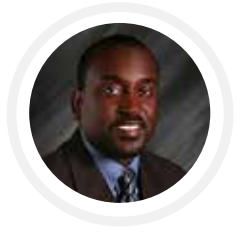
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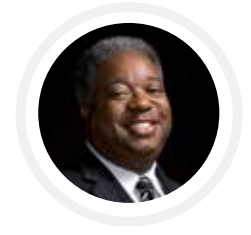
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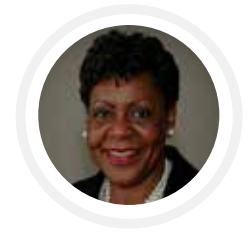
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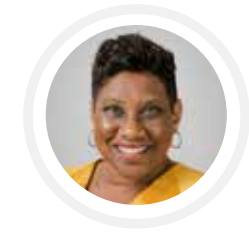
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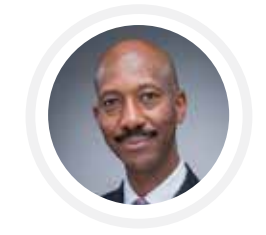
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