



The Columbia County Foundation for Children
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The Spirit Newsletter

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President's Message

Fall greetings from the Columbia County Foundation for Children

The Columbia County Foundation for Children is a non-profit organization, operating under a volunteer Board of Directors to help enrich the lives of local Columbia County students and their families through assistance with various programs, activities, support, and basic needs. It is with many thanks to you that over the course of the 2012-2013 school year the Columbia County Foundation for Children was able to help more families than ever! THANK YOU for your investment in the future of our community.

The 2013-2014 Columbia County school year is in full swing and children are all abuzz about their new classes and teachers. What a wonderfully exciting time for all! For some local families, however the beginning of school is a very stressful time, because it presents challenges beyond their family's resources. The Columbia County Foundation for Children recognizes these needs in our comfortable community and is available to assist these families. With that being said, the Columbia County Foundation for Children assistance and support would not be possible without your generous public and private donations, both monetarily, and through donation of clothes and household items to our Helping Hands Thrift Store. Again, we THANK YOU!

If you are interested in knowing more about the Columbia County Foundation for Children, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website at <http://www.ccfchildren.com> or the Helping Hands Thrift Store located at 6347 Columbia Road in Appling, Georgia.

Thank you for your continued support, and investment!

HAPPY FALL

Jennifer M. Stafford, President

Benevolence Report

For 2012-2013 academic year 35 students received assistance from our Benevolence Fund. Examples of assistance include medical assistance, summer camps, school and band uniforms, high school career technology uniforms and fees, graduation supplies, yearbooks, and online courses.

Summer School

Seventeen students received financial assistance to attend summer school. (Five of these students were seniors and were able to graduate).

Christmas Program

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 68 community sponsors, 849 children were assisted for Christmas in 2012. There are many people involved in making this program so successful each year. If you are interested in sponsorship for the 2013 Christmas Program, please email the Foundation.

Sponsorship is needed by November 1st and tentative gift distribution will occur around the second week of December. If you would like information on Christmas sponsorship or learn more about the Foundation please contact us via email at christmastfund@ccfchildren.com.

Barbara C. Beazley recognized the need in the county to assist disadvantaged children and started the program many years ago. If you would like information on Christmas sponsorship or learn more about the Foundation, you may contact us by visiting our web site, ccfchildren.com.

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 gently 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, 163 families with a total of 414 family members were provided free clothing in 2012.

Store Location and Hours

6347 Columbia Rd. Appling, Ga.

706-541-2849

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30a-2: 30p and the first Saturday of each month, 10am-2pm

Barbara C. Beazley Memorial Scholarship Program

Seventeen college scholarships were awarded totaling \$18,250 to Columbia County students for the 2013-2014 academic year. Scholarship recipients are attending the University of Georgia, Georgia State, Georgia Southern, Georgia College and State, Georgia Regents University, University of West Georgia, Mercer, Erskine College, Columbia International College and the Art Institute of Atlanta.

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 2014-2015 academic year will be available in early 2014.