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Come Grow With Us!

A Message from our Chairman

On January 1, we will enter our 20th anniversary year, and because of your generosity and the generosity of many others, we have had a tremendous impact on the citizens of Coweta County.

- We have given scholarships to high school students to attend college, we have assisted with operating funds to increase literacy rates for children and adults, we have provided training to volunteers who advocate for our foster children, provided food for those who need a hand up, we've purchased musical instruments and have provided opportunities for children to learn about nature conservation.

While we cannot tell you the exact number of people who have been helped during previous years, we can estimate our work has touched hundreds of thousands of lives. We are not and cannot be satisfied. Together, we must continue our important work as there remains so much to do.

- We see the need for shelter, food, preservation of our history, art therapy, education and literacy programs, anti-bullying efforts, the fine arts, and educational tools to strengthen our nonprofits. We see the need for advocacy for our foster children, those contending with catastrophic illness, those with special needs, and our veterans.

While 20 years seems like a long time, we still have a lot of growing to do. This past year we gave away \$26,500, and as stewards of our community's money, we are reporting back to you—beginning on page 3—the success of these granted funds.

This year, more than 50 nonprofit agencies attended our grant session to obtain an invitation to apply during this year's grant cycle. The Foundation will be awarding a total of \$40,000 - \$35,500 in grants to nonprofit agencies and another \$4,500 in classroom education grants to Coweta educators. Twenty-four local nonprofit agencies submitted applications totaling \$92,711. Our grant committee is conducting due diligence. While we would love to fund every grant application, we cannot, and that is why we need you to *COME GROW WITH US!* Our goal is to give away \$50,000 during our 2017 grant cycle, and ***we need your help to make this happen. Please make a 20th anniversary pledge to help fund our 2017 grant cycle.***

Our goal is to award grants totaling \$500,000 by 2022! Our nonprofit agencies need us to Reach Together to Make a Difference. Together we can have a tremendous impact on the lives of the citizens in our community. The mission, purpose and program of so many organizations are vital to our community - they are building blocks that make our community a great place to live, work and play! *Continued on page 6.*

Founding Member Spotlight : Cancer Treatment Centers of America



Since Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center (Southeastern) opened its doors in August 2012, demand for cancer care at the hospital has greatly exceeded expectations. With a growing clinical roster of more than 200 physicians and 1,100 employees, the hospital has expanded to more than double its original footprint to meet the needs of patients and families from across the Southeast and beyond.

CTCA is answering the call to make Georgia a great place to live, work and do business. According to a 2015 study by the Center for Business and Economic Research in the University of West Georgia's Richards College of Business, the hospital's economic impact has totaled more than \$1.3 billion in Georgia and \$950 million in Coweta County.

But the impact goes far beyond the economy.

Even before opening its doors, CTCA made a commitment to the community, through its support and collaboration programs, which have grown in reach and impact every year. In addition to recently being named the Coweta Community Foundation's sole founding member partner for 2016, CTCA established Southeastern Assistance in Healthcare (SAIH) to provide funds to local cancer patients and their families to help defray non-medical bills like utilities, rent, transportation and living expenses. Over the last three years, SAIH has given more than \$582,000 to 2,100+ area cancer patients. The hospital's medical staff also volunteers at Coweta Samaritan Clinic and provides indigent care to patients diagnosed with cancer.

Additionally, CTCA has held the Prevent Aggressively Coweta event for two straight years, which provides education, screenings and community partners/advocacy as well as a prevention and wellness "road show" for companies like Georgia Power, Kia, Caterpillar, Cargill and others.

CTCA and Southeastern's impact has also reached beyond the Coweta County borders. In just over four years, the hospital has become a visible partner for numerous local and regional organizations like the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Melanoma Research Alliance and numerous others. The hospital's partnerships with numerous academic institutions such as the University of West Georgia, Emory University, University of Alabama at Birmingham and Clark Atlanta shows a commitment to providing hands-on experience to tomorrow's leaders and advancing innovation and cancer research.

Thank you for Supporting The Coweta Community Foundation ,CTCA!

2016 Grant Recipient Report

As stewards of the funds that you and other generous leaders in our community have entrusted to us, we want to report on how those funds were put to use in our community. In January of this year, we awarded \$26,500 in grants—\$25,000 to nonprofit agencies and \$1,500 to Coweta educators to use in their classrooms. We estimated that these funds would benefit over 5,000 Coweta citizens—we were wrong. They will benefit far more.



Continental Societies - This program was designed to make a positive impression on the at-risk youth during the Generation of Promise Leadership Academy. This academy encourages good decision making that will enhance their lives now and in the future through guest speakers, classroom breakout sessions on several topics including health and wellness, civil and social behavior, positive social media

habits and the benefits of education. Fifty students attended this academy from the Newnan, Sharpsburg and Senoia areas.

CLICK—The goal of this grant was to improve the quality of volunteer support to those seeking assistance with literacy. CLICK conducted training for new volunteers, which included unique aspects of tutoring adults. Software was purchased to assist low level adult readers and a small group workshop was held to train the volunteers to use this software. Assessment materials and books were purchased for the volunteers to use in the classroom. The software was the most notable impact as the low level readers surveyed and increased reading ability. 104 residents of Coweta County were served through this grant opportunity at the time that the report was due. The software and materials will continue to be used for several years, which means that the impact of this grant will continue and most importantly, the adults participating in this program will obtain their GED and enhance their quality of life!



Community Welcome House - The purpose of this was to assist with a small portion of their monthly operating costs. One month of operating costs for this organization was \$30,000. They served 24 women and 40 children between January and May of 2016. The majority of operating costs are for staff, which is mandated by the county and state guidelines.

2016 Grant Recipient Report (Continued)



Southern Conservation Trust - This summer program needed additional camp supplies and help adding council ring seating so nature campers would have an enhanced learning atmosphere. There were 65 campers for this program, and of these, 19 (29%) were Coweta residents. Three of these Coweta campers needed scholarships to be able to attend. This camp affords campers the opportunity to learn about nature conservation.

Coweta Master Gardeners - The Coweta Master Gardeners wanted to restore the nature trails at the James E. McGuffey Nature Center to a natural habitat where native plants will thrive and the public can enjoy and learn about plant and wildlife habitats. This grant was the beginning of this project and will occur over several years. This grant in particular is for new educational signage for visitor education about native plants. The area is accessible to all Coweta residents, and this summer, 450 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts attended camps and 190 residents attended other educational events this summer. The impact of this grant will be ongoing for many years to come!



Coweta CASA- For CASA to survive, they need to train and support the community volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children involved in the juvenile court proceedings in Coweta County. Through this grant they were able to increase the number of volunteer advocates and continue to provide services to the children that they serve. For 2016, Coweta CASA served 125 children from ages 0 to 18 and some as old as 21, depending upon circumstances. This number included 67 new children to foster care. Advocates were able to assist in bringing permanent homes to 15 cases. They provided 3,035 hours of advocacy, which included driving over 24,321 miles. This grant allowed Coweta CASA to conduct 3

training classes with a total of 30 new advocates trained, which allowed them to continue to serve 100% of the children in foster care here in Coweta County. In addition, Coweta CASA Volunteer Coordinators were able to attend trainings on volunteer recruitment and volunteer management and the Executive Director was able to attend the Spring CASA Council of Programs.

2016 Grant Recipient Report (Continued)



Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity- This organization added a new component to their ministry — the Brush with Kindness repair project. These projects included repairs to a home, building a wheel chair ramp for a Veteran, a kitchen renovation, a front porch, a deck, gutters and flooring and they assisted three different nonprofit agencies with repairs to their residential facilities or offices.

Real Life Center- Over 30 percent of the clients that Real Life Center sees are from Coweta. From January through May, Real Life Center added 117 new Coweta County Households, representing a total of 322 total households and 974 family members. They served a total of 1,629 family visits during this time. This program aims to provide clients with the financial resources to become stable in their homes, which stabilizes the family.



The Coweta STEM Institute - This organization wanted to develop and offer the XYZ daVinci Jr 3D printer curriculum to the Coweta teachers for use in their classrooms. This equipment stimulates creativity among our students and support current educational standards. The initial rollout of the project was to one teacher and eleven students in the Sharpsburg, Newnan and Moreland areas. However, with the start of the new school year, 400 teachers and 8,000 students will be served annually through the STEM program, which means we will see ongoing impact from this grant beyond 2016!

Meals On Wheels of Coweta - The purpose of this grant was to provide operating funds to offset the costs of three part-time staff. It also allowed them to use the funds that would normally go to salaries to purchase additional food to meet their goal of serving 100 Coweta residents. This grant allowed them to increase their number of meals from 1,465 to 1,506 in February and to 1,760 in March. This was an increase of 295 additional meals in a two-month period. They increased the number of clients from 79 in January to 86 at the end of March. They serve residents who reside in Newnan, Senoia, Sharpsburg, Moreland and Turin.



2016 Grant Recipient Report (Continued)



East Coweta Middle - This grant provided solar cars to enhance sixth grade students' learning experience with alternative energy through green technology. This classroom served a total of 93 students during this cycle and this project will continue during the next school year.

Eastside Elementary- This grant provided lab tables for science experiments and exploration of science concepts. These lab tables will allow classes to conduct experiments, observations, data analysis and design. This project will be ongoing for many years and serves 445 students daily.



White Oak Elementary- This grant provided iPads and applications to create their own programs. There were 22 students who were introduced to coding during this short period of time, but will be an ongoing project in this classroom and will serve 25-30 students on an annual basis.

How did your dollars impact our community? It is estimated that during this short period of time (January through May), the \$26,500 awarded in January has served over 6,000 citizens and through some of these grants, your generosity will continue to impact citizens for many years to come!

Come Grow With Us (Continued From Page 1)

We hope that you will make the commitment to help us grow. Our board has already joined the pledge with you, and one hundred percent of our board members have made a pledge. Enclosed please find a pledge card so you can Come Grow With Us! If you donated last year, we ask that you consider increasing your donation for 2016. Remember, any amount can make a difference, and most of all... What's Raised In Coweta, Stays In Coweta with your Coweta Community Foundation!

*In Service To Our Community,
Ginger Queener, Chairman*



Foundation Member Spotlight : SouthTowne



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 will celebrate its 25th anniversary in March of 2017, and during those 25 years, says owner Steve Mader, the business has sold some 73,000 new and used cars.

SouthTowne typically has an inventory of about 1,000 new and used cars. They also offer a Service Department with clean, well-lit accommodations, complimentary Wi-Fi internet access, HD TV, a children's play area and free coffee. SouthTowne is a huge facility with 32 service bays so it can meet customer needs in a timely manner.

SouthTowne Motors has all I-CAR, ASE and GM Certified Technicians. Their certified techs are continuously taking the most up-to-date training available. Mader said they have some 30 technicians and noted, "We have two Master Technicians now."

In 2016, SouthTowne became an annual partner of the Coweta Community Foundation at the Foundation Level and agreed to partner with us on the Foundation's three signature events: the Big Give Community Blood Drive, the Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper, and The Power of the Purse.

"I really like the direction in which the Board of Directors has taken the charity," Mader said. "Everything is very transparent, very clean, and they appear to be doing a lot of good for the community."

And "doing good for the community" is something SouthTowne knows a lot about. They have long supported community groups and projects including the Boy Scouts of America, Flint River Council, CLICK, Central Educational Center, Communities In Schools, Coweta Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Coweta Samaritan Clinic, Coweta Veterans Club, Ducks Unlimited, Ferst Foundation, Firefighter Scholarship Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Heard County Cattlemen's Association, Heard County FFA, Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, Knights of Columbus, March of Dimes, Marine Corps League #1325, Masterworks Chorale, Newnan-Coweta Public Safety Foundation, Newnan Junior Service League, Newnan Kiwanis, Race for Riley, Rotary Club of Newnan, Run for Angels, St. George Youth Group, The Heritage School, The Joseph Sams School and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Thank you for Supporting The Coweta Community Foundation, SouthTowne!

Reaching Together for Community



The Board of Directors hosted their annual retreat and planning session. During this session, they worked with Erik Speakman of Speakman Consulting to assist in the construction of a five-year Strategic Plan for The Foundation. The plan had input not only from the Board, but also from important partners in our community, both from the corporate sector and the nonprofit sector. We are excited about our plans to increase our support to nonprofit agencies of Coweta!

We celebrated the success of our inaugural Community Service Team of 18 members! The 2015-2016 class had a day of team building and awarding their grant to Community Welcome House. These teens learned to serve on a board, conduct site visits to award a grant and how important the nonprofit agencies of Coweta are to our community!



We held the First Annual Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper to benefit The Foundation!



Reaching Together for Community

We kicked off our 2017 Charitable Giving Campaign with the Coweta County School System! Thank you to each one of the Charitable Giving Team Leaders for your help in Reaching Together!



Through our partnership with the Foundation Center - Atlanta, we hosted a grant-writing workshop for our nonprofit agencies.

We were able to see a grant from 2010 come alive with the production of "Flies at the Well"!



The Grant Committee Team launches its 2016 Site Visits! We had 24 grant applications totaling \$92,711. Grant award recipients will be notified the week of December 19, and grants will be awarded on January 20! We have \$35,500 to award to nonprofit agencies and \$4,500 to award to Coweta County Educators to use in their classrooms!

Reaching Together for Community

Our second class of Community Service Team students and parents gather for the initial meeting hosted by The Central Education Center! This year we welcomed back 14 of our first class and welcomed 13 new members!



Thank you to the Coweta County Government for allowing us to be a part of their employee benefit fair and for giving your employees the ability to Reach Together to support our nonprofit agencies through payroll deduction!

To raise awareness for their program, the Community Service Team provided crafts and worked with children at the Senoia 150th Celebration!



The Community Service Team organizes and executes the first nonprofit resource expo that allowed our community to come and see the nonprofit resources in our community and allowed our nonprofit agencies to get to know one another!

Reaching Together for Community

The Second Annual Power of the Purse Luncheon to benefit the Women's and Children's Fund. We had 191 registered guests, raised \$13,000 after expenses, and we named our Woman of the Year, Mrs. Norma Haynes!



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Save The Date!

2017 Grant Award

Reception

January 20, 2017

The Newnan Centre

9:00 AM



2017 Dr. Gerald Troutman

Big Give

Community Blood Drive

February 14, 2017

The Centre for Performing Arts

8:00 AM until 5:00 PM



American Red Cross



Second Annual Saturday Down South Sporting Clays and Southern Supper

April 29, 2017

2:00 PM until 10:00 PM

Blalock Lakes



The Power Of The Purse

Third Annual Power of the Purse

Benefiting the Women's and Children's Fund

October 26, 2017

The Newnan Centre

Doors Open 11:00 AM

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.

What's Coming In 2017?



At our 2016 Power of the Purse Luncheon, the 2015 Woman of the Year, Leah Sumner, announced the launch of “100 Women Who Care Coweta County,” a grassroots organization that will focus on coordinating funding for local charitable organizations and needs. The concept is simple. Each member chooses a personal container in which she agrees to place one dollar each day, a daily practice that serves as a reminder that by giving a little each day, these women can make a difference in the community. Sumner said she has been aware of similar projects around the country and had considered such a project for the past few years. When she

was named the first Woman of the Year and asked whether she had a platform or issue she wanted to promote, it seemed like the perfect time to launch “100 Women Who Care Coweta County.”

The 100 women in the group will meet quarterly, each bringing her container with her \$100 in quarterly contributions. When the 100 women gather, each with \$100 to contribute, the result will be \$10,000 that is available to benefit the community. At the first, second and fourth quarterly meetings of the year, the women will select a local charitable project to receive the \$10,000 donation. Funds collected at the third quarterly meeting will be contributed to the Coweta Community Foundation’s Women’s and Children’s Fund. The 100 Women Who Care is a project of the Coweta Community Foundation. For more information on the 100 Women or if you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please visit: www.cowetafoundation.org/100women.

The 2017 keynote speaker for the Third Annual Power of the Purse announced!



Minda Dentler is the first female wheelchair athlete to have completed the Kona Ironman. Minda’s life is one of inspiration, courage and determination. When she was an infant in India, Minda contracted polio, resulting in the paralysis of her legs and was left in the care of an orphanage. Adopted by an American family, she moved to Spokane, Washington and underwent a series of surgeries on her hips, legs, and back, which enabled her to walk with leg braces and crutches. Undeterred by her disability, Minda became an independent, educated woman with an intention and drive to face and overcome the many obstacles she has encountered throughout her life.

As a child, Minda watched from the sidelines as her siblings participated in many sports. Her athletic journey began as a young adult living in NYC, when Minda was given an opportunity to try hand cycling. After a few years she made the switch to triathlon, and within eight years, Minda has won two USA National Triathlon titles (2009, 2011) and completed 30 triathlon and road races. This included her first Ironman Distance Triathlon in Louisville in 2012, just six weeks prior to her first attempt at the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii. She has never allowed her disability to slow her down. She hopes to inspire those with and without disabilities not only to set athletic goals but also to work and train hard in order to achieve those goals. Tickets for the October 2017 event will be available by March 1.

What's Coming In 2017 (Continued)

Education for our Nonprofit Agencies

One of the main requests that we receive from our nonprofit agencies is for education. So, last year, we listened and formed a partnership with Foundation Center - Atlanta. Through our partnership we are going to be offering the following education—Building An Engaged Nonprofit Board, Grant-writing Workshop, Building an Effective Budget, Audits and Legal Issues for Nonprofits, Planning Effective Fundraising Events and Donor Retention. In addition, through our partnership, the foundation is a network partner with the Foundation Center, where nonprofit agencies can utilize the software at our offices to search for grant opportunities all over the United States. The public is welcome to attend any of these events, especially if you serve on a nonprofit board of directors. Registration for these events will start in January.

What Does The Community Foundation Do?

We would love the opportunity to share this with you, so in 2017 we are going to host two sessions. On January 27, Carson Sears of Sanders, Haugen and Sears will be hosting a Financial and Legal Professionals Education Luncheon. On March 21, we will be hosting our first Philanthropy and Desserts from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM, where we hope you will indulge in what the Community Foundation does in the community and how we can partner together to support our nonprofit agencies.

Other Ways To Support Our Work and Nonprofit Agencies

Giving Charitably through your IRA!

Giving through your annual required minimum distribution is a way to experience the joy of giving more during your lifetime.

You can give more for less. Americans over age 70 1/2 no longer pay federal income tax on individual retirement account (IRA) funds given to charity up to \$100,000 per person. So your retirement funds can go farther than ever before.

You can make a difference. Your community foundation can help you connect to the causes you care about most. You can support an existing fund or establish a new charitable fund in your name or the name of a loved one. Giving is one of life's pleasures; we can help you enjoy it today.

The gift of life insurance, stocks, bonds or real estate

Nonprofit agencies can accept other forms of donations as well. There is the gift of appreciated securities, bonds or real estate. In addition, you can leave a bequest to create a future endowment with the foundation to continue to support causes or charities that are important to you and your family.

Consult with your financial advisor, estate planning attorney and your tax professional before making these types of gifts.

National Community Foundation Week

As this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, we will be celebrating National Community Foundation week. Our story—alongside the countless others like it—demonstrates the tremendous impact and unique importance of community foundations in this country. In honor of this week, we wanted to take this chance to share and reflect on the impact that together we have had on our community. That’s because your Coweta Community Foundation and more than 780 other community foundations across the country help to bring donors and residents together. Your community foundation unites efforts behind the efforts that will help Coweta County continue to flourish and grow.

As we enter the giving season, America’s generosity surges. Millions of people from every background will be looking to give back to the communities that have supported them. They’ll also look to ensure that their heartfelt giving—however they choose to give—will have the most impact. That’s why so many of them will choose to give to a community foundation.

A gift to your community foundation is really an investment in the future of our community. The funds will go to work immediately supporting vital services, but they will also provide sustained support for years to come. We like to say that community foundations are “here for good.” At your Coweta Community Foundation, we don’t think about the next election or business cycle, we think about the next generation and the next after that. Our next generation is important, so we are investing in our teens and will be launching our Young Professionals In Philanthropy group in March. Also, we are working with a local group of citizens who are working hard to bring a Linear Trail to the community by holding their “Friends of Fund” that you can contribute too - not only will this trail be used by many generations to come, but each one of us.

That can seem a daunting task, but it’s one that we all share. During Community Foundation Week, I hope you’ll join us in recognizing our collective impact and the difference we can make together by pledging your support on the enclosed card.

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