

COMMUNITIES OF COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION, INC.

RESULTS - 2012 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

America's Second Harvest

\$4,000

Purchase of a commercial refrigerator

Outcome/Impact:

Two commercial refrigerators were purchased as a result of a matching grant from Sun Coast Paper Company. The display design of these units allows for greater product visibility and increases the life of perishable foods. This translates to more fresh foods such as milk, eggs, fruits, and vegetables available for those in need of food assistance.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia (Elizabeth Correll Teen Center)

\$5,000

Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention



Outcome/Impact:

Through fun and easy to understand sessions, members learned about risky behaviors such as drugs, sex and violence, their consequences, and how to achieve mutually supportive relationships. The program also encouraged youth to become community advocates and included informational opportunities for parents to be involved. Pre and post testing showed that members were more aware of negative consequences and positive choices.

Camden County CASA

\$2,000

Staff training and surveillance equipment



Outcome/Impact:

Upgraded surveillance equipment doubled coverage to eight cameras with 24 hour surveillance, previously limited to office hours only. Ensuring the physical and emotional safety of children during visitation has been greatly enhanced through this equipment.

CASA Glynn

Staff and volunteer training

\$2,500

Outcome/Impact:

Staff attended the National CASA Conference. “The experience for me was one of inspiration, comprehensive learning and expansion of my vision of CASA,” said Volunteer Liaison and Trainer, Sue Andersson. The training addresses new trends and provides tools to deal with emerging issues of children in foster care. Among workshops titles: Trauma Informed Advocacy; Balancing Powerful Advocacy with Appropriate Boundaries; Transgender Youth; Trends in Substance Abuse; and Psychotropic Medications and Mental Health. With more than double the number of children in foster care in Glynn County since 2012, the experience was invaluable in renewing minds, vision and mission and put tools in the hands of volunteers and staff to provide the highest quality of advocacy for our community’s children.



Center for a Sustainable Coast

Plan development for membership recruitment and outreach

\$4,500

Outcome/Impact:

The “Marshes Matter” campaign plan was developed through the work of a consultant (Water Words That Work) and interaction with board, staff and an advisor. The campaign will be launched and implemented in September with several membership-recruitment and fundraising events planned. Outcomes will be evaluated upon completion.



Coastal Coalition for Children, Inc.

Website redesign and marketing materials

\$3,000



Outcome/Impact:

The new website redesign communicated and enhanced understanding of current programs and provided a special events/marketing component that contributed to a successful “Taste of the Vine” fundraiser. Materials that were developed, specifically a video collage that contained personal

testimonies, served as an excellent community outreach resource. In 2013 local donor support doubled and is attributed in large part to these enhancements.

Coastal Counseling Center, Inc.

\$2,500

Certification courses for state licensing requirements

Outcome/Impact:

Due to changes in state rules, staff was required to do more face-to-face workshops. The grant made this possible, and the Center's clinicians added to their knowledge base in several areas. Due to certification in anger resolution, they now have the only Certified Anger Resolution therapist in the community.



Communities in Schools

\$5,000

Partial funding for a new staff position



Outcome/Impact:

As a result of this position, site managers were able to do a thorough job of supporting students, addressing issues and increasing opportunities such as working with the College of Coastal Georgia on a service learning component and on the United Way Blueprint Initiative. The graduation rate for Focus students in 2013 was 92%.

Golden Isles Arts & Humanities Association (GIAHA)

\$5,000

Computers, software and ticketing printer

Outcome/Impact:

Purchase of iMac, Mac Pro and 2 Mac Minis, 2 printers and a special ticketing printer totally revitalized the program and significantly increased productivity. New resources expanded in-house production of flyers, mailers, power point presentations and video editing and increased the number of students who were able to benefit from the film editing capability of the new computers. It is anticipated that the ticketing printer and online booking process, although slightly delayed due to technical sophistication, will be implemented in the upcoming fiscal period.



McIntosh Family Connection

\$3,000

Bingo for Books child literacy program



Outcome/Impact:

Six Bingo for book events were held divided among Pre-K thru First Grade, Second thru Fourth grades and Fifth thru Sixth grades held in conjunction with the McIntosh County school system. Children play the Bingo game assisted by parents or guardians and can win up to 5 books which they select with guidance from teachers. The event provides age and reading level appropriate books for children and also enhances parent/teacher communications which can be rare in the case of some parents. Older youth present “just say no to drugs” skits as an added benefit. One parent commented, “We just love Bingo for Books. My son loves being able to pick out his own books and sleeps with at least one of them after a Bingo event.”

McIntosh Sustainable Environment and Economic Development (SEED)

\$4,620

Computers, software, website redesign and materials

Outcome/Impact:

The purchase of two computers, an iPad and printer with software enhanced services to the community. The technology upgrades increased office efficiency and improved marketing and outreach. As a result 100 members gained knowledge about the voter registration process, 50 about Habitat for Humanity’s application process and several received specific application assistance.



Safe Harbor Children’s Shelter

\$2,500

Strategic planning for board and staff; video equipment



Outcome/Impact:

Board strategic planning resulted in an active strategic plan and the incorporation of the Golden Isles Children’s Advocacy Center as a program under Safe Harbor. The board retreat also helped the board members synchronize the image and future of the organization. The video equipment was valuable in documenting residents’ time at Safe Harbor and for program evaluation.

STAR Foundation
Computers and software

\$3,380



Outcome/Impact:

Two workstations were outfitted with new computers and software. This resulted in increased speed and more productivity - no locking up or loss of data and much less stress. The software enhanced data analysis and as a result more targeted marketing. Data collection, reporting, creative design and the ability to post pictures and videos increased social media presence and resulted in greater outreach to the community.

YMCA – McIntosh
Implementation of “Teen Achievers” program

\$3,000

Outcome/Impact:

Eighteen young people participated in this program. The primary focus was higher education, technical or collegiate. Four of the five seniors applied to college and one commented that they’d never been on a college tour before and through this program they visited three. Students were encouraged to set long and short term goals and participated in leadership and team building exercises, volunteered, listened to Marine and Army recruiters and also entrepreneurs who started their own businesses. They heard from those who came to this country facing many challenges and overcame them.



RATE US (excerpts from Final Report):

“**Communities in Schools** of Glynn County continues to enjoy a close relationship with the Foundation and has always been provided with a high level of support. The granting process flows smoothly from one cycle to the next and we are able to meet the demands of the Foundation grant requirements because of this support. We also enjoy the visits and questions throughout the year! This keeps us on track towards the deliverable and ensures that the grant expectations are successful.”

Jill Mitchel, Executive Director

“I feel that the entire funding process from application completion to site visit to funding announcement and finally the reporting was very seamless. The on-line fillable forms (for application and reporting) are a big time saver. Thank you! I also felt that the required information was reasonable as were the report questions.”

Ellen Murphy, Executive Director, STAR Foundation

OTHER COMMENTS

“There are very few opportunities for grants that will support the operating needs of nonprofit organizations like purchasing the necessary equipment to operate as a normal business. The staff of **Golden Isles Arts & Humanities** was beyond ecstatic to be able to get new computers.”

Heather Heath/Executive Director

“You have an amazing group of people. We are honored to have been selected as a partner. We cannot thank you enough for all you do for our community and for the non-profit organizations. You are a major part of TEAM CASA and we couldn’t continue to do what we do without people like you!”

Bridget Wenum, Executive Director Camden County CASA Program