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***North Georgia Community Foundation Announces 2016 Community Impact Grant Recipients***

**GAINESVILLE, Ga.** – The North Georgia Community Foundation (NGCF) recently awarded more than \$28,500 in grants to fund 15 programs at nonprofit organizations across the North Georgia region that are engaged in smart, innovative work to strengthen the community.

“We believe one of the best ways to improve the community is to invest in nonprofits working on projects that support and improve the North Georgia region,” said Michelle Prater, NGCF president & CEO. “Each of these grants represents a unique opportunity to take positive action on an important need in our community.”

Community Impact Grants are awarded annually through a competitive process to nonprofit organizations located in the Foundation’s 15-county North Georgia service area. Recipients of funding through the 2016 grant cycle include the following organizations:

**Hall County**

- ***Gateway Domestic Violence Center*** for its shelter security enhancement project.
- ***Habitat for Humanity of Hall County*** to provide financial education classes for future homeowners.
- ***Humane Society of Northeast Georgia*** for its Meals on Wheels Pet Food Pantry program and its humane education and outreach children’s programs.
- ***United Way of Hall County*** to create a preschool literacy garden in Gardens on Green.
- ***WomenSource*** for its 2017 Girl Power event.

## **Dawson & Forsyth Counties**

- ***Supporting Adoption and Foster Families Together, Inc.*** to create a scholarship fund for its supervised visitation program.
- ***Meals by Grace*** to provide hot, nutritious meals and additional food items to residents in Forsyth and Dawson counties.

## **Franklin County**

- ***Adults Protecting Children*** to provide training on child sexual abuse prevention to organizations spanning multiple industries.

## **Habersham County**

- ***Georgia Baptist Children's Home*** for Camp Hawkins, a summer residential camp for youth coping with varying developmental disabilities.

## **Hart County**

- ***Hart Interdenominational Ministry*** to provide shelter for those who are homeless.

## **Rabun County**

- ***Faith, Inc.*** for trauma focused therapy and crisis counseling.

## **Stephens County**

- ***Neighbors 4 Neighbors*** to provide fresh and/or flash-frozen fruits and vegetables to clients.
- ***Toccoa Soup Kitchen and Shelter*** to purchase food and other items needed to serve children, the unemployed and seniors.

## **White County**

- ***Family Promise of White County*** to provide transportation, housing, food and lifestyle counseling for homeless families.

As a funder of nonprofits, the North Georgia Community Foundation is committed to supporting local organizations working to make a difference for generations to come. NGCF's Community Impact Grant Program is possible through a community endowment established to ensure there will always be philanthropic resources available to meet the region's most pressing needs and opportunities.

To learn more about NGCF's Community Impact Endowment and Grant Program, visit [www.ngcf.org](http://www.ngcf.org).

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**About the North Georgia Community Foundation**

Founded in 1985 by Lou Fockele and other business leaders, the North Georgia Community Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and donors by building, distributing and preserving philanthropic assets. The Community Foundation serves Banks, Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union and White counties. To learn more, visit [www.ngcf.org](http://www.ngcf.org) or call (770) 535-7880.