

Annual Impact Report 2021



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Coweta Community Foundation

The Foundation's mission is to enhance our community's quality of life by encouraging philanthropic interaction in Coweta County.

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Message from the Chairman

We started the year with a pandemic hitting our local nonprofit community hard. Then our community was devastated by a massive EF-4 tornado. To say this year has been trying would be an understatement. However, our community's response to this disaster reaffirmed that the people and the organizations who call Coweta home are strong, resilient, and willing to work together to weather any storm that comes our way.



Your gift to the Foundation has allowed us to shelter families who no longer had a roof over their heads, and helped many rebuild. It's helped feed and mentor underserved children so they could focus on education, graduate, and break the destructive cycles they may face. You've provided a hand up to so many struggling with disabilities, allowing them access to meaningful activity and enjoyment in life.

This year, when you think of the Coweta Community Foundation, your mind might automatically jump to tornado recovery. Our long-term recovery team is working closely with city and county officials and our greater charitable community to continue the work of rebuilding and recovery. While that process is ongoing, and is estimated to take at least two more years, we don't want you to forget that our 25-year mission has been to respond to the needs of our community, no matter what challenges face us. The Coweta Community Foundation remains focused on continuing to be the bridge between over 630 local nonprofits, large and small, by serving as a conduit for financial assistance through our grant cycles, and offering educational training on governance, grant writing, and facilitating collaboration between all of these great organizations. Your gift continues to make this possible.

We want to ask for your continued support of the Coweta Community Foundation and our mission. As you approach budgeting for 2022, we would like you to again consider including the Foundation in your charitable giving. If you have any questions about what we do, who we serve, or how you or a member of your team could be involved with the Foundation, please feel free to call us at 770-253-1833.

Thank you for your generous support in the past, and we look forward to your partnership in the future. Through your generosity, the Foundation is poised to respond to the needs of this community now and in the future.

Dean Jackson

2020-21 Chairman of the Board

Coweta Community Foundation Board of Directors



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"An effective group spirit on a board is one that attracts its members, makes them want to work with one another, and gives them a sense of pride and satisfaction in the program and board itself." — Cyril Houle in *Governing Boards: Their Nature and Nurture*

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The Meaning Behind the Peach

Georgia is known for its "peaches"—Peachtree Corners, Peachtree City, Peachtree Street, Peachtree Creek Avenue, Peachtree Industrial Avenue, Peachtree-Dunwoody Drive, and the list goes on. Our peach tree logo is more than just another tie to our Georgia roots. It also explains how the Foundation makes a direct impact here in Coweta.

"If you look at our logo, you can see that we visualize the Foundation as a peach tree," says Kristin Webb, CCF's executive director. "The support we receive from our donors is the root system. The Foundation itself is like the trunk. We are able to channel that support into our nonprofit partners, who are our leaves and branches. They, in turn, give back to the community in mission-specific ways. In the end, the lives we change by working together are the fruit."

The secret to supporting the network of more than 700 tax-exempt organizations in Coweta County lies primarily in the power of collective giving, according to Webb.

"No donation is too small," she says. "While we are fortunate to have incredibly generous annual partners, we can channel individual donations, payroll deductions, or bequests into one of our reserve funds, depending on the donor's specific area of interest. Whether it's our general grant fund, which is directed toward animal welfare, education, fine arts, women and children, or long-term disaster recovery, those funds are ready and waiting to be deployed as the needs of our community continue to evolve."



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2021 AT A GLANCE

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2021 Grants Awarded

In 2021, the Foundation awarded 87 Grants to 501(c)3 organizations through 9 Grant Cycles

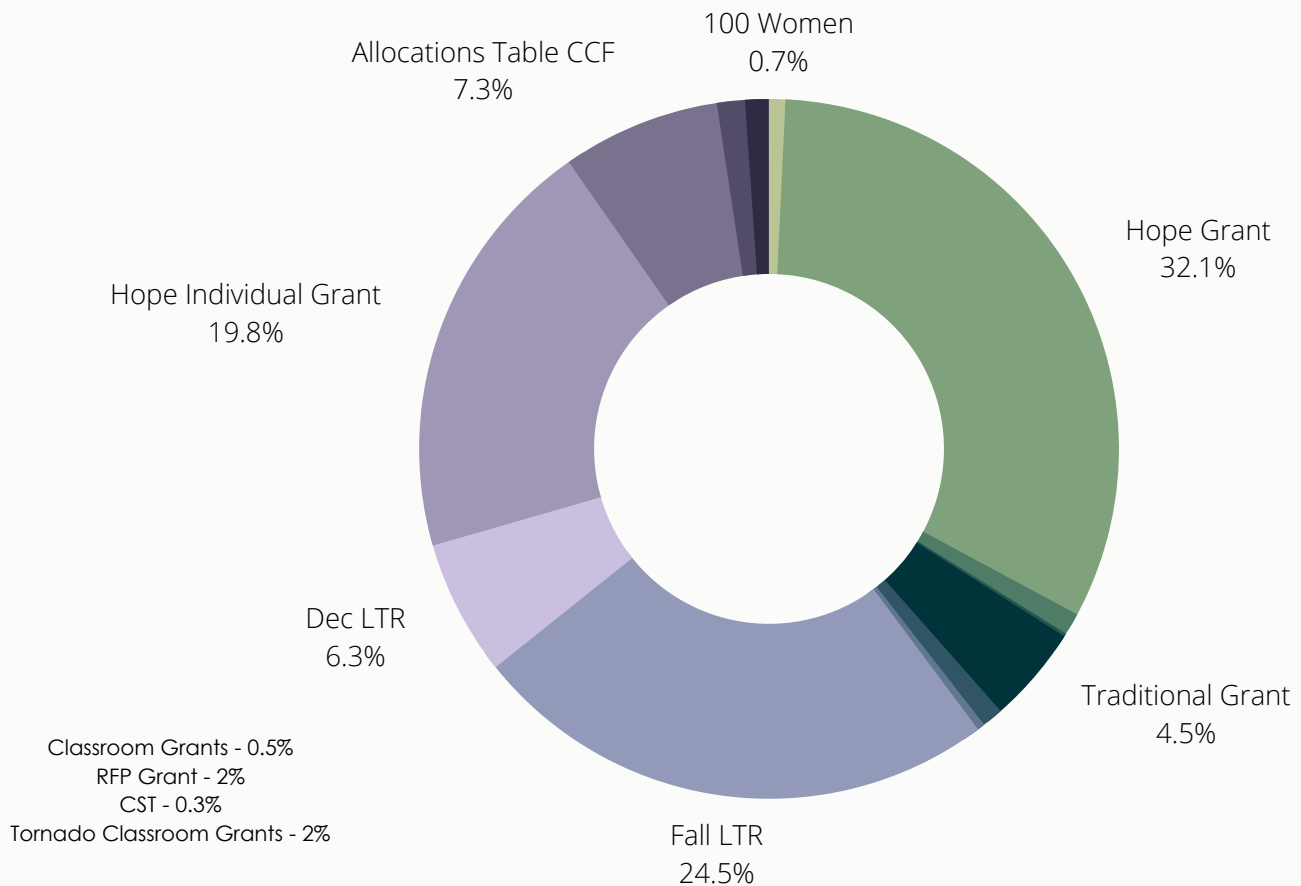
1,623

Number of Donors & Sponsors in 2021

The Foundation is thankful for the generosity and philanthropic spirit of our Donors & Sponsors. Our work would not be possible without community support!

The Coweta Community Foundation, Inc. is a publicly supported 501(c)3 organization that exists both to maintain the charitable intent of donors and to act as a catalyst to help focus local philanthropy on our community's changing needs. The Foundation manages individual gifts and bequests as an endowed pool of assets, distributing grants to a wide variety of organizations that enhance and support the quality of life in Coweta County, Georgia.

Through our annual grants process, we support a wide array of nonprofits whose programs are essential to so many Cowetans. Instead of duplicating existing programs, we raise funds and provide grants that allow these beneficial programs already in place to better serve the community.



Total funds distributed in 2021

\$694,000



100 Women Who Care resumes meeting and awards grant to Southern Arc Dance

In 2017, 100 Women Who Care Coweta County was launched as a grassroots program that focuses on coordinating funding for local charitable organizations and needs. The project was spearheaded by the Foundation's 2015 Woman of the Year, Leah Sumner, who used her platform as that year's award winner to launch 100 Women Who Care.

Sumner said the simple concept behind the group was that each member would choose a personal container into which she would place one dollar every day. "The daily practice is intended to remind us that by giving a little each day, we can ultimately make a difference in our community," she said at the group's launch. The goal is to raise \$10,000 in donations each quarter, allowing the group to make a significant gift to a nonprofit.

As with so many local groups, the pandemic impacted the ability of 100 Women Who Care to meet as usual, but in 2021, the group was able to meet again and gave a donation to Southern Arc Dance.

Beverly Jennings nominated Southern Arc and said, "The people in our county have experienced great trauma in the past two years, and we need to heal. Southern Arc Dance helps us do that through beauty, movement, and music. The donation from 100 Women will facilitate its continued operation and commitment to our community. We can escape and heal through the arts."

Any member attending these quarterly meetings may nominate a charitable project. The need must be charitable in nature, immediate, and based in Coweta County. The names of three potential projects are drawn at each meeting, with a short presentation given on each one. Members present at the meeting get to vote on which project receives the donation for that quarter.

As Sumner has noted, "The result of 100 women giving one dollar a day will be \$40,000 given yearly to make a difference in our community. We are each strong, but together we are even stronger."





Community Service Team continues tradition of loyalty, service, and leadership

In 2015, the Coweta Community Foundation launched its first high school Community Service Team for freshmen and sophomores, and it's been going strong ever since. The group builds awareness of local nonprofits among high school students, provides an opportunity for their active participation in these nonprofits, and brings new ideas and youthful energy to nonprofits.

One of the most exciting benefits of being on the team is that it provides youth with an opportunity to research and select one local nonprofit to receive a grant for a special project or program. As with any other organization that considers giving a grant, the Community Service Team engages in a due diligence process, interviewing the nonprofits and making site visits.

Students attend monthly meetings, some of which have been virtual during the pandemic. They are introduced to the various nonprofit organizations serving Coweta citizens, and they also get to participate in workdays. The 2021 nonprofit grant recipient was Coweta FORCE, which provides recovery support services in the community for individuals and family members impacted by addiction.

In previous years, one student was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Foundation, but in 2021, two scholarships were awarded—to Willis Tripp and Shelby Barrow. Community Service Team Sponsor Cynthia Bennett said, "The program would not have launched without Willis's urging and continued leadership, and the communications were exceptionally facilitated by Shelby and took a great burden from the adult leaders. Their loyalty, service, and leadership over the very difficult fifteen months was integral to our success."

Applications for the CST are available at the beginning of each school year in the counselors' offices at Newnan High School, Northgate High School, East Coweta High School, Heritage School, Trinity Christian School, Central Christian School, and Landmark Christian School, and home school students may contact the Foundation office directly.



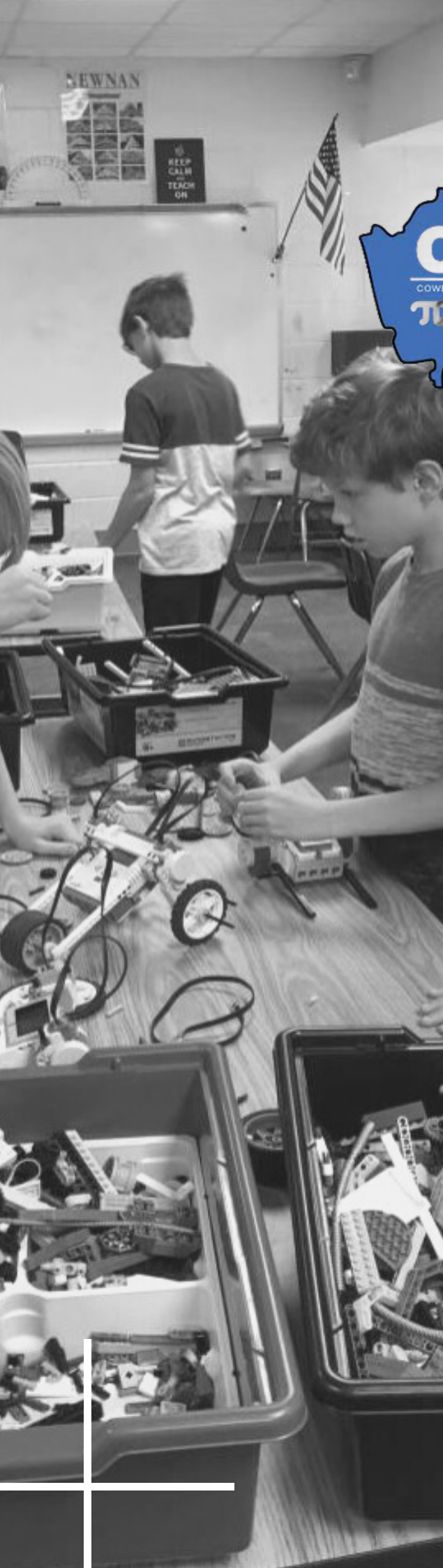
2021 CST Scholarship Recipient
Shelby Barrow



2021 CST Scholarship Recipient
Willis Tripp



CST at the Newnan Christmas Parade 2021



Fiscal Sponsor Programs



Coweta STEM Institute

The mission of the Coweta Stem Institute is to promote interest and enthusiasm in science and the technologies, particularly among elementary and middle school teachers and students... to encourage females and minorities to enter science and technology fields... to help U.S. students become the first in the world in science and math... and to prepare better-qualified workers for our nation's industries.



Now that some of the COVID restrictions have been lifted, Coweta STEM Institute is back with in-class Field Trips. From September to December 2021, they have conducted field trips, camps, and materials distribution to over 2,000 students and groups. They recently visited Kindergarten classes in Newnan with their Planetarium and also were at the Thomas Crossroads STEAM night.

Fiscal Sponsor Programs

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is an early intervention program for parents and their newborn baby. Parents of newborn babies who reside in Coweta County are presented a bag of school readiness materials. These materials will help prepare parents for a successful beginning. Stepping Stones promotes the initial parenting skills needed for the early years of learning. Research has shown that the early years of a child's life are the most significant in the areas of language development, motor skills, and problem-solving abilities. The goal for Stepping Stones, along with the bag of readiness materials, is to reinforce the skills and needs for quality parenting. Stepping Stones is a fiscal sponsor under the umbrella of the Coweta Community Foundation Inc.



Puddle Jumpers

The Puddle Jumpers program is a parent and child program designed for two- and three-year-olds. The goal of the program is to teach moms and dads skills that will help them interact more effectively with their preschoolers. These skills will help their preschooler be better prepared for the early years of learning. The Puddle Jumpers program is a hands-on resource that provides families in our community with early learning in a fun, responsive environment. Classes are held from August to May.



Donor Advised and Scholarship Funds

A donor-advised fund is another giving option offered by the Coweta Community Foundation. These funds are a philanthropic giving vehicle for individuals and corporations who want to make a meaningful impact for a particular cause without having to choose a specific recipient right away. Once these funds are set up, the donor or organization has complete control over determining how funds are disbursed. The major benefit of donor-advised funds is the ability to take an immediate tax deduction on the amount contributed without having to wait for the funds to be distributed. The Foundation also receives a benefit from sponsoring these funds through the collection of a management fee.

Presently, the Foundation sponsors several donor-advised funds:

- Coweta-Fayette EMC Human Trafficking Fund
- Menicino Family Fund
- Newnan High School - Teacher & Student Tornado Disaster Relief Fund
- Plant Newnan Fund
- Shirey-Troutman Fund

In addition to Donor Advised Funds, the Foundation also has two memorial scholarship funds established, Jackson Education Memorial Initiative and the Joe Sherwood Memorial Scholarship.



The Coweta-Fayette EMC Human Trafficking Fund supports victims of human trafficking in crisis and funds training for local agencies to better approach and recognize signs of human trafficking. In 2021, the fund was used to create and present a three-part video series, Sex Trafficking Awareness and Prevention. The videos are available on YouTube for the public to watch and share with others to help spread awareness and protect victims of sex trafficking. Videos include information on education and warning signs, how to identify a trafficker, and how traffickers use social media.

The Crystal Peach Society

In January 2019, the Foundation established the Crystal Peach Society to recognize donors who give \$1,000 or more per year. We have incorporated this as a new way of engaging our top supporters.



Thank you to our Crystal Peach Society 2021 Members:

Ben & Linda Amoson

Cynthia Bennett

Lela Brown

Ken & Kathy Buckner

Charles Coffin

Margaret & Millard Farmer

Gates Family

Joan Hill

Doug & Lori Kolbensschlag

LaVann Landrum

Catherine Latimore

Kelly Loeffler

Dennis McEntire

Edwin McKoy

Cliff Smith

Corporate Payroll Deduction Program

Through its payroll deduction program, the Coweta Community Foundation gives local businesses another way to help their members be involved in the community's philanthropic giving. Currently, the Coweta County School System, the City of Newnan, Coweta County Government, Rutledge Center, and the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority are all providing their employees the opportunity to participate in this unique way of giving.

Companies who participate in this program give their employees the ability to give back to the community, and research shows that employers who offer a charitable giving option to their employees see increased productivity, and people who give more to others—in both time and resources—experience greater satisfaction in life than people who do not. Employees often sign up when they become aware that the Foundation has the ability to provide support in times of immediate need or local disaster in addition to monies given through its normal annual grants cycle.

Any local business is eligible to start a payroll deduction plan, and no monetary investment is required. The Foundation does the legwork and tailors pledge forms with the company's logo, handles the enrollment, and provides the company's payroll department with all the data and documentation needed to send the Foundation funds.



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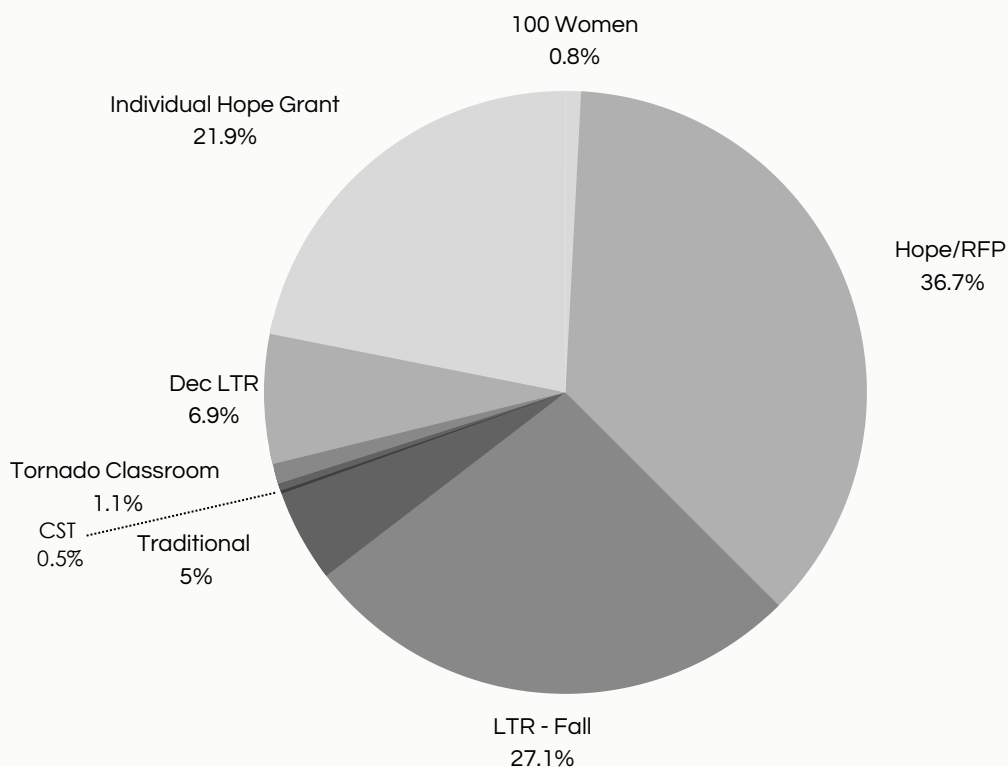
Grant Spotlight

Through our annual grants process, we support a wide array of nonprofits whose programs are essential to so many Cowetans. In 2021 alone, we provided funds to assist youth in the Boys and Girls Clubs, the hungry served by Meals on Wheels, the sick who received assistance through the Healing Bridge Clinic, and students in need of educational support through a grant to Elevate Coweta Students. We supported the arts through grants to Newnan Theatre Company and Backstreet Arts, and we supported addiction recovery efforts through a grant to Coweta FORCE.

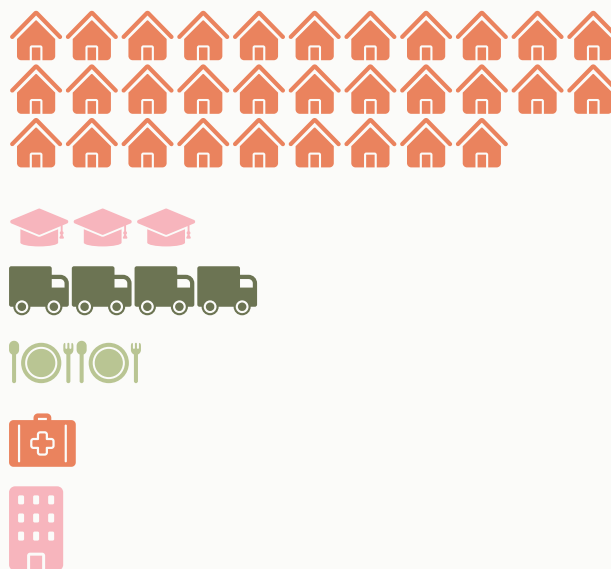
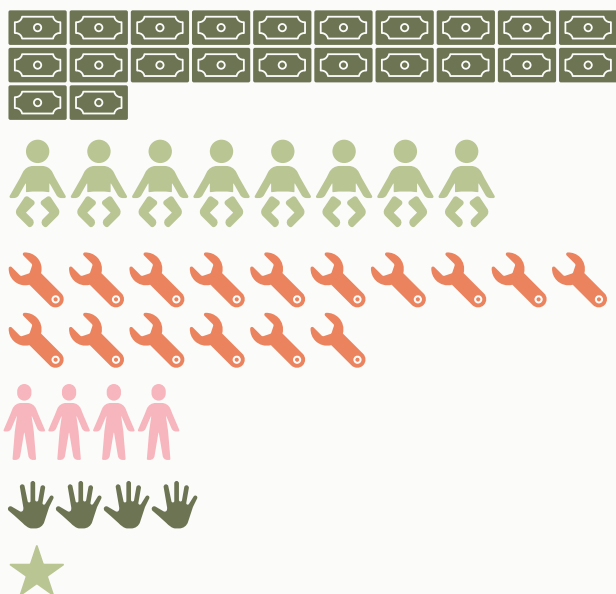
2021 Non-Profit Partner Grants Awarded	
Non-Profit Partner	Total Granted Amount
Backstreet Community Arts	\$1,500
Community Action for Improvement	\$11,000
Corral, Inc	\$1,200
Coweta Boys & Girls Club	\$35,800
Coweta FORCE	\$1,900
Elevate Coweta Students	\$11,400
Family Patterns Matter	\$11,628
Flint River Council Boy Scouts of America	\$1,000
Foundation Church	\$10,000
Healing Bridge Clinic	\$1,400
Hope Global	\$52,280
I-58	\$5,725
Meals on Wheels	\$6,297
Newnan City Church	\$10,000
Newnan Historical Society	\$1,500
Newnan Housing Authority	\$25,000
Newnan Presbyterian Church	\$25,000
Newnan Theater Company	\$7,500
Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity	\$1,200
One Roof Ecumenical Outreach	\$71,200
Optimist Club of Senoia, Inc	\$1,500
Real Life Center	\$1,400
RiverLife	\$31,252
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$45,000
Sisters for Society Corporation	\$750
Senoia Area Historical Society	\$1,500
Southern Arc Dance	\$5,200
STEM	\$9,200
Summit Family YMCA	\$10,000
The Salvation Army	\$1,000
University of West GA Foundation	\$1,000
Walk of Faith	\$7,350
West GA Technical College Foundation	\$1,000
Yeager Road Community Resource Center	\$27,700
CSTeam Scholarship	\$500
Bass MS	\$250
Brooks	\$500
Lee MS	\$1,223
Northside	\$475
Arnall	\$1,000
CEC	\$500
ECHS	\$2,974
Newnan Crossing	\$500
Ruth Hill	\$495
Welch	\$799
White Oak	\$500
Housing Authority of Newnan	\$25,000
Samaritan Clinic	\$10,000
Elevate Students	\$5,000
Resurrection Lutheran Church	\$3,500
Grand Total	\$489,598



Overall Breakdown by Grant Type



Overall Breakdown by Category of Service



Individual Deductible 23% | Child Care 8% | Structure Repair/Debris Removal 16.5%
 Grant Specific 4.5% | Capacity 4% | Fine Arts 1% | Temporary Shelter/Storage 31%
 Education 3% | Transportation 4% | Food 2% | Medical 1.5% | Rental Assistance 1%



Newnan High School - April 1, 2021

The storm has passed, but our road to recovery has just begun.

When an EF-4 tornado touched down in Newnan in the early morning hours of March 26, 2021, thousands of Coweta County residents were ready to help those displaced by the storm. In the days that followed, overwhelming generosity ensued. Donations of water and canned goods poured in until the Newnan Police Department then the Coweta County Fairgrounds ran out of room. Individuals, families, and businesses were eager to make financial contributions, but with hundreds of nonprofits in Coweta, how could they possibly know where their money would do the most good?

Enter the Coweta Community Foundation. Founded in 1997, CCF is a publicly supported 501(c)(3) organization that helps focus local philanthropy on the community's changing needs. No one expected just how rapidly the community's needs would change over the past two years.

In 2020, CCF was not immune to the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic, during which the Foundation had to cancel all fundraisers and “hunker down,” according to 2021 Board Chairman Dean Jackson. By relying solely on its board, conserving resources, and simplifying its grant application process for 2021, the Foundation awarded nearly \$30,000 in COVID-19 emergency response grants to assist with the pandemic-related needs of 25 nonprofit partners.

Just as vaccine rollouts began and Cowetans could see a ray of light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, however, disaster struck in the form of a tornado in March 2021, leaving trees and residents uprooted, and the needs shifted as quickly as the wind.

Almost immediately, CCF partnered with local emergency management agencies to create a Long-Term Disaster Recovery Fund to manage the overwhelming nationwide support. Corporations, church groups, civic clubs, and individuals contributed nearly \$615,000 in both large and small amounts in the days that followed the storm.



“It was mostly people wanting to do something, anything, to help,” Jackson recalls.

Weaverland Disaster Service at work, thanks to a grant awarded to RiverLife



Newnan City Church received a grant to assist homeowners with debris and tree removal



Housing Authority of Newnan received a grant to provide movie trailers for Tornado Survivors to live in while their homes are being repaired



And then came a gift that will be talked about for decades to come. Country music superstar Alan Jackson, a Newnan native, announced he would return to his hometown to headline the "Where I Come From" Tornado Benefit Concert at the Coweta County Fairgrounds on June 26. Joined by Chris Young, Caylee Hammack, Adam Wright, and "Big City" Brian Wright, Jackson generated excitement and increased publicity nationwide for Newnan's tornado relief effort. Tickets to the concert sold out within a few hours of going on sale, and organizers continued to encourage donations to tornado relief through the Foundation's website.

Thanks to the generosity of Alan Jackson and the other artists, the "Where I Come From" concert raised an additional \$2 million in cash and in-kind donations. The Foundation holds those funds in reserve, pooling the contributions to allocate financial assistance to local relief organizations and storm-affected individuals.

A philanthropic powerhouse, the Foundation is more than solely a financial conduit. By providing guidance to and vetting potential nonprofit partners during our yearly grant cycle, CCF has an encyclopedic knowledge of Coweta's nonprofit ecosystem, allowing us to guide individual donors to causes they care about – and to help form strategic partnerships between charitable organizations to better accomplish common goals.

When nonprofit capacity doesn't entirely meet community needs, the Foundation works with partners to enhance it. When a local solution doesn't exist for an emerging or sudden need, we invent it.

Such has been the Foundation's experience with tornado disaster relief. For example, Executive Director Kristin Webb was working with CCF as a volunteer in April when she created the organization's initial "Hope Has No Deductible" grant to expedite emergency financial and rent support to tornado victims. Meanwhile, the Foundation quickly expanded grant-making capacity within its program.

While much has been accomplished since the storm through traditional nonprofit partners and expanded missions, CCF leaders realized the necessity of creating a common mechanism to unite disaster relief organizations for years to come as Cowetans rebuild and rehouse. Thus, CCF drew on the experience of other communities that have experienced large-scale disasters. Working with local emergency management and charities, the Foundation created a community-based allocations table to focus and magnify financial and volunteer resources to help storm survivors with repairs and construction.

We also formed a partnership with the City of Newnan and Coweta County government to create a Long-Term Recovery Office, led by Director Richard DeWees. These efforts give the community and its many partners the infrastructure needed to create and sustain a long-term program aimed at restoring not only local residents and neighborhoods but also the community as a whole.

The Foundation is committed to careful stewardship of these funds and is looking forward to distributing the remaining donations in the next two years of the Long-Term Recovery period. We are so grateful to be a small part of the recovery efforts and resolve to come alongside every storm-affected individual until the very last family is restored.

Breakdown of Distributed Funds:

Individual Donations (Health & Human Service Fund) =	\$366,920
Alan Jackson Concert Fund =	\$270,800
Donor Advised (Plant Newnan & NHS Trust) =	\$8,952

** Total distributions are divided over a 3-year time span, based on budget & allocation requirements of individual fund **

Total
\$646,672
 Given to #rebuildCoweta

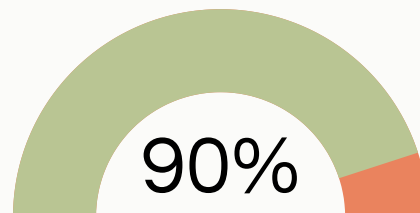
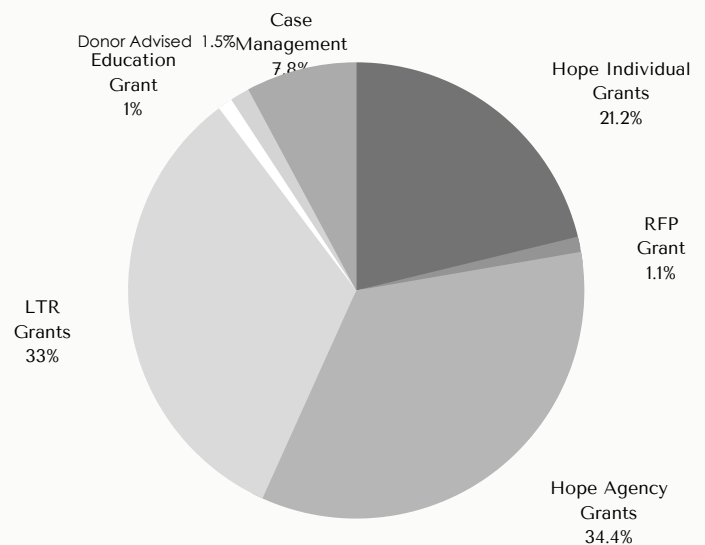
Since March 30, 2021, CCF has received approximately \$605,000 for the purposes of Tornado Disaster Relief and Recovery from individual donors, and \$1.5 million from the June 26 "Where I Come From" concert. Over the last 11 months, the Foundation has distributed more than \$685,000 from 4 separate Funds: Plant Newnan Donor Advised, Newnan High School Students Trust Donor Advised Fund, Health & Human Services (Individual Donations) and the "Where I Come From" Alan Jackson Benefit Concert.

Breakdown of the LTR Grants

The Foundation awarded 38 Grants to 501c3 organizations and 14 Classroom Grants to Coweta Schools in 2021.

Community Action for Improvement	\$	10,000
Coweta Boys & Girls Club	\$	34,800
Elevate Coweta Students	\$	15,000
Family Patterns Matter	\$	10,428
Foundation Church	\$	10,000
Hope Global	\$	52,280
I-58 Mission	\$	4,225
Meals on Wheels	\$	4,897
Newnan City Church	\$	10,000
Newnan Housing Authority	\$	25,000
Newnan Presbyterian Church	\$	25,000
Newnan Theatre Company	\$	6,000
One Roof Ecumenical Outreach	\$	69,800
Resurrection Lutheran Church	\$	3,500
RiverLife	\$	29,852
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$	45,000
Samaritan Clinic	\$	10,000
STEM	\$	9,200
Summit Family YMCA	\$	10,000
Walk of Faith	\$	6,600
Yeager Road Community Resource Center	\$	26,500
Coweta County Schools Classroom Grants	\$	6,768

Individual Hope Has No Deductible Grants \$ 137,150



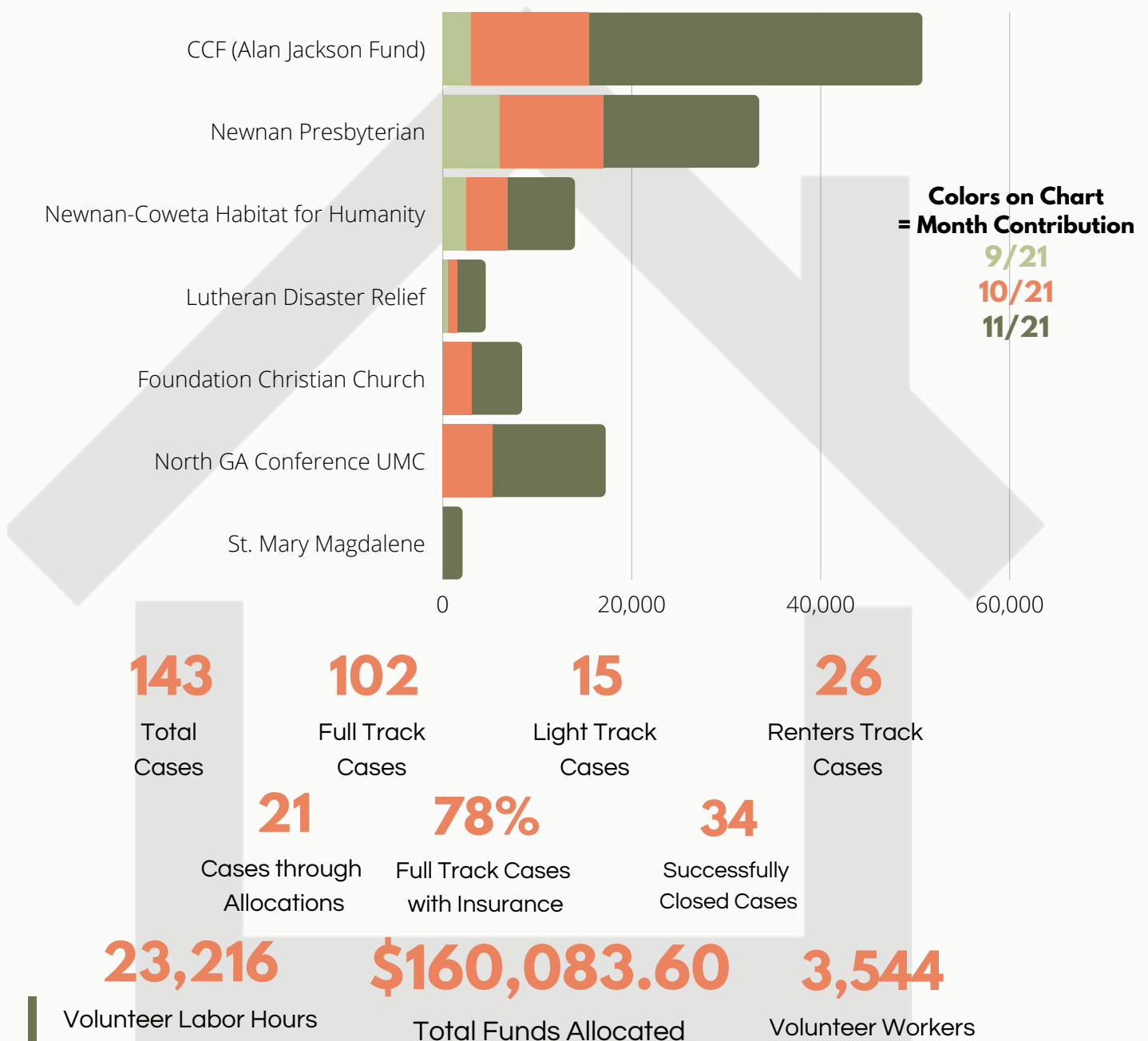
90% of Funds were awarded through Grants, 10% of Funds were awarded through Case Management (Allocations Table) & NHS Trust Funds

Allocations Table

As the beneficiary of Alan Jackson's "Where I Come From" benefit concert in June of 2021, the Coweta Community Foundation was honored and excited to pour those funds directly into structure repair for damaged and destroyed homes.

Drawing on our history of strategic collaboration, the Foundation invited several of our nonprofit and faith-based partners to pool their respective disaster relief funds into a streamlined allocation process designed to seamlessly and creatively meet the varied long-term recovery needs of families in our case management system. Each member of Allocations Tables combines their funding to meet the needs of each individual case.

Below gives a breakdown of each organization's disbursed funds and Case Management breakdown of cases for 2021.





Benefits of Giving

When you're ready to make a difference, the Foundation can help you by:

- Providing current information on your options & their benefits
- Offering you insight into the needs in Coweta County
- Supplying a stable, tax-advantaged financial structure that maximizes your donation & assures its continued viability

We invite you to join us in making Coweta County an even better place to live.

Permanence | A gift to the Foundation will benefit the community in perpetuity. Donors can be confident that these gifts will always be available to meet the changing needs that exist in Coweta County.

Simplicity | Creating a philanthropic fund through the Foundation is simple and quick, avoiding the legal complexity, administrative burdens, and compliance requirements of establishing and maintaining a private foundation. The Foundation manages all investments, processes fund distributions, and files all appropriate tax returns.

Flexibility | The Foundation can accept nearly any kind of gift, from cash and real estate to stock and other appreciated assets. An individual, family, business, or organization can create a philanthropic fund for virtually any charitable purpose.

Community Impact | Giving through the Foundation allows donors to put their charitable dollars directly to work in Coweta County. The Foundation offers insight into community needs and the organizations fulfilling those needs.

Recognition or Anonymity | Endowing a fund at the Foundation is a fitting way to memorialize or honor a loved one and create a permanent legacy that will be remembered for generations. Conversely, the Foundation can carefully protect a donor's identity, if desired.

Cost Effectiveness | Because the Foundation manages many individual donor gifts, it can service and administer each of them at a fraction of the cost of a private foundation or other, smaller nonprofit organizations or trusts.

The Future: Our path and purpose

It has been my pleasure to serve as a member of the Coweta Community Foundation Board of Directors since 2015. I admit it took me the first two years to truly understand the mission and goals of CCF because the concept of a community foundation was new to me. The only connection I could make initially was the Community Chest from the game of Monopoly. So, I did what anyone would do and googled community foundation.

Dedicated to improving lives, a community foundation is classified by the IRS as a public charity. That means it derives the majority of its support from the public. Community foundations typically focus on supporting a geographical area by facilitating and pooling donations to address community needs and support local nonprofits.

I had seen CCF's support of nonprofits and the positive impact of those agencies, so I began my service believing I fully understood what the Foundation was. That was when my education began. I learned about IRS regulations, legal requirements, and more importantly, the responsibility of CCF to grantors and donors when using their gifts to address community needs.

However, it has been throughout the last two remarkably challenging years that I have truly seen the mission, goals, and operations of the Coweta Community Foundation in full-force action. It is an honor to start my term as Board Chair. I stand on the shoulders of Immediate Past Chair Michelle Boyd and am grateful to have served as Vice Chair to Dean Jackson, now Immediate Past Chair. His leadership during 2020 and 2021 was exemplary and well-suited to the challenges facing our community.

As we look forward, the Board is committed to transparent governance managing grants and donations to enhance and support our county's quality of life. Our work together with the executive leadership of Vice Chair Brett Johnston, Secretary Michael Nix and Treasurer Blue Cole will continue to focus local philanthropy on our community's changing needs.

Cynthia Bennett

Incoming Chairman





Coweta-Fayette



"The Common Sense Bank"



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