

## **2009 Outcome Reports Community Impact Grants**

**(CB = Capacity Building; EL = Education/Literacy)**

### **1. Altamaha Riverkeeper (EL)**

CCGF Grant: \$6,310

Total Project Cost: \$9,175

**Purpose:** Development of a Youth Wildlife Education Program

**Outcome/Impact:** Developed four educational videos, photos, CDs. Conducted presentations and developed newsletters. Reached some 680 students with the program. Two student conservation groups became much more heavily involved as a direct result of presentations. Membership increased and the number of science projects increased. The photographs developed with this grant were incorporated into a trade show display at tourism shows throughout the state and country. A student intern was hired to work on several projects, one of which was to develop a Facebook page for ARK. This has been completed and now has over 200 “friends”. It is updated consistently and is becoming a successful outreach program. New relationships with region schools/teachers have been developed including Glynn Salt Marsh Soldiers, CHAT (Brunswick), Gray’s Reef Rivers to Reefs Ed workshop for GA teachers, and many others.

### **2. Altamaha Technical College/Adult Education (EL)**

CCGF Grant: \$3,800

Total Project Cost: \$57,300

**Purpose:** Provide GED Scholarships for (40) qualified adult education students to cover the \$95 testing fee.

**Outcome/Impact:** Monies provided scholarships for 4 qualified students during the grant period expending \$380 of the \$3,800 provided. ATC has requested that they be allowed to continue to provide GED scholarships for McIntosh adult education students utilizing the remaining portion of the grant. The McIntosh County CLCP Leadership Team has been re-formed and strengthened and is working with ATC to provide additional locations for GED classes throughout the county. In addition to the current classes conducted in Eulonia—centrally located in the county—a partnership has been formed with Ashantilly Center on the eastern edge of the county, and additional sites have been identified at Elm Grove Elementary, First UMC of Darien, and Prospect Baptist Church in Townsend.

### **3. America’s Second Harvest (CB)**

CCGF Grant: \$1,400

Total Project Cost: \$2,663

**Purpose:** Agency recruitment Fairs

**Outcome/Impact:** Successfully recruited one new member agency in McIntosh County that distributed over 2,600 lbs. of food; four churches in Camden have expressed interest as a result of the fairs and follow-up appointments were made. This is the second grant ASH has received from CCGF. A grant in 2008 allowed them to upgrade with two new computers and the purchase of a television for training purposes. The old computers were able to be used for their agencies to go online to complete the surveys necessary for a local hunger study to determine better distributions and delivery. They also received a grant in 2010 for additional technology upgrades with the purchase of a new color printer and assist in the installation of a new phone system. ASH has opened a new warehouse on Indigo Dr. in the Glynn County industrial park. It is a huge improvement over the old location and features a much larger space for warehousing dry goods as well as walk-in refrigeration and freezing units. There is also true office space and a training room. ASH (regionally located in Savannah) has been focused on building up its presence in lower coastal Georgia and has succeeded in doing so. Kid's Cafés have been opened in Glynn and McIntosh Counties over the past two years with new locations being added. Technology upgrades have played a vital role in facilitating this extension of services in our area.

#### **4. Coastal Coalition for Children, Inc. (CB)**

CCGF Grant: \$2,500

Total Project Cost: \$4,000

**Purpose:** Strategic Planning & SOP/Program Review

**Outcome/Impact:** No Final Report – director Lorene Reid has resigned and new appointment has not been made

#### **5. Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc. (CB)**

CCGF Grant: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$5,000

**Purpose:** develop an organization strategic action plan and materials.

**Outcome/Impact:** 800 color brochures distributed (of initial run of 2,000.) Action Plan developed (16 page booklet). 6,000 county fact sheets printed. Display panels in Brunswick and Darien city halls. *Materials led to project support from College of Coastal Georgia, UGA and SCAD. Materials enabled the launching of the first annual bike riding event.* Twenty partners identified along with a sponsorship of the Coastal Regional council for greenway construction.

#### **6. Communities in Schools, Inc. (CB)**

CCGF Grant: \$5,000

Total Project Cost: \$13,519

**Purpose:** Design/Development of a Student Tracking System

**Outcome/Impact:** Superior data management capabilities. Sixty-six students, enrolled in Focus Graduation, were successfully tracked in their progress (i.e. attendance, school behavior, academic performance). Presentation hardware also provides visually effective presentations for stakeholders and prospective donors. Allowed this affiliate to align with the required data management system of CIS federal and state offices, putting them ahead of the curve in the accreditation review process. Much of the work to become accredited focuses around measures of accountability. As they strengthened their system, it caused the state to strengthen its system as well. CIS has also been a multiple-grant recipient over the past two years. In 2008 they received a \$5,000 grant to conduct an professionally led strategic planning retreat, creating and implementing a 5-year plan. This enabled them to be recognized as one of Georgia's most effective local affiliates, resulting in a \$20,000 Investment Impact Fund Grant which actually assisted in expanding Focus Graduation.

## **7. Humane Society of Camden County, Inc. (CB)**

CCGF Grant: \$1,250

Total Project Cost: \$3,600

**Purpose:** Provision of an evacuation trailer to increase disaster planning

**Outcome/Impact:** Vastly improved capacity to function effectively in emergency situations. Mock evacuations have been held and data from the exercise including number/configuration of animal crates have been added to the evacuation plan. Simplified preparations, decreased the need for drivers/vehicles, and decreased the stress level of the animals. "In the event of a disaster, our new evacuation trailer allows us to mobilize safely and far more effectively...adding a vital piece to the big picture of our disaster planning." A past donor, upon hearing about this, engaged to store the trailer free of charge in a location right down the street for the Humane Society. This addition has virtually completed the goals of the original disaster plan for them—two of which have been realized through grants from CCGF. Jessica Feeley, the Vice President, attended our disaster training workshop in 2007—one of the first outreach activities of the foundation—and received a \$500 grant with which they purchased a laptop with greater record tracking capabilities which could be transported in case of evacuation. In 2008 they applied for, but did not receive, a competitive grant from CCGF. However, one of our donors learned of the proposal and issued a grant to the Humane Society for the refurbishment and branding of a van which had been donated. This allowed them to transport animals not only in case of a disaster, but to fundraisers which resulted in adoptions, and to a local pet supply store on a monthly basis for adoption purposes. These have been successfully implemented.

## **8. Marshes of Glynn Sons of the America Revolution (EL)**

CCGF Grant: \$1,000

Total Project Cost: \$1,000

**Purpose:** provide \$100 to ten schools to purchase American Revolution themed books for their libraries

**Outcome/Impact:** Significantly added to the selection of period literature in each of the schools. Thank you letters were received from several school librarians with comments like, “with budget cuts it is unlikely that we would have been able to add these books any other way.” The books purchased match up with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculums and can be used with the Accelerated Reader program, a program designed to improve student fluency and reading comprehension, at each school.

#### **9. McIntosh County Adult Ed Program (EL)**

CCGF Grant: \$5,000

Total Project cost: \$5,000

**Purpose:** provide \$95 scholarships for qualified students to pay for the G.E.D. test.

**Outcome/Impact:** 4 scholarships were provided in 2009/2010 and the remainder of the grant is designated for this use through 2011 and successive years. Without this funding most students would be unable to qualify for financial support. Partnerships have been formed with Ashantilly Center and the Ida Hilton Library as sites for additional classes. This is a huge step as the only site was in Eulonia. Ann Mason, GED instructor comments, “Students struggle to find the gas money to get to class and the time to be away from jobs, if they’re fortunate enough to have them. Having the \$95 fee to take the GED test certainly helps speed up their success. What starts out as a speed bump can often slow students’ progress so much that they stop moving forward. The extra push of the GED scholarship made a huge difference in these students’ road to success.”

#### **10. U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (CB)**

CCGF Grant: \$800

Total Cost:

**Purpose:** purchase of an LCD digital projector for public boating safety education presentations

**Outcome/Impact:** no final report submitted. Mr. Tom O’Connor, new Flotilla Commander, has responded to the email reminder and is working on the final report. (as of 1/27/11)