

COVID-19

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) children of all ages can become infected with coronavirus but in most cases children younger than ten are less likely to show symptoms or become as sick as most adults and the children that suffer from underlying conditions, such as diabetes, obesity, asthma, and other serious diseases are at a higher risk of catching COVID. So how do we keep our children safe? The CDC recommends washing hands frequently, cover mouth and nose with elbow when sneezing or coughing and wear a face mask. Children are most often in a hurry so encourage your child to sing the entire "Happy Birthday" song twice when washing their hands.



Help your child to practice social distancing. It is very difficult for most children to maintain the 6-foot rule when playing with their friends. We as caregivers need to get creative when ensuring that our children stay active and social. Schedule a zoom or Facetime playdate, write letters to friends and send it in the mail, go on a family walk, or plan a drive by party. Friends are the most important thing to our younger people. We have to make the time to ensure that we help preserve their connection during this difficult time.

Sponsorship Opportunities

On May 31, 2020 The Foundation was able to take part in a great event hosted by Champions Retreat Golf Club in which we were the benefactor of the first-ever Champions For A Cause golf tournament. This tournament was a 9 Hole Exhibition in which \$65,000+ was raised on our behalf to help us continue our efforts in supporting the children of Columbia County. We are grateful for the wonderful, gracious members and guests of Champions Retreat. We want to thank all that were involved with this event. We know that this event would not have been possible without the efforts of the golfers participating in this event:

Henrik Norlander, Luke List, Scott Parel, Vaughn Taylor, and Matt Atkins.

In addition, the sponsors of the event including SouthEast Hospice, Taxslayer, Boar's Head, Queensborough National Bank & Trust Co., Motion Metalworks, LLC, Transportation Solutions of Augusta, LLC, REC TEQ Grills, Coca-Cola, Turtleson, Creekhouse Player Management, and Club Car. Lastly, BIG Thank you goes out to Champions Retreat Golf Club in selecting the Foundation to be a part of this event! We Had a Blast and look forward to future Partnerships together in making a difference with our children in Columbia County!



Volunteers Welcome



Have time for a worthy cause? Need volunteer hours for school organizations, scouts, churches or community organizations? Volunteers are always needed for Helping Hands Thrift Store: email [cffeestore@gmail.com](mailto:cffestore@gmail.com).

Have an idea for a fund raiser, pantry project collection or helping with our Christmas gift program? Contact us by email or phone!



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2020 Fall Greetings from the Columbia County Foundation for Children

What a year 2020 has been! While we have continued to be successful in the foundation's mission, COVID-19 has placed before us a set of challenges that many of us have not seen in our lifetime. Through our work at the CCFC, we look to provide information, resources and services that will contribute to the physical and emotional well-being of children subject to disadvantages beyond their control.

While the threat to our children's physical, health is likely our priority, the CDC states: "many young people's social, emotional, and mental well-being has been impacted by the pandemic. Trauma faced at this developmental stage can continue to affect them across their lifespan."

Some of these challenges include:

- Changes in their routines (e.g., having to physically distance from family, friends, worship community)
- Breaks in continuity of learning (e.g., virtual learning environments, technology access and connectivity issues)
- Breaks in continuity of health care (e.g., missed well-child and immunization visits, limited access to mental, speech, and occupational health services)
- Missed significant life events (e.g., grief of missing celebrations, vacation plans, and/or milestone life events)
- Lost security and safety (e.g., housing and food insecurity, increased exposure to violence and online harms, threat of physical illness and uncertainty for the future)

According to recent data from the Georgia Department of Public Health website (<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>), of the 422,133 confirmed cases, over forty thousand are children under the age of 18. As of November 30, 2020, Columbia County, Georgia has reported 5381 positive cases; this number includes children.

So, what can we do to help ensure our children's well-being throughout their life span?

THE CDC has developed a COVID-19 Parental Resource Kit to assist parents and caregivers. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/parental-resource-kit/index.html> for detailed information and more tools. Please share link with anyone that provides care for children.



College Scholarship / Technical School Scholarships

For the 2019-2020 school year, the Foundation received 20 renewal applications for scholarships from previous recipients and 3 new applications. A total of \$29,000 in scholarships was awarded. Two of the new applicants were 2020 graduates of Grovetown High School and one new applicant attended Kennesaw State University.

Scholarship recipients are attending Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Augusta University, University of West Georgia, Georgia Southern, Augusta Tech, and Georgia State University.

We wish them all only the best.

Applications for the 2021-2022 academic year will be available in early 2021. Please visit our web site for more information.

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Thank you to our all-volunteer board of directors, the staff and volunteers at the Helping Hands Thrift store, Scrubs of Evans, South Fire Web Site Services and Solutions, the Cleveland Group, the Columbia County Board of Commissioners and to those individuals and groups in the community who support the Foundation, we send our sincere appreciation and thank you. For twenty seven years, continued community support enabled the Foundation to continue the legacy established by Barbara Beazley to assist children in Columbia County to be the best they can be.

A special thank you to Mr. Bill Beazley and Bill Beazley Homes for their continued support.

Benevolence Services

Benevolence assistance for the 2019-2020 school year totaled - \$1,411.08. Requests are submitted to the Foundation by school counselors, social workers, teachers and community outreach organizations on behalf of an individual child or families. Examples of assistance provided include:

Cap & gowns Medical copays
Band fees AP exam fees
School club fees Field trips
Health Occupations program/uniforms
School uniforms/graduation attire

Reach Georgia Scholarship

REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) is a mentorship and scholarship program created by Governor Nathan Deal and managed by the Georgia Student Finance Authority. REACH now serves 2400 students in 154 school districts, with 24 million dollars committed to scholarships. Beginning in eighth grade, those who complete the program receive \$2500 per year up to four years to be used toward post-secondary educational expenses. Scholarships funds come from a shared public-private fund; during the 2019-2020 school year, Columbia County Foundation for Children, with a donation of \$5000, was one of three local donors who made it possible for five middle school students to be awarded scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year.

Christmas Program 2020

The Christmas gift program has been a long established cornerstone of the vision of Barbara Beazley who founded the non-profit Foundation for Children.



Through the generosity of community donations and sponsors for children, the

Foundation co-coordinated assistance for 252 families with 863 children in 2020. If you would like information on the Christmas Program, or how to become a sponsor, please contact the Foundation or visit our web site.

Our Newest Program: Pantry Project

WE ALWAYS NEED UNDERWEAR!

Did you know that 9.8% of the children in Columbia County live in poverty? While this is below the state average of 21%, the number of children living in poverty in Columbia County is 3,963. Think about not having the basic hygiene necessities like soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, or toothbrushes. Many of the children living in poverty in Columbia County have parents that are underemployed. Many parents are unemployed since the pandemic and there is also a sizeable population of homeless children in Columbia County.

One of our programs is the Pantry Project which allows us to help fill in the needs for those hygiene items. We accept donations of hygiene items such as soap, sanitary napkins, feminine wipes, hair brushes, combs, washcloths, etc. but our top requested items are deodorant and underwear (all sizes from children's small through adult 2x1).

We coordinate sending requests for hygiene products and underwear to school officials, with the focus of sending items that are small enough to be placed in student backpacks... We thank those many individuals and groups in our community who have generously donated funds as well as needed items for the pantry project. For a full list of items we provide, to request items for your schools, or to find out more information, please contact ccfchildrenscholarships@gmail.com.

Donations may be dropped off at 7009 Town Center Blvd Evans Ga 30809

Statistical information found www.Datacenter.kidscount.org

2019-2020 school year requests were down since the schools closed due to coronavirus pandemic.

- 545 pairs of new underwear
- 182 deodorant
- 84 packages sanitary napkins
- 61 toothbrushes
- 60 bars soap
- 58 tubes toothpaste
- 49 packages feminine wipes
- 47 pairs of socks
- 35 bottles shampoo
- 18 laundry detergent
- 10 multi-packs hair ties
- 10 multi-packs baby wipes
- 6 individual hygiene packs – mixed all hygiene items

Helping Hands Thrift Store "The Little Yellow House"



The Foundation for children operates Helping Hands Thrift store, which is open to the public for low cost family clothing and household goods. Donations of new and slightly used family clothing, furniture, and household items are welcome. The store operates strictly on donations from the public. Donations may be brought to the store during open business hours and placed on the deck by the dumpster. Tax deductible receipts are available.

Family clothing is provided free of charge, twice a year, to Columbia County residents who are referred by social service agencies, schools and churches. Proceeds from the store support our scholarship and benevolence programs. For 2019, 54 Families with 163 members were assisted with clothing needs.

Helping Hands Thrift Store
6347 Columbia Rd, Appling GA
Hours: Tues/Thurs 9:30-2:30
First Saturday of month: 10-2
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