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SPECIAL EDITION: 15TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT





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A Message from Our Chair

We thank you for your continued support of the Athens Area Community Foundation. Here we harness the power of your gifts to improve the lives of the people in our community and we appreciate your trust. We are all bound together by a love of community and a passion for giving. Through the steadfast leadership of our Founders, Board of Directors, and Foundation Staff, we remain strong. We would not be here without you, and we appreciate our relationship.

As passionate as we all are about giving, we should always be mindful of the effects of our generosity. We need to remain empathetic and sensitive to the needs of our community. My goal is that we refocus our efforts to ensure that our philanthropy is transformative. In so doing, we will strengthen and enhance the lives of the people we serve.

In this new year we commit to excellence and together we can achieve anything. In all that we do, we must seek to be the very best Community Foundation in the world!

Everything you do does so much for so many.



With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron O. Downs". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dr. Myron O. Downs
Board Chairman

A Message from Our President & CEO



On September 10, 2008, a group of visionary community leaders, led by Judge Steve Jones, filed the Articles of Incorporation to establish the Athens Area Community Foundation. Just nine months later, in June 2009, we proudly received our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. This year, we celebrate 15 incredible years of service.

Since those early days, the Athens Area Community Foundation has grown and evolved in ways that I believe would make our founding board members and donors proud. When I joined in March 2017, I was fortunate to build upon the solid foundation that my predecessor, Delene Porter, had established with great care and dedication to our community.

The past seven years have been filled with many fond moments, and I'd like to highlight just a few milestones that stand out:

- **Partnership with North Georgia Community Foundation (NGCF):** From 2009 to 2019, we worked closely with the NGCF to strengthen our internal operations, culminating in bringing all functions in-house on February 1, 2020. We remain deeply connected and grateful to NGCF for their support in our growth.
- **Hosting the Georgia Grantmakers Alliance:** In July 2019, we welcomed the Georgia Grantmakers Alliance to Athens for a place-based philanthropy tour, showcasing our region's unique philanthropic culture, collaborative efforts, and strong partnerships.
- **Ready. Set. Go. Board Training Series:** Launched in 2022, this signature program has trained over 500 community members to become highly effective board members. It remains a key resource in building leadership capacity within our community.
- **National Standards Accreditation:** In January 2024, we proudly achieved Community Foundation National Standards accreditation—a testament to our ongoing commitment to excellence and accountability.

In a recent board meeting, our newly elected Chairman, Dr. Myron Downs, delivered a bold vision for our future. His bold words inspire us to continually strive for excellence.

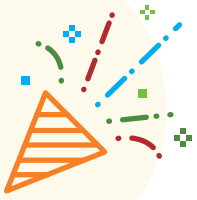
The best of us seeks to continually strike balance between asset growth and community leadership. Like a well-balanced seesaw, we recognize that philanthropy is an essential force in our region. At our best, we listen deeply, build bridges, and create meaningful connections. In growing, managing, and distributing our assets, we understand that social, moral, intellectual, relational, and financial capital are equally important. At our best and in excellence, we strive to be a trusted leader, a trusted partner, and a trusted philanthropic guide.

It is a privilege to serve alongside you. Let's see what the next 15 years will bring.



In community and with gratitude,

Sarah McKinney
President & CEO



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AACF 15th Anniversary Celebration

We are just old enough to have a learner’s permit! In fiscal year 2024, the Athens Area Community Foundation turned 15 years old! Born in 2008, we are rooted in the trusted leadership of community members committed to mobilizing resources for the greater good.

Often, when asked, “What does the Community Foundation do?,” we simply answer, “We grow giving for the community you love!” If we were to explain more, we’d share that we are a trusted community leader, a trusted partner for local organizations, and a trusted guide for local philanthropy. We Lead, Partner, and Guide.

To honor our 15th Anniversary, we celebrated by giving back to community all year long!

Brunch Bash

We celebrated in style by bringing philanthropy to life in a fun way! We invited fundholders, friends, and family to join us for our 15th Anniversary Brunch Bash. Highlighting local nonprofits in every corner of the room, we:

- provided an interactive experience
- highlighted multiple ways for attendees to donate or use their fund
- collectively, granted over \$15,000 in honor of our 15th Anniversary



Milestone:
\$5 million
in assets!

2015

2016

2017



Milestone:
\$5 million
in grants!

2018



Milestone:
\$10 million
in assets!

2019



Fundholders volunteering at AthFest Educates AthHalf Marathon.



15 Acts of Kindness

In celebration of our 15 years of growing giving for the Athens area, we have been bringing together fundholders for 15 Acts of Kindness in our (your) community. These acts have demonstrated how the Community Foundation helps fund projects that build capacity in our community while also actively engaging in the work of these great organizations.

Fundholder Myra Blackmon sponsoring a CASA Swearing-In Ceremony in memory of her late husband and fellow fundholder Tom Holland.

Committing to a Home in Micah's Creek

"A few years ago, a longtime supporter of our Athens Area Community Foundation asked, "What if there was a (larger) project that several of us could go in on?" That stuck with me. As we approached our 15th anniversary, I became increasingly interested in the many ways we could celebrate this milestone. Then someone asked me, "If you could have to pick one thing to give money to, what would it be." My gut answer, "Housing." In the theme of "group project", I asked Charles Smith at Habitat for Humanity, "What would it take to fund a home?" His answer was simple, "\$75,000."

– Sarah McKinney, President, CEO

In honor of our 15th anniversary, we assembled 15 Athens Area Community Foundation fundholders to donate \$5,000 each with a goal to do for one family what we wish we could do for all – donate a home. Together, we will sponsor one home in the new Micah's Creek Community!

From the amazing folks at the Athens Area Habitat for Humanity:

"The families sponsoring this home in Micah's Creek through the Athens Area Community Foundation are doing more than building a house. They're giving another family an economic foothold to improve their lives and their children's lives. They're setting an example for others to get involved with this innovative project. And they're making possible the longitudinal study linking home ownership with educational achievement, which we hope will become the foundation for creating more neighborhoods like this one in communities around the state and across the country. The impact of this investment will reach far beyond one house and one family, and we are profoundly grateful to have the opportunity to do this work right here in Athens."



Milestone:
\$10 million
in grants!

2020



Milestone:
\$20 million
in assets!

2021

2022



Milestone:
\$20 million
in grants!

2023



Milestone:
\$25 million
in grants & assets!

2024

Making a difference for local childhood literacy



COMMUNITY STORY



A new budget for bookworms - donor makes a difference for local childhood literacy

Want to know how a piece of Alabama transformed an Athens elementary school library? We'll give you a hint. The Athens Area Community Foundation plays a key role.

Camilla Bracewell first partnered with the Athens Area Community Foundation three years ago after selling some family land in Alabama. She knew she wanted to impact children's literacy but wasn't sure where her contributions would best fit.

"My sister and I had sold some land, and we knew that we wanted to set aside some money to give back to the community. I had been involved with Barrow Elementary School in the media center. I started volunteering when my granddaughter was in school there. I was very impressed with the breadth of what the media specialist was doing with and for the children.

"My husband and I knew we wanted to do something to support the media center, but we weren't sure how. We thought about setting up an award that would recognize media specialists in our community and then were directed to the community foundation. The person who recommended AACF felt that they could do a better job of connecting us to what we were really interested in," said Camilla.

Through the Athens Area Community Foundation, Camilla set up a fund to benefit Barrow Elementary School in Clarke County. She specifically wanted to help purchase new books for their library.

"Part of the reason I feel so strongly about this is the passion of the media specialist in our school. He does amazing things in the library, and lets the kids be involved. My granddaughter was a part of one program where he had the children meet with different book vendors and choose what book options they wanted for the next year. They'd have the opportunity to talk with vendors and interview other kids.

"The students were the ones who decided which new books would be bought. I knew I wanted to help provide more books to the school, but these students' experience convinced me that I wanted to give to the media center each year. And my fund is part of the money for the student's book budget," said Camilla.

Every August, Camilla's fund donates \$500 to Barrow Elementary School. Because of the Athens Area Community Foundation's guidance, Camilla's making an impact on a cause she's personally passionate about without having to donate thousands of dollars at a time.

"The community foundation offers a connection between people who want to give and groups who have a need. They do a great job with whichever end you're coming from. If you're a group that has a need, they'll work with you to find someone who wants to give, and if you're a giver, then they can match you with a group that you're passionate about.

"They have a real pulse on the different needs in our community at all different levels. They help you support causes that you're interested in. They provide really strong leadership within our community. They're set up to be doing the right things for the right reasons," said Camilla.

Through volunteering with the school her fund benefits, Camilla sees the impact of her giving first-hand, and she couldn't be more excited about the joy she's been able to provide these students.

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"I know how important books are to these students. I volunteer with these children, and many of them don't have extra books at home. Here I am buying books for my granddaughter at every opportunity, and it breaks my heart that some of these children don't have access to extra books," she said.

"Seeing the excitement on the kids' faces when they check out a new book and listening to them tell you how they're going to read them as soon as they get home really cemented that I wanted to help more children develop a love for reading. It grew my passion for childhood literacy. I wanted to support not only the children who are in the school right now, but it was also really important to me to give to the future. I wanted something that would be in place for a long time - beyond my lifetime."

A Mission to Break the Cycle of Poverty in Athens



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In 2016, Tee created the Noland Family Foundation through AACF.

For Tee Noland, it's all about the kids. Whether it's involving his own children in philanthropy or investing in local kids through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens, Tee's all in.

"I want to do whatever I can to make the place that we live better for my children and other generations," Tee said. "Strategically, I want to help break the cycle of poverty in Athens and help people become self-sufficient. We need to impact them at an early age so that cycle is broken."

It was because of the Boys and Girls Club and his involvement as board chair that Tee heard about the Athens Area Community Foundation. He was talking one day to his former property owner and friend Buddy Allen about his passion for the Club and giving back.

"Buddy said, 'You should really think about getting involved in the Athens Area Community Foundation.' As he talked more about AACF, it piqued my interest," Tee said.

"I had a great childhood with a lot of access to education, extracurriculars, other opportunities, and great parents. But I know that so many people are disadvantaged. They're coming into this world with a challenging home environment or something else. I really want to try to do what I can to bridge that gap and provide resources to help kids and adults overcome their situations."

So, in 2016, Tee created the Noland Family Foundation through the Athens Area Community Foundation.

"My goal is to grow it over time to become much larger so that I can give more to impact the causes I care about," he said. "We just love Athens and want to help our community as much as we can. I really want my children to become philanthropic and engaged in the community as well."

Tee's love for the Athens community goes back several decades. In the early 90s, his father started a pharmaceutical manufacturing and packaging company in his home state of Missouri. Then, in 2005, Tee and his sister acquired another manufacturing location, which happened to be right outside of Athens. Tee moved here to oversee the new site.

"Shortly after moving here, I got married, had kids, and settled down in Five Points. I fell in love with the college town atmosphere, the people, the lifestyle - all the things," he said. "I've enjoyed giving back to a handful of organizations over the years, but now I'm ready to be more strategic with my philanthropy."

One of Tee's favorite initiatives through the Boys and Girls Club is their workforce readiness program, YouthForce.

"It's only been open about two years, and it's already having a huge impact on the community," he said. "The program provides internships, access to technical skill training, immediate career readiness, help with post-secondary education, and more. This is the kind of program that gets me excited and something I want to support through my foundation."

For Tee, choosing to give through the Athens Area Community Foundation has proven to be a good choice.

"Sarah McKinney, AACF's CEO, has been so helpful over the years and provides really good leadership and awareness of things that are happening that busy people like myself may not be aware of," he said.

"There can be a lot of negativity out there and so many people who want to criticize why things aren't good. But if you're going to change, if you want things to be better, you have to do something about it. The Community Foundation really highlights the positives and helps people do something - they put the wheels in motion and enact change because of the level of engagement and awareness they have around these issues. It's the beauty of getting people who are philanthropic together so they can share their thoughts and ideas and pool their money for a greater impact. There's a lot of power in the network the Athens Area Community Foundation has created."

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An Advisor's Approach to Transformative Giving



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Beyond Tax Breaks: Advisor Amy Parrish and AACF's Approach to Transformative Giving

Resources matter more when you know how to use them effectively. But how do you know if you're using your resources effectively? Amy Parrish and the Athens Area Community Foundation have a few theories.

Amy is a financial planner with Highland Trust Partners and has been since 1992. She's been familiar with AACF since its beginning, but she started bringing her clients to the organization two years ago.

"When I do financial planning for clients, I always want to address their charitable giving because I'm passionate about that. And I've been really surprised by the people who are philanthropically minded that haven't really thought about how they give," said Amy. "They may have shared some areas of interest, but they don't know how to fulfill that. They just give at the end of the year for tax purposes."

Amy wanted to show her clients that there were benefits to giving beyond a tax break and that, when used strategically, their contributions could have significantly more impact on the causes they're passionate about.

"I've realized that they [AACF] can help facilitate these conversations. I learn more about my clients and provide them with a more valuable service because of AACF. Sarah, the President and CEO of AACF has boots on the ground. She knows where [my clients'] dollars are going to be best used to accomplish what they are really, really passionate about," said Amy.

Through her role and partnership with AACF, Amy is able to help others discover the type of steward they want to be with their assets.

"One of my clients has an IRA and a substantial minimum distribution every year. He didn't need the funds, so we were giving away \$100k every year to avoid the income tax. He would send us a list of 15 to 20 random charities and nonprofits who had contacted him throughout the year," said Amy.

"I felt like we could be doing more. I had Sarah meet with my client and me to help decide where he wanted the funds to go – rather than just giving to any organization he got mail from that year. He was very involved in the community, and I knew he wanted to have more of an impact. He just didn't know how."

McKinney and her team made it possible for Parrish to better connect with her client on a charitable and personal level.

"I remembered at one point, his former employer had created a foundation in his name, and I hadn't heard much about it. It was no longer running because they couldn't find anyone in the company to run it. Sarah said that they could manage the foundation through AACF," Amy said.

"We moved a significant amount of his distribution into a new fund with AACF that he named after his deceased daughter and would be used to support scholarships for nursing students. His son was also involved in this decision, and they were both so grateful to create a legacy for his family. They now have peace of mind knowing that they have a plan for where their dollars will be used most effectively.

"Now, he's not just giving his money for the year, and then he's done. Through AACF, he's created something that will continue to be a legacy for everyone," said Amy.

Because of her partnership with AACF, Amy empowers her clients to not just give year to year, but also to create a sustainable giving plan that will last generations.

"One of the main reasons I enjoy what I do is that I can help people be more intentional with the resources they have. Often charitable giving is something that my clients care about, but they kind of put it on the back burner," said Amy, "AACF can come alongside them and say, this is the impact you have – and this is how you can build a legacy of giving that can be passed down to generations."

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Giving Time and Treasure to Community



COMMUNITY STORY



Banking expert gives time and treasure back through Community Foundation

Some people see their community as simply a place to live and work. Phil Bettendorf sees it as somewhere to invest in.

“I’ve been in Athens since I came here for school and never left. I’ve also been in banking for almost 30 years. I like to call myself a community activist because I think getting involved in the community is really important and is really part of who I am,” Phil said.

This community-driven purpose is a big part of what drove Phil to get involved with the Athens Area Community Foundation nearly 15 years ago.

You can really make an impact in the community in ways that you want to see.”

Not long after hearing about AACF, while it was still in its infancy, Phil got involved – and just like his life in Athens, he’s never left.

“AACF makes such a difference, and I believe so much in it that even though my board member term limit expired, I stayed involved,” he said. “You can be on the board for nine years, so I went along with it as long as I could and have been on the finance committee ever since.

“On the finance committee, we help with strategic planning from the financial standpoint, the budget, reviewing the audit, determining needed resources to present to the board, and tracking the financial health and wellbeing of AACF.”

Phil also believes in AACF and local causes enough to give not just his time but his dollars, too.

“The bank that I work with has a fund [at AACF], and I give toward the operations of it. I’m also always going to give to my church. I’m passionate about music and art, and if there’s a humanitarian need, I’m glad to help as those come up, too.”

Even in some of the most challenging situations, AACF has provided the connections and assistance the community needs. And Phil attributes that to great leadership.

“During COVID, they partnered with the hospitals, the United Way, the school system and gave people a mechanism to give money to our local community. They brought people together and said, ‘What do we need to do?’” he said. “I can’t say enough about Sarah and Stephanie and their team. You’ve got to have leadership, you’ve got to have vision, you’ve got to motivate people. Sarah has done a fantastic job doing that.

“And I can’t tell you how much money has flowed out to the community through AACF. It’s just been amazing. Even organizations like the Woodruff Foundation will also help us because of the track record and finances. When you have success, it attracts more success.”

Phil encourages anyone with a heart for giving back to look into AACF.

“If you care about your community, AACF is an excellent vehicle to partner with,” he said. “They make sure organizations are an official 501c3, they’re healthy, they’re in good shape, and they’re legit and doing what they say they do. They help you have peace of mind – knowing that you’re giving to something that is legitimate and is really helping the community.

“You can put money in your account and leave it and wait to donate when you’re ready. It’s kind of like a bank for your philanthropic donations. It’s safe, it’s good, and it’s there for you when you need it.

“And you can have a conversation with them. They can tell you what current needs are, and they’ll guide you and help you do research.

“Everybody’s got a story, and part of AACF is they let you tell your story and then help you donate and give back to those things you’re passionate about. It’s just a great organization!”

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Partners for a Prosperous Athens was a group of Athenians passionate about addressing poverty-related issues in the community. After focusing on 11 prominent causes, OneAthens formed a brand-new organization: the OneAthens Community Foundation, later renamed the Athens Area Community Foundation.

“I had the privilege of watching [AACF] as it morphed into what it’s become today. My company and I realized how much of a need there was and how much of an impact it could have, so we wanted to raise our hand early on to say ‘we want to be on the ground floor’” Phil said, “Under Sarah’s leadership [AACF’s CEO], and Delene’s before hers, it’s certainly exceeded any expectations that we had!”

“AACF helps connect donors and individuals with the organizations that do such good things in our community. They also provide education and training to help the boards of nonprofits improve, and they’re a great collaborator with the University [of Georgia].

“If you’ve got something you’re passionate about, they can help you direct that pathway [of giving].

Pocket Change to Powerful Philanthropy



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Can a dollar have an impact in this day and age? The answer: A resounding yes from the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.

“A single dollar at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia actually translates to three balanced meals,” said Erin Barger, CEO of the Food Bank. “We’re able to do that based on our purchasing power, the connections we leverage, and how we’re able to source food. There is literally no gift too small to have an impact here.”

So when it came to choosing a philanthropic partner to help manage their funds, the natural choice was a nonprofit that also believed in the power of a dollar, the power of connections and partnership, and the power of wise stewardship.

“With all the negative things that came from the pandemic, one positive for us as a food bank was increased awareness. Which meant we were able to leverage greater philanthropy than in years before,” said Erin. “At the Food Bank, stewardship is one of our core values, and so it’s really important to our board of directors and the leadership here that we take that stewardship seriously, and the Athens Area Community Foundation is fully aligned with us in that. It was an easy decision for us to open a fund at AACF. Also, we are fully aligned with AACF in believing that relationship is a cornerstone to everything we do, with the neighbors we are here to serve at the center.”

I learned that loving your neighbor means really having to discern and come to terms with what is enough. And if I have more than enough, it’s time to share.

“And so, for me, that connects to the Athens Area Community Foundation - they are also a vehicle for people’s kindness and their love for their neighbor, which is something I find intuitive and essential to our community. Giving has not only a ripple effect, but I also think it has an exponential impact that philanthropists often underestimate.”

The Food Bank’s partnership with AACF is not just strictly financial; it’s also multilevel.

“AACF has really spearheaded elevating the role that nonprofit organizations play in our region,” Erin said. “Sarah McKinney, AACF’s CEO, is an incredible spokesperson for the fact that “nonprofit” is truly a tax code, not a way of doing business.. She has really helped tell the story and showcase other nonprofits that are making innovative and strategic steps forward to build the community that we all want to call home. This shared belief in capacity for non-profit excellence has been fundamental to our relationship. Additionally, we were honored to receive AACF’s Nonprofit of the Year award this year.

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Founded 31 years ago, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia serves 14 counties and is expanding their physical building by building a new 63,000-square-foot facility, almost double the current size.

According to Erin, who became CEO in 2021, the food bank’s mission is to connect neighbors with nourishing food.

“We do this work because we believe in a day where one day we wake up, and every person has enough food every day of their life,” said Erin. “For me, personally, my upbringing instilled in me a desire to give back. My father worked for the Ford Motor Company and was very much for the working man. He believed that everyone should have equal opportunity, and that was something that he was willing to speak up for. My family was also open-minded about what loving your neighbor means.

“It was incredibly humbling to receive that in the company of many other very worthy and deserving organizations, and to celebrate this in my second year is a testament to the legacy of those who came before me in this work. AACF is at a level where the connection to them and the relationship with them is kind of iron sharpening iron. Their rigor and stewardship are indicators to us that our faith in them is well placed.

“If something matters and I need help with something, I’m going to go to the experts. And if you’re a nonprofit and you have resources and want to see them grow but also connect to the broader community, what better way to do that than to connect to the group who’s convening and leading these conversations.”

From Nonprofit Leader to Strategic Steward



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Gail's mindset of philanthropy goes back to being raised in a generous family.

Gail Kurtz didn't have to be convinced. She already knew the value of community foundations when it came to philanthropy.

"I was involved with OneAthens, a group that came up with the idea that Athens needed a community foundation," Gail said. "I wasn't a spearhead or anything, but I was involved and knew about community foundations and the work they do. I thought Athens needed one, too."

Not only was Gail already familiar with community foundations – something not even a third of adults in one 2023 study could say – she also knew nonprofits inside and out.

"For 18 years, I ran a nonprofit, the Southeastern Network of Youth and Family Services, which connected a network of youth-serving agencies in the eight southeastern states. We provided them with training resources, conferences, and new ideas. It was a great job and good fun!" she said.

Even with this deep nonprofit experience, Gail felt her gifts would be best stewarded through a fund with the Athens Area Community Foundation.

"I decided to become a fundholder because I felt if I believed in it, then I should be involved in it. Plus, it really makes life easier. We used to make various donations here and there, and I couldn't keep track of them – plus, I could no longer deduct them from my taxes. [Opening a fund] seemed really useful and helped to support the foundation itself," she said.

"Although I run a nonprofit organization and know how important it is to have donations, one of the things that I really like as a fundholder is being able to talk with Sarah about where our money would best be used because there are so many causes that are important to me.

"We like giving to something that can make a real difference at that point in time. So for the last several years, we've tried to focus our donations on something that Sarah McKinney, the CEO of the AACF, knows is a need and that we enjoy as well."

Gail's mindset of philanthropy goes back to being raised in a generous family. But she also laughs, "I'm a social worker, so what else could I do but give back?"

In her free time, Gail volunteers with the Athens Community Council on Aging and helps with other community projects that arise.

Not only did Gail inherit a heart for giving, but she's passed it on to her three sons, too. When Gail's mother died, the Kurtzes gave each son a gift to help them start their own journeys of philanthropy; all three hold their funds at the Athens Area Community Foundation.

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During her time as a nonprofit leader, Gail saw a direct benefit through the services she offered to help nonprofits do more. She even, through the Athens Area Community Foundation, offered funds for developing training based on some of the things that she knew would support local nonprofits, including partnering with the Fanning Institute at UGA to make it happen.

Having experienced the satisfaction of seeing her dollars at work is a big part of why Gail encourages others to get involved and start a fund with the Athens Area Community Foundation.

"What I really like about the Community Foundation is the way it provides leadership. It's not just random giving; they help you organize it. They also provide leadership to other nonprofits and distribute funding," she said.

"People should give through the Athens Area Community Foundation because it makes your life easier – you can count on that. Someone is overseeing the nonprofits, and they know more about the community than I do. They really help you focus where you want your giving to go."



WHO WE ARE

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



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.

Powerful Force For Good

The Athens Area Community Foundation is a powerful force for good in our community.

We are a:

- Trusted community leader
- Trusted partner for local organizations
- Trusted philanthropic guide

The trust placed in us by fundholders brings our community leadership into action.

Community. Conversation. Philanthropy.

A curated series of experiences and events. Provides opportunities for fundholders to learn, volunteer, and engage with causes and organizations.

GuideStar Local Nonprofit Directory

A free nonprofit directory that is accessible at athensareacf.org/directory. Provides information on all nonprofits in the Greater Athens area.

Ready. Set. Go. Refresh. Board Training Series

Signature board leadership training series. Designed to develop strong leaders who bring their best to the boardroom.

Nonprofit Training Series

A series focused on nonprofit skills and capacity building. Provides access to specialized trainings from experts.

The Nonprofit of the Year Award

An award that recognizes and celebrates local nonprofits annually for:

- Excellence in leadership and management
- Innovation and collaboration
- Community impact

The Professional Advisor Network

A network that inspires charitable conversations and giving strategies in our community.

Emergency Response Funds

A community resource for direct emergency relief. The COVID-19 Relief Fund provided **8** funding rounds, totaling **\$698,000** given to **82** organizations.

The Empty Stocking Fund at AACF

A resource for local agencies to assist families during the holiday season. In 2023:

\$68,256.18 was given to **259** families through **17** partner organizations.

The Resilient Northeast Georgia Fund at AACF

A grant to build community capacity to address root causes of trauma. In 2022:

1,212 participants from **12** counties were engaged in **17** trainings and events for **3,378** contact hours.

The Athens Wellbeing Project

A project that collects and analyzes household-level data to drive decision making for local leaders and philanthropy.

3 survey iterations in the field
5 domains of community data

Nonprofit Directory

Have you ever wondered, “How many nonprofits are in my community?” Or have you wondered about specificity in local nonprofits, such as, “I would love to see what local nonprofits serve environmental causes.”

We have the answer! The Nonprofit Directory was launched in 2023 on our Athens Area Community Foundation website. Free and open to the community, the Nonprofit Directory is a comprehensive guide to IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations located in Athens-Clarke, Barrow, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe counties.



You can search by organization name or keyword in the main search bar. Alternatively, you can filter results by Geography, County, Organization, and Financial status.

This directory allows you to:

- Explore nonprofits in your community
- Understand an organization's financial health over time
- Find organizations by cause area
- Analyze an organization's programs, operations, and impact

Visit athensareacf.org/directory to learn more!





Resilient Northeast Georgia:

Building a Trauma-Informed Northeast Georgia Together

As a special project fund of the Athens Area Community Foundation, the Resilient Northeast Georgia trauma-informed communities initiative is a vital part of the Athens Area Community Foundation's role as a community leader. Resilient Northeast Georgia aims to build community capacity around preventing and mitigating childhood trauma by addressing sources of early adversity that affect children and families.

Entering its fifth year of grant funding from Resilient Georgia and the Pittulloch Foundation, the initiative convenes partners across a twelve-county footprint to bring increased awareness of the root causes of community adversity. By leveraging resources and partnerships built that improve mental health, resiliency, and belonging. Vital to this initiative is the partnership with Family Connection. Each county's collaborative serves as a key portal into the community, bringing a richer sense of community needs, resources, and opportunities for expanding trauma-informed care across the region.

What has the coalition achieved in the first 4 years?

- **Increased awareness:** Trauma is now being talked about more in community meetings. There is a greater sense of awareness of ACEs and new sectors are beginning to engage in conversations about trauma.
- **Expansion of Resources:** Your Mental Health First Aid, Community Resiliency Model, Connections Matter, and Circle of Security trainings have been transformative for communities by expanding access to information about trauma-informed practices.
- **Development of a Common Language:** Partners now speak the same language and have a common understanding of what it means to be trauma-informed. This has facilitated collaboration and made it easier to implement trauma-informed practices across systems.
- **Increased Community Education:** There are now more opportunities for individuals and the community to learn about trauma and resiliency practices. This is helping to build a more trauma-informed culture in Northeast Georgia Counties.

PARTNERS:





**Addressing Teen Mental Health Outcomes:
Inform. Inspire. Empower. Summit**

A key deliverable of the Resilient Northeast Georgia initiative was the INFORM. INSPIRE. EMPOWER. regional summit. Hosted in Jackson County and attracting 245 attendees from all 12 counties, the all-day summit convened teens and adults from across northeast Georgia for a day of learning alongside powerful speakers, teen leaders in the mental health space, and resource tables from providers around the region.

As a summit planned by, for, and with teens, INFORM. INSPIRE. EMPOWER. leveraged a remarkable level of talent and expertise from partners not previously engaged by our annual summit. Teens from across the region served on the advisory committee, presented in the INFORM. and INSPIRE. sessions, and hosted resource and activity tables in the EMPOWER. session. As a whole, the summit put a spotlight on the capacity for a teen role in improving community resiliency.

Highlight: Trauma-Informed Mentoring in Clarke County

In 2023, the Athens Area Community Foundation, in partnership with the Clarke County Mentor Program and the Athens Wellbeing Project, was awarded a Community Transformation Grant from the Department of Early Care and Learning for a trauma-informed mentoring pilot program. Mentors from the University of Georgia psychology department were trained on the Community Resiliency Model, which focuses on developing skills for re-balancing your nervous system after stressful experiences. These mentors were then paired with 1st and 2nd grade students around Clarke County to bring a trauma-informed approach to their relationships with their mentees.

By the **NUMBERS**



2,778

Total Participants Engaged

1,212

Engaged in 2023



8,352

Contact Hours

3,378

Earned in 2023



39

Events/Trainings Delivered

17

Delivered in 2023



12

Counties Reached by
Resilient Northeast Georgia
Grant Initiatives



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, community collaboration, and impact. Our hope is that all nominees feel uplifted as influential members of the business community. The Athens Community Council on Aging is the fourth winner of the Nonprofit of the Year Award, and the selection committee believes that they exhibited excellence in all aspects of the award criteria.

We are grateful to the Athens Chamber of Commerce for helping us honor our local nonprofits as we announced this award at the 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 help us to grow giving and provide community leadership.



Congratulations to the Athens Community Council on Aging, our 2023 Nonprofit of the Year Honoree!

“The Athens Community Council on Aging does not merely provide services that meet the physical needs for people – they provide for the deepest need that we have – to be valued, have purpose, and be part of a community that loves us.”

– Jonathan Wentworth, ACCA Board Member

Previous Honorees

2022: The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia

2021: Athens Area Homeless Shelter

2019: Extra Special People





Congratulations to all the Nonprofit of the Year nominees!

Over 70 people from nominated organizations and AACF leadership gathered at Authentic Brewing Company to celebrate the collaboration and impact of these influential nonprofits.

Acceptance Recovery Center
 Adventure Bags
 Ashton Hope Keegan Foundation
 Athens Area Diaper Bank
 Athens Area Women in Construction
 Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA)
 Athens Parent Wellbeing
 Athens Tech Foundation
 AthFest Educates
 Barrow County Habitat for Humanity
 Barrow County Young Life
 Books for Keeps
 Brightpaths
 Children First Inc.

Clarke County Mentor Program
 Cultivating a Lifetime of Legacy, Inc.
 Divas Who Win Freedom Center Inc.
 Encourage HER Academy
 Family Connection-Communities In Schools of Athens
 Family Counseling Service of Athens Inc.
 Family Promise Athens
 Farm to Neighborhood Foundation, Inc.
 Hope Haven of Northeast Georgia, Inc.
 Juvenile Offender Advocate Inc.
 Love.Craft Athens
 Lydia's Place
 New Path 1010, Inc.

Nuçi Phillips Memorial Foundation (dba Nuçi's Space)
 Oconee Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
 Project Safe Inc.
 Sheats Social Services
 The Cancer Foundation
 The Cottage Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center



AACF Student Fellow - Madison Colonna

“ It has been such an amazing and informative experience to be a part of the Nonprofit of the Year Award process this year. I feel as though I have learned so much watching each part of this process unfold, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to interact with so many impactful nonprofits in our community. ”



The Athens Area Community Foundation continued its signature Board Leadership Training, co-hosted with the Jackson EMC Foundation. The training consists of four separate workshops led by Victoria Prevatt of **Good Works**, who has two decades of experience working with organizations at the crossroads of board governance, philanthropy, and storytelling.

- **ON YOUR MARK**, for nonprofit leaders;
- **READY**, for leaders new to serving or looking to serve on a board of directors;
- **SET**, for leaders currently serving on boards;
- **GO**, for current Board Chairs and Executive Directors to dive deeper;

These courses are stand-alone workshops. Since we launched in 2022, more than 350 people have been trained in 12 separate workshops!

We can bring any of these workshops to you. Email info@athensareacf.org for more information!



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NONPROFIT TRAINING SERIES

BUILD CAPACITY • SHOW IMPACT

The Nonprofit Training Series is brought to you by a partnership with the Athens Area Community Foundation, United Way of Northeast Georgia, University of Georgia School of Social Work, and UGA Office of Service-Learning. As a group, we bring in speakers from areas in nonprofit development, fundraising, board management, and more will leverage their insight and expertise to help organizations build capacity and show impact.

The Nonprofit Training Series is now a bi-annual event, with each half-day training featuring various session topics. Past topics include:

- Grant Writing
- Communications
- Results-Based Accountability
- Performance Management
- Volunteer Management
- Board Governance
- Legality in Nonprofits
- Telling Your Story
- Donor Panel
- Leading through Crisis and Challenge





In October 2023, over 30 professional advisors joined us for a breakfast. We gathered to network, share inspiring stories charitable giving, and highlight year end gift strategies.

Investment Manager Program

Through our Investment Manager Program, qualifying investment firms are engaged by Athens Area Community Foundation (AACF) to manage all assets held in their clients’ charitable funds in a single account at AACF.

The investment firm manages the assets collectively while we maintain and track each fund separately.

A minimum of \$500,000 in collective charitable funds are required to participate.

For your clients, creating their new fund at AACF is as simple as completing an agreement. They can contribute securities, cash or other assets, or they can grant assets from a private foundation or a donor-advised fund (DAF) held elsewhere.

Simple giving for your client

- Strategic giving that will make a long-term impact
- Easy giving that can be done online, via email, or by phone call
- Purposeful giving focused on your clients’ objectives
- Collective giving by joining the philanthropy working to help our community thrive
- Active giving that connects your clients with opportunities to learn more about ways to make an impact

A local partner for you

- A local partner who can share extensive charitable planning and legacy building expertise
- A knowledgeable partner who deeply knows Athens and the surrounding communities, and who is in tune with the culture, the needs, and the organizations who meet those needs
- A trusted partner who wants to help you provide more value and depth to your relationship with clients and their families
- A partner committed to helping charitably-minded professional advisors thrive

Requirements for outside investment manager relationships

- Legal and regulatory status as Registered Investment Advisor, bank, or trust company
- Proven investment management experience among key employees
- Investment process consistent with AACF’s Investment Policy Statement

Community Foundation Student Fellows

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Bernard Saunders - UGA MBA Board Fellow, 2017-18

“ AACF was near and dear to me as I was a community foundation scholarship recipient from the Atlanta organization. This allowed me to be the first in my family to go to college so I saw first hand the work that was being done in communities from this organization.

The Athens Area Community Foundation allowed me to give back to a non-profit that not only helped me but truly impacted the Athens community as evidenced with the signing day program.

The AACF also allowed me to get my first ever board experience where I was actively involved in the budget planning for the year and decision making for the organization.

From the experience I gained in this board role, I was able to obtain other nonprofit board roles and currently am a leader of nonprofit board here in Atlanta. Truly thankful to Sarah, UGA MBA program (Andrew Salinas) and all the other AACF board members for the opportunity. ”



Alex Loven - Summer 2019

“ AACF helped me develop soft skills and understand the great importance of relationships in professional life. ”



Meredith Lysaught - Fall 2020

“ When I started at AACF as an intern in 2021, there was no Foundation Fellowship program or fancy title. I was a student intern in the last year of my public health degree program, set to graduate in the middle of a global pandemic and light on marketable skills.

The time I spent as a Community Foundation fellow undoubtedly shaped my role as Program Manager at the Athens Area Community Foundation. It was an incredible opportunity to gain real-world skills at the end of my degree and to work with an incredible community I would have otherwise missed as a student. My time as an intern taught me so much about the value of relationships, humility, and hard work while also allowing me to bring my perspective in public health directly into every part of my work with the foundation. I'm proud to have been the first Community Foundation Fellow, and equally proud that I now get to work alongside the student leaders who have continued on in the role. ”



Bethany Chapman - UGA MBA Board Fellow, 2020-22

“ For me, the biggest takeaway from my time with AACF was how important it is to know, invest in, and serve the community in which you live. My family is planning to stay in Athens for a long time, and I appreciated the chance to learn so much about the area while serving with AACF. Also, the opportunity to observe how a well-run board operates and the time spent learning from others who have served on boards gave me the confidence to, in turn, serve on a Board of Directors. I am currently the Treasurer for a small Georgia-based nonprofit organization called Anaweza that supports rural villages in southwestern Kenya by providing healthcare, education, and training. ”



Ellie Pennybacker - Fall & Winter 2021-22

“ I worked with AACF on the 2021 Nonprofit of the Year event. As a relatively new Athens resident, I was looking for ways to get involved in the community and better understand the nonprofit landscape in the Athens area. I cannot imagine a better opportunity to get to know the region and our wonderful nonprofit leaders than working on the Nonprofit of the Year Award.

AACF provided me with irreplicable experience and professional skills development. Sarah and the entire team at the AACF were humble, kind, welcoming, and incredibly enthusiastic about the work being done in our community. They demonstrated what it means to be a leader who listens, celebrates success, and makes supporting the community an attainable goal for everyone. I continue to hold their example of leadership close to my heart and my professional mission as I grow into the leader I aspire to be. ”



Savannah Tierney - Summer 2022

“ AACF prepared me for my career in many ways. The opportunity to research prevalent topics that affect communities across the state allowed me to gain insight into where gaps exist in funding and public policy, which prepared me to conduct and present research on similar issues on a global scale. Further, the opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders and community members prepared me for my role now, where I engage with government leaders around the world using the skills I gained at AACF. ”



Katie Beth Fowler - Fall & Winter 2022-23

“ It was an incredible place to explore my interests in the nonprofit sector through the student fellowship as an MPA student. The organization itself provided opportunities to work with the Board of Directors, plan the Nonprofit of the Year reception, and create one-pagers for donor communication which are all skills that help me in my current job as the Development Coordinator and Board Liaison for the Erlanger Foundation in Chattanooga, TN. However, it was not the organization in and of itself, but rather the people who made my experience so transformative. Sarah, Stephanie, Kipper, and Meredith greeted me each day with encouragement, valued my ideas, and helped me build confidence in my leadership abilities. It is hard to truly quantify the value they gave to my life and my professional career. While I no longer live in Athens, I still have a heart for the community and am excited to see where the next 15 years takes the AACF and Athens! ”



**BEHIND
THE
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 ATHENS AREA
Community
Foundation





Power of the Purse



United Way
of Northeast Georgia



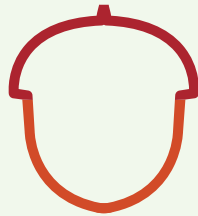


Working to help passionate donors
**create dynamic legacies, foster
strategic philanthropy, and shape
effective responses** to community
needs through collaboration.

How Can I Get Involved?

CREATING A DYNAMIC LEGACY AT AACF

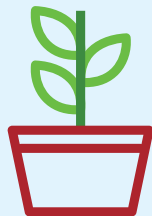
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Let's Talk

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 1: Community Grantmaking:

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

Type 2: 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.

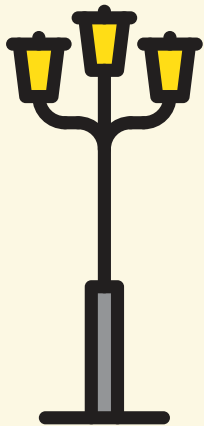
Give Now: Securities



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: QCDs

Donors may donate their QCD to the Athens Area Community Foundation and **make pass through grants to organizations of their choosing.** Donors may also set up certain types of funds with their QCDs or support the Community Giving Fund at AACF to meet our community's greatest needs.



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

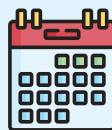
Bequests are one of the easiest ways to give. They can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of the estate, or the residual that remains after all other bequests.

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

Our Funds are professionally managed and under the Fiduciary care of our Board of Directors. In addition, we have partnered with Merrill, a global investment firm, to serve as Trust Fiduciaries, the highest standard of care available.



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.

The Benson Family

Cadence Bank

Bob Carson

Ricky H. Chastain

Bertis and Katherine Downs

Heyward Allen Motor Company

Clementi L. Holder

First American Bank and Trust

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In Honor of Tim Johnson

John and Teresa McLean

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The Newland Family Foundation, Inc.

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Jim and Emily Reynolds

Jinx and Gordhan Patel

The Riverview Foundation, Inc.

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St. Mary's Health Care System

Synovus

The Terrell Family Foundation

The Ulm Family Foundation

The Winthrop Family Foundation

Robert W. Woodruff Foundation

Madline Van Dyck

Growing Giving for the Community We Love.

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.

147 Fund	Karlin-Lee Arts & Culture Fund
AIDS Athens Legacy Fund	MaP Legacy Awards Fund
Ashby M. Foster Memorial Fund (Legacy)	Mary Nouri Fund
Edward W. Johnson Game Bird Management Scholarship Fund	McCue Trust
Fund for Honesty and Integrity	Piedmont Shaman Rock Fund
Helene Halstead	Susan and Edward Wilde Fund
Holt-Kassay Endowment Fund	The Theresa Perenich Caring Funds (Legacy)
Hughes-Galau Fund	The Theresa Perenich Endowed Fund for Animal Rights and the Environment Fund
Kane Foundation Fund	Thomas W. Scott, III Legacy Fund

Supporters: Jan. 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The Athens Area Community Foundation thanks the supporters helping to advance our mission.

Buddy Heyward Allen	Bob Carson	Hammers Law Firm	Jody Patton
Athens Area Estate Planning Network	Dan and Sally Coenen	Jackson EMC	Mr. Charles Peck
Alicia Battle	Dr. Myron Downs	Jon Williams and Amy Stone	Major B. Rice, Jr.
Amy BeMent	Epting Events	David and Gail Kurtz	The Remarkable Foundation
Phil Bettendorf	First American Bank & Trust	Dr. Julia Marlowe	Sara Schramm
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The Bretscher Family Foundation	Carl and Sarah Glickman	Pat Mercardante	Todd Emily
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Trust

in Guiding Local Philanthropy



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, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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

24th Street Athens Fund	Barbara B. Holt Emergency Assistance Fund	COVID-19 Community Response Fund
AACF Pass-Through Fund	Barron's Rental Foundation Fund	Creature Comforts Get Comfortable Fund
ABH Empty Stocking Fund	Be Golden Fund	Dan T. and Sara Wyche Coenen Fund
Accountability Courts Foundation of Athens Area	Behavioral Health Grant - Resilient Northeast Georgia	Darren and Kathryn Ash Foundation Fund
Accountability Courts of the Northern Judicial Circuit	Benson's Inc. Community Fund	David and Jane Kidd Family Fund
ACF Compassion Network Project	Bertis and Katherine Downs Fund	Dawgs For Pups - WiFi Fund
AIDS Athens Fund	Beta Zeta Scholarship Endowment Fund	DGD Fund
Al and Kathy Conn Parker Fund	Bettye Henderson Holston Elementary School Library	Divas Who Win Freedom Center Designated Fund
Ashby M. Foster Memorial Fund	Board Leadership Training Fund	Dixen Foundation
Athens 100% Renewable Energy Fund	Bowen Family Charitable Fund	Don and Phyllis Nelson Sharing Fund
Athens Community Career Academy Fund	Bracewell Family Fund for David C. Barrow Media Center	Douglas Family Fund
Athens Community Council on Aging Field Fund	Briscoe Family Foundation	Dr. Hoke Smith Nash, Jr. Memorial Fund
Athens Community Partnership for Youth Development	Campbell Harper Fund	DUI Treatment Court Fund
Athens Nurses Clinic Fund	CandyVet Foundation Fund	E.H. Culpepper Memorial Fund
Athens Resonates Fund	Carrie Fischer Siegmund Grant for Classroom Innovation Fund	Ed and Robin Benson Fund
Athens Resource Center for Hope Village Apartments	CCSD Youth Development Initiative Fund	Elizabeth and Anthony DeMarco Family Fund
Athens Wellbeing Project Fund	Charles Briscoe Memorial Fund	Epting Family Foundation Fund
Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services P.L.A.Y. Fund	Charlie & Teresa Friedlander Community Fund	Erika C. Lewis Family Fund
Athens-Clarke County Police Department - Summer Youth Camp	Cindy and Wayne Lester Family Fund	Family Treatment Court Fund
Barbara and Frank Rice Memorial Fund	Clarke County Mentor Program Designated Fund	Felony Drug Court Fund
	Clarke County School District Fund	FLiP Project Fund
	Community Transformation Grant Fund	Food to CCSD Community Fund
	COSSUP of the Western Judicial Court	Fortson, Bentley and Griffin, P.A. 75th Anniversary Fund
		Founders Society
		Franklin Street Foundation Fund

Growing Giving for the Community We Love.

Fund for Honesty and Integrity
Gatti Massimi Fund
Good Works Fund
Gordhan L. & Virginia B. (Jinx) Patel Family Fund
Grant and Jami Cashin Fund
Hansford Family Fund
Helen & Milton Mills Family Fund
Helen and Mark Costantino Literacy Education Fund
Holland Blackmon Fund for Children
Holt-Kassay Fund
Horvat Family Scholarship Fund
Hudson Family Charitable Fund
Hugh Milton Mills III Auto Tech Scholarship Fund
Hutchinson Family Foundation Fund
Irving Family Fund
Jackson EMC Fund
Jan and Ed Perkins Fund
Jim & Emily Reynolds Fund
John S. Willis Fund
John Waters Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jon and Amy Williams Family Charitable Fund
Joseph & Kittie Mathis Fund
Julie and John McLeod Fund
Kappa Sigma Community Fund
Kimberly Easter Noland Fund
Kurtz Charitable Fund
Kurtz Family Fund
Laseter Family Fund
Laura Mulherin Foundation Fund
Lawrence & Morris Family Fund
Lee Nelson Weeks Charity Fund
Love Like Leah Designated 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
McLeroy Family Giving 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
Nonprofit Loan Fund
Novey Family Fund
Nute Scholarship Fund
Oconee Hill Cemetery Fund
Oglethorpe County School System Fund
One Athens Fund
One Tree Planted Special Project Fund
Patrick C. Mercardante Family 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
Richard F and Mary L Daniels Charitable Fund
Ricky and Betsey Chastain Family Fund
Rogers Family Fund
Rutledge Lathen Fund
Sam Allgood Fund
Seventh Son Fund
Shropshire Family Fund
Smith-Tompsonski Family Fund
Society of Sigma Xi Fund - UGA Chapter
Sonja West and Robert Fezekas Family Fund
Spencer Bradley Foundation for Mental Health Fund
Step Up Scholarship Project Fund
Stephen Castile Memorial Scholarship Fund
Steve and Melanie Hollis Family Fund
Steve Jones and Lillian Kinsey Community Impact Fund
Sunny Knoll Fund
Synovus-Athens Fund
Penny McLanahan Field of Interest Fund
The BeMent Family Fund
The Birkley Heynen Environmental Fund
The Blackwell Family Foundation Income Trust
The Brad and Cynthia Shepherd Family Foundation Fund
The Dale Allen Memorial Success Scholarship
The Douglas Carithers Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Eastside Eagle Foundation Fund
The Jesus Wept Fund
The Kirby Smart Family Foundation
The Kirby Smart Family Foundation - Autograph Request
The Kirby Smart Family Foundation - Charity Request
The Mills Foundation Fund
The MLK Day of Service Fund
The Norton Family Foundation Fund
The Oconee Cellar Annual Charity Golf Classic Family Fund
The Patrick and Cameron Garrard Family Fund
The Patterson Family Fund
The Realtor Jared Fund
The Remarkable Foundation
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
Weeks Family Fund
Western Circuit Bar Association Fund
Wiggans Family Fund
Wilbur C. Mull Memorial Scholarship Fund
William T. Berry Fund
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Nonprofit Grantees: Jan. 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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24th Street Inc.	Athens Church	Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation
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A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc.	Athens Community Council on Aging, Inc.	Books for Keeps, Inc.
AARP Foundation	Athens FCA	Boy Scouts of America - Northeast Georgia Council
ABH Empty Stocking Fund	Athens Film Arts Institute Inc.	Boy With A Ball International
ACC SANE Inc.	Athens First United Methodist Church	Boys & Girls Clubs of Athens
Acceptance Recovery Center, Inc.	Athens Historical Society Inc.	Boys & Girls Clubs of Jackson County, Inc.
ACLU Foundation of Georgia Inc	Athens Housing Authority	Boys Town
Adventure Bags, Inc.	Athens Land Trust	Brady Center To Prevent Gun Violence
Advocates For Children Inc	Athens Master Chorale	Bread Coffeehouse
African Wildlife Foundation	Athens Montessori School Inc.	BrightFocus Foundation
Albany Museum of Art	Athens Neighborhood Health Center	Brightpaths
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ALS Association	Athens Prayer Network	Brooklyn Defender Services
ALS Association Golden West Chapter	Athens Reparations Action	Bucknell University
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc. dba Alzheimer's Association	Athens Rotary Foundation, Inc.	Buford City Schools
Amani Women Center	Athens Symphony Orchestra	Burney-Harris-Lyons Middle School
American Cancer Society	Athens Tech Foundation, Inc.	C Three Foundation
American Civil Liberties Union, Inc.	Athens Tutorial Program Inc.	Called to Care, Inc.
American Craft Council	Athens Wellbeing Project Fund	Camp Amplify
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	Athens Wellness Clinic	Camp Big Heart Civitan Club Inc.
American Friends Service Committee	Athens Y Camp for Boys	Camp Kudzu Inc.
American Heart Association	Athens YMCA	Camp Sunshine
American Indian College Fund	Athens-Clarke County Homeless Coalition Inc.	Camp Twin Lakes
American Red Cross	Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services	Cancer Foundation of Northeast Georgia
American Red Cross - Northeast Georgia Chapter	Athens-Clarke Safe Cycling Association Inc. dba BikeAthens	Canopy Studio, Inc.
American Red Cross Northeast Georgia	AthFest	CARE
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals dba ASPCA	Atlanta Cancer Care Foundation	Casa De Amistad
American Society of International Law	Atlanta Contemporary Art Center Inc.	C-Change Conversations
American University	Atlanta Mission	Cedar Shoals High School
Americares	Austin Cops for Charities	Center for Applied Nursery Research Inc.
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia	Bacon County Extension 4-H Club	Center for Biological Diversity Inc.
Amnesty International USA, Inc.	BananasFoster Program	Center for Disaster Philanthropy Inc.
Anchor of Hope Foundation	Barnett Shoals Elementary School	Center for New Beginnings
Appalachian Trail Conservancy	Barrow Elementary School	Champions Community Foundation
Apparo Academy	Bear Creek Council	Champions Foundation Inc.
Ashford Memorial Methodist Church	Because One Matters	Chase Street Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
Ashton Hope Keegan Foundation	Behavioral Health Grant - Resilient Northeast Georgia	Chase Street Elementary School
Athens Academy, Inc.	Bethel Haven Inc.	Chattahoochee Nature Center Inc.
Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement	Bethlehem Ministry, Inc.	Chess and Community Conference
Athens Area Diaper Bank	Bettye Henderson Holston Elementary School - Media Center	Child Enrichment Inc.
Athens Area Emergency Food Bank, Inc.	Beyond the Ribbon	Children First Foundation of Morgan County Inc.
Athens Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Chattahoochee Valley	Children First, Inc
Athens Area Homeless Shelter	Bigger Vision of Athens, Inc.	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation
Athens Area Human Relations Council		Chosen for Life Ministries
Athens Area Humane Society		Christian City Inc.

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Circles Cobb, Inc.
Citizens Climate Education Corp.
Citizenship Education Fund
City of Hope Athens Inc. dba
City of Refuge Athens
City of Refuge
Clarke Central High School
Clarke County Mentor Program, Inc.
Clarke County Schools Special Olympics
Clarke County Sheriff's Office
Clarke Middle School
CMF International
Coastal Plain CASA, Inc.
College Factory, Inc.
College of Athens
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
Columbia Community Care
Columbia Theological Seminary
Come Alive Ministries of Barrow Co. Inc.
Comics Appreciation Project Inc.
Community & Youth Development
Organization
Community Christmas of Oglethorpe
County Inc.
Community Partnership of Elbert County
Community Services for Autistic Adults
and Children
Cooperative Family Fund
Cornell University
Cornerstone Church - Athens
Covenant House Georgia Inc.
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center
Creature Comforts Get Comfortable Fund
Cru / Campus Crusade for Christ
Cultivating a Lifetime of Legacy
Cure Alzheimer's Fund
Dakota Indian Foundation Inc.
Dalton State Foundation
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Inc.
Deep Spring Center for Meditation
and Spiritual Inquiry
Defenders of Wildlife
Democracy Now Productions Inc.
Destined Inc.
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
of Georgia
DGD Outdoor Adventures
Divas Who Win Freedom Center
Doctors without Borders
Dove Creek Elementary School
Downtown Ministries Inc.
Eagle Ranch, Inc.
Earth & Soul
East Athens Development Corporation

East Jackson Middle School
Ebenezer Baptist Church West
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Emory University
Empowers Africa Inc.
Encourage HER Academy
Environmental Defense Fund, Inc.
Episcopal Relief and Development
Equal Justice Initiative
Equality Foundation of Georgia, Inc.
Essex County Conservation Alliance (ECCA)
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Extra Special People
Families and Communities Together Relief -
FACT Relief
Families of Children Under Stress
Family Connection - Communities In Schools
of Athens
Family Counseling Service of Athens Inc.
Family Heritage Foundation Inc.
Family Promise of Athens
Family Treatment Court Fund
Farm To Neighborhood Inc.
Feeding America
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Ferst Readers, Inc.
FINCA International, Inc.
Firefly Trail Inc.
First Baptist Church of Athens
First Christian Church Watkinsville
First Presbyterian Church of Athens
Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
Food To Kids Madison County Inc.
Foster Siblings Reunited, Inc.
dba Camp to Belong-Georgia
Fostering Impact, Inc.
Foundation for Excellence in Public
Education in Clarke County GA Inc.
Foundation for Public Broadcasting in
Georgia, Inc.
Four Corners Group Inc.
Fractured Atlas, Inc.
Friends Ministries
Friends of Advantage Inc.
Friends of Athens-Clarke County Library, Inc.
Friends of Disabled Adults and Children
(FODAC)
Friends of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
Friends of Oconee Hill Cemetery, Inc.
Friends of the State Botanical Garden
of Georgia Inc.
GAP Ministries of Augusta, Inc.
Gateway House dba Gateway Domestic
Violence Center
Gatewood Schools Inc.

Georgia 4-H Club Foundation Cooperative
Extension
Georgia Audubon
Georgia College & State University
Foundation Inc.
Georgia Conflict Center Inc.
Georgia Conservancy Inc.
Georgia Cooperative Development Center Inc.
Georgia Extension 4-H Foundation
Georgia Heirs Property Law Center Inc.
Georgia HI-Lo Trail Inc.
Georgia Jaycee Foundation, Inc.
Georgia Legal Services Program Inc.
Georgia Mountains YMCA
Georgia Museum of Art - UGA
Georgia Options, Inc.
Georgia Public Broadcasting
Georgia Rotary Student Program
Georgia State University Foundation Inc.
Georgia Technology Student Association
Georgia Wildlife Federation
Get Stimulated Foundation Incorporated
Ghost Ranch Education & Retreat Center
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia - Athens
Gladiators Football TD Club
Global Giving Foundation
Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb
Great Exchange Inc.
Greene County Family Connection
Commission Inc.
Greene County School System
Greenpeace Fund
Habitat for Humanity International
Happyfeat
Haralson Coalition For Children, Youth
and Families, Inc.
Hawaii Community Foundation
Heart Music Inc.
Heifer Project International, Inc.
Helping Mamas
Here Right Matters Foundation
High Country News
Hillels of Georgia Inc.
Hilsman Middle School
Historic Athens
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Homer United Methodist Church
Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
Hope 139 House
Hope for Hall
Hope Haven of Northeast Georgia, Inc.
Hope Heals
Hope Springs
Hopecam Inc
Horizons Atlanta

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Human Rights Campaign Foundation
Human Rights Watch, Inc.
Humble Warrior Wellness & Yoga Inc.
Impact46
Innocence Project, Inc.
International Committee of the Red Cross
International Rescue Committee
iServe Ministries
Jackson County Family Connection Council Inc.
Jackson County School System
Jackson EMC Foundation, Inc.
Jasper County Family Connection Inc.
JDRF
Jeannette Rankin Foundation
Jefferson School System Foundation Inc.
Jeffrey Campbell Evans Foundation
John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation
Johnson Drive Baptist Church
Join the Flock Inc.
Joyce Ervin Open Hearts Center
Jubilee Partners
Juvenile Offender Advocate Inc.
Kate's Club
Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful
Kennesaw State University Foundation
Kidz2Leaders
Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.
Leadership Georgia Foundation, Inc.
Leap for Literacy
Learning Ally
Lekotek of Georgia, Inc.
Les Dames D Escoffier International Inc.
Lettum Eat Inc.
LGBTQ Victory Institute
Lighthouse Family Retreat
Lion Guardians U.S.
Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church
Love.Craft Athens
Loving Arms Cancer Outreach, Inc.
Lutheran World Relief, Inc.
Lydia's Place
Lyndon House Arts Foundation, Inc.
M L Good Works Foundation Inc.
Macon Tracks Running Club
Madison County School District
Madison Oglethorpe Animal Shelter
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia
MECP2 Duplication Foundation

Medical College of Georgia Foundation, Inc.
Menokin Foundation
Mercy Corps
Mercy Health Center
Metro Atlanta Urban Farm
Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Michigan State University
Mill Village Ministries
Ministry Resource Network Inc.
Minority Business and Nonprofit Association
Monsignor Walter J. Donovan Catholic High School, Inc.
More Light Presbyterians Inc.
Morgan County Board of Education
MOST
Motherhood Beyond Bars
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers
Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation
National Audubon Society
National Center for Victims of Crime, Inc.
National Christian Charitable Foundation, Inc.
National Deer Association
National English Shepherd Rescue
National Park Foundation
National Trust for Historic Preservation in the US
National Wildlife Federation
Native American Rights Fund
Natural Resources Defense Council
Navicent Health Foundation Inc
Newton County Family Connection Inc.
No Kid Hungry by Share Our Strength
Nonprofit Loan Fund
North America World Literacy Foundation
North Oconee Titan Foundation Inc.
Northeast Georgia Speech Center
Nuci's Space
Nuclear Threat Initiative Inc.
Ocean Conservancy
Oconee Area Resource Council, Inc.
Oconee County Warrior Foundation Inc.
Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation
Oconee Elementary School
Oconee Parks Foundation
Oconee River Land Trust
Oconee Therapeutic Riding
Oglala Lakota College

Oglethorpe County Board of Education
Omg Booster Club Inc.
Operation Smile, Inc.
Operation Teammate
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Our Daily Bread Community Kitchen
Oxfam America, Inc.
Partner for People and Place, Inc.
Partnership Against Domestic Violence
Partnership with Native Americans
Paul Anderson Youth Home
Pay It Forward Athens
Peace Place Inc
Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue
Peachtree Christian Health
Pelotonia
Penfield Addiction Ministries Inc.
Penrose Elementary School
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
Performing Arts Center - UGA
Philanthropy Southeast
Piedmont Athens Regional Foundation
Pilot Club of Oconee County
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Planned Parenthood Southeast, Inc.
Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Population Connection
Presbyterian Church USA
Prince Avenue Christian School
Project HOPE - The People-to-People Health Foundation, Inc.
Project Renew Inc.
Project Safe, Inc.
Promise 686 Inc.
Prostate Cancer Foundation
Proximity Gap Network
Rachel's Gift, Inc.
RAD Advocates
Radio Training Network Inc dba The JOY FM
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
Rainbow Village
Rainforest Alliance
Reading is Fundamental, Inc.
Reins of Life, Inc.
Remerge
Reporters Committee For Freedom of the Press
Revved Up Kids Inc.
Rocky Branch Elementary School

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Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta
Ronald McDonald House Charities
Ronald McDonald House Charities
of the Coastal Empire
Rooted Interiors
Rotary Club of the Classic City of Athens, Inc.
Sacred Heart Center
Safe Shelter Center for Domestic Violence
Services, Inc.
Safehouse Ministries
Sage School Inc.
Sandy Creek Nature Center Inc.
Sandy Hook Promise Foundation
Save The Children Federation, Inc.
School of Law - UGA
SD Gunner Fund
Seeing Eye, Inc.
Senior Citizens Inc.
Ser Familia, Inc.
Share the Magic Foundation Inc.
Shenandoah University
Shriners Hospitals for Children
Sideways Sunlight Ministries
Sierra Club Foundation
Sisu of Georgia, Inc.
Smithsonian Institution
Soapstone Preservation Endowment
South Enotah Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance Incorporated
Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc.
Southwest Christian Care
Special Needs Cobb (formerly Right
in the Community)
Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett Inc.
Spectrum Autism Support Group Inc.
Spirit of Sharing Inc.
St Joseph's Indian School
St Mary's Foundation Inc.
St. James United Methodist Church
St. Joseph Catholic Parish School
St. Joseph's Indian School
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
State Botanical Garden of Georgia
Step Up Scholarship Project Fund
Stephen Siller Tunnel To Towers Foundation
Steve Jones and Lillian Kinsey Community
Impact Fund
Stillman College
Stonehenge Youth Association Inc.
Streetwise Georgia
Sudie Clark Hanger Missionary Care
Ministry Inc.
Sunshine on a Ranney Day

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer
Foundation, Inc., National Office
Sweet Olive Farm Animal Rescue Inc.
Sweetwater Mission, Inc.
Tall Timbers Research, Inc.
Taylor-Grady House National Historic
Landmark Inc.
Tharros Place Inc.
The Ark United Ministry Outreach Center
The Atlanta Botanical Garden
The Barack Obama Foundation
The Birkley Heynen Environmental Fund
The Campus Kitchen at UGA
The Carter Center, Inc.
The Catholic Center at UGA
The Children's Advocacy Center of
Thomas County, Inc.
The Classic Center Cultural Foundation, Inc.
The Clute Barrow Nelson Life Foundation
The Cottage, Sexual Assault Center &
Children's Advocacy Center
The Georgia FFA Foundation Inc.
The Giving Kitchen Initiative, Inc.
The HUB Of Habersham, Inc.
The Matthew Reardon Center for Autism
The Methodist Home for Children and Youth
The Nature Conservancy (National)
The New Horizons Foundation
The Oconee Cellar Annual Charity Golf
Classic
The Oconee Rivers Audubon Society Inc.
The REcing Crew
The Salvation Army Athens
The Sparrow's Nest
The Summit Counseling Center
The Table Athens, Inc.
The Trust For Public Land
The University System of Georgia Foundation
The Wild Animal Sanctuary
The Wilderness Society
The Willson Center for Humanities and Arts
The Woodruff Arts Center
Thrive in Joy Nick Fagnano Foundation
Tiger Haven
Timothy Baptist Church Inc.
Tommy Nobis Center
Toni Henson Ministries Inc.
Town and Gown Players Inc.
Treatment and Accountability Court Fund
UGA Grady College of Journalism &
Mass Communication
UGA Hugh Hodgson School of Music
U-Lead Athens

UNICEF USA
Union Mission, Inc
Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc.
United Negro College Fund, Inc.
United States Association for UNHCR
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 California Berkeley Foundation
University of Colorado Foundation
University of Georgia Athletic Association Inc.
University of Georgia Foundation
University of North Georgia Foundation, Inc.
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin Foundation
UNRWA USA National Committee
UPENDO-One Kid at a Time, Inc.
Upstate Forever
Urban Recipe
Victory Train Inc.
Vision Atlanta Inc.
Visual Aids for the Arts, Inc.
Walton County Board of Commissioners
Walton Youth Project, Inc.
Washington Downtown Development
Authority
Watkinsville First Baptist Church
Wayne State University
Weave A Real Peace Incorporated
Wellspring Living
Wesley Foundation at the University
of Georgia Inc.
Westminster Ingleside Presbyterian
Foundation
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe
White Memorial Conservation Center Inc.
Wild Heart Sanctuary
Winship Cancer Institute of
Emory University
Winterville Marigold Festival
Wisdom Hunters Resources Inc.
Woodlands Garden of Decatur Inc.
World Central Kitchen, Inc.
World Outreach Fund
World Wildlife Fund
Wounded Warriors Family Support
Yale University
Young Designers Sewing Program
Young Womens Christian Organization
of Athens Georgia Inc.

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Highlight of Agency Funds

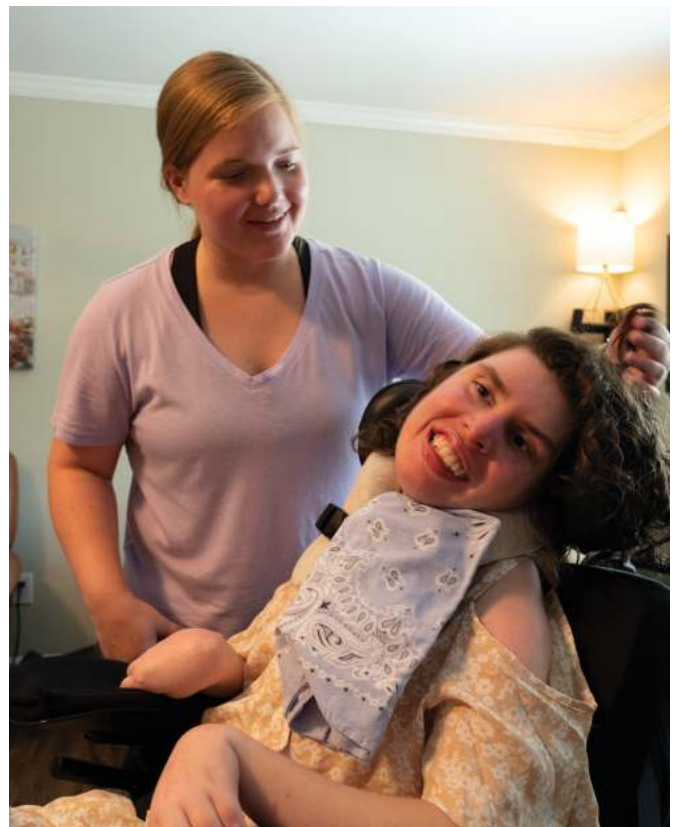
For an established nonprofit organization that is interested in long-term financial sustainability, an agency endowment fund is one way to make the best use of the donations received. Working with the Athens Area Community Foundation offers a cost-effective investment option and frees your staff from 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.

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



The Cancer Foundation's Board of Directors Johnny Frantz, Alexis McCumber, Steven Everett, Libby McKinney, Brooks Arnold, Dr. Cynthia Mercer, and Lisa Rawls and Executive Director Joey Tripp gathered for a group photo after a Board Meeting at Synovus Bank Community Room.



With Georgia Options, adults with disabilities can live in their own homes and be participating members of our community. Typical life experiences—like watching a game at UGA—are possible with the support of Direct Support Professionals.

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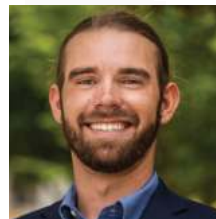
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With a focus on investing in our community, **Athens Area Community Foundation** is excited to announce that it has earned the **2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency on GuideStar**, the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations.