





## From the Chairman

**A**s I conclude my three-year term as chairman of the board of the Coweta Community Foundation, I'm so pleased with the accomplishments of our board during this time. We launched successful new fundraising events including The Power of the Purse and the Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper. Later this fall, we'll participate in our first Farm to Table dinner, an event that will be held next year as well.

We increased participation in our popular Payroll Deduction program, and we remain the only Community Foundation in the country that offers a platform by which companies big and small can allow their employees to be a part of the community's giving.

Because our next generation is so important, we launched three new programs targeting our future givers. Our Community Service Team began with high school freshmen and sophomores who have an interest in serving the nonprofit community. The program has grown each year, and we have enjoyed watching these young people learn about philanthropy. This year, we partnered with the Newnan-Coweta Chamber to launch the Young Professionals in Philanthropy for those under 45 who are building their careers and have a heart for

service. Most recently, we launched the By Kids, For Kids program. Children up to age 14 are provided with free piggy banks and encouraged to make giving a part of their daily lives.

We've brought many excellent nonprofit training opportunities to Coweta. Whether it's building a better board, teaching nonprofits how to apply for a grant, or protecting our community from childhood sexual abuse, we have helped educate nonprofit leaders.

Through our grants process, we have sent thousands of dollars back into the community to help Coweta nonprofits. Also, we now host a much-anticipated Grants Reception each January, an event at which we recognize the Nonprofit of the Year. It's an event where we love to remind everyone, "What's raised in Coweta, stays in Coweta."

Our successes, of course, would not have been possible without the efforts of those who served before us. The Foundation began in 1997, and its first project was the construction of Kids' Castle Park. Now in our twentieth year, the Foundation is once again helping with a playground, this time partnering with the City of Newnan on the Howard Warner Community Center Playground. It has been rewarding to see so many groups and individuals come together to invest in the new playground. With this and other worthwhile projects, we are leaving a legacy of giving for many years to come.

It has been my honor to serve as chairman of your Coweta Community Foundation. On behalf of our board and those nonprofits who have been recipients of grants and educational programs, I want to personally thank you for your generosity and ask that you Come Grow With Us and make a pledge to help us continue the work that we are currently doing in our wonderful community. We have enclosed a pledge card and postage-paid envelope. Thank you again, and since I have two more years to serve on the board, I can't wait to see what comes next!

In Service To Our Community,  
Ginger Queener

# Our Story

The Coweta Community Foundation, Inc. was established in 1997 under the guidance of the Newnan-Coweta Chamber. The Foundation was established to maintain the charitable intent of donors and to act as a catalyst to help focus local philanthropy on our community's changing needs. The Foundation manages funds that directly support a variety of community interests such as women's and children's issues, public safety, education and the arts.

In 1997, the first major project of the Foundation, Kids' Castle Playground, was completed. The board members didn't stop with Kids' Castle Playground, though. Little did they realize it at the time, but they became visionaries. This group of individuals quickly recognized that we had nonprofit agencies in our community who found it financially impossible to apply for and receive their 501(c)(3) status, so the Board decided to become a Fiscal Sponsor. The Board was able to extend its nonprofit status to three nonprofit agencies — CLICK (Certified Literate Is Coweta's Key), our Adult Education program; Coweta FERST Foundation; and Stepping Stones. These visionaries were able to give these much-needed agencies the ability for their donors to make tax-deductible contributions and for these agencies to apply for grants to bring funds to Coweta

to support their wonderful programs.

Not too long after that, the Centre for Performing and Visual Arts of Coweta County came under the wing of the Foundation as well. By providing them the same platform as we did the first three groups, the Centre for Performing and Visual Arts Board of Directors was able to acquire funds from the Lauren Stepaniak Foundation and the Thomas McKeehan Estate, both of which provided funds for string instruments and the Centre's beautiful Steinway piano.

Today, we act as Fiscal Sponsor to five organizations — Coweta FERST Foundation, Stepping Stones, Can't Never Could, Inc., Coweta STEM Institute and Keris Kares, Inc. Also, your Coweta Community Foundation is the only Community Foundation that hosts a payroll deduction platform to serve 1 to 5,000 employees for any business or corporation!

We are so thankful for our founding members and what they started because, as of today, it is estimated that the Coweta Community Foundation has become a catalyst to place over \$750,000 in individual and corporate philanthropic dollars into the hands of our community's nonprofit agencies and organizations and has impacted countless Coweta citizens. We invite you to become the rest of our story by Reaching Together with the Coweta Community Foundation, where "What is Raised In Coweta, Stays In Coweta"!

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## Grant Recipients

Thanks to the generosity of this community, each year the Coweta Community Foundation distributes thousands of dollars in grants to deserving local agencies. In January of 2017, the Foundation held its second annual Grants Reception at The Newnan Centre and distributed \$40,000 in grants to local nonprofits as well as eight Coweta County Schools. The funds for this cycle were raised during 2016. It is estimated that these grants will impact 20,000-plus Coweta residents.

The 2017 grant recipients included:

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Newnan/Coweta Boys & Girls Club hosted a weekly book club for its members ages 6-9, 10-11 and 12-14. The sessions occurred twice a week, and an average of 10 members participated in each session. Officials said the grant allowed the Newnan/Coweta Boys & Girls Club to offer additional help to members struggling in reading and unable to get assistance outside of school hours. The youth have shown promising improvement and have developed new passions in reading. Not only have their thoughts toward reading and their proficiency improved, but they have also been given the chance to learn leadership skills and confidence as they lead group discussions and read aloud to one another. The book club has served 40 members in total, and plans were to host the book club for 20 more during the fall semester.

### BRIDGING THE GAP

The purpose of this grant was for Bridging the Gap Community Outreach to obtain its first Independent Financial Audit. In BTG's past experiences, some organizations that provide grants require recipient organizations to have an audit. The Board of Directors agreed that audits lend to the credibility of nonprofit organizations of this size and decided to have this process completed. Through the support and encouragement received from the Coweta Community Foundation, BTG applied for this grant to fund the audit. The audit process was time-consuming and very thorough, but BTG also said it was "a wonderful experience, and we are so thankful to the Foundation and Board of Directors that we were able to have this completed."

### CAN'T NEVER COULD

Can't Never Could's project was to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a Coweta County graduating senior whose family has been financially devastated by cancer or a brain tumor or brain injury. With the help of the Coweta Community Foundation, CNC was able to give this scholarship to Newnan High School student Hailey Byess. In addition to the \$1,000 scholarship given to Ms. Byess, CNC also gave an additional two \$1,000 scholarships to Newnan High School seniors, one \$1,000 scholarship to an East Coweta High School senior, and another \$1,000 scholarship to a Northgate High School senior. In total, they gave \$5,000 in scholarships to five Coweta County students, with \$1,000 of this total being funded by the CCF grant.



CORRAL's grant helped pay for the sponsorship and care of their new horse, Belle.

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### COMMUNITY WELCOME HOUSE

This grant enabled Community Welcome House to pay monthly expenses, such as the mortgage and utilities, without having to use savings. With the generous grant, they were able to achieve their goal of paying one month of expenses. The difficulty that the board encountered was the realization that the position of Executive Director and the part-time staff member needed to be eliminated. While the board was restructuring, these positions were eliminated in order to keep more money in savings. The board was able to make this difficult decision for an estimated one year because of successful grant writing and events like Coweta's Dancing Stars.

### CONTINENTAL SOCIETIES

The Newnan Chapter Continental Societies, Inc. successfully held three workshop days for area middle and high school students as part of their "Generation of Promise" Leadership Academy, which included a combined "Violence Prevention" and "Cultural Awareness" workshop on February 11, 2017, "Friday Fit Night" - Healthy Nutrition and Recreation on March 31, 2017, and "Etiquette and Soft Skills" on April 22, 2017. The group met its goal of collaborating with area businesses and professionals to provide relevant, interactive sessions for the students. The sessions were appreciated by students, their parents, and middle and high school personnel. From evaluations collected at the end of the academy, over 95 percent of students and parents felt that the information in all workshop sessions would benefit them in their daily lives now and in the future.

### CORRAL (COWETA ORGANIZATION FOR RIDING, REHABILITATION AND LEARNING)

A new horse, Belle, joined CORRAL in December 2016, and the Foundation's grant is sponsoring her. Working a new horse into the herd and into the program can be challenging, however, she quickly adapted and began working in classes in early February. Having healthy and sound horses is vital to the success of CORRAL's program, and it is imperative that they be kept in top working condition, both mentally and physically, to be able to serve the special needs students who come through the program. The grant funds are being used towards the sponsorship and care of Belle, which includes the purchase of senior feed, hay, supplements and routine care.

The Continental Societies grant funded their "Generation of Promise" Leadership Academy for local middle school and high school students.



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The Patrons of the Centre grant allowed underprivileged children in the Coweta schools to attend a play that boosted self-esteem and taught social skills.



### COWETA COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

Coweta CASA used the grant funds to hold two training classes. The fall training class graduated 13 advocates, and the spring class graduated 11 advocates. This increase in volunteer advocates allowed CASA to provide advocacy not only to foster children from Coweta County but also to children whose families are receiving services through DFCS under Family Preservation. While a family is under DFCS Family Preservation and are receiving court attention, a CASA can be assigned at the judge's request. This CASA works closely with the family (as the children are still in the home) to aid them in becoming stable, thus helping to keep the family intact and not have to take the children into foster care. The funding also allowed CASA to send 11 people to CASA Day at the Capitol in February and 10 people to the GA CASA Conference in March.

### COWETA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Coweta Special Olympics reported that their 2017 spring games, which served up to 800 Coweta County citizens, were great. The grant money went toward their Olympic Village setup, prizes, awards and sports equipment required to put on the spring games. All Special Olympics athletes were able to participate and did very well in each event. The Olympic Village was a great getaway spot for the athletes and parents while they were in their break periods.



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### COWETA STEM INSTITUTE

Cooking Up A Mystery was another example of a successful partnership between CCF and the Coweta STEM Institute. This grant request had the potential to impact students in eighth grade science, high school physical science and high school chemistry classes in the Coweta County School System. The activity was met with rave reviews from the schools that participated. Traditionally, CSI has not served many middle and high school students. A total of 342 students participated in the activities, including 242 chemistry students and five teachers at East Coweta High School and 100 students at Central Christian School along with two teachers. All are located in northeast Coweta County. Grant funds were used to purchase materials for the activities as well as for paying CSI staff to be trained in the implementation of the activity.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity, Inc. used its Coweta Community Foundation grant to aid an elderly couple in need. The couple's home needed its roof replaced as it was causing severe issues inside and outside of the home due to its poor condition. This project was considered a "critical need" due to the impact it had on the couple's health and overall well-being. The 2016-2017 CCF grant covered 100 percent of the cost of labor and materials used to replace the roof of the elderly couple's home in Grantville. Due to the extent of the roof's damage, the contractor had to replace 19 sheets of plywood that had been saturated with water, which was creating extensive mold issues in the couple's home. New underlayment, felt and shingles completed the project.



Guitars Not Guns Founder Ray Nelson visits with Newnan Police Officer Edward Lee.

### GUITARS NOT GUNS

Through this grant, Guitars Not Guns was able to provide 15 children with new beginner guitars, guitar cases, tuners, straps, strings, T-shirts, graduation parties, and graduation certificates and gifts. The Newnan Police Department was GNG's Pilot Program to serve as a model to present to other police or sheriff's departments. The basic interaction between the children and the volunteer teachers (police officers, peer mentors and

other adults) created a bond of trust and respect. The children were reassured that the police department could be visited for positive purposes. The site and time frame of the program guaranteed a stable, safe and consistent place for the children to learn. Also, the children signed a pledge to not take a gun to school and to let a responsible adult know if they heard or saw a child with a gun at school.



Habitat for Humanity volunteers work on a Brush With Kindness repair project.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS OF COWETA (MOWOC)

MOWOC had a target of packaging and delivering more than 18,000 meals by September 2017. As of May 2017, they had delivered 10,661 meals and projected surpassing the September goal by nearly 2,000 meals, and officials noted the grant was “vital to the success and continued growth of meal service to elder adults in Coweta County.” This grant award allowed MOWOC to expand its service area and number of clients. In addition to continuing the service of well-balanced daily meals to its clients for five days each week, MOWOC was able to increase the number of clients served and to date is serving 104 clients on 11 routes throughout Coweta County. Twenty-seven of these clients receive seven meals per week, because their health is more fragile and they lack any other support. The CCF grant allowed MOWOC to purchase supplies for 17,680 meals.

## REAL LIFE CENTER

Real Life Center used its CCF grant to invest in Coweta County families going through the unexpected tough times of life. From January 2017 through June 30, 2017, a total of \$36,388.73 was distributed to Coweta County families for help with such expenses as rent, mortgage and utility bills. This help was given in conjunction with setting goals, developing a plan for next steps, connecting to additional resources, and providing accountability and encouragement to offer a hand

up during the hard times. Over a six-month period, Real Life Center added 123 new families from Coweta County, assisting a total of 364 families with a total of 731 visits from Coweta County residents for a variety of services. Financial assistance total for the year for Coweta County residents is \$36,388.73 given to 113 households. Total financial assistance through June for all counties was \$56,734.60, for a total of 177 households, and Coweta County is becoming the largest county served.

## NEWNAN-COWETA HUMANE SOCIETY

The Newnan-Coweta Humane Society was able to assist nine businesses and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) 24 cats in Coweta County. The group achieved its goal of spending the entire \$1,000 grant allocation to help as many feral cats as possible. This grant permitted the volunteers to continue their work to stabilize cat colonies around retail establishments. They were able to help nine different business owners in the county and the customers that they serve. Cats trapped included 2 kittens and 22 adults, and of those, 10 were male and 14 were female. It is estimated that 112–140 kitten births were prevented. The entire amount of the grant was used to spay/neuter, vaccinate and ear-tip the cats.

## PATRONS OF THE CENTRE

The Foundation grant was used to fund two performances of the children’s show “Pirate School.” The show was performed at the Nixon Centre for the Arts, and 1,000 elementary school students from Coweta County attended “Pirate School,” a one-man show performed by David Engel. Engel portrays a bumbling buccaneer named Billy Bones who is generally a good pirate. During the show, the children stand, talk, laugh and sing like jaunty pirates, and the show boosts self-esteem and social skills. It also teaches children to stand up for themselves and be more empathetic, responsible and courageous. The grant allowed Patrons of the Centre to serve 2,000 elementary students in Coweta County, over half of whom were Title I and considered part of the underserved population of this community. Most of these students could or would not have paid the \$1 cost to attend the show, and the inability of the Title I students to attend would have also prevented their entire classrooms from attending. This show was an excellent example of how the arts can be used as an enhancement to formal education to teach important life lessons and experiences.



At the Georgia CASA Conference in April are, from left, Eloise Miller, Sherie Pepper, Betsy Imes, Katie Gunter, Mindy Smith, Larry Andrews, Patti Fercken, Melissa Leblond and Bianca Arnold.



Stepping Stones used its grant to give reading materials to new parents to encourage early learning for babies.

## SENOIA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Senoia Area Historical Society used its grant to pay its utility bills beginning February 21, 2017 through April 17, 2017. As a result of the grant money for fixed expenses, the society was able to complete several minor repairs and improvements to its museum displays. The museum was visited by more than 1,600 visitors in the past year, and visitors included both local citizens as well as individuals from across the country. The CCF grant funds were used to pay for electric, gas, water, sewer and security monitoring for a three-month period.



Young visitors to the Senoia Area Historical Society’s museum enjoy a visit with a volunteer.

## SOUTHERN CONSERVATION TRUST

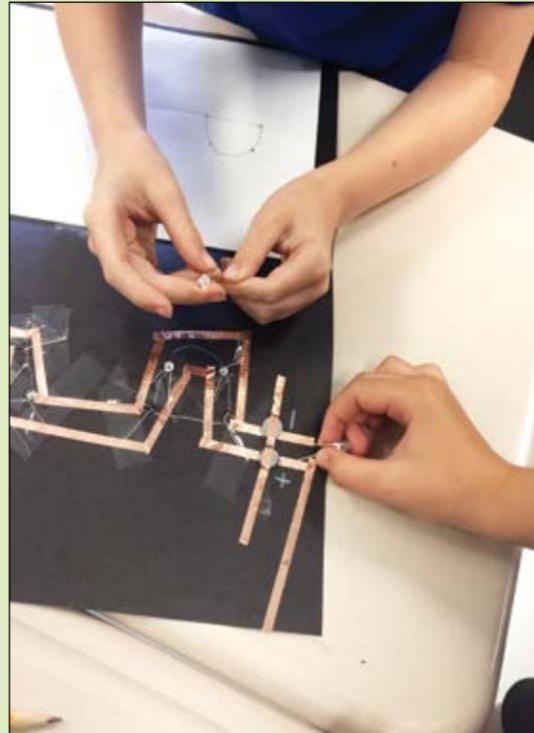
Camp WILD (Water, Insects, Leaves, Dirt) successfully held five outdoor summer camps. They reached out to local teachers with backgrounds in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) programs to create a camp that was engaging, interactive and completely outdoors. Campers spent their summer days immersed in the outdoors, exploring aquatic life, learning about plants and wildlife along the hiking trails of Line Creek and The Ridge, and making arts and crafts. They learned how to build boats, press and identify leaves, and worked together to forge lasting memories and an amplified appreciation of the outdoors. This grant allowed the Trust to reach out to new communities and Title I schools to offer camp enrollment to students at a reduced rate. They were able to expand Camp WILD to five camps, which led to an increased enrollment of campers ages 6-12. The grant served a total of 80 campers from both Coweta and Fayette Counties. Some 15 percent of the campers were Coweta County residents and came from Newnan, Sharpsburg, Senoia and Moreland.

## STEPPING STONES

The volunteer director presented the Stepping Stones educational information in the format of a parenting class at Ruth Hill Elementary School, which was one of the school system’s low-focus schools last school year. Two different classes were held. Also, Stepping Stones information was presented to parents at the Baby Basic class at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. The grant allowed Stepping Stones to begin working on a more creative way of presenting the Stepping Stones information. The mothers and fathers at the hospital and the school truly appreciate the educational information, which helps them realize the importance of early learning for their baby. The group served fifteen moms and one dad at Ruth Hill School and five couples at Piedmont Newnan Hospital, so twenty families were presented and given the Stepping Stones educational information. Grant funds were used to purchase the Stepping Stones bags and all of the educational materials, along with snacks and decorations for the parenting classes. It also allowed Stepping Stones to include an extra little gift for the baby, which consisted of baby wipes, a rattle, and a small bath-time baby book on colors, shapes or numbers.

In January of 2017, the Foundation distributed \$40,000 in grants to local nonprofits.

## Education Grants



Clockwise from above left, CEC used its grant to purchase lights that will be used as a production tool for students. White Oak Elementary School students found that copper tape was the best way to create the lights they wanted in their “Constellation Circuits,” and they learned about positive and negative charges. East Coweta High School used its grant to complete a simulation lab teaching students how to prevent a terrorist from taking over an aircraft. Arbor Springs used its grant to improve the classroom environment by obtaining 40 computer keyboard covers, eight sets of light filters and carpet.

**ARBOR SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** — This grant was used to improve the classroom environment and funded 40 computer keyboard covers, eight sets of light filters and carpet. The fluorescent light covers have not only made the classroom “more homey,” school officials said, but they have also reduced glare on the keyboard and monitors. The boxes to help train the older children not to look for keys have been tremendously helpful. It is difficult to retrain students (many of whom have been on a computer since they started walking) to break hunting-and-pecking skills and

learn appropriate keyboarding skills. This project impacts approximately 396 kindergartners through fifth-grade students.

**CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER** — Grant funds and supplemental funds were used to purchase a basic Ikan Lyra LED light 1/2K, which gives the equivalent of about 500 watts of tungsten light, and one Lithium-ion battery and dual battery charger. CEC was able to use the lights right away as a production tool for students. The light can be adjusted anywhere from 3200 degrees to 5600 degrees Kelvin, making it possible to show the different color

temperature of light over a range, a useful tool when teaching lighting techniques. Students now have a new, modern tool in their arsenal of choices for lighting, and the light is used in four classes daily, placed in the hands of potentially 75 students each day.

**EAST COWETA HIGH SCHOOL** — This grant was used to complete a simulation lab teaching students how to prevent a terrorist from taking over an aircraft, and it purchased two kits called “Terror from Paradise” from a scientific supply company. Furniture was moved around in the classroom to

simulate an aircraft fuselage, with overturned desks representing where the “terrorist” had been sitting when the plane crashed. The students’ task was to identify the terrorist by his seat on the aircraft, the presence of the “C4 explosive” on the seat, the fingerprints on the seat handles and the presence of a deadly bacteria toxin on the seat. The grant provided one lab experience for 85 students and is expected to provide an experience for all of the teacher’s 180 students in the current school year.

**ELM STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** — This grant funded the construction of a Buddy Bench for the school. The bench is being crafted by the builder and has not been installed yet, but the school was able to purchase it at a lower cost than initially estimated, allowing them to purchase 10 read-aloud books about friendship, kindness and compassion to add to the guidance library and be used in lessons to introduce the bench to students. This school year, new students will be able to use the bench to quickly assimilate into a new school setting and find friends. Also, not-so-new students will be able to use the bench to form new friendships. The target audience is those on the kindergarten through second grade playground, and the bench will serve approximately 275 students. If the project is the huge success it is anticipated to be, the school will begin fundraising for a second bench to add to the grades 3-5 playground.

**EVANS MIDDLE SCHOOL** — Evans Middle School used its grant to purchase a set of Gallopade Social Studies books for sixth graders. Teacher Suzanne Richardson said, “I know from experience how important it is to have a textbook for students to refer to, instead of using the Chromebooks for every assignment.” She also said, “I can testify to the effectiveness of these books and how important it is to have a class set in order to help students learn and understand concepts.” One of the students noted, “There is a lot of good

information in the book, and it is a very useful tool.” Another said, “These books really help us learn and help us focus on certain areas.”

**MADRAS MIDDLE SCHOOL** — Madras Middle School used its grant to purchase 24 new Manhasset brand music stands. The band has increased by 100 members in one year and now has enough stand space so that all students can see what they are playing. Band Director Christal Wagner noted that the stands have “helped tremendously with performances where we must combine two or more classes to play for a concert or event.” She also noted that the equipment is non-consumable and will be used by band students for years to come.

**NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL** — This grant allowed the school’s Ambassador Program to be recognized by the Secretary of State’s office as the Secretary of State Student Ambassador Program State Champions. While this wonderful accomplishment did not come without some sweat and hard work, students learned how to plan and follow through on planned activities for the community as well as develop creative ideas to reach as many community members as possible. Due to the resources given by the Coweta Community Foundation, the Ambassadors were able to provide a lasting impact to the community, one that received recognition at the local, state and national level. They served over 500 community members in the city of Newnan and Coweta County due to various projects and events sponsored by the Newnan Ambassadors.

**WHITE OAK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** — This grant was for a project titled “Constellation Circuits” and allowed the purchase of copper tape, LED lights, batteries and other circuit supplies to use with students primarily in third grade. After students studied Greek myths, they wrote scripts

“The best thing about this grant is that the equipment that it purchased is non-consumable. It will be used by many band students at Madras for years to come.”

—Christal Wagner, Madras Middle School Band Director

“We actually get to be engineers!”

—White Oak Elementary School student, on participating in the “Constellation Circuits” project

and performed their own Greek tragedies. Then they brainstormed ideas and drew a possible blueprint of a constellation to go with each myth. Students consulted resource books of current constellations to see how they looked in the night sky. Students eventually found that creating a parallel circuit with copper tape was the best way to create the lights they wanted in their constellations, and they learned about positive and negative charges and got to test the LED lights.

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## Annual Partners

The Coweta Community Foundation could not accomplish all that we do each year without the support of our Annual Partners. These local businesses agree to serve as a partner for the Foundation’s four signature events each year: the Grant Awards Ceremony in January, the Big Give Community Blood Drive held each February, the Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper held each spring, and The Power of the Purse held in the fall.

The 2017 Annual Partners include:



### **Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Founding Member Level Partner —**

Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center (Southeastern) is a Founding Member Partner of the Foundation.

“We are committed to supporting our local community and improving the quality of life for those that call Coweta County home,” said Ray Williams, who is a CCF board member as well as CTCA vice president of government and community affairs.

“The Foundation’s focus on local philanthropy aligns directly with our goals as a community steward. We look forward to four outstanding events this year.”



### **SouthTowne Motors, Foundation Level Partner —**

SouthTowne Motors in Newnan is a family-owned and operated Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac dealership serving the cities of Newnan, Atlanta, Peachtree City and the surrounding communities.

SouthTowne celebrated its 25th anniversary in March of 2017, and during those 25 years, the business has sold some 73,000 new and used cars.

SouthTowne first became an Annual Partner in 2016, and owner Steve Mader said, “I really like the direction in which the Board of Directors has taken the charity. Everything is very transparent, very clean, and they appear to be doing a lot of good for the community.”



### **Piedmont Newnan Hospital, Framing Level Partner —**

“Piedmont Newnan Hospital and the Coweta Community Foundation both aim to help those in need in our community,” said Mike Robertson, the hospital’s CEO. “As a community hospital, we strive to positively impact the future of our entire community, and our sponsorship of the Coweta Community Foundation is one way we can do this.

We are proud to sponsor their efforts and partner to make a difference and improve the quality of life of the children, elderly, veterans, disabled and those less fortunate in our county.”

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Grant Awards Ceremony  
Big Give Community Blood Drive  
Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper  
Power of the Purse



### **Penco Restoration, Colonnade Level Partner —**

“Supporting CCF was an easy decision for Penco Restoration,” said founder Joey Pendley. “As a longtime resident and local business owner, it is important to me that we support our local nonprofits, schools, charities and community. CCF aligns with the same core values as PENCO, and it is an honor to partner with them for 2017 and hopefully many years to come!”

Penco Restoration was established in Coweta County by Joey Pendley. With over 50 years of combined experience and over 1,000 restoration projects completed, the Penco team is one of the premier disaster restoration and construction companies in the Atlanta area. Pendley and his family reside in Senoia, and as an active member of the community, Pendley said he strives to run his business with a small-town family approach.



### **Progressive Heating and Air and Carrier, Framing Level Partner —**

“Progressive Heating and Air, along with Carrier, support the Coweta Community Foundation because of the endless support CCF offers our community,” said Progressive Sales and Operations Manager Samantha Brazie.

“By supporting CCF, our funds are distributed among several nonprofits, all within Coweta County. They have a diligent process in which they require nonprofits to participate in order to receive funds, thereby making sure nonprofits are good stewards of their donors’ money. Huge thanks to CCF for their contribution in making Coweta County a better place to live and work!”



### **UBS Financial Services, Cornerstone Level Partner —**

As one of the Foundation’s Annual Partners, UBS agreed to serve as a partner for the Foundation’s four signature events: the Grant Awards Reception in January, the Big Give Community Blood Drive in February, the Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper held in the spring at Blalock Lakes, and The Power of the Purse held each fall.

Ginger Jackson Queener, chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, is Vice President-Wealth Management with UBS Financial Services and said she is delighted UBS has chosen to support the work of the Foundation.

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# Payroll Deduction Partners

Through its payroll deduction platform, the Coweta Community Foundation gives local businesses another way to help their members be involved in the community's philanthropic giving. Research shows that employers who offer a charitable giving option to their employees see increased productivity, and people who give more to others—in both time and resources—experience greater satisfaction in life than people who do not. Also, with the Coweta Community Foundation, “what is raised here, stays here,” and the Foundation has the ability to provide support in times of immediate need or local disaster in addition to monies given through its annual grants cycle.

Those businesses and government entities currently participating in the payroll deduction platform include the City of Newnan, Coweta County, the Coweta County School System, Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority, and the Rutledge Center.

“I like the fact that the Community Foundation returns the money to the community,” said Newnan City Manager Cleatus Phillips. Earlier this year, City of Newnan employees began their second year of participation in the program. Phillips said the payroll deduction partnership with the Foundation represents another way “for our employees to give back to the

community.”

County Administrator Michael Fouts said, “The majority of Coweta County employees are also Coweta County citizens. Therefore, based on the Coweta Community Foundation’s core value of ‘What’s raised in Coweta, stays in Coweta,’ we felt strongly that allowing our employees to participate in the payroll deduction plan was the right thing to do. Our employees can easily see the benefits of their contributions, and we all want to make our home a better, stronger, and more vibrant community.”

“We just do it mainly because it’s locally focused,” said Jay Boren, CEO of the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority. Boren said he also likes the broad range of projects sponsored by the Foundation.

Any local business is eligible to start a payroll deduction plan, and no monetary investment is required. The Foundation does the legwork and tailors pledge forms with the company’s logo, handles the enrollment, and provides the company’s payroll department with all the data and documentation needed to send funds to the Foundation.

For more information on the benefits of a charitable payroll deduction benefit, call the Coweta Community Foundation at 770-253-1833.

“What is raised in Coweta, stays in Coweta.”



Library Manager Marie J. Vielot and Public Buildings employee Britt Flowers are two of the Coweta County employees who contribute to the Coweta Community Foundation through payroll deductions offered by the county in partnership with the Foundation.



Newnan City Manager Cleatus Phillips says he was pleased to enroll the City of Newnan as a payroll deduction partner of the Coweta Community Foundation. “I like the fact that the Community Foundation returns the money to the community,” he says.

## Our Mission

The Foundation’s mission is to enhance our community’s quality of life by encouraging philanthropic interaction in Coweta County.

- ▶ The Foundation provides a catalyst to help focus local philanthropy on our community’s changing needs.
- ▶ The Foundation manages individual gifts and bequests that enhance and support the quality of life in Coweta County.

## Our Goals

Guided by its mission, the Foundation has the following goals:

- ▶ To be a catalyst for the establishment of endowments to benefit the community now and into the future
- ▶ To serve the varied interests and needs of donors
- ▶ To provide leadership and resources in identifying and meeting community needs
- ▶ To serve as a steward of funds
- ▶ To encourage collaboration among community organizations and agencies



COWETA COUNTY  
Georgia





# Beck Building Services establishes CCF's first Employee Assistance Fund



This year, Beck Building Services in Newnan established the first Employee Assistance Fund with the Foundation.

"We see the need in our organization," owner Danny Beck told the Newnan Times-Herald earlier this year. "We have 800 team members. "We see a lot of sad stories. Back when I started this company and we had two or three people, if somebody had a problem, we would jump in and fix it. Now we can have 50 people have a problem in a week."

The Beck Building Services Employee Assistance Fund (to be known as the Brooks-Beck Blessings Fund) helps employees or eligible dependents who are experiencing economic hardship and are unable to afford housing, utilities and other basic living expenses because of a natural disaster, life-threatening illness or injury, death, or other qualified catastrophic or extreme circumstances beyond the employee's control. Through a combination of corporate and employee tax-deductible donations, this fund will benefit those employees who find themselves needing a little extra assistance in a time of need.

"The Coweta Community Foundation is thrilled to have Beck Building Services – Brooks-Beck Blessings Fund as the first Employee Assistance Fund under CCF," said Ginger Queener, Foundation board chair. "Beck is a leader in their field, and we look forward to our partnership with them and their employees across the United States."

Queener noted that Employee Assistance Funds allow a company to take care of their most important asset, their employees, during a time of crisis. Such funds can aid in getting employees back to work sooner, be a significant morale booster, create a familial atmosphere in the workplace and can give employees

in crisis some breathing room to focus.

The Coweta Community Foundation is a publicly supported 501(c)3 organization that helps focus local philanthropy on the community's changing needs. The Foundation manages individual gifts and bequests as an endowed pool of assets, distributing grants to a wide variety of organizations that enhance and support the quality of life in Coweta County, while maintaining the charitable intent of the donors. For more information on Employee Assistance Funds, call the Foundation at 770-253-1833.

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## Support CCF with your Kroger Plus card!

Did you know that you can give back to the Coweta Community Foundation just by registering your Kroger Plus card? Those participating need to "re-enroll" their card each year. Registration typically ends in late August for the program year beginning September 1.

Our organization number for Kroger is 58707. For more information, please visit <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>. If your information is not current you will need to update it, but the process is easy and takes just minutes to complete. Thanks for using your Kroger Plus card to help support the Coweta Community Foundation!

Please visit our website, [cowetafoundation.org](http://cowetafoundation.org), to explore volunteer opportunities in the community and to learn more about the Coweta Community Foundation.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Coweta Community Foundation's financial reports consist of not only the assets of The Foundation but also of those agencies for which we act as fiscal sponsor. The Foundation does not support or provide funding to these organizations, however, they are considered assets and expenses under IRS guidelines.

2016 AT A GLANCE	
Support and Revenue:	
Contributions and Income (Including Fundraising Activities):.....	\$487,166
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain On Investment: .....	\$28,166
Total: .....	\$515,332
Expenses:	
Programs: .....	\$356,961
Management and General: .....	\$145,178
Total: .....	\$502,139

For our 2015-2016 grant cycle, we awarded \$26,500 in grants, which served 6,000 citizens. For our 2016-2017 grant cycle, we had 24 applications representing \$92,711 in funding needs for the \$35,500 available to award to our nonprofit agencies. We are awaiting the final reports, but the original estimate is that these funds will serve over 20,000 Coweta residents. In addition to the agency grants, we awarded \$4,500 to six Coweta educators for classroom-based projects.

While the Foundation did not meet its goal of raising enough funds to award \$75,000 during the 2017-2018 grant cycle, it did raise enough to award \$50,000 in January of 2018 for our 2017-2018 grant cycle. We added seven new funds for a total of 22, including those agencies that we fiscally sponsor and one new program, our Community Service Team.

From 2008 through October 31, 2017, we have awarded 146 grants and scholarships totaling \$290,560 to 50 nonprofit agencies, seven colleges and 13 Coweta schools. We had gifts totaling \$215,734 from nearly 300 different individuals and businesses, and including our fiscally sponsored organizations, our assets total \$704,114.

## Want to make a gift?

These are the funds currently available through the Coweta Community Foundation

### Animal Welfare Fund

This endowment focuses its annual grant making on supporting the health and welfare of all animals in Coweta County; the control of the population of animals; and the training of animals for use in aiding people with disabilities and assisting in both crime prevention and search and rescue.

### Classroom Education Fund

This fund supports grassroots classroom grants that are awarded to two elementary, two middle school and two high school educators during our annual grants cycle. These grants are for special projects or needs for which funding is not available within the school system.

### Coweta County Disaster Response Fund

This fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations offering Coweta County residents assistance with food, shelter

and clothing should natural disasters occur. The fund serves as a resource to help Cowetans whose lives are impacted by natural disaster.

### Education Fund

This is a pool of funds from which grants will be awarded during the annual grants cycle to those nonprofit agencies that provide education and literacy programs and services.

### Fill the Stocking Fund

This Christmas fund drive spearheaded annually by the Newnan Times-Herald evenly distributes donations among Toys for Tots, Bridging the Gap and the Newnan Service Center of the Salvation Army.

### Fine Arts Fund

This fund is used for grants that support painting, sculpture, architecture, music, poetry, theatre and dance in our community.

### Friends of the LINC

This fund was started by a group of citizens who are interested in the construction of a Linear Trail System in Coweta County. This trail system will be used by multiple generations of our community and attract visitors from outside our wonderful county.

### General Grants Fund

This fund was established for those with a desire to be philanthropic to be able to place dollars where they are most needed in our community. The Board of Directors uses this fund to award grants during the annual grant cycle to any nonprofit agency that qualifies for a grant through the Foundation.

### Health and Human Services Fund

This fund helps providers who assist our community's citizens stabilize their life and find self-sufficiency through guidance,

counseling, treatment and the provision of basic needs.

### Howard Warner School Playground Fund

This fund allows the community to help in the construction of a playground at the former Howard Warner School. Funds are needed to help purchase quality playground equipment that will be used by hundreds of children.

### Hurricane Irma Response Fund

On September 9, 2017, the Foundation established the Hurricane Irma Response Fund, with 100 percent of the money going to the affected areas. We partnered with our sister Community Foundations in those areas that were affected the most to place dollars where needed the most, with Georgia residents being served first.

### Lonnie's Fund for Senior Citizens

This is a pool of funds that is awarded during the annual grants cycle to those nonprofit agencies that provide programs

and services to our senior population.

### Nonprofit Education and Fiduciary Fund

This is a pool of funds that is awarded during the annual grants cycle to nonprofit agencies who need assistance with annual audits, updating bylaws, policies and procedures, board development, strategic plans or obtaining their nonprofit status.

### Operating Fund

The Operating Fund is the fund that the Foundation uses to operate the overall Foundation. This fund is used primarily for expenses that the Foundation incurs to operate to benefit the citizens of Coweta County.

### Women's and Children's Fund

The Women's and Children's Fund is an endowment to support nonprofits working to encourage the achievement of self-sufficiency for women; promote the health and physical well-being of women and girls; and prevent violence against women and girls.



## By Kids, For Kids

To promote philanthropy among Coweta's youth, the Coweta Community Foundation is now providing piggy banks for kids under the age of 14 (through eighth grade) to fill with change. Several dates will be available for kids to drop off their deposits, and they will even have their own passbooks to help them keep track of the amounts they are depositing and the total balance of how much money they have given throughout the year.

In October and November next year, five nonprofits that work with children will be selected. The children themselves will vote on a recipient, and a grant for the total amount given by the kids that year will go to the organization of their choice.

Banks, passbooks and further information about this program may be obtained by contacting the Foundation at 770-253-1833 or emailing [info@cowetafoundation.org](mailto:info@cowetafoundation.org).

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# Community Service Team

In the fall of 2015, the Coweta Community Foundation launched its first Community Service Team for local freshmen and sophomores. Members of the team met monthly to study local nonprofits and learn more about how they operate, and at the end of the year, they chose to give a grant to the Community Welcome House.

Building on its successful first year, the group added even more members for the 2016-2017 school year, and they awarded their second grant, this time to the Coweta Organization for Riding, Rehabilitation and Learning (CORRAL).

In the fall of 2017, the third group of community-minded high school students, our biggest yet, was selected. They're already busy learning about the world of Coweta nonprofits and will again be awarding a grant before the end of the school year.

Membership is determined through an application and interview process among high school students. They attend monthly meetings during which they are introduced to the various nonprofit organizations serving Coweta citizens, and they also participate in two workdays with a nonprofit agency. At the end of the student's two-year participation, nonprofits may invite the participant to serve as an auxiliary member of the Board of Directors. In addition, a standout team member each year is awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Coweta Community Foundation.

Leading the program are Foundation board members Cynthia Bennett, director of programs for the Newnan-Coweta Chamber and a retired Coweta County educator; Deidre Bembry, a local State Farm insurance agent; and Michael Nix, local government liaison with the Office of the Governor in Atlanta.

Ginger Queener, chair of the Coweta Community Foundation, said, "Our Community Service Team has far surpassed our expectations for this group of young leaders, and we're extremely excited about our third group of students we just welcomed this fall. We've had some incredible feedback about these youth and look forward to seeing what our new class will accomplish."

## The objectives of the Community Service Team are to:

- 🍑 Build awareness of local nonprofits among high school students.
- 🍑 Provide an opportunity for active participation in local nonprofit organizations.
- 🍑 Train young teens to serve as auxiliary board members of local nonprofits during their junior and senior years.
- 🍑 Bring new ideas and youthful energy to local nonprofit agencies.
- 🍑 Provide an opportunity for the team to re-search and select one local nonprofit to receive a grant for a special project or program.

*"The Coweta Community Foundation's Community Service Team has given me the invaluable opportunity to make an impact in my community while still in high school. I will carry with me the leadership and communication skills that I have gained on this team throughout my entire life. I feel extremely honored to be a part of such a wonderful and unique organization, and I am so excited to see what the rest of this year holds for the Community Service Team."*

—Ashley Stephens, Community Service Team Chairman



Marie Powell of CORRAL accepts a grant for the organization from Seiler Rivers and Chloe Epstein at the Community Service Team's May 2017 gathering at Banning Mills.



CST Leader and Foundation Board Member Cynthia Bennett congratulates 2016-2017 scholarship recipient Sam Huynh as Sam's father, Tim Huynh, looks on.



Members of the 2017-2018 Community Service Team are, front row, from left, Jay Channell, Cade Barker, Sam Huynh, Ashley Stephens and Jessie Himes. Middle row, from left, are, Sara Ashley Estes, Bailey Barnett, Michaela Fuller, Elizabeth Alexander, Michelle McGrath, Jena Patel, Gracie Martin, Mary Patten Poulakos, Lili Clark and Michael Nix. Back row, from left, are Cynthia Bennett, Samantha Morrison, Mary Nichols Lollis, Amanda Bridges, Lela Daniell, Gracie Bolton, Katelyn McMath, Ashlyn Carney, Sarah Warburton, Emily Bowers and Mia Fisher. Not pictured are Gracie Armour, Chloe Epstein, Jakob Kerr, Tyiena Stafford and Alani Wight.



Coweta's nonprofits were the stars of the show when the Community Service Team hosted its Nonprofit Expo in October 2016. "Indulge In Our Community" was the theme for the expo, which was planned entirely by the Community Service Team members. They wanted to celebrate the "sweet support" of this community for its nonprofits with educational exhibits presented alongside a delicious array of sweets.



## Support CCF by bidding on the Lowe's of Newnan Christmas float

At last year's City of Newnan Christmas parade in downtown Newnan, the Newnan Lowe's store won first place among floats in the Large Business category. It was a repeat performance for the local home improvement superstore, which had won the award for four years in a row. And once again, the store donated the pieces of its float for an auction to benefit the General Grants Fund of the Coweta Community Foundation.

Tiller, who was for many years one of the store's managers, was instrumental in establishing the Lowe's float tradition five years ago and loved working on the floats. After Tiller died unexpectedly, his coworkers decided to honor him by naming one of the float pieces in his memory. Because Tiller and his son were known for their love of remote control cars, "Tiller's Toy Shop" was chosen as a fitting tribute.

One of the store's assistant managers, Mike O'Brien, is also a member of the Foundation's board. He reports that Lowe's will again be auctioning off the pieces of this year's Christmas parade float to benefit the Foundation, so watch our Facebook page for more information.

Last year's Lowe's float featured an entire Christmas village, including Lowe's Hardware, a schoolhouse, a church and Tiller's Toy Shop. Lowe's employees noted that the late John



Also in 2016, Community Service Team members volunteered to help Senoia with its 150th Anniversary Celebration at Mari-mac Lakes Park. A number of CST members were on hand to help with crafts that had been planned for the children attending the event.

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Matt Swope and John Herbert Cranford Jr. lead the Young Professionals in Philanthropy, a new organization that is a joint project of the Newnan-Coweta Chamber and the Coweta Community Foundation.

John Herbert Cranford and Matt Swope said they know young professionals have many demands on their time, so they are committed to having short, productive quarterly meetings for the Young Professionals in Philanthropy. “We want to be a resource without being a burden,” Swope said.

## Young Professionals in Philanthropy

This year, Coweta County’s philanthropic and business communities decided to join forces to help grow the next generation of givers in Coweta through a new group, the Young Professionals in Philanthropy. A partnership of the Coweta Community Foundation and the Newnan-Coweta Chamber, the YPs in Philanthropy was launched in May of

2017, and the group’s first quarterly meeting was held in August at the University of West Georgia in Newnan.

Two Coweta attorneys, John Herbert Cranford Jr. and Matt Swope, are leading the new group. Cranford is an assistant district attorney who sits on the board of the Coweta Community Foundation. Swope,

a former legal advisor to the Chamber and a board member of both the Newnan/Coweta Boys & Girls Club and Communities In Schools, is an assistant solicitor at the Coweta County Solicitor General’s Office.

Cranford and Swope said they believe the group will be able to tap into the energy and fresh ideas of Coweta’s young professionals. At the same time, they recognize that most of those participating will be busy with careers and young families, so they know some flexibility will be required. While those participating in the group will need to attend two quarterly meetings, those meetings don’t have to be consecutive, or even in the same calendar year.

Cranford and Swope said they also want young professionals to be aware that community service includes, as Swope puts it, “time, talent and treasure,” and they don’t want anyone believing the myth that only the wealthy or those gifted in public speaking get to serve on boards. Swope, who has assisted with the Boys & Girls Club’s Oscar Night, said that group asks its volunteers to come in on Sunday after the event to help take out garbage, and organizations often have a need for volunteers to help with such simple tasks.

For more information,  
please contact  
[info@cowetafoundation.org](mailto:info@cowetafoundation.org).

## Professional Memberships

As part of its ongoing commitment to professionalism and transparency in its work on behalf of Coweta’s philanthropic community, the Coweta Community Foundation holds memberships in three professional organizations.



The Foundation is a member of the **Council on Foundations**. An active philanthropic network, the Council on Foundations, founded in 1949, is a nonprofit leadership association of grant-making foundations and corporations. It provides the opportunity, leadership and tools needed by philanthropic organizations to expand, enhance and sustain their ability to advance the common good. The Council empowers professionals in philanthropy to meet today’s toughest challenges and advances a culture of charitable giving in the U.S. and globally.

The Coweta Community Foundation also belongs to the **Southeastern Council of Foundations**, one of the nation’s largest regional associations of grant makers, serving more than 330 of the most dynamic foundations and corporate giving programs in the South. SECF works in partnership with members in 11 Southeastern states to serve, strengthen, promote and champion the South’s philanthropic voice and infrastructure through engaging programming, leadership development training, access to unique resources and invaluable connections. By encouraging insightful philanthropic collaboration, SECF creates opportunities to increase the region’s grant-making impact and empower transformational community change.

The Foundation is proud to be a member of the **Newnan-Coweta Chamber**. The Chamber is the largest business organization in Coweta County. A private, nonprofit, membership-driven organization comprised of over 1,000 member companies, the Chamber is committed to building a strong local economy, strengthening, enhancing and protecting business. Recognized in the top one percent of chambers nationally, the Newnan-Coweta Chamber is a 70-year-old pro-business and advocacy organization. This 5-Star Accredited Chamber is one of only 95 chambers nationally to have earned a 5-Star designation and was the 2015 National Chamber of the Year.

For more information, contact [info@cowetafoundation.org](mailto:info@cowetafoundation.org).

# Training and Education

The Coweta Community Foundation regularly offers free training and educational programs to benefit Coweta's nonprofit community.

This year, some of these programs included:

## Darkness to Light Training

In cooperation with the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, we hosted Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children training for nonprofit board members and nonprofit organization volunteers. Darkness to Light (D2L) has championed the movement to end child sexual abuse since its founding in 2000. With affiliates in all 50 U.S. states and 16 international locations, D2L provides individuals, organizations and communities with the tools to protect children from sexual abuse. To date, the D2L network of 6,000 authorized facilitators has trained over 500,000 parents, youth-serving professionals and organization volunteers in D2L's award-winning Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention program. Additionally, CCF Board Member Angela Munson became certified as a D2L trainer and will help us reach even more of our local nonprofits with this training.

## Grant Writing Workshops

Many nonprofits would love to apply for a grant but simply don't know how. To alleviate this challenge, we offer free grant writing workshops each year. In conjunction with the Foundation Center-Atlanta, we hosted a Grant Writing Workshop at The Newnan Centre in April. Some 63 nonprofits were represented, with a total of 82 participants, and 15 of the nonprofits were new to the CCF grants process. Katie Mumper, an engagement specialist with the Foundation-Center Atlanta, said, "We strive to make this knowledge accessible to anyone, anywhere, which includes presenting trainings like this one through partnerships with organizations like the Coweta Community Foundation. Nonprofit leaders have the opportunity to network with each other while also building their fundraising capacity. We consider that a win for the social sector."



CCF Special Events and Programs Coordinator Erin Marsh visits with Michael Nichols and Mike Oppedahl of Guidestone / GiANT Worldwide following their training event on "Building an Engaged Nonprofit Board."



Darkness to Light instructor Krista Gonc leads a training session at The Newnan Centre in February.

## Nonprofit Leaders Luncheons

The Coweta Community Foundation, CIS of Coweta County and Newnan Utilities have joined forces to regularly cohost Nonprofit Leaders Luncheons, with lunch sponsored by Cargill, at the Newnan Utilities Wahoo Creek Administration Building. Those attending get to participate in breakout-style sessions for nonprofit leaders to drill down and discuss important topics of concern to nonprofit agencies and their boards.



Participants enjoy lunch at a Nonprofit Leaders Luncheon designed to bring nonprofit leaders together to discuss topics important to them.

## Nonprofit Board Training

In August, Michael Nichols and Mike Oppedahl of The Guidestone Group spoke on "Building an Engaged Board" at The Newnan Centre. Participants learned how to create a healthy board culture and learned a simple yet powerful process, tools and resources for any nonprofit desiring to create an ongoing leader development program. They also discussed the step-by-step process for developing leaders worth following and other relevant tools to immediately use with a Board of Directors. This educational event was available for executive directors as well as board members and anyone considering joining a nonprofit board.

To learn about upcoming training opportunities, call the Foundation at 770-253-1833.



At the March 2017 Nonprofit Leaders Luncheon are, from left, Ginger Queener of the Coweta Community Foundation, Dennis McEntire of Newnan Utilities, Gina Weathersby of Communities In Schools of Coweta County, and Bradley Down of Cargill.



CCF Board Member Linda Dixon is among those attending a 2017 Nonprofit Leaders Luncheon.

# Upcoming Events

At the Coweta Community Foundation, our next great event is always just around the corner! Here are some dates you'll want to have on your calendar for the year ahead.

**NOVEMBER 30, 2017,  
FARM TO TABLE EVENT  
CS Toggery Lot on Perry Street in downtown  
Newnan, 6-10 p.m.**

This Farm to Table Event is being sponsored by Real Talk on the Square to benefit the Coweta Community Foundation. The event will feature Chef Jarrod of Knife and Stone providing the main course, The Cellar presenting the salad course, and Meat and Greet providing the dessert course. Seating will be at 6 p.m. with live auction items presented in between courses. Ticket price includes dinner and a glass of wine. Seating at this inaugural event for CCF is limited, with only 150 seats available. Although this event is currently sold out, we look forward to offering it again in 2018.

**JANUARY 19, 2018, ANNUAL GRANT AND  
AWARDS CEREMONY  
The Newnan Centre,  
1515 Lower Fayetteville Rd.,  
Newnan, 9-10 a.m.**

Some \$50,000 in grants will be presented to nonprofit agencies and educators in Coweta County next year, and the recipients will be announced at this exciting ceremony!

**FEBRUARY 14, 2018,  
THE DR. GERALD TROUTMAN BIG GIVE  
The Donald W. Nixon Centre for Performing and  
Visual Arts,  
1523 Lower Fayetteville Rd.,  
Newnan, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Come "have a heart" on Valentine's Day by joining us for this annual community blood drive held in conjunction with the American Red Cross. You may visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to sign up.

At the 2017 Power of the Purse are, from left, Event Chair Vicki Kaiser, 2017 Woman of the Year Nancy Mader, CCF Board Chair Ginger Queener, and 2016 Woman of the Year Norma Haynes.



Joey Pendley, owner of Penco Restoration, and his son Cole enjoy the 2017 Saturday Down South sporting clays shoot.



Representatives of Meals on Wheels of Coweta (MOWOC) accept the Nonprofit of the Year Award at the Coweta Community Foundation's 2017 Grants Reception. From left are MOWOC Board President Cynthia Bennett, Judge Joseph Wyant of the CCF Board, Lizabeth Andrew of the MOWOC Board, James Welden of the CCF Board, Louise Laughlin and Carl Miller, both MOWOC volunteers, and Ginger Queener, CCF Board Chair.

**APRIL 14, 2018, THE THIRD  
ANNUAL SATURDAY DOWN  
SOUTH SPORTING CLAYS AND  
SOUTHERN SUPPER  
Blalock Lakes, 4075 New Corinth Rd.,  
Newnan, 2-9 p.m.**

One of our signature events each year is the Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper. The Sporting Clays portion of the day begins at 2 p.m., and participants and guests are welcome for a Hunter Casual evening of Awards, a Southern Supper, Auction and Music beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**OCTOBER 25, 2018,  
FOURTH ANNUAL POWER OF  
THE PURSE LUNCHEON  
The Newnan Centre,  
1515 Lower Fayetteville Rd.,  
Newnan, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The speaker will be Maura Cunningham, founder of Rock The Street, Wall Street, which is a year-long financial literacy program designed to spark the interest of high school girls into careers of finance.



Maura Cunningham, founder of Rock The Street, Wall Street

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## Thank You, Partners!

Thank you to those Foundation Partners who supported us during Saturday Down South and The Power of the Purse.



**100 Women Who Care is launched in 2017**

The Coweta Community Foundation's 2015 Woman of the Year, Leah Sumner, used her platform to launch "100 Women Who Care Coweta County," a grassroots organization that focuses on coordinating funding for local charitable organizations and needs.

"The concept is simple," Sumner said in announcing the new group. "Each member will choose a personal container in which she will place one dollar every day. The daily practice is intended to remind us that by giving a little each day, we can ultimately make a difference in our community."

The 100 women in the group now meet quarterly, each bringing her \$100 in quarterly contributions. The groups that received a \$10,000 donation during this first year include the Coweta Samaritan Clinic and CLICK (Certified Literate is Coweta's Key), with the July donation being split between the Coweta Community Foundation's Women's and Children's Fund and the Howard Warner Playground project.

Any member attending these quarterly meetings may nominate a charitable project. The need must be charitable in nature, immediate and based in Coweta County. The names of three potential projects are drawn at each meeting, with a short presentation given on each one. Members present at the meeting get to vote on which project receives the donation for that quarter.

"The result of 100 women giving one dollar a day will be \$40,000 given to make a difference in our community," Sumner said. "We are each strong, but together we are even stronger."

# CCF raising funds to provide playground equipment at Howard Warner Community Center

The Coweta Community Foundation's first project was a playground for children. Twenty years later, the Foundation is helping to raise funds for another new playground that will benefit Coweta County's children.

In the spring, a much-anticipated Groundbreaking and then a Ribbon Cutting were held at the Howard Warner Community Center at 55 Savannah St. in Newnan. Built in 1935 as the Howard Warner School, the building was renovated and a new gymnasium and parking spots were added.

The Newnan Times-Herald spearheaded a fund drive to help raise the \$70,000 needed for a new playground at the community center. This summer, the Foundation also learned it had been approved for a \$15,000 Let's Play Community Construction Grant from Dr Pepper Snapple Group (DPS) and the national nonprofit KaBOOM!

"We are very excited about the KaBOOM grant," said City of Newnan Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia Jenkins, who has been heavily involved with efforts to bring the new community center to life in Newnan's historic Chalk Level neighborhood. Jenkins said that this isn't the first time a Coweta playground has received a KaBOOM! grant, noting that a similar grant helped equip

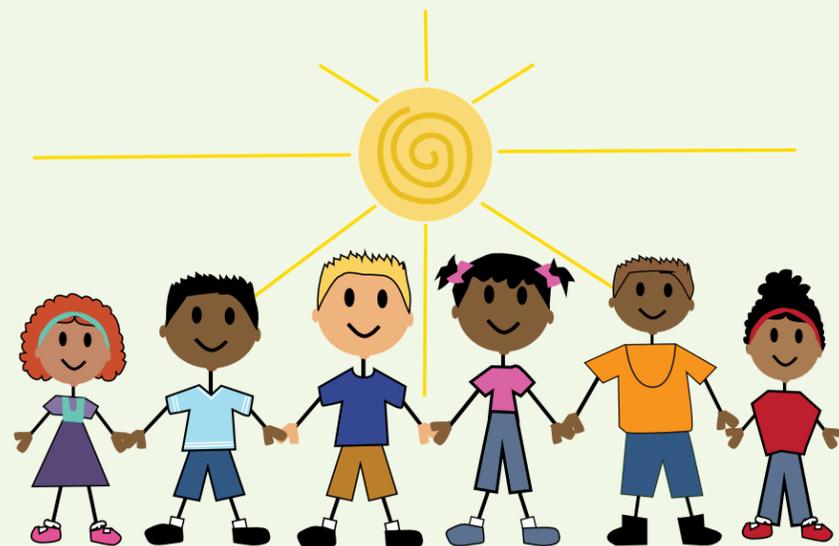
the playground at the Willie Lynch Park in Newnan, and that park "has served our community well." She said the grant is expected to provide similar high-quality playground equipment for children to use at the Howard Warner playground.

Newnan City Manager Cleatus Phillips said, "The City, and certainly the neighborhood, is very appreciative of the Community Foundation for stepping up to take the lead on this project. The playground was in the original building plans but was eliminated due to funding. The addition of outdoor play space provides a great opportunity to further build upon the community programs and engagement opportunities offered at the Howard Warner Community Center."

Hundreds of children are expected to benefit from the new playground, and donations toward the project are still being accepted. Most recently, 100 Women Who Care Coweta County made a \$5,000 donation toward the project.

Those interested in making a donation may visit [cowetafoundation.org](http://cowetafoundation.org), click on "Give" and "Make a Gift," then click the "Fund" tab and select "Howard Warner School Playground Fund."

To date, the project has received \$44,460 in pledges and donations.



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