

# The Spirit NEWSLETTER

columbia county  
foundation for children

Fall 2017

## 2017 Fall Greetings from the Columbia County Foundation for Children

An African proverb tells us “it takes a village to raise a child.”

The Columbia County Foundation for Children has proudly supported the Columbia County “village” for over 20 years, helping children to be the best they can be.

The Foundation is a private 501(c) (3) nonprofit founded in the mid 1990’s by the late Barbara Beazley. Relying solely on individual, school and community support, the Foundation provides a wide range of benevolence services to children in Columbia County from referral based individual assistance, need based college and technical college scholarships, summer school assistance and a large Christmas gift program. Our thrift store, Helping Hands, provides referral based free family clothing to families in need. Last year, we began a Pantry project, providing personal and hygiene items to students in need.

We thank our Foundation team: Helping Hands store employees, volunteers on our Board of Directors, volunteers at our thrift store, donors, and sponsors for the Christmas gift program who all enable us to continue to provide support to help children reach their potential.

If you or your group would like to support the Foundation with a project, volunteer hours, sponsoring children for Christmas, or have ideas to help the Foundation continue the mission of our founder, please contact us.

Thank you,  
Michel Young, President



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**Thank you to our all-volunteer board of directors, the staff and volunteers at the Helping Hands Thrift store, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bailie, Scrubs of Evans, South Fire Web Site Services and Solutions, the Cleveland Group and to those in the community who support the Foundation. It is with continued support that we are able to assist children in Columbia County to be the best they can be.**

**A special thank you to Mr. Bill Beazley and Bill Beazley Homes for their continued support.**



## College Scholarship Program

The scholarship fund is named in honor of Mrs. Barbara Beazley who founded the organization and is a tribute to her lifelong commitment to helping children in Columbia County. Recipients may reapply annually for renewal of the scholarship.

This year we received 18 renewal scholarships from previous recipients and 19 new applications. The foundation awarded a total of \$48,500 in scholarships. Of the 19 new applications we received: 3 were recent Evans High School Graduates, 5 were recent Grovetown High School Graduates, 3 were recent Harlem High School Graduates (one CTAE scholarship and two BCB Scholarships) and 4 were recent Lakeside. The students are attending UGA, Mercer, Ga Southern, Ga State, Armstrong State, West Georgia College, Augusta University, Augusta Tech, and Oxford College of Emory. We wish them all the best.

Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year will be available in early 2018. Please visit our web site for more information.

The Columbia County Foundation for Children  
7009 Evans Town Center Blvd ● Evans, Ga. 30809

Website: [www.ccfchildren.org](http://www.ccfchildren.org)  
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## Benevolence Services

Benevolence Request made to the Board  
August 2016-June 2017

### Benelovence Requests

Health Occupation fees and materials  
Uniforms  
Clothing/shoes  
Cap/gown for graduation  
Online credit recovery courses

Summer Camps  
Saturday Sack Program  
Summer School  
College Scholarships  
Christmas Program

**Programs Total - \$59,293**

**Individual requests - \$4,844**

**Total - \$64,137**

## Christmas Program

Barbara C. Beazley recognized the need in the county to assist disadvantaged children and started the Christmas Program many years ago. During the Christmas holidays, children of families referred by the Columbia County school system and social service agencies are sponsored for holiday gifts. Local schools, businesses, churches and families donate Christmas gifts to include clothing, toys, shoes, school supplies and various other items to bring joy and comfort to these families during the holidays.

Thru the generosity of community sponsors the Foundation coordinated assistance for 216 families (707 children) in 2016. The Foundation sponsored 19 children.

If you would like information on the Christmas Program, or how to become a sponsor, please visit our web site. Sponsorship is needed by November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Helping Hands Thrift Store We are Accepting Donations

CCFFC operates the Helping Hands Thrift Store. Family clothing is provided free of charge to Columbia County residents in need who are referred by the Department of Family and Children Services, schools, or churches. Other items may be available on request.



The store is open to the public for low cost clothing and household goods purchases. Donations of new and slightly used family clothing, furniture and household items are welcomed. Tax-deductible receipts are available. Proceeds from the store support the CCFFC Scholarship and Benevolence programs. Through our referral program, the thrift store assisted 89 referrals with a total of 248 members in 2016.

Helping Hands Thrift Store,  
6347 Columbia Rd, Appling, Ga  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-2:30

First Saturday of each month  
10am - 2pm

Phone: 706-541-2849

Email: [CCFFCStore@gmail.com](mailto:CCFFCStore@gmail.com)

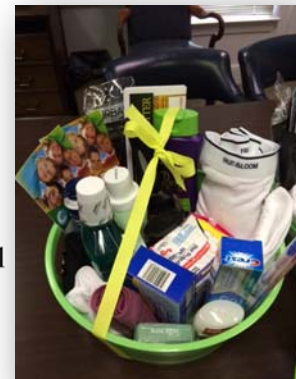
## Pantry Project

Did you know that 12% of residents of Columbia County live in poverty? While this is below the state average of 17%, the number of children living in poverty in Columbia County is 4,163. This number has been steadily increasing since 2011. This past school year, the Columbia County Foundation for Children implemented a new project in Columbia County high schools and middle schools that we call the "Pantry Project". We hope to roll out the program to elementary schools over the coming months. The main idea behind the Pantry Project is to provide schools with hygiene items to keep in a "pantry" so they have them when their students need them. The program has been well received and well utilized, especially in the middle schools. We attempt to get items that are small enough in size that students may slip them in their backpacks. Some

of the most requested items have been: acne wash, baby wipes, hair brushes & combs, deodorant, feminine wipes, laundry soap, sanitary napkins, toothbrushes, etc. We have been fortunate that many members of the community have donated funds as well as needed items for the pantry project. For a full list if items we provide, to request items for your schools, or to find out more information, please contact [ccfchildrenscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ccfchildrenscholarships@gmail.com).

Donations may be dropped off at 7009 Town Center Blvd Evans Ga 30809

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