columbia county foundation for children

The Spirit NEWSLETTER

Fall 2014

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President's Message

Fall greetings from the Columbia County Foundation for Children

Well over twenty years ago, Barbara C. Beazley began the Columbia County Foundation for Children (CCFFC) with one mission in mind… *to provide assistance and services to help enhance the lives of children in Columbia County.* Today, the Columbia County Foundation for Children has become a familiar and successful non-profit organization with supporters, like yourself throughout our community. It is with *sincere thanks*, that I am able to report we are helping more families with more assistance than ever before! THANK YOU for your continued investment in Columbia County's future!

As President of the Columbia County Foundation for Children, I would like to take this opportunity and tell you about the CCFFC. The Columbia County Foundation for Children is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, which meets monthly to assess the needs of our community. The specific needs of the community are confidentially brought to our attention through Columbia County school guidance counselors, social workers, as well as the Department of Family and Children's Services, and local area churches. Together, the CCFFC Board makes recommendations to help strengthen a child's security by assisting with financial support, educational support, food, clothing, as well as extra-curricular and recreational activities. We are thankful to all of the agencies and individuals who have continued to partner with us to improve the lives of children across Columbia County.

The CCFFC is a non-profit 501(c) (3) charity; we are a member of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and a Business Partner at Large with the Columbia County Board of Education. The CCFFC operates Helping Hands Thrift Store in Appling, Ga. and coordinates a large Christmas assistance program for needy children in Columbia County. Both of these programs have grown with the support of many generous donors and volunteers.

It is our pleasure to continue to carry out Mrs. Beazley's legacy as we assist children in Columbia County "to be the best they can be."

Jennifer Stafford, President

Winner of the Preston Blanchard Outstanding Business Partner of the Year Award

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Bill Beazley

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Benevolence Services

Benevolence Requests made to the Board August 2013-June 2014 totaled over $28000

Total number of Individual requests: 102
Total number of Columbia County schools served: 19

Benevolence requests included children's clothing and shoes,
Medically related expenses, graduation supplies, band and ROTC fees
Group Student Incentive program
Saturday Sacks Program sponsored by Columbia County
Community Connections
Summer Camps
Summer School classes for 15 Students
College Scholarship Program: 17 Scholarships

Donations can now be made through

PayPal™

Visit www.ccfchildren.com

We are Accepting Donations at the Helping Hands Thrift Store

CCFFC operates the Helping Hands Thrift Store. Family clothing is provided free of charge to Columbia County residents in need and who are referred by the Department of Family and Children's Services, schools or churches. Clothing and household items are also provided to families who have lost their homes to fire. The store is open to the public for low cost clothing and household goods purchases. Donations of new and slightly used family clothing, furniture, and household items are welcome. Tax-deductible receipts are available. Proceeds from the store support the CCFFC Scholarship and Benevolence programs. Through our referral program, 148 families with a total of 388 family members were provided free clothing in 2013.

Helping Hands Thrift Store, 6347 Columbia Rd, Appling, Ga. 706-541-2849. Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-2:30, and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00-2:00. (Email CCFFCStore@gmail.com)

Christmas Program

Barbara C. Beazley recognized the need in the county to assist disadvantaged children and started the Christmas Program many years ago. During the Christmas holidays, children of families referred by the Columbia County school system and social service agencies are sponsored for holiday gifts. Local schools, businesses, churches and families donate Christmas gifts to include clothing toys school supplies and various other items to bring joy and comfort to these families during the holidays.

Thru the generosity of community sponsors, 183 families with 471 children were assisted thru the Christmas program in 2013. The total donated from the foundation was $2,534.00. There are many people involved in making this program so successful each year. If you would like information on Christmas sponsorship or would like to learn more about the Christmas Program and the Foundation, you may contact us by visiting our web site, www.ccfchildren.com. Sponsorship is needed by November 1st and tentative gift distribution will occur around the second week of December.

Barbara C. Beazley Memorial Scholarship Program

Seventeen college scholarships were awarded, totaling $20,500, to Columbia County students for the 2014-2015 academic year. Scholarship recipients are attending Belmont College, Georgia Regents, Georgia Southern, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Technical College, Mercer, University of Georgia, and the University of West Georgia.

CCFFC awards need-based educational scholarships to qualified applicants, up to age 22, for academic or technical training beyond high school. Scholarships are awarded based on an applicant's academic background, financial need, career goals, written recommendation, and personal interview. The scholarship fund is named in honor of Barbara C. Beazley who founded the organization and is a tribute to her lifelong commitment to helping children in Columbia County. Scholarships are renewable. Applications for the 2015-2016 academic year will be available in early 2015 on our web site and in the schools.

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