



Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation

Strengthening Our Communities Through Engaged Philanthropy



A Growing Foundation Benefits the Community...

The Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation now holds assets approaching \$17 million and supports some 60 distinct philanthropic funds. Already, more than \$800,000 in donor-advised, discretionary and endowed grants have been made this year. Join us, and invest in your community.

Foundation Meets in Camden County



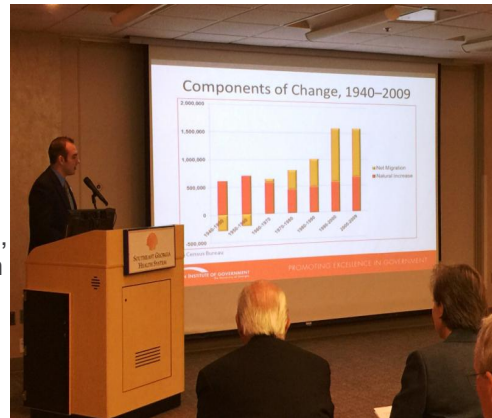
The Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation met in Camden County on Wednesday, October 7th, marking a first for the decade-old philanthropic organization. The 19-member Board held its regular meeting at the Salvation Army Resource Center, 1909 Osborne Road, St. Marys. Following its regular business, the Board heard presentations from key community leaders including Salvation Army Executive Director Charlene Sears and Camden County School Superintendent Dr. Will Hardin. The Board and friends also had the opportunity to tour the community and enjoy an educational dinner on the river.

Camden County is represented on the Foundation's Board of Directors by Edward Andrews Jr., Jeff Barker and Mary Root. In the past year, the Foundation has awarded competitive and donor-advised grants to a wide range of programs and services for Camden County residents, including Coastal Counseling Center, CASA Camden, Humane Society of Camden County, The Methodist Home for Children and Youth, Burnt Fort Historical Association, the Bryan Lang Foundation, and summer enrichment at Advance Learning Academy. Two new initiatives, a strings program for students at St. Marys Elementary School and a college scholarship for aspiring scientists graduating from Camden County High School, have been launched by the Foundation through The Halsey Family Fund. The Foundation continues to work with community members and philanthropists to invest in and advance programs and services which improve quality of life in Camden County.

Partners in Philanthropy

Coastal Georgia Partners in Philanthropy held its first regional meeting on October 2nd, at the Linda S. Pinson Conference Center at the Southeast Georgia Health System. Some 40 individuals, representing corporate, family and community philanthropy, joined together to learn about regional issues and to consider opportunities for grant-making. A. D. "Pete" Correll chaired the meeting, and UGA demographer Matt Hauer framed the discussion with a robust data presentation.

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Insurance and Innovation

The Professional Advisors and Estate Planning Steering Committee of the Foundation convened its second social and educational gathering on October 1st, at the A. W. Jones Center at the Coastal Georgia Historical Society. Dr. Lawton M. (Mac) Nease, founder and president of Nease, Laguna, Eden & Culley, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Nease specializes in complex estate planning and insurance strategies which support legacy opportunities and philanthropy for families and businesses. Nease and his wife, Brenda, are part-time residents of Glynn County and Sustainers of the Foundation.



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