

# COMMUNITIES OF COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION, INC.

## 2010 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS REPORT

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### **ALTAMAHA RIVERKEEPER**

**\$3,350**

Technology upgrades including a new reporting database  
Total Project Cost: \$8,147 (\$5,000 to date)

**Outcome/Impact:** Considerable research and testing took place. The identified database had import issues that took up a great deal of time. Unfortunately a purchase has yet to be made. Although the ideal database system is not yet in place, ongoing information gathering and research yielded strengthened relationships with other environmental groups and shared information.

### **AMERICA'S SECOND HARVEST**

**\$2,387**

Technology upgrades for training and presentation purposes  
Total Project Cost: \$8,278.64

**Outcome/Impact:** The addition of a professional color printer greatly enhanced the look of communications as well as the turn-around time needed to develop program materials. It also provided a cost savings on brochures/flyers that were done in house instead of outsourced.

The upgrade in the phone system added voice mail, call forwarding and conferencing features allowing better and more professional service to the community and more effective communication.

A new program, "Plant A Row for the Hungry in Glynn County" was publicized quickly and effectively as a result of in house brochures and color pictures for the display board.

### **CASA GLYNN**

**\$5,000**

Staff training for executive director and website redesign and construction  
Total Project Cost: \$5,000

**Outcome/Impact:** Web re-design reaching a broader audience. Advocates are able to use the web to send time reports and required documents. Marketing of events and registration on the web are a huge savings in time and convenience.

Attendance at the National Conference was invaluable for new employees as it inspired and better prepared them for the work and mission of the organization and service to children.

### **COASTAL COUNSELING CENTER/CAMDEN**

**\$3,000**

Technology upgrades and website development  
Total Project Cost: \$3,006

**Outcome/Impact:** As a result of purchases and software and website upgrades, clients are now able to complete intake and program-specific assessments on the website prior to their first appointment greatly enhancing efficiency. This also allows clinician preparation time to be effective in the initial visit.

As the Center progresses in pursuit of national accreditation, putting in place an online backup system that is HIPPA compliant has been vital.

Finally, through a SurveyMonkey upgrade client satisfaction surveys, both individual and programmatic have been made possible.

**COASTAL MEDICAL ACCESS PROJECT (CMAP)**

**\$3,000**

Technology upgrades including hardware and software for electronic medical records  
Total Project Cost: \$3,128.90

**Outcome/Impact:** The new server was placed into service in October, 2010 and EMR was implemented. While CMAP suffered a significant reduction in staff, the new system enabled staff to maintain quality and level of service and more effectively track patient medical progress for 296 patients in the chronic disease management program.

Note: CMAP was acquired by Southeast Georgia Health Systems in 2011 due to financial difficulties.

**CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**\$4,000**

Underwriting for a sector-wide education workshop for pre-school educators on early detection of learning disabilities  
Total Project Cost: \$4,000.95

**Outcome/Impact:** a series of four educational in-service lectures were presented. Title: Red Flags in Early Childhood Development and Strategies to Move Forward. Topics: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Speech and Language Development, Learning Disabilities, and Resources.

**Outcome/Impact:** As a result local educators/childcare providers will be more attuned to identifying and meeting needs of students/children with learning difficulties; parents are empowered with knowledge to assist school systems in educating; heightened awareness over all on how students learn differently and; knowledge regarding steps educators can take to individualize curriculum for students as needed.

**FERST FOUNDATION FOR CHILDHOOD LITERACY OF MCINTOSH**

**\$5,000**

Underwriting the cost of books to be mailed into homes of registered children to encourage early literacy

**Outcome/Impact:** Of the approximately 715 children in target area, 357 are receiving books. Books are going into homes that otherwise would not have them. Parents and older siblings are reading to children and thus better preparing them to begin school. In a January 2011 parent survey 99% feel the Ferst Foundation program is useful in preparing their child to enter school, 14% say that the Ferst Foundation books were the first children's books in their home and 80% say they read more to their child since registering for the program.

**GOLDEN ISLES ARTS AND HUMANITIES ASSOCIATION (GIAHA)**

**\$5,000**

"The Big Read" community-wide program, and extending to Camden and McIntosh counties, to encourage reading the classics  
Total Project Cost: \$56,679

**Outcome/Impact:** A variety of events such as; art, drama, essay contests, creative writing contests and much more encompassed The Big Read. 60+ essays from middle school children and 50+ short stories from high school children were received. The Great Gatsby was taught in nine schools and almost all elementary schools in the area took part in the "Little Big Read." The goal was to increase youth participation in The Big Read by 50% which was far exceeded by over 300% from 2400 to almost 7500 youth 18 and under. Programs and opportunities to participate in The Big Read increased from the previous year by 70% and the number of people reached increased by 64%. A major benefit has been

the new partnerships in neighboring counties. McIntosh County absolutely embraced The Big Read through efforts of the McIntosh Art Association and Chamber of Commerce. Quantum Communications partnered to provide reading of the novel "On the Air". The Big Read continues to one of the most successful projects undertaken.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CAMDEN**

**\$3,650**

To purchase new tools and trailer to expand the capacity to work simultaneously on multiple sites

**Outcome/Impact:** Trailer and tools were purchased which will effectively double the available resource to building sites. Habitat will also be displaying our logo on the trailer.

**MCINTOSH ART ASSOCIATION**

**\$2,600**

Fund for strategic planning, annual planning and board development for this new nonprofit

Total Cost: \$3,023

**Outcome/Impact:** 3-5 year strategic plan developed with Board consensus. This was the first written plan by the McIntosh Art Association. Board increased in size by four members and better reflects the diversity of the community including young and old, black and white. Board terms now staggered. More involvement by members, 50 participated in a survey and three key volunteer positions were created. Strong connection with Keep McIntosh Beautiful has developed.

**MCINTOSH SEED**

**\$4,100**

Project Y.E.L.L. youth education project

Total Cost: \$11,000

**Outcome/impact:** Three of the first interns graduated and have been involved in various leadership roles in the community. Project YELL has had a positive impact in the lives of several youth who have played an active role in their churches and community. Students have completed service learning projects including government, education, poverty, environmental conservation, healthcare, housing, law enforcement, drugs/alcohol/tobacco prevention and teen pregnancy prevention.

**SATILLA RIVERKEEPER**

**\$4,300**

Education program for elementary students about mercury levels in local seafood; technology upgrades for mapping the river basin

**Outcome/Impact:** Illness of the Grants Coordinator last fall and winter seriously hampered efforts to get into the school system for the 2010-2011 school year, however the school has approved the program for 2011-2012. No other report at this time.

**ST. MARYS SUBMARINE MUSEUM**

**\$4,000**

Technology upgrades for the museum, and funding for a high school student history and fine arts project

**Outcome/Impact:** Due to the untimely death of the Museum Manager the current Executive Director (appointed in January, 2011) submitted a revised plan and request for extension which was approved. A report will be forthcoming at the completion of the project in April, 2012.