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The North Georgia Community Foundation prides itself on transparency and continued excellence. NGCF recently achieved the following recognitions:

National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations reaccreditation by the Council on Foundations. NGCF first earned this accreditation in 2005 with the additional honor of being the first Foundation in Georgia to achieve this distinction.

4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator for the third year in a row.

Guidestar Platinum Seal Of Transparency for the first time.



A Suite Office Renovation

North Georgia Community Foundation's Suite A in Building 1 recently received a makeover. Suite A is now home to seven non-profit offices, a kitchenette and a six-seat meeting space named for former NGCF President, Jim Mathis. This suite is a wonderful new way for us to partner with organizations transforming our community by providing affordable office space. Housing these agencies on our campus helps foster collaboration that benefits not only those personally served by these organizations but also our community as a whole through the dynamic ideas being created in this additional space. Also, any non-profit can rent our conference spaces free of charge. To see a list of the organizations who call our campus home visit

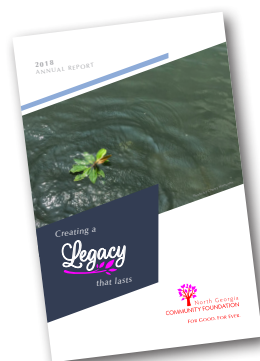
Scholarship Impacts

Another successful scholarship season is in the books! NGCF awarded 216 scholarships totaling \$1,200,000 to students throughout North Georgia. Our recipients will be attending 57 different schools coast to coast. Congratulations to all recipients and a huge THANK YOU to our fundholders, review committees and everyone involved in awarding these scholarships.



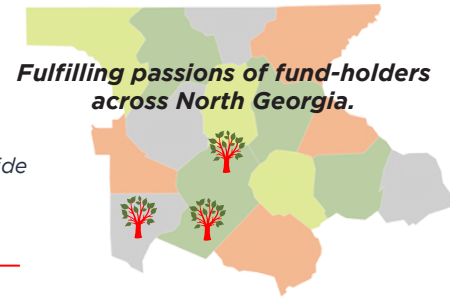
2018 Annual Report

The 2018 NGCF Annual Report will be available in late summer to review. An online copy can be accessed at www.ngcf.org, and print copies are available upon request.



Helping **Passion** and **Funding** Come Together

NGCF provides a variety of Funds to meet each organization's and individual's need. These three Funds are just a few examples of ways NGCF has come alongside people to make an impact in their community. To find out more about working with NGCF, contact Michelle Prater, President & CEO at mprater@ngcf.org.



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REACH for the Future

The REACH program was established by the Northeast Georgia History Center with proceeds from their annual "Taste of History" event. Honoring the Deal's legacy and passion for education, this Fund will provide support for the Hall County and Gainesville City School Systems' REACH Scholars Programs. REACH scholars are students who show academic promise, integrity in character, and who otherwise might have trouble affording college tuition.



Pat Burd, a member of the Northeast Georgia History Center's Board of Directors said, "The REACH Program changes lives, families and communities, and we feel honored to be one little part of supporting it." Anyone interested in continuing this legacy can donate to this Fund at NGCF and help be a champion for education. For more about the REACH scholars program, visit www.ngcf.org/reach



A Legacy Allows the **Adventures** to Continue

Tony Fico was an avid reader and a frequent visitor to the Forsyth County Libraries. Upon his death last fall, his wife and daughters knew he would want others to benefit from the library as he had so enjoyed doing in his life. They were able to fulfill this desire through the creation of the **Tony Fico Memorial Fund** at the Forsyth County Community Foundation, an affiliate of NGCF. The Fund was established with the intent of directly benefitting the Forsyth County Public Library, and recently because of contributions to the Fund, the Library System was able to purchase more than 140 adventure books - Tony's favorite genre. Because of Tony's legacy and the continued efforts of the Community Foundation to match donors with organizations that are important to them, others will now have the opportunity to find even more joy in reading.



Providing **Hope** for Young People

Doug and Marie Allen combined their passion for children and animals and founded Whispering Angels Youth Ranch in 2014 to provide hope, healing, love and acceptance to young minds through the spirit and love of a horse. About a year ago, the organization established the Whispering Angels Youth Ranch Agency Fund and the WAYR Designated Fund at NGCF as a vessel for their funds and for a simple way to accept additional donations. Partnering with NGCF for the management of their non-profit funds allows the organization to concentrate on their mission and the people they serve without the additional administrative work involved with fund compliance. To find out more about this amazing ministry, visit www.whisperingangelsyouthranch.org and to learn how NGCF can partner with non-profits, reach out to us at mprater@ngcf.org



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