

# COMMUNITIES OF COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION, INC.

## REPORT ON 2014 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

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### America's Second Harvest - \$2,000

Laptop and Projector for Marketing Purposes

**Outcome/Impact:** The laptop and projector greatly enhanced training for non-profit partners and presentations at events. It increased organizational marketability and the profile for the organization in our local community.



### Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia - \$3,000

All-In-One Printers for each Club Site

**Outcome/Impact:** Copiers/printers replaced a cumbersome system of manual paper forms at all eight clubs. This greatly enhanced processing speed and accuracy.



### Camden County CASA Program, Inc. - \$2,500

Laptops and Software Upgrades

**Outcome/Impact:** The funding provided needed equipment - laptops for use by advocates to do their reports and viewing equipment to enhance observation for supervised visits. These tools helped us do a better job and be more efficient.



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**CASA Glynn, Inc. - \$2,100**

Advocate Coordinator Training

**Outcome/Impact:**

Both CASA Advocate Coordinators were able to attend Advocate Coordinator Training, Facilitator Training and CASA Advocate Supervision Training. Both Coordinators were new to their positions and the training built a vital foundation for their roles in the program, particularly in training Advocates. The foster care needs in Glynn County are overburdened, thus a well-run program will positively impact this issue.



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**Coastal Coalition For Children, Inc. - \$4,000**

Grandparent Connection – Mental Health Program Component

**Outcome/Impact:**

The Family Wellness project provided grandparents raising children with a clearer understanding of mental health care, its benefits and addressed the stigma of treatment. It provided assessment materials, a mental health educational program and information on resources available and guidance on action steps.



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**Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association (GIAHA) - \$5,000**

The Big Read 2015

**Outcome/Impact:**

GIAHA celebrated a 34% increase in participation in this year's Big Read-- "Their Eyes Were Watching God." School system and college support helped to make a greater impact on the 14-21 year old age group. Teachers used the books as a jumping off point for other activities. Visibility was increased in Camden through the



excellent work of the Woodbine Women’s Club who hosted book discussions. More members of the African-American community were engaged by focusing on Hurston and the artists of the Harlem Renaissance and local African-American history and culture. The strong support of The Brunswick Chapter of the Links Arts Committee helped draw new participants for the events.

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### **Golden Isles Senior Citizens Foundation, Inc. - \$2,500**

Board Development and Strategic Plan

**Outcome/Impact:** A Strategic Plan was developed. The Board established a mission statement, set goals and objectives and gained knowledge of their roles and responsibilities as board members. This is a new foundation and these are the needed building blocks for success.



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### **Habitat for Humanity of Camden County - \$3,500**

Board and Staff Development and Strategic Plan Development

**Outcome/Impact:** The Board participated in a SWOT analysis to provide the basis for the Strategic Plan development. Because of the relatively new board makeup, a boot camp addressing best practices and guidance on governance responsibilities was implemented. The development of a Strategic Plan is currently in process, which had unfortunately been delayed due to a tragic event in the life of the Board Chair. The Executive Director also received professional development and coaching in identified areas.



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### **McIntosh County 4-H - \$4,000**

Program Expenses, Curriculum Materials and Fees

**Outcome/Impact:** Participating Youth gain confidence in public speaking by selecting, researching and presenting a demonstration on a particular topic. Summer educational trips resulted in demonstrated knowledge gained in history, science, environment, culture and geography. Youth also learned independence, responsibility, social skills and behavior and conflict management.

Youth we so impacted by the “Take a Deep Breath” lesson which demonstrated a healthy lung and one damaged by smoking that they took photos of the damaged lungs and bad chemicals in cigarettes and sent them along with text messages urging parents to “quit smoking”.



*Learn by Doing – Summer Excursions*



*Junior 4-H'rs excited about Project Achievement at Rock Earle 4-H Center*

**McIntosh County Family Connection, Inc. - \$3,000**

Bingo For Books Early Learning Program

**Outcome/Impact:**

Four Bingo for Books events were held at Todd Grant Elementary School for children from Pre-K through Third grade. This Early Learning Literacy/Parental Involvement program encourages reading and provides an opportunity for children to win up to five age appropriate books (teachers help students with their selection). The event also give teachers an opportunity to interact with parents in a non-pressured atmosphere.



**McIntosh County Health Department - \$4,500**

Reach Out and Read Program Start-Up

**Outcome/Impact:**

This program was implemented and staff were trained in working with parents to encourage reading to their children and communicating the importance of this in the development of vocabulary skills early in life. The reception area was outfitted with children’s furniture and reading material. A process was implemented to track books issued and population served. All children age six months to five years receive age appropriate books when they come to the Health Department for a service.



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## Safe Harbor Children's Center - \$2,500

Computer Upgrades

**Outcome/Impact:** New computers and software upgrades added to overall office efficiency and the added benefit of sharing public documents, calendars and presentations resulted in increased productivity. Safe Harbor is able to better meet the data entry requirements for governmental agencies and funders as a result.



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## Satilla Riverkeeper - \$1,959

Strategic Plan Development

**Outcome/Impact:**

In consultation with Georgia River Network and through stakeholder interviews a three to five year Strategic Plan was developed. The board was able to align their actions and interests to address the mission. Treasurer training, development of financial protocols and an auditable Financial Management System that is transparent and compliant greatly benefitted the organization.



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## STAR Foundation Inc. - \$3,500

Marketing and Program Video

**Outcome/Impact:** One participant tells her story, "I grew up in housing projects, the product of a drug-addicted Mother. I returned home one night to find my baby sister on the couch crying amid a group of people high on crack. I picked her up off the couch, left and became her "adopted mother" to keep her safe. Today my little sister is a junior at Glynn Academy. I graduated from STAR in 2002, and was speechless when Ms. Ellen asked me to be on the STAR Board of Directors. It was such an honor to have the opportunity to help an organization that had done so much for me. I am a proud advocate of STAR including being a part of this video."



The video can be viewed at the following website: <https://youtu.be/71VVXBcpZfQ>. This story is representative of the lives of so many students and the obstacles they must overcome. Success stories abound!

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## YMCA of Coastal Georgia - \$5,300

Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program

**Outcome/Impact:** *Y Ready Readers Camp* offered 1350 hours of reading instruction by a certified teacher for ten weeks during the summer camp program. One student who struggled with reading began to enjoy it and looked forward to going to camp each day. He progressed so well that when he began the school year in the fall of 2014, his IEP test results indicated that his reading level had improved an entire grade level over the course of the summer. Both mom and son are delighted with the Y program.



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## Marshes of Glynn Libraries - \$29,500

Targeted Early Literacy Parental Involvement Initiative

**Outcome/Impact:** Approximately 500 people attended the Baby Story Times and nine “Every Child Ready to Read” workshops at the Brunswick Library. Parents learned the steps to helping their baby’s brain develop through exposure to language, new sights, sounds and socialization through illustration and instruction on how read to their child. The program was targeted to Brunswick’s six HUD communities. Many parents and caregivers gained knowledge about early literacy’s benefits for the future of their children.

