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Coming Soon...

- Online Grant Applications for 2017
- Special Summer Announcement
- 2016 Grant Reports

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The Gift

Most people never know the impact that they can have on someone from afar. Most of the time, a simple cash donation or that check that is written once a year can have an impact on a that could change the course of their life. The person that has had the change happen to them, most likely will never know who they should thank for "The Gift". In 2015, we recognized individuals, families and corporations for their donations of cash, in kind items and sponsorships for 2014. Those donations afforded The Foundation the opportunity to award \$25,000 in grants to nonprofit agencies and another \$1,500 in classroom educational grants on January 22nd, 2016 at our First Annual Grant Award Reception. Over 100 people attended this reception to witness the impact of the gifts that many of you bestowed upon us. It is projected that this \$26,500 will impact 5,001 Coweta residents in 2016. During the grant cycle, 36 nonprofit agencies who qualified to apply and any educator in Coweta County had the ability to apply for a grant. We had 16 nonprofit agencies and four educators who chose to apply. Out of the 16 nonprofit applications, we awarded grants to 10 and out of the 4 educational grant applications, we awarded 3. The agencies that we awarded the grants were Southern Conservation Trust for their summer environmental and

conservation camps for Coweta children; The Coweta Master Gardeners for restoration of the James McGuffey Nature Trail; Continental Societies for their Generation of Promise Leadership Academy for Coweta Students; Real Life Center for their Coweta residents financial assistance program; CLICK (Certified Literate Is Coweta's Key) for their adult education volunteer training program; Habitat For Humanity Handyman Program; Meals On Wheels Coweta for their 3 part-time staff who prepare and coordinate meal delivery for our senior citizens; Coweta STEM Institute for their Mobile Maker STEM Program; Coweta CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for the CASA Volunteer Training to support Coweta youth who are in the foster care program and Community Welcome House for general operating expenses for the domestic violence shelter for women and children. In addition to the nonprofit agency grants, the impact that you had reached to our Coweta classrooms. Those grants were for White Oak Elementary School Educator Shelia Bealing for her Hour of Code— Computer Science Basics of



Coding Class; Eastside Elementary School Educator April Deleshaw for her STEM Lab tables to conduct experiments in a safe and proper environment and for East Coweta Middle School Educator Blaine Booth for her Engineering and Technology Class Solar cars for learning about alternative energy and green friendly technology. Follow our Website and Facebook pages to see the progress of each of these grants over the course of 2016. Each one of these organizations will have reported back to The Foundation by June 1st.

As part of our stewardship of your donations, we had the ability to review financials, conduct site visits and meet with the staff and board members of each of the nonprofit agencies who applied and qualified for grants. *Continued on page 2.....*

Thank You

The Gift (continued from page 1)

During this process, we were able to see exactly how each organization was utilizing the dollars that were being given to them and how our potential grant would be used. So many times, nonprofit agencies are never recognized for their excellent work and stewardship. So this year, we awarded the first “Nonprofit of the Year” award to an agency who excelled in all areas we reviewed. The Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity was awarded Nonprofit of the Year for their hard work, dedication and stewardship. Cristina Bowerman, Executive Director, was surprised at the award. She thanked everyone and said that she knew the company that she was in with the other nonprofits and knew that this award could have gone to each of them.



During this event several other nonprofit agencies were recognized for their leadership within the nonprofit community with the 1st Annual Nonprofit Leadership Awards. These agencies were very instrumental in assisting The Foundation with the revamping of their grant process and assisting with the formation of the Nonprofit Partner Advisory Board. Those agencies were Coweta Special Olympics, CORRAL, Coweta FERST Foundation and Rutledge Center.

2016 Grant Cycle

The Foundation raised \$50,454.92 in 2015. In keeping with our promise to the community, we will award no less than 70 cents of every dollar raised in the form of grants back into the community. This year, we will be awarding \$40,000 in the following areas:

\$25,000 from our General Grants Fund

\$1,000 from our Animal Welfare Fund

\$2,000 from our Educational Programs Fund

\$5,500 from our Women and Children’s Fund

\$2,000 from The Thomas McKeehan Fund for Arts or the Senoia Area

\$4,500 in Educational Classroom Grants—this will consist of six \$750 grants
Two for Elementary School, Two for Middle School and Two for High School



We want you to know how your philanthropic dollars are being awarded. Our grants process will open June 1st for Coweta nonprofit agencies and on September 15th for Coweta Educators. Representatives from any nonprofit agency wanting to apply for a grant will be required to attend a grant writing workshop on April 19th at The Newnan Centre, agencies and organizations are required to attend a mandatory grant session on May 10th at The University of West Georgia—Newnan Lecture Hall. The session on April 19th will be conducted by The Foundation Center Atlanta and it will be an in-depth educational session. On May 10th, our Grants Committee will review this years grant application and how to log on to our website to submit and what documents will need to be provided along with their applications to begin our due diligence.

As a donor, you can have peace of mind with our process because from each agency we request items such as - Board of Directors, 501 (c)(3) approval letter from the IRS, last audit, last two years 990’s (tax return), latest financial statement, by-laws, number of employees (with total salaries) and their approval letter from the State of Georgia to solicit donations. We will accept the application and each of these items from June 1st thru August 31st for nonprofit agencies. For Coweta Educators, only an online application will be required. They will submit applications from September 15th thru November 1st. Once they have been received our grants team (8 Board Members) will review all of the information and conduct onsite visits from September 1 thru November 30th. At our December Board meeting those agencies and organizations that our grants committee feel that are most qualified, based upon the application and need, will be presented to our Board of Directors for approval. Once the grants are approved, we will be hosting a small reception on January 20th, 2017 at the Newnan Centre to present those agencies with their grants. The grant award recipients will have a deadline for a final completion report and in some instances the committee will make a final onsite visit. In addition, we will again be awarding one agency Nonprofit of the Year and several leadership awards! If you know of a nonprofit agency or an Coweta Educator who could benefit from a grant, please have them contact us! We are here to serve and support our community.

2015 Annual Report

The Coweta Community Foundation set out in July of 2014 to revitalize this much-needed avenue for community leaders, such as yourself, to place philanthropic dollars into the hands of nonprofit agencies that needed it the most, while keeping our expenses as low as possible. With a group of 21 Board members, The Foundation has several goals for 2015-2016:

- * Raise, before expenses, a total of \$50,000 to award in grants for 2016 grants cycle and \$75,000 in 2016 for our 2017 grants cycle.
- * Membership: The Southeastern Council of Foundations
- * Membership: The Council on Foundations (National)
- * Conduct a 2014 and 2015 Audit
- * All Foundation operations being moved in house at our new offices located at 61 Hospital Road (Rutledge Center Admin Complex)
- * Onboard 4 new payroll deduction partners
- * Growth of our Bequests, Donor Advised, Endowment, Scholarship and Field of Interest Funds
- * Upgrade of website to benefit all nonprofit agencies of Coweta—providing a calendar for events, purchase of tickets for events and volunteer connect.
- * New Video to raise awareness of the Foundation and local nonprofit agencies.
- * Partnership with other organizations to host nonprofit symposium to enhance grant writing skills, legal and fiduciary knowledge.
- * 100% participation from our Board giving to The Foundation



How have we fared so far with our goals? We are proud to announce that The Foundation raised a total of **\$50,454.92 in 2015**, which will afford us the opportunity to **award \$40,000 in grants for the 2016-2017 grant cycle**. We have become members of The Southeastern Council of Foundations and The Council on Foundations (National), which will provide valuable access to resources for The Foundation and for our nonprofit agencies. We have also concluded our 2014 audit and tax return, which is posted on our website for your review. Our 2015 audit will be finalized and on our website on or before June 1st. We on boarded 3 new payroll deduction partners - Coweta Water and Sewerage Authority Employees, The City of Newnan Employees and Coweta County Employees. We have expanded our Field of Interest Funds to nine (we will tell you more about those below), our website has been upgraded to include the calendar and volunteer connect and our new video is front page!

Something that we are extremely proud of is our partnership with The Foundation Center—Atlanta. We are now able to provide educational resources to our nonprofit agencies so they no longer need to travel to Atlanta. We will have three different educational seminars in 2016. One of our goals was to raise awareness and to expand our Bequests, Donor Advised Funds and local philanthropic giving platform. Local law firm, Sanders, Haugen and Sears Attorney's Carson Sears and Mary Ware hosted an educational session for local Financial Advisors, Attorney's and CPA's on how The Foundation can assist their clients with philanthropic planning. This meeting and others scheduled for the future will allow us to expand our Bequests, Donor Advised Funds and Scholarship Funds. Also, we are proud to announce that for the second year in a row, we have 100% participation from our Board of Directors for giving to The Foundation. In 2015, our board gave over \$10,000 and this year, they have pledged close to \$12,000. As you can see, we are meeting or exceeding all of our goals for 2015-2016. As we mentioned, our goal is to raise \$75,000, before expenses, this year and we have pledged between our Board, payroll deduction and monthly donors \$30,400. We have another \$44,600 to go, so please help us meet that goal by making a gift, pledge or call us about your company becoming a payroll deduction partner today.

Field of Interest Funds

This year we expanded our fund offerings so you have the ability to donate to an area that is something that you are most passionate about. We have our **Education Fund**—where grants will be awarded to nonprofit agencies in the area of providing education and literacy programs and services. Our **Fine Arts Fund**—will be for nonprofit agencies or organizations can apply for grants that surround painting, sculpture, architecture, music, poetry, theatre and dance. The **Women and Children's Fund** was launched in October of 2015 at our Power of The Purse Luncheon and its mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in need throughout Coweta County.

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Promote the health and physical well-being of women and girls' and prevent violence against women and girls. Our **Health and Human Services Fund** is designed to help providers who assist our communities citizens stabilize their life and self-sufficient through guidance, counseling, treatment and the providing of basic needs. The **Animal Welfare Fund** was created by the Foundation as an answer to a concern of our communities citizens about the growing inability of our community to provide sufficient charitable resources to care for animals. 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. The **Classroom Education Fund** is a grassroots classroom grants fund where grants will be awarded to two elementary, two middle school and two high school educators. These grants are for special projects or needs where funding is not available within the school system. Our **Senior Citizens Fund** was created to assist nonprofit agencies that has a focus in providing programs and services to our senior population. One of the funds that we are excited about is our **Nonprofit Education and Fiduciary Fund**. This fund was created at the request of nonprofits and a through a need that was identified during our due diligence findings during the 2015 grant cycle. This fund will be used to assist nonprofit agencies with annual audits, updating bylaws, policies and procedures, board development, strategic plans or for a nonprofit who would like to obtain their nonprofit status. If you have a desire to be philanthropic, but do not have a particular passion, our **General Grants Fund** allows The Foundation to place dollars where needed the most in our community. The final fund that you have the ability to contribute too is our **Operating Fund**. This fund helps to offset the costs of running The Foundation day-to-day. This fund also assists us in bringing valuable educational programs to nonprofit agencies, but also to provide valuable leadership avenues for our community's teens through our Community Service Team, which consists of an 8 month program for 9th and 10th grade Coweta students from public, private and home school programs.

As you can see, your Coweta Community Foundation is very diverse in the offerings for you or your family to be able to donate too. If something is not listed that you are passionate about or you would like to have something tailored for your family to support a local nonprofit through a family legacy, please let us know and we will work with you to make your philanthropic goals a reality.

What is Fi-lan'thro-pi?

When some go to pronounce this word, they have the hardest time. They also find it difficult to pronounce the sister to this word – Fi-lan'thro-pic. While the pronunciation of these words can tongue tie the most scholarly individual, the definition of the word is quite simple – Giving.

As a community, we are very fortunate. We have some of the country's best nonprofit organizations and agencies right here in Coweta County. Some, we hear a lot about, while others not so much and there are various reasons why this is the case. Mostly, it does have to do with money and the ability to "brand" themselves where they can spread the word about the service or support they provide to our communities citizens.

Philanthropy comes in many forms and it is not all about the money. You do not have to be "older" to be philanthropic and you do not have to be a millionaire. Every dollar counts. Whether that is \$1 or \$1million. Whatever you can afford can be pooled together with other's donations and make a difference in the lives of several – even \$1 can be a game changer for someone in our community. Also, being philanthropic doesn't mean that you have to give just money – you can give stocks, bonds and real estate. If you can't afford a lot right now, you can even make one of the organizations that you are most passionate about the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Philanthropy also includes the "giving" of your time to a charity or cause. When being philanthropic, remember have a conversation with your financial advisor, tax professional or estate planning attorney.

We have so many organizations that are in need of volunteers to do many things. As we look at our local volunteer connect, we see that there is a need mentors or tutors for children, people to deliver or serve meals to those less fortunate, people to sort clothing at a thrift shop that supports a nonprofit, someone to garden, pick up donations from people in the community and there is a need for board members.

When we say that you didn't have to be "older" to be philanthropic – you do not. We are seeing that our Millennial Generation is getting involved, but they need to be engaged. They are creative and want to see that they are really making a difference.

Our future philanthropists (generation name TBD) have many avenues where they can get involved. There are teen advisory boards or become auxiliary members on a larger board, they can volunteer their time too. If they do not already have a passion for something, help them find one. *Continued on page 5...*

Payroll Deduction Partners

We are thrilled to announce the addition of two more payroll deduction partners for 2016! **Coweta County and The City of Newnan Employees** have joined us for 2016. We know have a total of 5! Thank you to Coweta County, City of Newnan, Coweta County School System Employees, Rutledge Center and Coweta Water and Sewerage Authority for Reaching Together with us for the 2017 grant cycle. If you or your organization would like to entertain the idea of offering an employee philanthropy benefit, please contact us today. We have the ability to assist organizations of 1 employee to 5000!

Do You Have Community?

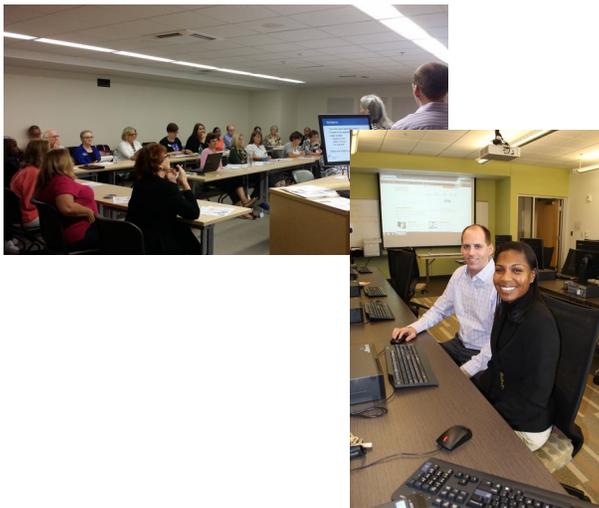
Help us spread the Word! With a minimum donation of \$5, receive our "I've Got Community" cling. We ask that you display it proudly on your car or business window. Let the community know "You Have Community" and this helps us raise awareness for the Foundation and it's mission to support Coweta County nonprofit agencies!



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

—Sir Winston Churchill

Nonprofit Education



One of the Foundation's goals is to provide educational tools for our community's nonprofit agencies. On Wednesday, September, 23rd, we brought The Foundation Center—Atlanta to Coweta County. They hosted a session on the resources that they can provide, a mini grant writing boot camp and also hosted individual meetings with our local agencies to discuss budgets, board structure, grant writing and risk items. We had 23 agencies in attendance at the event held at the new University of West Georgia Campus. We are proud to announce that we have become partners with The Foundation Center—Atlanta to become ad Network Funding Partner beginning January 1st, 2016. This partnership allows our nonprofit agencies additional educational tools and the ability to come to our offices and use the software to search for grants all over the country to apply and possibly bring dollars home to Coweta! Training for the new software was held in January and another will be held before year-end.

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Get them involved because the quicker that we introduce them to the world of service to others, the better our community is going to be. The "TBD" generation is creative, connected and have a lot of great ideas to share.

November will begin the season of Giving and November 15th is National Philanthropy Day. We encourage each of you reading this to find one organization or agency that you are most passionate about and be Fil-lan-thro-pic. Don't just write a check, put the stamp on the envelope

and mail it. Pick up the phone and call them. You may find that not only do they need that check, but that you and your family (millennials and generation TBD included) could volunteer during the season of giving (or any time during the year) as a family or what they may really need is your time or skill to take them to the next level.

Our 2015 Donors

On behalf of The Board of Directors of The Foundation and the nonprofit agencies and organizations of Coweta County, thank you for “Reaching Together” with us in 2015 so that we are able to award grants for 2016! Your generosity means so much to our community. Thank you for leading the way!

Founding Fathers—\$10,000 and above

Anonymous Coweta County School System Employees

Foundation—\$5,000 to \$9,999

Stanley and Ginger Queener UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Cornerstone—\$2,500 to \$4,999

Cancer Treatment Centers of America Kiwanis Club of Newnan

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Linda Woodruff			

Thank you for making our grants possible and for helping us build bigger and stronger nonprofit agencies!

Reaching Together for Community



The Coweta Community Foundation loves to partner with local agencies to raise awareness. On Saturday, October 3rd, The Foundation was proud to partner with the Coweta County Solicitors Office and the Coweta County District Attorney’s Office for the 1st Annual Domestic Violence Symposium and Resource Fair. This was a powerful day and we had over 40 people in attendance.

The 2015 “A Coweta Affair” was held in Senoia. The proceeds from this event was to benefit the Foundation and its work. Over \$15,000 was raised before expenses that evening!



The First Annual Power of the Purse launched our Women and Children’s Fund. Over \$16,000 was raised before expenses that day and we named our first “Woman of the Year”, Leah Sumner.

Back where it all began for The Foundation, Lowe’s of Newnan and three other area stores restored the Kids Castle Park last summer so that children can continue to enjoy their days there!



We launched our CCF Community Service Team that consists of 9th and 10th graders from public, private and homeschool classrooms of Coweta County. Over the course of 7 months these 18 teens will visit nonprofits, volunteer, assess needs and come back to report. They will have learned to serve on a Board of Directors—as an officer or Board Member, award a grant to a nonprofit, learn about teamwork and to select one of their peers to receive a scholarship!

Reaching Together for Community



If you attended the Newnan Christmas parade, you may have noticed this beautiful float! Lowe's of Newnan has graciously donated for the last two years the float to be auctioned for benefit of The Foundation. This year, the float raised \$1,050 from the auction and also the City of Newnan donated part of the proceeds from entry fees to the Foundation as well!

Over 40 nonprofits were represented at the launch of the Foundation Center—Atlanta partnership with CCF. On this particular day, nonprofits had hands on training on how to use the grant search software that is now available for any Coweta nonprofit to use at CCF offices.



CPA's Attorneys, Financial Advisors and Planners attended the Educational Seminar presented by Carson Sears and Mary Ware of Sanders Haugen and Sears to learn about philanthropic planning and how CCF would be a great choice to meet your charitable needs.

The Foundation held its annual Dr. Gerald Troutman BIG GIVE at the Newnan Centre for Performing Arts. This blood drive is in honor of our former Board Member, Dr. Gerald Troutman, who was always giving back to our community. Over 60 pints of blood was gathered that day!



Getting to see one of our 2016 grants come alive! Over 70 Coweta students attended the Continental Societies Generation of Promise Leadership Seminar. Board Member and local Juvenile Judge Joseph Wyant was the keynote speaker along with local Auburn University Football player Trey Matthews, Matt Brass of Congressman Lynn Westmoreland's office as well as Board Chair Ginger Queener spoke. After, the students learned about health and wellness, leadership, values, and how to be great citizens of our community.

How Can You Continue To Help?



Support CCF each time you shop on Amazon!



Login at www.cowetafoundation.org and Give Now!

Contact us to sign up for monthly Bank Draft, Debit Card or Credit Card Payments

Let us tailor a philanthropic strategy with you and your family to support CCF or your favorite Nonprofit or Scholarship Fund!

Leave A Legacy With Life Insurance

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The Foundation is now signed up with Kroger Community Rewards!® ! We are organization number 58707. Login at www.kroger.com/community-rewards and link your Kroger Card to CCF!

Save The Date!



1st Annual Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper
May 21st, 2016
12:30 PM until 10:00 PM
Blalock Lakes

Visit www.cowetafoundation.org to become a sponsor or register your team!



2nd Annual Power of the Purse
Benefitting the Women's and Children's Fund
October 27th, 2016
The Newnan Centre

2017 Grant Award Reception
January 20th, 2017
The Newnan Centre



2017 Dr. Gerald Troutman Big Give Community Blood Drive
February 10th, 2017
The Centre for Performing Arts



The Coweta Community Foundation's funding interests include, but are not limited to, women's and children's issues, public safety, education, and the arts. CCF maintains a broad and ongoing grants program which does not discriminate with regard to race, sex, religion, national origin, handicap, familial status or age.

Established in 1997 by the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce, CCF exists to help make the quality of life better for all Coweta County citizens. As a 501(c)3 organization governed by an entirely volunteer-staffed board of directors, CCF's primary goal is to accept, manage and disperse gifts and bequests from individuals, organizations, corporations, and estates. Tax ID#58-2348181.

A Message From The Chairman

As we are composing our second newsletter, I am sitting here thinking about how fortunate we are to live in the generous community that we do. When I took the helm at the end of 2014, I would have never dreamed that one year later we would have been able to have accomplished as much as we have. I am humbled and grateful for each of you who have made your Coweta Community Foundation successful. Its not just with your monetary donations, its with your kind words, your sharing something on Facebook , coming to our A Coweta Affair, the 1st Annual Power of the Purse, one of our spirit nights at a local eatery or simply just by sharing with someone what we do.

At every board meeting, one of our board members will read our mission statement and purpose. Each time it is read, I smile and am excited about our accomplishments and our future. Most people have no idea just how special your Foundation is. Community Foundations have been in existence for over 100 years and today, in the US, there are approximately 750 of us. Out of those 750, only 100 or so of them will act in the capacity of a fiscal agent for nonprofits who simply cannot afford too or do not have or want to put the administrative structure in place to be able to run their day-to-day operations. Your Coweta Community Foundation is one of those who acts as a fiscal agent. The original Board of Directors who started the Foundation nearly 20 years ago, were visionaries. From the beginning, they put this service in place. Today, we have 5 nonprofits that we act in this capacity for. We extend our 501(c)3 out to them, handle all of their administrative needs and they are filed on our 990 (nonprofit tax return). We do not financially support these organizations throughout the year, we just provide the administrative support and oversight. However, each of them, can apply for a grant just like any other organization can, but they go through the same exact process that other nonprofits do and just like others who apply, there is no guarantee of a grant. Your Community Foundation also has another unique characteristic that to-date we share with no other Community Foundation that we can find. Your Coweta Community Foundation, is the ONLY Community Foundation that offers a payroll deduction platform that can go head-to-head with any other grant making organizations platform. We can serve employers with 1 employee to 5,000. Large or small, if an employer wants to provide a way for their employees to give back to the community, we can handle it for them. We have 5 partners on this platform as of this newsletter. The most attractive part of our platform, is that their employees know that the money that is given, benefits only the residents of Coweta County.

On behalf of our all volunteer Board of Directors, I just want to take a moment to thank you for “Reaching Together” with us to build bigger, better and stronger nonprofit agencies in Coweta. We hope that you will consider partnering with us again in 2016. Enclosed please find a please card and envelope to continue to support our work in the community. Remember, it doesn’t matter if it is \$1 or \$1 million dollars, we can make every dollar count. What is raised in Coweta, stays in Coweta with your Coweta Community Foundation!

*Ginger Jackson Queener
Chairman*

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