



**ATHENS AREA
Community
Foundation**

Annual Report 2022

Growing giving for the community you love.



Lead. Partner. Guide.

“With the Community Foundation, we’re able to harness the power of our local nonprofits and donors to improve the lives of people in our community. One of the things I like about it is that this organization is very nimble, and we can quickly impact the lives of the people we serve.”

– DR. MYRON DOWNS
*Vice Chair,
Athens Area Community Foundation*



LETTER

FROM SARAH MCKINNEY & SARA SCHRAMM



Sarah McKinney
Sarah McKinney
President & CEO



Sara Schramm
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Board Chair

Givers are leaders and legacy-makers. How are you leading and creating legacy? You are opening funds with us, harnessing your desire to grow resources and to meaningfully give. You are nonprofit leaders, working tirelessly to care for our community. You are board members, offering your time and expertise in service to our community. You are volunteers, leveraging your time and energy for the good of your neighbors. **You are the reason we exist: to grow giving for the community we love, to support you in your leadership and legacy-making.**

In this 2022 annual report of the Athens Area Community Foundation, you will read inspiring stories of leadership and legacy, heart and service. You will read about Drew Vandenberg’s passion for music and how he decided to leverage it for the benefit of a local nonprofit, Myra Blackmon’s desire to have her giving outlast her, Helen Mills’ support of local students who carry on the work her late husband began, and the Williams Family’s commitment to support camp for youth in South Georgia, continuing the legacy of a beloved father. In exercising their leadership and generosity, these fund holders embody Family. Community. Legacy. Love of Neighbor. Thoughtfulness. Gratitude. Service. And in return, they have full hearts.

At the close of 2021, assets totaled \$19.9M. More importantly, since our inception, grants from our Athens Area Community Foundation have exceeded \$16.3M, representing many changed lives. Your legacy and leadership are key to loving our community well. It is our honor to work with you to grow your giving for the community we all love.

With full hearts,
Sara and Sarah

Using His Gifts to Give Back

Local recording engineer rallies Athens creatives to help community nonprofits

Feel like you can't do much to make a difference?

Try chatting with Drew Vandenberg for a little inspiration.

“Think about how much TV we watch,” said this Athens-based recording engineer. “If instead, we spent five hours a week — or even five hours every other week — working at the food bank or the library, it could have this massive impact.”

Drew's quick to laugh and say he's not trying to call everyone out.

“I just got to the point in my life where I felt like I needed to hold myself accountable,” he explained. “I looked around and said: ‘What are my skills? Who are the people I can work together with to make a change?’ And I started there.”

Drew, who grew up in Watkinsville, started mixing music at Chase Park Transduction as a teenager — a job he's still doing today.

His other job? Giving back through Athens Resonates.

Athens Resonates brings together (mostly) Athens-based creative businesses. Funds are raised through the sales of live band recordings and original album art. One hundred percent of proceeds benefit Nuçi's Space and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Athens' Music Makers program.

“The long and short of it is: Nuçi's Space and the Boys & Girls Club both have tons of programs for kids,” he added. “They're both filling vital roles.”

After developing a plan for Athens Resonates in 2018 and launching at South by Southwest in 2019, they started strong.

“We had a really great first year,” said Drew. “We put out four releases before the pandemic hit.”

That start helped make a difference, especially as Covid began to impact the community.

“The timing of it all couldn't have been more useful,” he explained. “Right before the pandemic, we had raised almost \$20,000. So, when it hit, I was able to turn to these community-based organizations in a time of uncertainty, a time when people are looking for stability. We were able to give each of them \$10,000.”

And even though Covid paused some of their work, Athens Resonates started recording again last year.

“We took that breather,” he said. “And then, we put out another release [in 2022] as sort of our comeback.”

For Drew, connecting with musicians, engineering sound, and giving back to the community are all things he loves. But the technical aspects of giving? That felt a little more challenging.

Thankfully, a friend referred him to the Athens Area Community Foundation.

“[They] said there's this community foundation. You can have a fund there. You can keep a certain amount of money there and put it toward great causes,” he recalled. “And I said, ‘This sounds exactly like what I want.’”

Drew said he appreciated the flexibility, support, and encouragement from AACF President and CEO Sarah McKinney, as well as Kipper Koslowsky, Director of Donor Services.

“Sarah and Kipper are just so helpful,” he said. “Just being able to email them with any questions I might have [is great]. They're a good resource. And they've been really helpful to me in getting my fund to work in the way it needs to work.”

AACF is a good option for anyone exploring ways to give back, according to Drew.

“If you're looking for a way to funnel some of your money or resources toward good, it's a great way to do that. They're great people to talk to over there and explain how all this works,” he said. “They're extremely helpful. It's great to have this built-in infrastructure. [Someone] that you can go to and say, ‘I'd like to do something nice with my money. Can you help me grow that?’ And they do.”

“I'm just glad it does exist,” he added. 🌱

(L-R) Bob Sleppy, Executive Director, Nuçi's Space and Drew Vandenberg, Fundholder for the Athens Resonates Fund at the Athens Area Community Foundation





Drew Vandenberg is able to donate 100 percent of all proceeds raised through *Athens Resonates* so that it can benefit both *Nuçi's Space* as well as the *Music Makers* program within the *Boys & Girls Clubs of Athens*.
Pictured: Drew Vandenberg (L) and Bob Sleppy (R), Executive Director, Nuçi's Space

Making an impact in Athens

Athens couple give back through their educational fund

Athens Area Community Foundation was a brand-new idea in 2008, and Myra Blackmon and her late husband Tom Holland were among the foundation's early cheerleaders.

“We really wanted Athens to have a community foundation,” explained Myra. “And then, when it did get started, we were delighted from the get-go.”

Experienced consultants and teachers, this husband and wife team knew plenty about nonprofits.

Myra served a diverse clientele through her PR firm, M. Blackmon Public Relations in Athens. Tom founded the Nonprofit Institute and Master of the Nonprofit Organization programs at UGA. The pair also worked together as non-profit consultants.

“We worked with some amazing clients over the years,” said Myra. “We worked with a lot of bigger nonprofits, and we worked internationally. Tom had a Fulbright that took us to Prague.”

Working around the world didn't dampen their enthusiasm for Athens, though. Not long after the community foundation launched, they saw a chance to invest locally.

“We had some stock in a large educational company we didn't want to continue to own for a variety of reasons,” she said, “so we used that to form the Holland Blackmon Fund for Children.”

Their fund at the Athens Area Community Foundation supports education-related projects for low-income children.

“We wanted to be able to support things that didn't always get done — pay for tutoring, buy eyeglasses, support lunch programs. Whatever that needs to be,” said Myra.

And that's exactly what they've done.

Over the years, they've supported a variety of local causes. They've given to Girl Scouts and CASA (now Children First). They've also helped fund Reach Scholarships — scholarships that encourage students to finish school and pursue college degrees.

“We've been able to do a lot of cool things,” she added. “We've been able to help fund Reach Scholarships, for example. To know we're helping kids who really need this, kids who really see the importance of education — it's incredibly gratifying.”

Myra also loves being able to continue the family legacy of philanthropy.

“[Giving back] is one of our family values,” she said. “We were raised that way. That's the way I've tried to live and I believe my brothers tried to, too. My parents certainly did.”

Giving through the Holland Blackmon Fund is one way to honor those family values.

“My financial plan has an annual amount that goes into this fund. And to know that it will be there in perpetuity is tremendously satisfying. I will give for the rest of my life and that legacy will continue as far down the road as any of us can see,” she said. “Just sitting here and thinking about that? I'm about to cry. It gives me a sense of peace to know that the Holland Blackmon Fund for Children will still be helping children 100 years from now. It's very powerful.”


Supporting these local causes is uncomplicated thanks to the Athens Area Community Foundation and its staff — including CEO and President Sarah McKinney and Director of Donor Services Kipper Koslowsky.

“Sarah and Kipper make it so easy,” said Myra. “It's really very efficient. I like that.”

And with their help, givers can find more ways to make a local impact.

“The community foundation is the most comprehensive way we have to identify solutions to community problems,” said Myra. “So, if you don't know what you want to do with your money, they can give you expert, non-biased guidance. They can help you make sure your money works the best it can. There's really no one else who does that.”

And it's a boost to the nonprofit community, too.

“I value how much the foundation wants to strengthen the nonprofit sector in general, too. They offer board education and different things like that,” she added. “It's not just about giving money. It's also about enhancing the community's capacity.” 

Myra Blackmon, Fundholder
at the Athens Area
Community Foundation



Helen Mills, Fundholder at the Athens Area Community Foundation

Giving to Make a Difference

Board member and fund holder looks back

“Actually, the community foundation found me.”

In 2023, Helen Mills retired from UGA after 32 years as Associate Vice President for Public Service and Outreach, Emeritus. But that’s not the only job she had over the years.

Fifteen years ago, she accepted another role — board secretary for what was then a very new organization, the Athens Area Community Foundation.

“We were the last metro statistical area in Georgia that did not have a foundation,” explained Helen. “And we were also starting pretty much at the beginning of a recession. So, that made it a challenge. But we had people on that initial committee who had been involved in other community foundations or other foundations in general. They knew the concept and the value. It was a matter of weathering those first few years and helping the community understand what it was all about.”

Launched as an initiative of One Athens a few years before, the foundation officially took root in 2008. Judge Steve Jones served as the first board chair. Delene Porter became the first executive director.

“Steve Jones asked me to serve on the initial committee, and I said I would serve any way I could,” she explained. “I was secretary for the board meetings for the first three or four years, and I learned about the community foundation as we went along. I think we all did.”

But Helen didn’t just invest her time over the years. She also became a fundholder.

Helen and her late husband Milton set up a family fund earmarked for causes they love. This fund supports their church, First Baptist Church of Athens; Athens Y Camps, where she and Milton met as teenagers; and Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, where Milton’s mom worked as a head RN when it was Athens General.

“Those three are near and dear to our hearts,” explained Helen. “And we thought this fund was a good vehicle for legacy giving long after we’re gone.”

Helen also worked with the community foundation to create a scholarship fund after Milton passed away in 2020.

Now in its second year, the Hugh Milton Mills III Scholarship Fund offers two \$1,000 scholarships to benefit

Cedar Shoals High School students pursuing any type of technical study related to auto mechanics.

“Milton was the first teacher in auto mechanics at Cedar Shoals High School beginning in 1972,” explained Helen. “And when he died, I heard so many stories about his impact — not just how to fix something, but also life skills, how to treat people, and how to do things right. I thought the scholarship would be a way to continue to make an impact.”

Helen said she loved seeing the effects of these scholarships first-hand.

“Just seeing the gratitude of those two students and getting to interact with them and their family and hear their stories [was so rewarding],” she added.

Whether it’s a scholarship fund or a family fund, the Athens Area Community Foundation offers many options.

“One of the things I’ve told people over and over again is that the community foundation not only helps you make connections, but it also helps you take care of all the back office stuff,” Helen said. “You don’t have to make any reports. It just makes it so much easier.”

And part of what makes that giving so doable is the foundation’s great staff, said Helen.

“I’ve really appreciated the growth of the foundation since its inception,” she said. “And I’ve appreciated what [President and CEO] Sarah [McKinney] and all the staff have done. They always have their ears and minds open to connecting a person’s interests in the community with the needs in the community.”

It’s that love of community — and a deep-rooted joy of giving — that motivates Helen, too.

“This is the community I grew up in, and I want to see it do well,” she said. “[Giving back] is what we’re taught in our faith. Plus, you can’t take it with you. So, why not use it to the benefit of somebody else or some organization? It gives me joy to do that.”



Cedar Shoals High School Auto Tech Students gather with Helen Mills, Fundholder at the Athens Area Community Foundation and Dave Darden, Auto Tech Instructor at Cedar Shoals High School

Jon Williams and Amy Stone,
Fundholders at the Athens Area
Community Foundation



COMMUNITY STORY

The gift of an endowment

Athens son gifts his dad an endowment to send kids to 4-H camp

Jon Williams has a big heart for 4-H. You might say it's a family tradition.

Jon has been part of the Athens community since 1991, and today he's the owner of Better Communities Collaborative, a family of innovative business with the unified mission to work towards a better tomorrow, finding the best, most creative solutions that match the needs of their clients

But long before all that happened, Jon was a 4-H camper.

Growing up, he joined as many Bacon County 4-H events as possible. And Jon's dad, Jay Williams, was a 4-H supporter, giving generously to 4-H over the years.

So, Jon continued that tradition of giving.

For years, Jon and his wife Amy Stone gave anonymously to support 4-H in Bacon County.

"About 15 years ago, we started giving to 4-H to send five kids to camp every summer," he explained. "And we'd give a little extra money for them to put into a CD."

And now, with help from the Athens Area Community Foundation, that little something extra has developed into something extra special.

"A few years ago, for my dad's birthday, we gave him the gift of an endowment named after him. It's Mr. J's Kids Camp Scholarship. He was a big supporter of 4-H for 30 years," said Jon. "And now, my dad's endowment will send five kids to 4-H camp in perpetuity."


Honoring his family's tradition of generosity by setting up a scholarship fund in south Georgia took some coordination. But Jon said it felt simpler with help from President and CEO Sarah McKinney and the team at Athens Area Community Foundation.

"Sarah and her staff did a wonderful job facilitating the discussions and making all this happen," he said. "They took on all the burdens and tasks between government agencies and just handled it. Once I connected her with my contact down there, they made it happen."

Whether it's 4-H or other giving opportunities, Jon said the Athens Area Community Foundation makes giving back doable every step of the way.

"Knowing we can put money in the foundation and give it at the time of our choosing, makes it easy for us to do gifts — whether it's going to the university or a smaller organization," he said. "They have an online platform. We log on, tell how much we want to send, where we want to send it, what it's for and they take care of the rest."

But it's not just that high-tech connection that's so essential.

"We have a tremendous number of nonprofits in Athens because there is a tremendous amount of need," he said. "And I think one of the roles the foundation plays is connecting people with charities that fit what that person wants to give to. They take a lot of ownership in making sure they know a lot about the different organizations around town. So, if you call Sarah and say, 'Hey, I want to support something around food insecurity,' they're going to know three or four organizations they can connect you with. That's very helpful for people who are busy. People want to contribute but don't always know how. They're making it easy." 

Strategic Plan

Executive Summary

Philanthropy has a role in every aspect of our world, and we are dreaming big for this region. Equipped with a culture of integrity, engaged leadership, and a passion for great giving, our Athens Area Community Foundation has embarked on a wonderfully aggressive, two-year strategic plan.

The commitment and generosity of Athens Area Community Foundation fundholders has ignited remarkable growth in assets managed and grants. To move forward meaningfully, we need a roadmap. A great strategic plan provides purpose, direction, and clearly defined goals. Our first ever strategic plan defines six key focus areas: Board and Staff, Operations and Facilities, Finance, Marketing and Development, Fundholder Experience, and Community Leadership. This plan is usable and ambitious, and we are excited to get started.

Together, let's keep **growing giving for the community we love.**



OUR MISSION

The Athens Area Community Foundation helps passionate donors leave permanent legacies, serves as a well-informed grantmaker, and shapes effective responses to community needs through collaboration.



OUR VISION

We envision a community with sufficient philanthropic resources harnessed to enhance civic engagement, a vibrant regional economy, a nimble workforce, effective schools, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, efficient public transportation, supportive services for the most vulnerable, strong cultural amenities, and environmental sustainability.



WHO WE ARE

- Trusted Community Leader
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- Trusted Partner for Local Organizations
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- Trusted Guide for Local Philanthropy

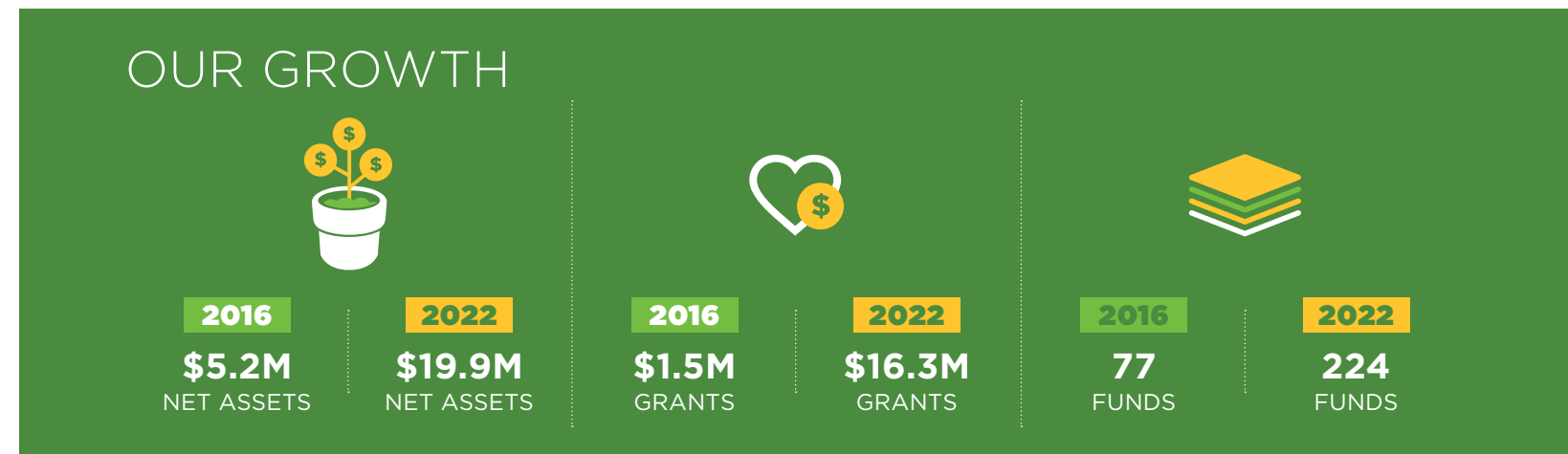
OUR COMMITMENT



OUR VALUES



OUR GROWTH



As of Dec. 31, 2022

KEY FOCUS AREAS

BOARD & STAFF

The Board and Staff has a culture of integrity through being engaged, consistent, knowledgeable, forward thinking, and trusted community leaders.

OPERATIONS & FACILITIES

The Athens Area Community Foundation is accredited by the National Standards for U.S. effectiveness, and has a facility plan that considers community needs.

FINANCE

The Athens Area Community Foundation has excellent budget, audit, and investment practices.

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT

The Athens Area Community Foundation is a trusted leader, partner, and guide for local philanthropy.

FUNDHOLDER EXPERIENCE

Fundholders experience exceptional customer service, ease in giving, and consistent opportunities to engage in, network with, and learn about their community.

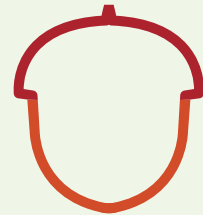
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The Athens Area Community Foundation is a trusted community leader, organizational partner, and philanthropic guide creating a better future for all by pursuing the community's greatest opportunities and addressing critical challenges.

How Can I Get Involved?

CREATING A DYNAMIC LEGACY AT AACF

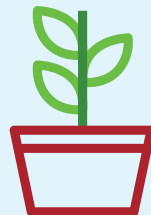
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Let's Talk

Contact us to talk about your passions in giving. We will be your philanthropic guide to match your giving to the causes you care about most.

2



Let's Make a Plan

We work to make your giving seamless. We have flexible options to give now, or later, with the most benefit for your needs. Set up a fund and begin giving today.

3



Let Us Make You Feel Great About Your Giving

We want you to experience joy through your giving! Have your voice heard by championing the causes you are passionate about, and become a part of the collective philanthropy working to help our community thrive for years to come.

Fund Options

CHOOSE THE ONE THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU!

Establish a Fund

The Athens Area Community Foundation offers donors the flexibility to establish funds to meet their unique philanthropic goals.



DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF)

- The most popular giving vehicle
- Donor receives immediate tax deduction and time to make grant recommendations within the donor's time horizon
- Permits donors to give grants locally, nationally or internationally to nonprofits that are 501c3
- Fund assets grow tax free
- Provides a way to give anonymously



UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

- The best way to give back to the Athens-area community
- Effective way to provide for the well-being of the region over time as needs change

Type 2: Community Grantmaking:

Funds a community grantmaking pool for nonprofits to receive grants directed by the Foundation's Board.

Type 1: Unrestricted Operating Fund (Founders Society):

Supports the Foundation's operations so we can grow giving for the community we love.



LEGACY FUND

A legacy fund provides you with an opportunity to include charitable giving in your estate plans and leave a lasting legacy for the community you love.



FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

Grantmaking directed from the fund is limited to a particular cause or field chosen by the donor. Community Foundation handles the grantmaking process and make grant decisions within donor guidelines.



DESIGNATED/ AGENCY FUND

Supports a specific organization in perpetuity or a term of years to the nonprofit(s) you choose.



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Donor establishes criteria to benefit students pursuing higher education.

Ways to Give

TO THE ATHENS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Give Now: Cash

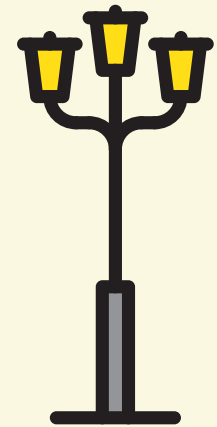


Generally, donors may claim a **tax deduction of up to 50% of AGI** when deductions are itemized.



Give Now: Securities

Appreciated securities donated to the AACF are deductible at their full market value up to 30% AGI each year. The AACF will liquidate and **no capital gains tax is paid** on the appreciated part of the gift. Accepted securities include **publicly traded stocks, bonds, and mutual funds**.



Give Now: Real Estate

The Athens Area Community Foundation can accept gifts of real property (**homes, land, etc.**), but require certain procedural steps. **Donors receive immediate income tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax.**



Give Later: Bequests

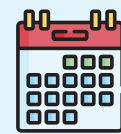
Bequests are one of the easiest ways to give. They can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of the estate, or the residual that remains after all other bequests.

Give Later: Life Insurance

Gifts of life insurance policies may be made by naming the Athens Area Community Foundation as the owner and beneficiary. The donor receives an **immediate tax deduction** approximately equal to the cash surrender value. Any premiums paid thereafter by the donor are deductible for income tax purposes.



Give Later: Individual Retirement Accounts & Retirement Plans



Donors may designate the Athens Area Community Foundation as the beneficiary of IRAs and retirement plans. This gift helps **avoid heavily taxable income to heirs.**

Give Later: Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

Pays the donor or beneficiary regular income payments for a specified term and the remainder will be transferred to the AACF.

The donor receives an immediate tax deduction for the present value.



Benefits

OF THE ATHENS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Permanent & Stable

Your gift will keep giving. Future use of funds will honor donor's original intent and will **reside with a group of informed, local citizens.**



Flexible & Seamless

Multiple ways to give. **Gifts may be designated for one specific purpose - or many.**



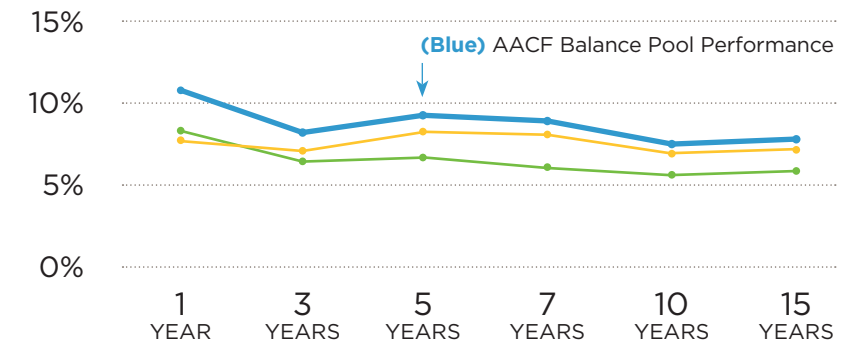
Personal & Relevant

You can help meet changing community needs. Through the AACF, **donors have granted over \$9.8M in funds for a lasting impact.**

Experienced Investment Management

Access to experienced investment management

The Athens Area Community Foundation takes its stewardship responsibility very seriously. We are determined to protect and enhance assets over the long term. Our investments consistently outperform our peers.



AACF Balanced Pool (blue) compared to Community Foundation Peers (green) and the Balanced Index (yellow). Balanced Index is 49% S&P 500, 16% MSCI EAFE, 35% Barclays U.S. Aggregate. Sources of information: American Funds + Colonial Consulting LLC and Fiscal & Administrative Officers Group (FAOG) Community Foundation Survey.



Convenience

We offer "One-Stop Giving"

You have the ability to create a separate fund - your foundation within the foundation. We make it easy to give through us via cash, securities, bequests, life insurance, and more.



Tax Advantage

Your fund provides tax and financial benefits

When you give through us, your donations qualify for maximum deductions.



Grantmaking Expertise

Access to Local Knowledge and Expertise

Our professional staff is familiar with local nonprofit organizations and the critical issues facing our community, as well as data for informed, local giving. We will help you make impactful grant decisions.

TRUST

in Guiding Local Philanthropy

Founders Society

For Operational Sustainability

Creating a dynamic legacy includes impacting communities and generations to come. The members of our Founders Society intend to do just that. We are grateful for their generosity and recognize the contributions they have made to impact our present and future generations.

In most cases donors give through a community foundation, not to a community foundation. However, our community is fortunate to have philanthropists who understand the potential of having a community foundation built by and for the people of Athens-Clarke, Oconee, Barrow, Madison, Jackson, and Oglethorpe Counties. We would like to thank contributors to our Founders Society Operating Endowment.

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The Winthrop Family Foundation
Woodruff Foundation

Legacy Society

Forever Providing for the Causes You Care About

A planned gift is invested with us, growing over time to make an even greater difference in organizations you support and bestowed at timing you control. Our Legacy Society includes families or individuals who have listed a fund at the Athens Area Community Foundation in their estate planning.

AIDS Athens Legacy Fund
Edward W. Johnson Game Bird
Management Scholarship Fund
Fund for Honesty and Integrity
Helene Halstead
Kane Foundation Fund
Karlin-Lee Arts & Culture Fund
MaP Legacy Awards Fund

Mary Nouri Fund
Piedmont Shaman Rock Fund
Susan and Edward Wilde Fund
The Theresa Perenich Caring Funds
The Theresa Perenich Endowed Fund
for Animal Rights and the
Environment Fund

Supporters: Jan. 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2022

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When donors give through the Athens Area Community Foundation, not only are they supporting issues they care deeply about, but they're also making a collective impact on the entire community - impact that is bigger, more responsive, and longer-lasting than can be accomplished alone. The Athens Area Community Foundation offers flexibility by providing different types of funds for donors to utilize in their philanthropic efforts.

We serve many individuals, families, and businesses as they anchor their charitable giving through funds at the Athens Area Community Foundation. Together, we create a lasting legacy - unleashing generosity through grantmaking today, while growing community assets for tomorrow.

Funds: Jan. 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2022

The Athens Area Community Foundation helps passionate donors create dynamic legacies.

AACF Pass-Through Fund
 ABH Empty Stocking Fund
 Accountability Courts Foundation of Athens-Clarke County Fund
 ACF Compassion Network Project Fund
 AIDS Athens Fund
 Al and Kathy Conn Parker Fund
 Athens 100% Renewable Energy Fund
 Athens Area Community Foundation General Operations Fund
 Athens Area Community Foundation Operating Reserves Fund
 Athens Community Career Academy Fund
 Athens Community Council on Aging Field Fund
 Athens Community Partnership for Youth Development Fund
 Athens Nurses Clinic Fund
 Athens Resonates Fund
 Athens Resource Center for Hope Village Apartments Fund
 Athens Wellbeing Project Fund
 Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services P.L.A.Y. Fund
 Athens-Clarke County Police Department - Summer Youth Camp Fund

Barbara and Frank Rice Memorial Fund
 Barron's Rental Foundation Fund
 Be Golden Fund
 Behavioral Health Grant - Resilient Northeast Georgia
 Benson's Inc. Community Fund
 Bertis and Katherine Downs Fund
 Beta Zeta Scholarship Endowment Fund
 Board Leadership Training Fund
 Bowen Family Charitable Fund
 Bracewell Family Fund for David C. Barrow Media Center
 Briscoe Family Foundation Fund
 Campbell Harper Fund
 CandyVet Foundation Fund
 Carrie Fischer Siegmund Grant for Classroom Innovation Fund
 Charles Briscoe Memorial Fund
 Charlie & Teresa Friedlander Community Fund
 Cindy and Wayne Lester Family Fund
 Clarke County Mentor Program Designated Fund
 Clarke County School District Fund
 COVID-19 Community Response Fund

Creature Comforts Get Comfortable Fund
 Dan T. and Sara Wyche Coenen Fund
 Darren and Kathryn Ash Foundation Fund
 David and Jane Kidd Family Fund
 Dawgs For Pups - WiFi Fund
 DGD Fund
 Dixen Foundation
 Don and Phyllis Nelson Sharing Fund
 Douglas Family Fund
 Dr. Hoke Smith Nash, Jr. Memorial Fund
 DUI Treatment Court Fund
 E.H. Culpepper Memorial Fund
 Ed and Robin Benson Fund
 Elizabeth and Anthony DeMarco Family Fund
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 Erika C. Lewis Family Fund
 Family Treatment Court Fund
 Felony Drug Court Fund
 FLiP Project Fund
 Food to CCSD Community Fund
 Fortson, Bentley and Griffin, P.A. 75th Anniversary Fund
 Founders Society
 Fund for Honesty and Integrity

Gatti Massimi Fund
 Gordhan L. & Virginia B. (Jinx) Patel Family Fund
 Grant and Jami Cashin Fund
 Hansford Family Fund
 Helen & Milton Mills Family Fund
 Holland Blackmon Fund for Children
 Holt-Kassay Fund
 Horvat Family Scholarship Fund
 Hugh Milton Mills III Auto Tech Scholarship Fund
 Hutchinson Family Foundation Fund
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 Jon and Amy Williams Family Charitable Fund
 Joseph & Kittie Mathis Fund
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 Kappa Sigma Community Fund
 Kimberly Easter Noland Fund
 Kurtz Charitable Fund
 Kurtz Family Fund
 Laura Mulherin Foundation Fund
 Lawrence & Morris Family Fund
 Lee Nelson Weeks Charity Fund
 Lynne & Steve Wrigley Charitable Fund
 M & L Fund
 Margaret M. Rodgers Memorial Education Fund
 Marilyn Vickers & Lief Carter Award for Nonprofit Excellence Fund
 Martha (Marti) Elizabeth Schimmel Fund
 Marti Schimmel Memorial Fund
 Mary Lillie Watson Foundation Fund
 McKenna Archibald Fund
 McLean Family Foundation Fund
 McQuiston-Stueck Foundation Fund
 Michael Peter Horvat Fund

Middlebrooks Automotive Holdings, Inc. Fund
 Middlebrooks Family Foundation Fund
 Neighborhood Education Program Fund
 Noland Family Foundation Fund
 Novey Family Fund
 Nute Scholarship Fund
 Oconee Hill Cemetery Fund
 One Athens Fund
 One Tree Planted Special Project Fund
 Patrick C. Mercardante Family Fund
 Penny McLanahan Field of Interest Fund
 Paul and Carol Kurtz Giving Fund
 Paul Boumbulian Social Entrepreneur Fund
 Phil Hughes Family Fund
 Ramon C. and Amanda H. Thompson Family Fund
 REACH Scholarship Fund
 Rex, Tommy, and Brandy Foundation Fund
 Richard and Fran Lane Family Foundation Fund
 Ricky and Betsey Chastain Family Fund
 Rogers Family Fund
 Rutledge Lathen Fund
 Sam Allgood Fund
 Seventh Son Fund
 Shropshire Family Fund
 Smith-Tompson Family Fund
 Society of Sigma Xi Fund - UGA Chapter Fund
 Sonja West and Robert Fezekas Family Fund
 Spencer Bradley Foundation for Mental Health Fund
 Step Up Scholarship Project Fund
 Steve and Melanie Hollis Family Fund
 Steve Jones and Lillian Kinney Community Impact Fund
 Sunny Knoll Fund
 Synovus-Athens Fund

The Blackwell Family Foundation Income Trust
 The Dale Allen Memorial Success Scholarship Fund
 The Douglas Carithers Memorial Scholarship Fund
 The Elizabeth Papa Fund for the Benefit of the Alps Road Library
 The Huffer Foundation Fund
 The Kirby Smart Family Foundation - Autograph Request
 The Kirby Smart Family Foundation - Charity Request
 The Kirby Smart Family Foundation Fund
 The Norton Family Foundation Fund
 The Patrick and Cameron Garrard Family Fund
 The Patterson Family Fund
 The Realtor Jared Fund
 The Remarkable Foundation Fund
 The SOGO Japan Fund
 The Theresa Perenich Caring Fund
 Think Locally. Act Neighborly. Fund
 Thomas W. Scott, III Fund
 Thornton Brothers, Inc. Fund
 Todd Emily Community Fund
 Treatment and Accountability Court Fund
 VanDyck Family Fund
 Veterans Treatment Court Fund
 Vivian and Mamie Fisher Educational Fund
 Wayne and Veda Sullivan Memorial Fund
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24th Street Inc.	Athens Academy, Inc.	Bigger Vision of Athens, Inc.	Chosen for Life Ministries	Equality Foundation of Georgia, Inc.	Georgia College and State University
350 Org	Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement	Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation	Christian City, Inc.	Equal Justice Initiative	Georgia College & State University
AARP Foundation	Athens Area Diaper Bank Inc.	Blue Ridge Bartram Trail Conservancy	City of Hope Athens Inc dba City of	Ethan Montgomery	Foundation Inc
ABH Empty Stocking Fund	Athens Area Emergency Food Bank, Inc.	Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation	Refuge Athens	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Georgia Conflict Center Inc.
ACC Community Tree Council	Athens Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Books for Keeps, Inc.	Clarke Central High School	Evergreen Baptist Church	Georgia Conservancy Inc.
Acceptance Recovery Center, Inc.	Athens Area Homeless Shelter	Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County Inc.	Clarke County Mentor Program, Inc.	Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund	Georgia Extension 4-H Foundation
ACC SANE Inc	Athens Area Humane Society	Boys and Girls Club of Winder-Barrow	Clarke County Schools Special Olympics	Extra Special People, Inc.	Georgia Heirs Property Law Center Inc.
A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc.	Athens Area Human Relations Council	County	Clarke County Sheriff's Office	Families of Children Under Stress	Georgia Museum of Art - UGA
Adventure Bags, Inc.	Athens-Clarke Police Foundation Inc.	Boys and Girls Clubs of America	Clarke Middle School	Family Connection-Communities in	Georgia Organics Inc.
African Wildlife Foundation	Athens-Clarke Safe Cycling Association	Boy Scouts of America - Northeast	CMF International	Schools of Athens, Inc.	Georgia Public Broadcasting
AIDS Athens, Inc. dba Live Forward	Inc dba BikeAthens	Georgia Council	Coastal Plain CASA Inc.	Family Counseling Service of Athens Inc.	Georgia Rotary Student Program
Alk Positive Incorporated	Athens College of Ministry	Boys & Girls Club of Valdosta	Coates Ministries Inc.	Family Heritage Foundation Inc.	Georgia Technology Student Association
ALS Association Golden West Chapter	Athens Community Career Academy	Boys & Girls Clubs of Athens	Coile Middle School	Family Promise of Athens	Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia - Athens
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders	Athens Community Council on Aging, Inc.	Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier	College AIM, Inc.	Farm To Neighborhood Inc.	Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia - HQ
Association, Inc. dba Alzheimer's	Athens Farmers Market	Boys Town	College Factory, Inc.	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Gladiators Football TD Club
Association	Athens Film Arts Institute Inc	Bread Coffeeshouse	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation	FINCA International, Inc.	GlobalGiving
Amanda Spangler	Athens First United Methodist Church	BrightFocus Foundation	Community Church	Firefly Trail Inc	Great Exchange Inc.
American Brain Tumor Association	Athens Housing Authority	Bucknell University	Community Foundation of Tampa Bay Inc.	First Baptist Church of Athens	Great Plains Conservation Foundation
American Cancer Society	Athens Land Trust	Bulldogs Battling Breast Cancer Inc.	Community Partnership of Elbert County	First Christian Church Watkinsville	Great Prospects, Inc.
American Civil Liberties Union	Athens Montessori School Inc.	Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School	Concrete Jungle Inc.	First Love International Ministries	Greene County Family Connection
Foundation, Inc.	Athens Neighborhood Health Center	Butterfly Dreams Farm Therapeutic Riding	Cornell University	First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro	Commission Inc
American Friends Service Committee	Athens Nurses Clinic, Inc.	Program, Inc.	Cornerstone Church - Athens	Georgia Inc.	Greenpeace Fund
American Heart Association	Athens Prayer Network	Called To Care Inc.	Covenant Presbyterian Church	Florence Band Boosters	Habitat for Humanity International
American Indian College Fund	Athens Reparations Action	Camp Big Heart Civitan Club Inc.	Cru/Campus Crusade for Christ	Food Bank of Northeast Georgia	Happyfeat
American Red Cross	Athens Symphony Orchestra	Camp Kudzu Inc.	C Three Foundation	Foster Siblings Reunited Inc.	Hartwell First United Methodist Church, Inc.
American Red Cross Northeast Georgia	Athens Tech Foundation, Inc.	Camp Maranatha, Inc.	Cultivating a Lifetime of Legacy	Foundation for Excellence in Public	Heart Music Inc.
American Red Cross - Northeast Georgia	Athens Technical College	Camp Sunshine	Cure Childhood Cancer Inc.	Education in Clarke County GA Inc.	Heifer Project International, Inc.
Chapter	Athens Y Camp for Boys	Camp Trach Me Away	Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Inc.	Four Corners Group Inc.	Heirborn Servants Inc.
American Society for the Prevention of	AthFest	Camp Twin Lakes Inc.	Daughters Against Alzheimers Inc.	Friends Ministries	High Country News
Cruelty to Animals dba ASPCA	Atlanta Mission	Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia	Decorative Arts Trust	Friends of Advantage Inc.	Hilinskis Hope Foundation
American Society of International Law	Atlanta Ronald McDonald House	Canopy Studio, Inc.	Deep Spring Center for Meditation	Friends of Athens-Clarke County	Historic Athens
American University	Charities, Inc.	CARE	and Spiritual Inquiry	Library Inc.	Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Americares	Bacon County Extension 4-H Club	Casa De Amistad Inc.	Delta PSI Charity, Inc.	Friends of Malheur National Wildlife	Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
Amnesty International USA, Inc.	Barnett Shoals Elementary School	C-Change Conversations	Deshauna Foote	Refuge	Hope Haven of Northeast Georgia, Inc.
Andrew United Methodist Church	Barrow County Family Connection Inc.	Cedar Shoals High School	Destined Inc	Friends of Oconee Hill Cemetery, Inc.	Hope Heals
Appalachian Trail Conservancy	Barrow County Habitat for Humanity	Champions Community Foundation Inc.	Destiny Family Services Community	Friends of Refugees Inc.	Human Rights Campaign Foundation
Apparo Academy	Barrow Elementary School	Chase Street Elementary School	Development Corporation	Friends of the Anglican Center in	Idaho Rivers United Inc.
Area Committee To Improve Opportunities	Bennett Scallan	Chattahoochee Nature Center Inc.	Divas Who Win Freedom Center	Santiago de Compostela Inc.	Innovative Solutions For Disadvantaged
Now Inc dba Action, Incorporated	Bethel Haven Inc.	Chess and Community Conference	Doctors without Borders	Friends of the Greenway Inc.	and Disability Inc.
Asheville Creative Arts Inc.	Bethlehem Ministry Inc.	Child Enrichment Inc.	Donavon Pope	Friends of the State Botanical Garden	International Committee of the Red Cross
Ashford Memorial Methodist Church	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the	Children First, Inc.	Downtown Ministries Inc.	of Georgia Inc.	International Medical Corps
Ashton Hope Keegan Foundation	Chattahoochee Valley	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	East Athens Development Corporation	Gateway House dba Gateway Domestic	International Rescue Committee
			Economic Justice Coalition	Violence Center	Jackson County Family Connection
			Emmanuel Episcopal Church	Georgia Audubon	Council Inc.
			Emory University	Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Inc.	Jackson County Habitat for Humanity
			Empowers Africa Inc.	Georgia Children's Chorus	Jasper County Family Connection Inc.
			Envision Athens Inc.	Georgia Club Foundation	Jeannette Rankin Foundation

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Jim Moran Foundation Inc.
 Joyce Ervin's Open Hearts Center Inc.
 Jubilee Partners
 Juvenile Offender Advocate Inc.
 Kate's Club
 KidsPeace Foundation Inc.
 Kirby Smart Family Foundation
 Lake Oconee Academy Foundation Inc.
 Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.
 Launch Pad
 Leadership Georgia Foundation, Inc.
 Leap for Literacy
 Learning Ally
 LGBTQ Victory Institute
 Lighthouse Family Retreat Inc.
 Lion Guardians U.S.
 Listening for A Change
 Little Athens
 Love-Craft Athens Inc.
 Lydia's Place
 Lyndon House Arts Foundation, Inc.
 Madison County School District
 Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter
 McRae United Methodist Church
 Medical College of Georgia Foundation, Inc.
 Mercy Health Center
 Metro Atlanta Urban Farm
 Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
 Michigan State University
 Milledge Avenue Baptist Church
 M & K Foundation Inc.
 More Light Presbyterians Inc.
 Morgan County Board of Education
 Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers
 Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation
 National Audubon Society
 National Deer Association
 National English Shepherd Rescue
 National Park Foundation
 National Public Radio, Inc.

National Trust for Historic Preservation in the U.S.
 Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.
 Neighborhood Gospel Missions Inc.
 New Path 1010 Inc.
 Newton County Family Connection Inc.
 North East Georgia Homeless Veterans Shelter Inc.
 North Georgia Community Foundation
 Nuçi's Space
 Ocean Conservancy
 Oconee Area Resource Council Inc.
 Oconee Club Stingrays
 Oconee County Government - Senior Center
 Oconee County Warrior Foundation Inc.
 Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation
 Oconee River Land Trust
 Oglala Lakota College
 Oglethorpe County School System
 One Hundred Miles
 On My Watch Inc.
 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
 Our House, Inc.
 Oxfam America, Inc.
 Partner for People and Place, Inc.
 Partnership with Native Americans
 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue
 Peace Place Inc.
 Penfield Addiction Ministries Inc
 People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
 Performing Arts Center - UGA
 Piedmont Athens Regional Foundation
 Piedmont CASA Inc.
 Planned Parenthood Federation of America
 Planned Parenthood Southeast, Inc.
 Pocosin Arts Incorporated
 Population Connection
 Presbyterian Campus Ministry Inc.
 Project HOPE - The People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc.

Project Safe, Inc.
 Promise 686 Inc.
 Prostate Cancer Foundation
 Psi Kyiv Inc.
 Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
 Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School
 Radio Training Network Inc. dba The JOY FM
 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
 Rainbow Children's Home
 Refuge Coffee Inc.
 REMERGE
 Revved Up Kids Inc.
 Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta
 Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta Inc.
 Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Georgia Inc.
 Rotary Club Foundation
 Rotary Club of the Classic City of Athens, Inc.
 Rotary International Oconee County
 Sacred Heart Center
 Sage School Inc.
 Samaritan's Purse
 Sandy Creek Nature Center Inc.
 School of Law - UGA
 Ser Familia, Inc.
 Share the Magic Foundation Inc.
 Shepherd Center Foundation Inc.
 Shriners Hospitals for Children
 Sierra Club Foundation
 Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation
 Slater Foundation for Youth
 Smithsonian Institution
 South Enotah Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
 Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc
 South River Watershed Alliance
 Southwest Christian Care
 Special Needs Cobb
 Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett Inc.
 State Botanical Garden of Georgia
 St. Augustin Church

Stephen Siller Tunnel To Towers Foundation
 Stillman College
 St. James United Methodist Church
 St. Joseph Catholic Church
 St. Joseph Catholic Parish School
 St. Joseph's Indian School
 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
 St Luke's Church of Hilton Head Inc.
 St Mary's Foundation Inc.
 Stoneworks International
 Strings of Mercy Inc.
 Strong Base, Inc.
 St. Theresa's Catholic Church
 Sunshine on a Ranney Day
 Sustainable Markets Foundation
 Sweet Olive Farm Animal Rescue Inc.
 Tall Timbers Research, Inc.
 The ALS Association of Georgia
 The Ark United Ministry Outreach Center
 The Atlanta Botanical Garden
 The Barack Obama Foundation
 The Carter Center, Inc.
 The Catholic Center at UGA
 The Classic Center Cultural Foundation, Inc.
 The Clute Barrow Nelson Life Foundation
 The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
 The Longleaf Alliance Inc.
 The Lovett School
 The Methodist Home for Children and Youth
 The Nature Conservancy (National)
 The New Horizons Foundation
 The Oconee Rivers Audubon Society Inc.
 The Office of Service Learning

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
 The Salvation Army Athens
 The Sparrow's Nest
 The Summit Counseling Center Inc.
 The Trust For Public Land
 The UVA Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy Foundation
 The Willson Center for Humanities and Arts
 Thistle Farms, Inc.
 Thrive in Joy Nick Fagnano Foundation
 Tiger Haven
 Town and Gown Players Inc.
 Tree House Inc.
 Tykerius Monford
 UGA Golf Course
 UGA Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication
 U-Lead Athens
 UNICEF USA
 Unified Healthcare for the Rural Underserved
 Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc.
 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Athens
 United Negro College Fund, Inc.
 United States Capitol Page Alumni Association Inc.
 United States Friends of The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust
 United Way of Northeast Georgia, Inc.
 University of Alabama Law School Foundation
 University of Georgia Athletic Association Inc.

University of Georgia Foundation
 University of Maine Foundation
 University of North Georgia Foundation, Inc.
 University of Virginia Engineering Foundation
 University of Wisconsin Foundation
 UPENDO-One Kid at a Time, Inc.
 Upstate Forever
 Urban Recipe
 Variety-The Children's Charity of Georgia, Inc.
 Victory Train, Inc.
 Walton County Board of Commissioners
 Wellspring Living Inc.
 Wesley Foundation at the University of Georgia Inc.
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University
 Winterville Marigold Festival
 Wisdom Hunters Resources Inc
 World Central Kitchen, Inc.
 World Wildlife Fund
 W.O.W Community Outreach Center
 Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc.
 YMCA of Athens Georgia
 YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont
 Young Designers Sewing Program
 Young Harris Memorial Athens United Methodist Church
 Young Life
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Highlight of Agency Funds

For an established nonprofit organization that is interested in long-term financial sustainability, an agency endowment fund is one way to make the best use of the donations received. Working with the Athens Area Community Foundation offers a cost-effective investment option and frees your staff from time-consuming administrative and investment responsibilities so you can remain focused on your core mission. Nonprofits gain access to diversity of investments, oversight, benchmarks, and standards difficult to achieve with a portfolio of your own.

Today, several nonprofit/agency entities take advantage of our economy of scale and professional, endowment-oriented investment management to build their endowments.

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| Ashton Hope Keegan Foundation Fund | AthFest Educates |
| Athens Area Habitat for Humanity Fund | Books for Keeps Fund |
| Athens Community Council on Aging-Capital Campaign Fund | Camp Hooray Fund |
| Athens Community Council on Aging Fund | Children First, Inc. Dream Fund |
| Athens Symphony - Albert F. Ligotti Conductor Scholarship Program | Clarke County Mentor Program Agency Fund |
| Athens Symphony Fund | Clarke County Mentor Program Cultural Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation Inc. Fund | Delta PSI Boule Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - ABB Scholarship Fund | Family Promise of Athens Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Adult Education Fund | Food Bank of Northeast GA Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Alumni Association Fund | Friends of Oconee Hill Cemetery Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Awah Teh Hospitality and Culinary Scholarship Fund | Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library |
| Athens Tech Foundation - B. Frank Coggins Jr. Scholarship Fund | Friends of the Athens-Clarke County Library Puppetry Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - B. Frank Coggins Jr. Scholarship HS Fund | Georgia Options, Inc. Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Carol L. White Scholarship Fund | Historic Cobbham Foundation Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Caterpillar Diesel Technology Scholarship Fund | Historic Oglethorpe County Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - First Generation Scholarship Fund | Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi-University of Georgia Chapter 32 Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Georgia Egg Association | Jackson County Habitat for Humanity |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Georgia Power Emergency Fund | Laura Conroy Memorial Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Ian Hodson Memorial Scholarship Fund | Mr. Jay's Kids Camp Scholarship Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Janice Emily Nursing Scholarship Fund | Prevent Child Abuse Athens/Brightpaths Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Jeremy Busby Memorial Scholarship Fund | Project Safe Freedom Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Rescue Rollout Fund | Ronnie Lukasiewicz Fund of the Lyndon House Arts Foundation |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Rotary Scholarship Fund | The Cottage, Sexual Assault & Children's Advocacy Center Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Social Work Assistant Scholarship Fund | The Cottage, Sexual Assault & Children's Advocacy Center Sub-Fund |
| Athens Tech Foundation - Walton County Healthcare Fund | United Way 211 Impact Fund |
| | United Way of Northeast Georgia Fund |
| | UUFA Endowment |



Athens Technical College (L-R) Director of Institutional Advancement, Jen Welborn, Immediate Past Foundation Board Chair, Terry Wingfield, and Executive Director of Public Relations and Advancement, Josh Paine.



Brightpaths Family Support Specialist alongside a Healthy Families participant and her baby.



Summer camp joy in action at Extra Special People.



Resilient Northeast Georgia: *Building a Trauma-Informed Northeast Georgia Together*

From 2021 to 2022, the Athens Area Community Foundation advanced the foundational work achieved in the first two years of the Resilient Northeast Georgia Behavioral Health Grant by partnering with Georgia Family Connection's Region 5, effectively doubling the number of counties engaged. The coalition leveraged the knowledge and relationships of Family Connection to expand the scope of focus within communities, collaborating to create a more adaptive behavioral health system of care through trauma-informed community trainings. In 2022 and under the leadership of the Athens Area Community Foundation, the Resilient Northeast Georgia coalition has stewarded a strategic, sustainable, and specialized collaboration in the region, connecting partners to an expanded offering of trainings and resources.

PARTNERS:



Resilient Northeast Georgia at a Glance

- **Who We Are:** A grant partnership of the Athens Area Community Foundation, Georgia Family Connection and the Athens Wellbeing Project
- **Where We Serve:** Clarke, Barrow, Jackson, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Madison, Morgan, Walton, Newton, Jasper, Elbert, and Greene Counties
- **What We Do:** Increase regional collaboration and reduce duplication of services in the expansion of trauma-informed awareness, language, and resources for the birth-to-26 population

By the Numbers

In 2022, Resilient Northeast Georgia delivered:

22

Regional training sessions and events, serving

1,621

individuals who participated for a total of

5,074

contact hours earned

In 2022, Resilient Northeast Georgia worked across the region to create and connect resources, deliver unique training opportunities and events, and support existing programming that focused on the root causes of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). As a result, partners had improved access to enhanced opportunities for trauma-informed professional development, strengthening the region's collaborative partnerships, resiliency, and ACEs prevention efforts.

NEXT STEPS

Entering into a fourth year of the Resilient Georgia grant cycle, the Resilient Northeast Georgia coalition will continue to leverage and grow regional partnerships with Family Connection and other youth-serving organizations, with the goal of preventing and mitigating ACEs. In 2023, our coalition will:

- Develop a robust marketing campaign that builds a common language surrounding trauma and adversity
- Deliver trainings and coordinate regional events that center and strengthen youth voice and perspectives on trauma
- Utilize and bolster existing data and programming infrastructure, aligning all efforts with AACF's strategic philanthropic activities in the region
- Pursue new partnerships and opportunities that strengthen the coalition

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Funded by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), AACF, alongside the Athens Wellbeing Project and the Clarke County Mentor Program were awarded an 18-month, \$125,000 Community Transformation Grant focused on improving mental health outcomes among children ages 0-8. The grant will support the delivery of the Community Resiliency Model to mentors, parents and caregivers, and school staff, increasing household resiliency and sustainability of trauma-informed care practices in Athens-Clarke County.





Nonprofit of the Year Award and Reception

The Nonprofit of the Year Award exists to recognize and honor organizations with exemplary practices in leadership, management, innovation, collaboration and impact. The hope is that all nominees feel lifted up as influential members of the business community. The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is the third winner of the Nonprofit of the Year award, and the review committee felt they excelled in all areas of the award requirements.

We appreciate the Athens Chamber of Commerce for helping us celebrate nonprofits as we announced this award at their annual chamber meeting. The growth and success of this award would not have been possible without the support of Marilyn Vickers and the late Lief Carter. Our donors continue to help us grow giving and provide community leadership.

Congratulations to all of our Nonprofit of the Year nominees!

Over 65 people from nominated organizations and AACF leadership gathered at a reception to celebrate the collaboration and impact of these influential nonprofits.

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| The Sparrow's Nest | Family Promise of Athens | Athens Community Council on Aging |
| Sheats Social Services | Concrete Jungle | Athens Area Humane Society |
| Project Safe | Ciné | Athens Area Diaper Bank |
| People Living in Recovery | Children First | Athens Area Women in Construction |
| Peace Place | Chess and Community | Athens Alliance Coalition |
| Nuçi's Space | Casa de Amistad | Ashton Hope Keegan Foundation |
| Lydia's Place | Brightpaths | Aids Athens/Live Forward |
| Juvenile Offender Advocate | Boys & Girls Clubs of Athens | Adventure Bags, Inc. |
| iServe Ministries | Books for Keeps | Acceptance Recovery Center |
| Hope Haven of Northeast Georgia, Inc. | Bigger Vision of Athens | |
| Food Bank of Northeast Georgia | Athens Nurses Clinic | |



Congratulations to The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, our 2022 Nonprofit of the Year Honoree!

"The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia works to break down the barriers surrounding food inequity and insecurity through our variety of programs with the ultimate goal of ending food insecurity in our service area."

- Erin Barger, Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Executive Director

Previous Honorees

2021: Athens Area Homeless Shelter

2020: Not Awarded

2019: Extra Special People



AACF Student Fellow - Katie Beth Fowler

“It has been an honor to lead the Nonprofit of the Year process this year. I enjoyed every challenge and opportunity, from communicating with nominees, presenting to the board of directors, helping plan and execute the nominee reception, and more. I am proud of the growth I've seen in myself and my project management abilities thanks to the support of the entire AACF board and leadership!”



A Legacy of Leadership

Ready, Set, Go! Board Leadership Workshop Series

What's your favorite way to give back to the community you love?

Sharing time at the local food pantry. Donating directly to a scholarship fund. No matter what causes are close to your heart, there are plenty of ways to make a difference.

For Dr. Myron Downs and Victoria Prevatt, giving back includes helping nurture local nonprofits with educational opportunities.

And that's exactly what happened when the Athens Area Community Foundation debuted its one-of-a-kind board leadership workshops, Ready, Set, Go! (Refresh).

"This board has always supported nonprofit training and had a training series," explained Dr. Downs, vice chair of the Athens Area Community Foundation board, "but this dives a little deeper."

Their Ready, Set, Go! (Refresh) series includes four separate classes: "Ready," for people who haven't served on a board; "Set," for current board members; "Go," for board chairs and executive directors; and "Refresh" for staff members.

The leadership training program debuted in 2022 and immediately sold out.

"It was a way to give our [nonprofit] community a chance to be in community together and to have conversations about this tricky topic, to learn from each other, and for us to guide and facilitate these best practices," explained Victoria.

Victoria, a nonprofit mentor and owner of GoodWorks, developed the one-of-a-kind curriculum with support from AACF President and CEO Sarah McKinney, as well as the foundation staff and its board.

"Everyone walks into a room feeling like other people have it all figured out and they're the only ones who don't. It's been really refreshing to watch [participants] relax into this framework and see how board leadership could look in a best-case scenario," said Victoria.

The classes cover essential board leadership basics and expand shared knowledge. An extra bonus? The sense of community that develops along the way.

"I'm offering tips and tricks and guideposts in the conversation, but they're learning an awful lot from each other," she explained. "They hang out after and talk and exchange business cards and make connections. So, that has been wonderful to see."

For the Athens Area Community Foundation, classes like this also create new opportunities.

"Typically, in the community, some of the same leadership will end up being on many of the boards," explained Dr. Downs. "The board really felt this could support the development of new leadership in our community from under-represented groups."

It's one way to help cultivate new community leaders.

"The goal was to get more people in the community involved in leadership," he said. "To have that wide spectrum and to make sure everybody has an opportunity to be part of leadership."

And that's an important part of the Athens Area Community Foundation. They're connecting donors and nonprofits, but they're also expanding the idea of what giving back can mean.

"I'm so happy to be part of the community foundation. It's opened up a whole new world in terms of philanthropy," added Dr. Downs. "The community foundation is different in that it harnesses the power of our local organizations, and it's also a resource to help strengthen those organizations at the same time."





ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Meet the youngest of the staff children from the Athens Area Community Foundation. Thomas (1) and Estiven (5) are the sons of our Director of Operations, Stephanie Mann. These two masterfully created the holiday card this year using only high-quality tools (shaving cream, washable paint, and their fingers). They hope to share their excitement and joy with you this holiday season.



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of simple, childlike

JOY

HOPE &

LAUGHTER

this holiday season.

Happy Holidays from the
Athens Area Community
Foundation!

Stephanie Mann
Alicia Battle
Stephanie Mann
Kipper Koslowsky
Stephanie Mann
Stephanie Mann

The Holiday Season at the Athens Area Community Foundation is the busiest time of year! Nearly half of grants from the Community Foundation are given in the last three months of the year.

December is extra special as we partner with Online Athens | Athens Banner Herald to accept, steward, and distribute funds through the Empty Stocking Fund. This fund has been a source for local agencies to assist those in need in the Athens area for many years. Funds raised through the Empty Stocking Fund campaign are used to help families at risk of eviction **pay rent and take care of many other necessary expenses, including medical, power and water bills.**

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

The Empty Stocking Fund made an incredible impact this holiday season. Through your generosity,

**\$68,256.18 was given to help
259 individuals with their bills.**

Thank you to the 17 nonprofit organizations that partnered with the Empty Stocking Fund to serve individuals in our community this holiday season:

Acceptance Recovery Center, Athens Community Council on Aging, Athens First United Methodist Church, Athens Land Trust, Brightpaths, Casa de Amistad, Children First, Inc., Cultivating a Lifetime of Legacy, Inc., Destined Inc., Family Connection - Communities in Schools, Family Promise of Athens, Gordon's Chapel UMC, Holly Creek Baptist Church, Loran Smith Center for Cancer Support / Piedmont-Athens Regional, Open Hearts, Sheats Social Services, The Ark



BEHIND THE SCENES

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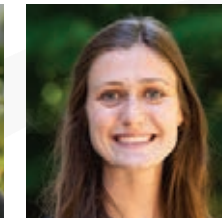
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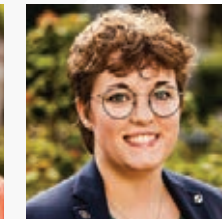
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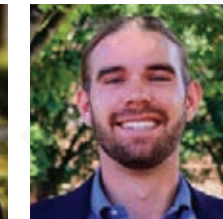
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May 5, 1930 - December 18, 2022

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