



# *Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation*

*Strengthening Our Communities Through Engaged Philanthropy*

## **HOT OFF THE PRESS!**

The Foundation's Annual Report has just been issued. In 2015, the Foundation awarded grants of nearly \$2.2 million to some 150 worthy organizations. We invite you to review the report and celebrate the growth, engagement and impact of community philanthropy across Coastal Georgia. Just click on the picture.



## **Conservation Donors Roundtable**



Coastal Georgia Partners in Philanthropy (CGaPIP) and Stewards of the Georgia Coast joined forces to host a Conservation Donors Roundtable on March 10, 2016. Held at Musgrove Plantation on St. Simons Island, the Roundtable attracted a capacity crowd of interested private and corporate donors.

Ian Davidson, Director of Bird and Wildlife Conservation at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation ([www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)), presented on their large-scale, highly collaborative shorebird conservation effort. Shorebirds are one of the most

rapidly declining group of birds in the world and Davidson profiled the remarkable migration routes of many species of shorebirds, with some making annual migrations from the Arctic to South America and back again. Georgia's coast features prominently in NFWF's conservation plans due to the critical role this region plays by providing important habitat and food resources during migration and the nesting season.

Brad Winn, Director of Shorebird Habitat Management with Manomet ([www.manomet.org/habitats](http://www.manomet.org/habitats)), and Tim Keyes with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (<http://georgiawildlife.com/node/1319>) shared their perspectives as national and state partners in the work. Justin Pepper (pictured above) from the Bobolink Foundation and David Weitnauer from the Dobbs Foundation provided insights from two funding organizations.

Musgrove Plantation was a fitting venue for a conservation philanthropy event. In addition to its natural beauty, much of the property adjacent to the meeting facility - 260 acres - is the focus of a land conservation campaign by the St. Simons Land Trust.

CGaPIP is an initiative of the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation focused on deepening

philanthropic impact in Camden, Glynn, and McIntosh Counties. Participants in the Conservation Donors Roundtable were enthusiastic about the prospect of holding similar joint programs in the future and the potential of working collectively to make an impact on coastal conservation.

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## Leaping Into K

Foundation and School System Partner to Support Early Education

April 21, 2016

The Brunswick News - By Anna Hall



Children who start kindergarten without first attending a pre-kindergarten program are starting out their educational career already behind. And catching up in the years that follow can be all but impossible for many youngsters.

That's a fact known readily by local educators, but efforts are now being made to stall the onset of delayed learning, thanks to a new pilot program being launched this summer as a partnership between the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation and the Glynn County School System.

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## ENDOWMENTS - FOR LASTING IMPACT

If you have a passion, a Field of Interest endowment will make sure your support lasts a lifetime - and beyond. Generous donors, through lifetime or legacy gifts, are able to provide annual grants to support programs and services of their choice.

The **Raymond and Elizabeth Baumel and Abernathy Fund for Animal Welfare** annually provides for the care, feeding, medical attention and sheltering of stray and unwanted dogs. Both Glynn County Animal Services and the Humane Society have benefited from these grants. Each received over \$2,600 this grant cycle.



Pictured L-R: Sandi Channell and Bonney Shuman, Community Foundation Board, Julie Holmes-Taylor, Glynn County Animal Services Director.



Pictured L-R: Virginia Schlegel, Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia Executive Director, Sandi Channell and Bonney Shuman, Community Foundation Board

The **Coastal Counseling Center** Endowment, a designated endowment fund was established by

a supportive Camden County family. It provides mental health services for those who have no health insurance or cannot afford them. The Center provides vital counseling services to the people of Camden County.

Pictured L-R: Valerie Hepburn, President and CEO of the Community Foundation, and Dale Blanton, Clinical Director of the Center.



**Contact the Foundation when you are ready to make your lasting impact.**