



FOR GOOD, FOREVER.



WHO WE ARE



OUR MISSION

To strengthen communities through engaged philanthropy, connecting people who care with causes that matter.



OUR VALUES

Stewardship
Leadership
Integrity
Collaboration
Meaningful Outcome



OUR VISION

To be a trusted philanthropic partner for coastal Georgia—strengthening communities today, and for generations to come.



Dear Friends,

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation (CCGF)—a milestone made possible by your trust and generosity.

Since our founding in 2005 with just over \$1 million in assets, we've grown into a philanthropic anchor for Camden, Glynn, and McIntosh counties, with \$54 million in total assets across 130+ charitable funds.

In 2024 alone, we received \$7.3 million in gifts and awarded \$7.2 million in grants, primarily supporting health and social services. Our strategic oversight delivered an 11.6% investment return, exceeding long-term benchmarks and strengthening the Foundation's capacity for future impact.

20TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$200,000 in Impact Grants: Our first fully unrestricted cycle supported 20 nonprofits and introduced the William Bernard McCloud Community Impact Award. This will increase to \$250,000 in 2025.
- "Under One Roof": A \$10 million initiative addressing housing insecurity, supporting Saved by Grace, Golden Isles Veterans Village, and a planned facility for 60 female-led households—half funded by a challenge match from the Anschutz Foundation.
- Youth Philanthropy: The Helping People in Need Fund, launched by 12-year-old Celia Young, supports groups like Hope 1312 and Safe Harbor—proof that giving has no age.
- Strategic Growth: Our new five-year plan sets a \$100 million asset goal and focuses on community leadership, fundholder engagement, and operational strength.



As we celebrate two decades of service, we thank our fundholders, partners, and community leaders. What began as a bold idea is now a lasting force *For Good, Forever* in Coastal Georgia.

With gratitude,

Keeva

Keeva Kase
President & CEO



Grace House: A CCGF Fundholder and Local Nonprofit Supporting Women in Addiction Recovery



Jason Brown Memorial Fund



Helping People in Need Fund: Established by 12-year-old Celia Young



Glynn County Parkinson's Support Group: a 2024 Community Impact Award Recipient

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY

Founded in 2005, the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation was created by and for the people of Glynn, McIntosh, and Camden counties to connect those who care with causes that matter. What began as a small regional foundation has grown into a transformative force for strategic, lasting philanthropy.

Today, CCGF manages over \$54 million in assets and more than 130 funds, awarding \$40+ million in grants to hundreds of nonprofits and community causes. We help donors give with both heart and strategy—offering tax benefits, professional oversight, and deep local knowledge to align charitable passions with community needs.

A dedicated volunteer Board of Directors ensures local priorities remain central. Our President & CEO, Keeva Kase, leads the Foundation with vision and commitment. National recognitions, including the Council on Foundations' National Standards and Charity Navigator's 4-Star rating, reflect our dedication to transparency and trust.

As we enter our third decade, we build on this legacy with robust assets, engaged leadership, and a clear mission: to elevate community voices, nurture leaders, and invest in Coastal Georgia's future so that we remain *For Good, Forever*.



Crafted over six months of thoughtful engagement, the new 2025-2029 strategic plan was made possible because of the dedication of our Board of Directors, the commitment of our fundholders, the insight and expertise of our nonprofit and community partners, and the tireless efforts of the Foundation staff. From stakeholder surveys and interviews to strategy sessions and workshops, your voices shaped every priority and goal outlined in this document. Thank you all for helping make this strategic vision a reality.

You will find in this plan a bold, yet grounded framework centered on four pillars:

- Engaged, Supported, and Valued Fundholders
- Excellence in Operations and Governance
- Elevating Capacity of the Community
- Financial Sustainability



Scan to view Strategic Plan

Each priority is supported by measurable goals, accountability structures, and an implementation plan designed to ensure continuous progress and transparent reporting. The background research and stakeholder feedback included in the report serve as both validating and inspiration for the direction we've chosen.

We believe this plan sets the stage for transformative growth—not only for the Foundation but the communities we serve.



Twenty nonprofit organizations across Camden, Glynn, and McIntosh counties were awarded a total of \$200,000 in funding from the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation's Community Impact competitive award initiative.

The competitive award cycle underwent a few changes in 2024. For one, following the passing of former CCGF Board member and active Community Impact Committee member, Bernard McCloud, the award was renamed to honor his memory and legacy within our coastal communities. Keeva Kase, CCGF President & CEO, spoke to this change, "On behalf of the board of directors, fundholders, staff, and nonprofit partners, I want to thank Sheila McCloud for allowing Bernard's legacy to continue at the Foundation through these awards. Bernard was a personal friend and mentor, and I know how much he cared so deeply about this work and our Coastal Georgia communities. These worthy and effective nonprofit organizations will carry out important work, which we all know would make Bernard so very proud."



CreateU: BUILDING CAREERS & COMMUNITY THROUGH FILM

The Pigmental CreateU Media Skills Training Program, founded by Marina Martins, CEO and Creative Director of Pigmental Studios, is a workforce development initiative designed to prepare residents of Camden County, especially military personnel and their families, veterans, and the broader rural community, for careers in the growing film and media industry in Coastal Georgia.

With a major film production studio under construction in St. Marys, Georgia, the need for a trained local workforce is urgent. CreateU offers hands-on, job-specific training in areas such as camera operation, lighting, set design, sound, wardrobe, and more. Each course combines online learning with in-person production experience, ensuring participants graduate ready for entry-level roles on set.

The program trains participants to translate existing skills, such as carpentry, electrical work, and logistics, into film-related jobs, bridging traditional trades and creative industries. A companion youth program introduces middle and high schoolers to media skills, building a local talent pipeline.

Supported by the CCGF, Coastal Pines Technical College, and the Navy League Kings Bay Chapter, CreateU offers long-term economic and cultural benefits, with well-paying careers that don't require relocation.

Currently in content development, the program continues to seek funding to finalize its course modules and begin student enrollment. Supporters have a chance to invest not just in education, but in transforming a community through creativity and opportunity.

Learn more at pigmentalstudios.com/createU or donate via the CCGF website.



100 WOMEN OF MCINTOSH: COLLECTIVE GIVING, LOCAL IMPACT

In the spring of 2025, a group of dedicated women in McIntosh County came together with a shared vision: to amplify their community impact through collective giving. Many were already involved with Women Encouraging Success (WES), a network focused on identifying local needs and raising awareness, but they saw a deeper opportunity, a way to move from conversation to action through direct financial support. From that vision, 100 Women of McIntosh was born.

Their model is simple but powerful: each member gives \$400 annually, and quarterly, the group votes to award a significant grant to one of three nonprofit finalists nominated by members. At their inaugural meeting, the group awarded \$5,000 to McIntosh High School's Skills Academy, a leadership initiative for students competing at state and national levels.

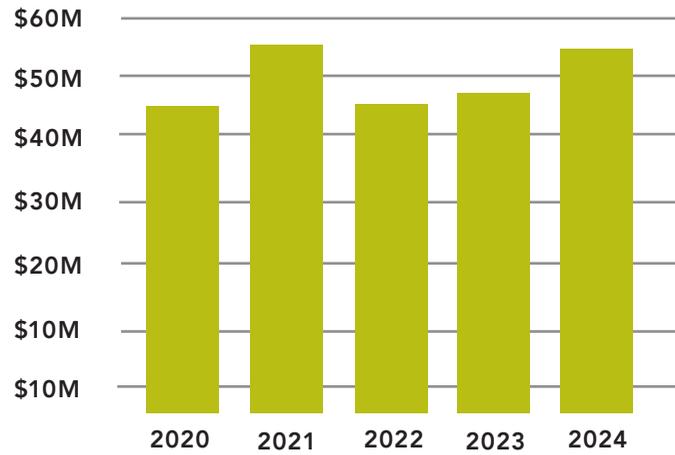
The group created a fund with CCGF, who provides administrative, financial, and operational support. "The Foundation helped us structure this effort from the start," said Ellen Goldberg, a founding member. "They continue to support everything from enrollment to accounting so we can stay focused on making an impact."

With 74 members already and growing, the group is building momentum. But their vision doesn't stop there. "Our goal is to unite at least 200 women—or more," said Goldberg. "Every new member means more funds for worthy causes. But more than that, it means more eyes on the needs around us and more hands ready to help."

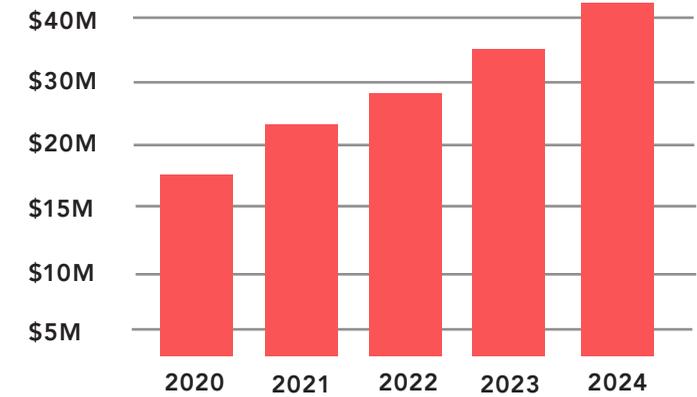
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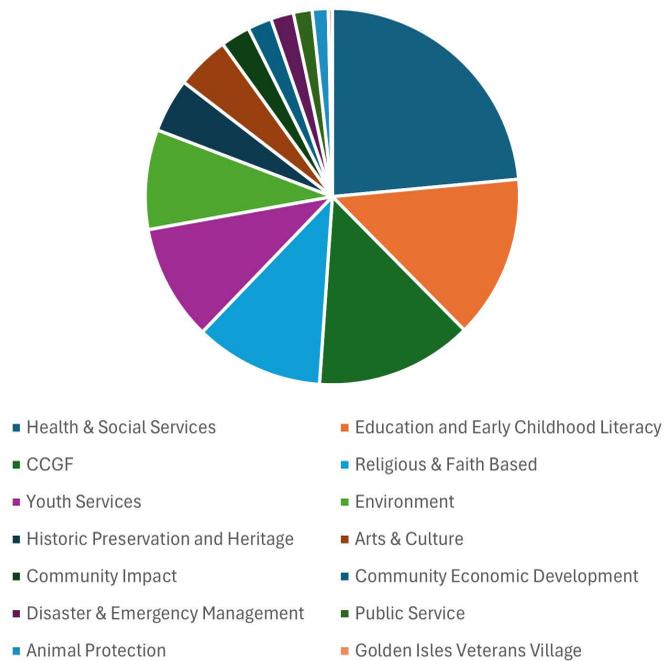
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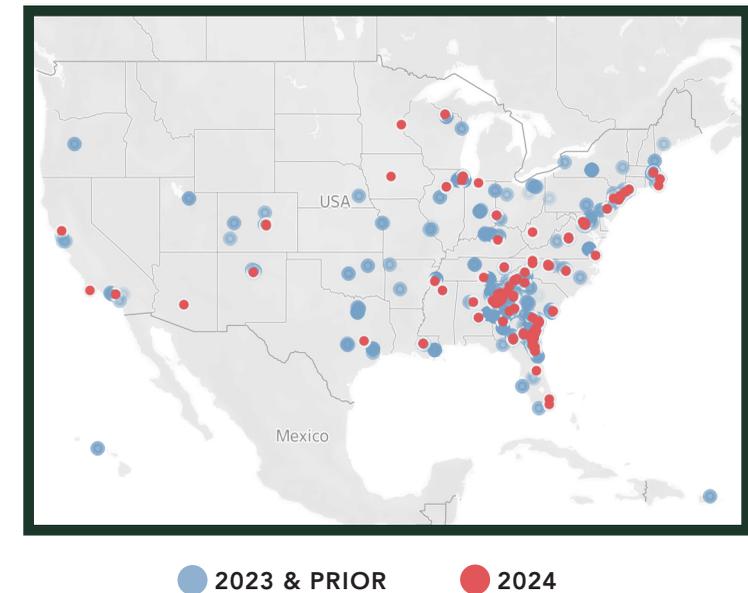
CUMULATIVE GRANTS AWARDED



GRANTS AWARDED IN 2024



GRANTS BY ZIP CODE IN 2024



A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP: PASSING THE TORCH

As the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation celebrates its 20th anniversary, it also marks a pivotal transition: Hillary Stringfellow, who has chaired the Board of Directors since 2021, will step down at the end of 2025. Her extended tenure has been defined by steady leadership through a CEO transition, a surge in fundholder growth, and the launch of the transformative “Under One Roof” housing initiative.

CELEBRATING HILLARY’S IMPACT

One of Georgia’s top estate and trust attorneys, Hillary has long been a civic leader, known for her work with the College of Coastal Georgia, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, the Boys and Girls Club, and many other community organizations. Yet she insists her work with the Foundation has always been a team effort. “This is a place where people and purpose come together,” she reflects. Keeva Kase, President & CEO of CCGF, observed, “I see in real time the positive outcomes of Hillary’s attention to detail, passion for mission, and leadership.”

JEFF BARKER TAKES THE HELM

Succeeding Hillary is Jeff Barker—himself a key figure in the Foundation’s founding in 2005. The retired CEO of the St. Marys Methodist Church Foundation and a nationally respected philanthropic leader in Camden County, Jeff has served on the CCGF board since its inception. “I’m honored to follow Hillary’s example and help lead the Foundation into its next chapter,” he says.

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ERAS

Together, their leadership bridges the Foundation’s founding era with its future—grounded in the same mission that started it all: connecting people who care with causes that matter. “She’s incredibly strategic, but never forgets the human side of philanthropy,” says Rees Sumerford, Hillary’s law partner at Gilbert Harrell and the Founding Chairman of the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation. “Whether she’s guiding a client through a complex trust document or chairing a board meeting, Hillary leads with empathy, precision, and vision. I look forward to supporting Jeff’s tenure as Chairman. He has as much invested in the Foundation as just about anyone there is.”



“Hillary’s leadership has been rooted in empathy, vision, and integrity,” says Jeff Barker, incoming Chair of the Board. “She kept the Foundation’s mission personal and effective.”

FOUNDATION STAFF:

Keeva Kase
President & CEO

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Philanthropy

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Communications
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Associate

John FitzGerald
Staff Accountant



2024-2025 BOARD OFFICERS & MEMBERS:

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William Hodges

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Mary T. Root

COMMUNITIES OF COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION
SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

ASSETS

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,750,819	\$ 3,756,160
Investments, at fair value	48,769,434	44,483,851
Operating right-of-use assets, net	496,645	562,198
Program-related investment loan, net	400,000	-
Beneficial interest in trusts	50,000	50,000
Other assets	8,887	17,554
Total Assets	\$ 54,475,785	\$ 48,869,763

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,336	\$ 14,113
Accrued expenses	10,520	8,320
Obligations under operating leases	507,715	563,828
Amounts held to benefit agency funds	4,586,505	3,227,300
Total Liabilities	5,112,076	3,813,561
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	49,313,709	45,000,359
With donor restrictions	50,000	55,843
Total net assets	49,363,709	45,056,202
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 54,475,785	\$ 48,869,763

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenue			
Contributions	7,331,090	\$ -	\$ 7,331,090
Investment income	1,158,491	-	1,158,491
Investment expenses	(64,814)	-	(64,814)
Net gains on investments	3,752,510	-	3,752,510
Management fee	25,962	-	25,962
Other income	15,706	-	15,706
Net assets released from restriction	5,843	(5,843)	-
Total Support and Revenue	12,224,788	(5,843)	12,218,945
Grants Paid	7,191,453	-	7,191,453
Operating Expenses			
Salaries	410,479	-	410,479
General and administrative	309,506	-	309,506
Total Operating Expenses	719,985	-	719,985
Total Grants and Operating Expenses	7,911,438	-	7,911,438
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	4,313,350	(5,843)	4,307,507
Net Assets, Beginning	45,000,359	55,843	45,056,202
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 49,313,709	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,363,709



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