



# for BETTER

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## A Call to the Community

Opportunities to Engage from Children to Seniors

### Build Back Our Community Neighborhood



It takes a variety of individual neighborhoods to make up a strong community - each one contributing its own unique attributes that when combined make a community whole. So, when one neighborhood suffers, we all suffer and rally together to heal and make our community whole again.

Recently, Interactive Neighborhood for Kids (INK) experienced extensive

fire and flood damage affecting most of its beloved exhibits.

**We are calling on this wonderful community to rally around our neighbors at INK to help build back this community asset where children and families have fun and learn together.**

After carefully reviewing its options, the board of directors and team at INK plan to move forward with rebuilding the children's museum in a new location. The organization's leaders have discussed the need for expansion for several years and believe, although devastating, this event can be the catalyst for moving forward with its dream to provide children across north Georgia with a museum that can serve their expanding educational needs now and into the future.

Words like 'fire' and 'flood' tend to be associated with negative and catastrophic events, but we want to turn that upside down! Join us in lighting this community on fire to flood INK with support. Together we can help the organization rebuild, because without this neighborhood our community is not the same.

**We encourage you to reach out to INK directly for more information on how you can help. Give them a call today at 770-536-1900. Each one of us can make a difference in bringing this neighborhood back; for the children, for the parents, and for the community.**

### Volunteer with ITN Lanier

ITN Lanier offers seniors and the visually impaired "door-through-door, arm-in-arm" service to get them where they want to go, when they want to, within the greater Hall County area. Since it's founding in 2016, ITN Lanier has relied on volunteers to provide a unique ride experience where they help seniors from their door to their destination and back home.



Offering safe, affordable rides helps seniors maintain the independence and vitality they cherished when they drove their own car. Moreover, the service offers adult children - many of whom are still working or caring for families of their own - relief from the extra responsibility of coordinating their loved ones' transportation and peace of mind knowing their loved ones will be safely cared for while in the care of ITN Lanier drivers.

As the service continues to expand, ITN Lanier is always looking for volunteer drivers who are interested in giving of their time to foster trust, safety and kindness through a good car ride with someone in need.



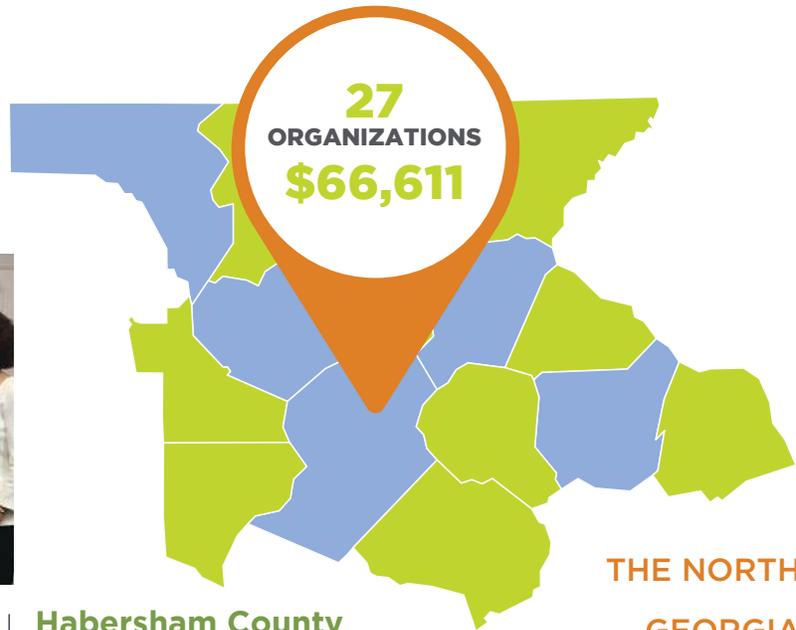
For more details on volunteer opportunities with ITN Lanier or to fill out a volunteer application, visit [itnlanier.org](http://itnlanier.org) or call Phyllis at 678-696-0360.



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# 2018 Community Impact Grants

We are proud to provide 27 nonprofit organizations across north Georgia with grants to support their programs and initiatives aimed at addressing issues affecting their communities. Collectively, we awarded **\$66,611 in grant funding** to the following organizations:



## Hall County

- Academy of Innovation
- Family Ties-Gainesville, Inc.
- Fast Friends of Hall County Animal Shelter, Inc.
- Gainesville Ballet Company
- Good News at Noon, Inc.
- Good News Clinics, Inc.
- ITN Lanier
- Jubilee Farm, Inc.
- North Georgia Works
- Randy and Friends, Inc.
- The Path Project

## Forsyth County

- Forsyth County Public Library
- The Place of Forsyth County

## Franklin County

- Franklin County Mentor Volunteer Program

## Habersham County

- Circle of Hope
- Friends of the Cornelia-Habersham Library
- The Mustard Seed Counseling Services, Inc.

## Jackson County

- Humane Society of Jackson County
- Legacy Youth Mentoring

## Stephens County

- The Salvation Army of Toccoa

## Multiple Counties

- Acceptance Recovery Center
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Lanier
- Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
- Lake Lanier Association
- NOA's Ark
- Off the Chain USA
- Sacred Roots Farm

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