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A Letter from our **President & CEO**

There is strength in numbers, and as I am looking forward to celebrating the 35th anniversary of the North Georgia Community Foundation, I think it is important to focus on some important facts as we recognize where we are, how far we have come and what we see for the future.

I am starting my 5th year as President & CEO at NGCF and during that time I have seen a lot of change and progress. Our assets have grown from \$42 million to nearly \$80 million spread over the 450+ funds that we oversee. The strength of those numbers has allowed the gifts from our fund holders to increase as our portfolio has grown. In 2018, over \$6.7 million was contributed back into our communities, and that number has already reached over \$10 million for 2019. To support this growth, the size of our dedicated and professional NGCF team has doubled, enabling us to provide our fund holders and the community the attention and service they deserve.



I am passionate about providing support for non-profit organizations and working to give their leaders an opportunity for professional growth and development. In 2018, we launched our G.R.O.W. (Growing Roots of Wisdom) Program where we offer non-profits a variety of educational opportunities. From a monthly luncheon educational series to an intensive 12-month executive coaching program, we are strengthening our non-profit partners and helping them grow.

I am blessed to work with generous community people who support our region and believe in NGCF and our mission. In 2016, we received a significant grant that allowed us to renovate our NGCF campus which houses 15 non-profit organizations. In 2018, two estate gifts came to our foundation from individuals who made the decision to leave a lasting legacy that would help others for generations to come. These two gifts dramatically increased the giving capacity of our annual Community Impact Grants, strengthening the numbers of those non-profits touched throughout our region.

I believe we would not be where we are today without the leadership and guidance of those strong members of our past and current Board of Directors. Countless numbers of community leaders and volunteers have been involved with NGCF for the past 35 years, and their strength of vision has led to our current success. I am excited to see what the future holds for NGCF, our fund holders and our partners as we continue to focus on our strengths, add to our numbers and make an impact throughout North Georgia.



2019 Community Impact Grant Recipients

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Banks

Dirt Road Doggies Rescue

Forsyth County

Forsyth County Public Library
SAAFT

Franklin County

Franklin County Mentor
Volunteer Program
Steadfast Family Farm

Hall County

Edmonson-Telford
Center for Children
WomenSource
Gateway Domestic
Violence Center
Georgia Mountains YMCA
Good News Clinics
Hispanic Alliance
Habitat for Humanity
Hall County
Hall & Dawson CASA
Boys & Girls Club of Lanier

Hart County

Hart Partners/Communities
in Schools

Jackson County

Piedmont CASA

Lumpkin County

Jeremiah's Place

Rabun County

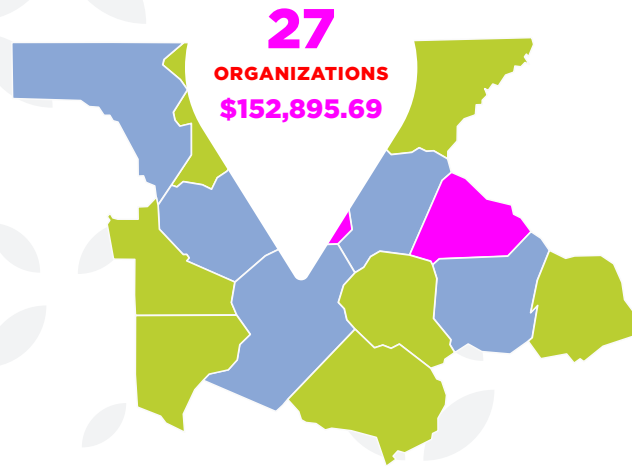
F.A.I.T.H.
Rabun Paws 4 Life

Towns

Ansleys Rainbows of Hope

Multiple Counties

Georgia Mountain Food Bank
Georgia Mountain
Story Festival
Sisu
Rape Response
Chattahoochee River Keepers
Humane Society of NEGA
American Red Cross



End-of-Year-Giving

Now is the best time to start planning for your year-end giving. NGCF provides options to make your giving simple and effective. Whatever your charitable goal, we can craft a year-end giving strategy for you. Here are just a few options:



We encourage you to discuss your giving strategies with your financial advisor to determine what will work best for you and then contact us on how we can help. Thank you for giving back to the community. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

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