



## 30k for 30 Years

In May 2023, the Columbia County Foundation for Children, for the first time, approved grants for high school students specializing in Career, Technical, and Agricultural tracks. Each high school pathway received a \$500 grant, resulting in a total of 48 students being awarded grants amounting to \$24,000. Grant recipients were selected by the teachers of these CTAE programs. These grants were designed to support students in pursuing their educational aspirations, covering expenses such as tuition, fees, tools of the trade, certification costs, and more.

As the Columbia County Foundation for Children approaches its 30th anniversary in 2024, the board has decided to commemorate this special occasion by extending the grants to CTAE students once again. Notably, the total award amount has been increased to \$30,000. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a sponsor for this 30K for 30 years program, please contact [ccfoundationforchildren@gmail.com](mailto:ccfoundationforchildren@gmail.com) for further details.

## Need Money for College or Tech School?

[CCFCHILDREN.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP-FUND](http://CCFCHILDREN.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP-FUND)



Columbia County Foundation for Children receives no federal or state funding. All of our funds are derived from operations of our thrift store, donations from private individuals, and donations from businesses.

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# DUNKIN' JOY

IN CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

The Columbia County Foundation for Children is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a generous \$15,000 grant from the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation. This substantial funding will be directed towards supporting a crucial program aimed at providing food access to children who are grappling with hunger in Columbia County, Georgia. The Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation's commitment to making a positive impact aligns seamlessly with the foundation's mission to improve the well-being of children in Columbia County.

This grant will empower the foundation to expand its initiatives and ensure that no child goes hungry, fostering a brighter and healthier future for the young ones in need. The collaboration between these two organizations exemplifies the power of partnerships in addressing pressing societal issues and underscores the importance of community support in creating lasting change.

## Ways to help the Foundation

Join us in supporting our cause by volunteering at our thrift store, where your time and skills can directly benefit those in need. Additionally, consider making a tax-deductible donation to further empower our initiatives and create positive change and/or donating hygiene items for our Pantry Project. Every contribution, big or small, helps us make a difference. Maximize your impact effortlessly by linking your Kroger Plus card to our organization - a simple yet impactful way to support us while you shop. Together, we can build a stronger foundation for a brighter future. Your involvement matters, and we invite you to be a part of our journey.



### Link your Kroger Plus Card:

Log into your Kroger account.  
Go to My Account -> Community Rewards  
Select Columbia County Foundation for Children, QT703

**SCAN HERE TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**



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# Barbara C. Beazley Memorial Scholarship



We take pride in carrying forward Mrs. Barbara C. Beazley's legacy of supporting the children of Columbia County, Georgia. In the academic year 2023-2024, we granted scholarships totaling \$29,000 to 18 students attending various institutions such as Augusta Technical School, Augusta University, University of Georgia, Johnson & Wales University, Gardner-Webb University, University of South Carolina, Tri County Technical College, Georgia Southern, and University of West Georgia. We extend our best wishes to all the recipients and eagerly anticipate updates from them when they apply for the renewal of their scholarships.

## Summer School

Michel Young, Retired School Counselor, CCFC Board Member

The Foundation for Children has a mission to help children to be the best that they can be. We believe in supporting students academically as they move towards their goal of high school graduation. Last summer, we approved tuition assistance for a total of 26 high school and middle school students who applied for summer classes. Here are the numbers:

3 students from middle schools: total of 5 classes \$125  
23 students from 3 high schools: total of 47 classes: \$1120  
Total paid by the Foundation: \$1,245

Traditional cafeteria style meals are not served during summer school. For those students who were supported by Foundation tuition assistance, the Foundation also provided funding for these students to purchase ala carte food served during their lunch breaks. Seventeen students participated for a total of 236 meals with a commitment of \$1,180 from the Foundation.



Almost 50% of our income every year is derived from our thrift store operations. Scan here to like and follow our Helping Hands Thrift Store Facebook page to keep up to date with new items coming in.

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# Benevolence

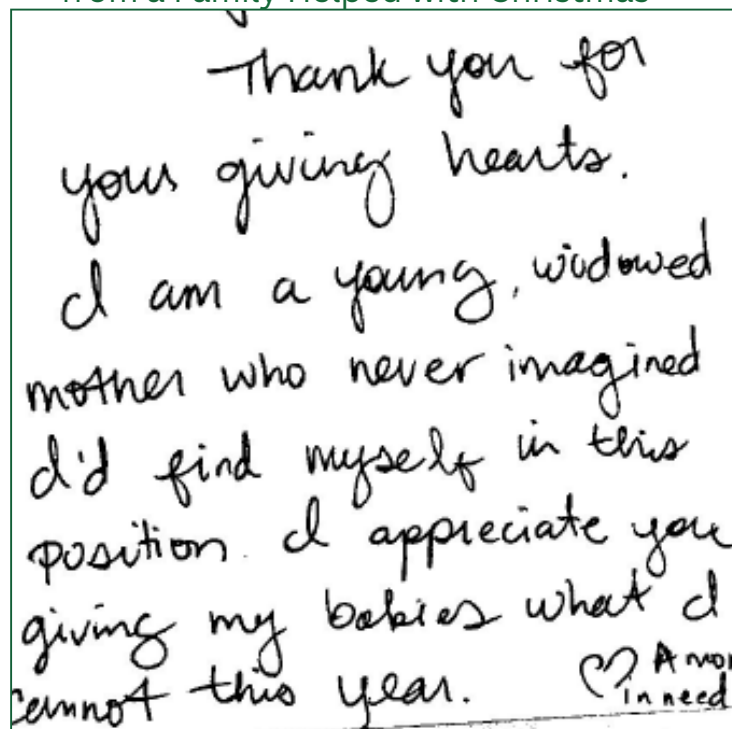
Clare Bethune, School Counselor, CCFC Board Member

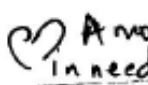
The 2023-2024 school year marks my ninth year working for Columbia County School District as a School Counselor. This is my second year serving on the Columbia County Foundation for Children Board. Each year The Foundation reaches out to schools within the county to establish an important partnership. This partnership connects The Foundation and Columbia County Schools to areas of need through benevolence requests, The Hygiene Project, and the Christmas Assistance Program. As a School Counselor, I have personally witnessed the positive impact from the work of The Foundation. Examples of how The Foundation has impacted local students through financial support are as follows;

- Purchasing of yearbooks
- Purchasing graduation regalia for High School seniors
- Covering fees for Advanced Placement exams
- Support in completion credit courses through online recovery or summer school
- Purchase and distribution of suits/professional attire for interviews- and presentation
- Purchasing of vocational equipment
- Funding for School Book Fairs

Over the last year it has been our great honor to provide funding for elementary and middle school students in Columbia County. The support from The Foundation is essential for these students and their families receive a quality educational experience to shop along with their peers while building their personal, home library with new books.

One of many Thank You Notes we received from a Family Helped with Christmas



Thank you for your giving hearts. I am a young, widowed mother who never imagined I'd find myself in this position. I appreciate you giving my babies what I cannot this year. 



**672 Children received Christmas assistance in 2023. Many Thanks to all of the Christmas sponsors!**

Visit our **Helping Hands Thrift Store**  
**6347 Columbia Road, Bldg J**  
**Appling, GA 30802**  
**Hours: Tues/Thurs 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**First Saturday of the month: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**12** # OF REFERRALS TO OUR RESOURCE CENTER

**35** # OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED FREE CLOTHES FROM OUR THRIFT STORE

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