



# The Spirit NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

### 2015 Fall Greetings from the Columbia County Foundation for Children

The Columbia County Foundation for Children was started over twenty years ago by Mrs. Barbara C. Beazley 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 supporter, like you throughout our community.

The Foundation is a non profit 501© 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 Foundation operates Helping Hands Thrift Store in Appling, Ga and coordinates a large Christmas assistance program for needy children in the county. Both of these programs have grown with the support of many generous donors and volunteers.

As President of the Columbia County Foundation for Children, I would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to all that have donated to the CCFFC. It would not be possible to continue Mrs. Beazley's mission without your support. Our annual newsletter gives us the opportunity to share with the community some of our achievements throughout the school year. I hope you will enjoy it.

Thank you again for supporting CCFFC and investing in the children of Columbia County "to be the best they can be".

**Ann Edwards, President**

## Fall 2015

**Ann Edwards, Editor**  
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## College Scholarship Program

The scholarship fund is named in honor of Mrs. Barbara Beazley who founded the organization and is a tribute to her lifelong commitment to helping children in Columbia County. Scholarships are renewable

CCFFC awards need based educational scholarships to qualified applicants up to age 22, for academic or technical training beyond high school. Scholarships are need based and awarded based on an applicant's financial need, supported documentation of family hardship, career goals, written recommendation, and a personal interview. Applications for the 2016-2017 academic year will be available in early 2016.

Twenty-one scholarships were awarded totaling \$28,500 to Columbia County Students for the 2015-2016 academic year. Scholarship recipients are attending: Belmont College, Georgia Regents, University of Georgia, Georgia Southern, Georgia Tech, Kennesaw State, Duke, Mercer.



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## Benevolence Services

Benevolence Request made to the Board  
August 2014-June 2015

Requests include:

- Children's clothing
- Children's shoes
- Medical /Dental expenses
- Group Student Incentive Program
- Graduation Supplies
- Band and ROTC fees
- Summer Camps
- Summer School for 21 students
- College Scholarships for 21 students
- Mentoring services for at risk for Seniors
- High School Nursing Program fees

Spring \$2848

Fall \$2,141

**Total Benevolence \$4,962**

### Saturday Sack Program

CCFFC donated, \$224

(Sponsored by Columbia County Community Connections)

### Summer Food Program/Harlem

CCFFC donated-\$393

### Summer School Scholarships

Twenty-one students received a total of \$3,020.

Three students went on to graduate from summer school.



### 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 who are referred by the Department of Family and Children Services, schools, or churches. Other items may be available on request.

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 welcomed. Tax-deductible receipts are available. Proceeds from the store support the CCFFC Scholarship and Benevolence programs. Through our referral program, 110 referrals with 288 family members were provided free clothing in 2014.

Helping Hands Thrift Store, 6347 Columbia Rd, Appling, Ga

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-2:30

First Saturday of each month 10am - 2pm

Phone: 706-541-2849 Email: [CCFFCStore@gmail.com](mailto:CCFFCStore@gmail.com)

## Thank You

Thank you to Scrubs of Evans for their support this past year, and also to Abilene Baptist Church for their Vacation Bible School donation of \$2,646.

## 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, shoes, school supplies and various other items to bring joy and comfort to these families during the holidays.

Thru the generosity of community sponsors, 253 families with 618 children were assisted thru the Christmas Program in 2014. First time recipients totaled 134. The foundation sponsored 46 children.

If you would like to learn more about Christmas sponsorship, or the Christmas program, and the Foundation, you may contact us by visiting our web site, [www.ccfchildren.com](http://www.ccfchildren.com). Sponsorships are needed by November 1<sup>st</sup> and tentative gift distribution will occur around the second week of December.

Donations can now  
be made through



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