

### 2022 Spring Greetings from the Columbia County Foundation for Children

As we begin our twenty eighth year providing services for the children of Columbia County, Georgia, we find a much different environment than previous years. There is not one person that hasn't been affected by the pandemic in some way. The pandemic has not affected the services we provide but we have seen less of an income stream from our resource center/thrift store due to limiting donations and hours for covid-19 prevention. We have also seen less identification of children's needs. The board members are open to suggestions as to extend our reach in identifying those children in need. If you have any suggestions or are interested in helping further our mission, please email us at [ccfoundationforchildren@gmail.com](mailto:ccfoundationforchildren@gmail.com).

Even though the pandemic has changed our environment, some things have not changed. In 2021, our scholarship program awarded 19,500 in scholarships, our pantry project distributed 731 pairs of underwear, and our Christmas program helped 235 families and a total of 676 children in addition to many other things. We are committed to identifying the needs of children in our area and doing our best to meet those needs. We thank all of the individuals and local businesses and organizations such as Willow Wood Garden Club, Club Car, and The Cleveland Group who are continual supporters of our organization that help further our mission.

### Pantry Project

One of the primary goals of the Foundation is to help fulfill the physical and emotional needs of children who are subject to disadvantages beyond their control. Our Pantry Project was started a few years ago to help fill the hygiene needs of children and teens because these items are not available to be purchased with food stamps. The program was started in the high schools and then extended to the middle school and elementary schools. Pre-pandemic there were many more needs identified than post-pandemic, but in 2021 we still distributed 731 pairs of underwear and 118 bars of deodorant. Underwear and deodorant have always been the most requested Pantry items since the inception of the program. Socks and feminine products are close behind as we distributed 84 pairs of socks and 45 packages of sanitary napkins in 2021. A few examples of other items distributed were toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, washcloths, acne wash, shampoo, combs, hairbrushes, and hair ties. Many of the items we distribute from the pantry project were donated by individuals and different organizations (such as Willow Wood Garden Club and Wesley United Methodist Women's Group). If you would like to donate pantry project items such as new/unused underwear, deodorant, socks, soap, feminine hygiene products, etc. to the Foundation, they can be dropped off or sent to 7009 Evans Town Center Blvd, Evans, GA 30809 or 625 Blue Ridge Drive, Evans, GA 30809.

### Benevolence Common Requests

- FEES FOR A PATHWAY: UNIFORMS, TB TEST, WELDING HELMET, ETC.
- CREDIT RECOVERY FEE
- CAP & GOWN
- SUMMER SCHOOL FEES
- CAPSTONE PRESENTATION OUTFIT
- CLOTHES
- CERIFICATION FEES
- BAND FEES



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newsletter.cfm](https://www.ccfchildren.org/newsletter.cfm)

Kroger community rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card.



Link your Kroger Plus Card:

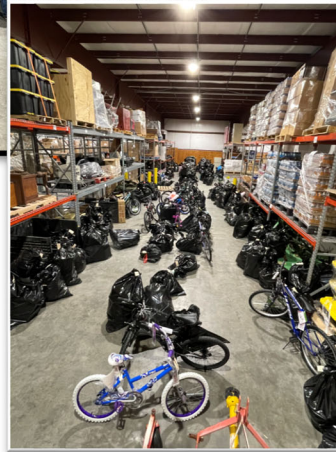
**RENEW ANNUALLY**

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

## Christmas Program 2021

With many thanks to American Legion Post 192, SD Clifton Construction Inc., Columbia County Sheriff's Department, Alpha Epsilon ADK, Greenbrier Youth Lacrosse, the families, clubs, businesses, churches and Columbia County government offices, the Foundation for Children was able to coordinate a Merry Christmas gift giving for 253 Columbia County families with a total of 676 children this past December.

The program began in 1994 with a group of community leaders who had a vision for helping children be the best that they can be. Application process for Christmas assistance begins when school is back in session. Individuals or groups interested in becoming a sponsor for next year may email the Foundation at [ccfoundationforchildren@gmail.com](mailto:ccfoundationforchildren@gmail.com). Pictured here are Santa's helpers on the gift distribution day and the hundreds of gift bags ready for pick up by the sponsored families.



## Helping Hands Thrift Store Donate - Shop - Give Back



Operated by the Foundation, Helping Hands Thrift Store offers a local shopping experience that supports outreach programs for children in Columbia County. We offer low cost family clothing and huge discounts on household items, kitchen and bath accessories, home décor, books, DVDs, CDs, cassettes, and albums. Surprise items and low costs make this little yellow house the place to shop.

Donations for new and slightly used clothing, furniture and household items are welcome. Tax donation receipts are available. Donations may be dropped off during business hours and placed outside on the deck.

Free family clothing is available twice a year to Columbia County residents with a referral. Referrals for our clothing assistance may be made by school personnel, churches and social service agencies. Contact the store for more information or directions to the store.

Proceeds from the sale of donated items support the Foundation's benevolence, pantry, Christmas, and college scholarship programs for Columbia County families.

**Helping Hands Thrift Store**  
6347 Columbia Road, Bldg J, Appling GA

**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.

706-541-2849

Email: [CCFFCStore@gmail.com](mailto:CCFFCStore@gmail.com)

## 2022-2023 Scholarship Applications are Posted!

TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL  
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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

[HTTPS://WWW.CCFCHILDREN.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP-FUND.CFM](https://www.ccfchildren.org/scholarship-fund.cfm)



Donations can  
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The Columbia County Foundation for Children  
7009 Evans Town Center Blvd ● Evans, Ga. 30809  
706-863-4888 ● Website: [www.ccfchildren.org](http://www.ccfchildren.org)

**A Word from Katie Cooper**  
2013 - 2017 Scholarship Recipient



My name is Katie Cooper, and I am an alumna of the Barbara C. Beazley Memorial Scholarship Program, earning the award from 2013-2017. As a high school senior, my grandmother encouraged me to apply for as many

scholarships as possible, and I was driven to alleviate some of the cost of my education. I found the original application process to be very straightforward, with information that was typical for scholarships and an essay that wrote itself about my history and need for the scholarship. I felt prepared to submit my application because the inform I sent in all pertinent information in a manila envelope, and I remember feeling proud when I dropped off that envelope to their office for review.

I wish someone had shared with me how much local scholarships could add up. Sometimes when I was applying for scholarships, I would look for the ones with the greatest funds, but I was often competing with hundreds or thousands of applicants from across the country. However, focusing on scholarships that are funded right here in Columbia County and the CSRA really added up, and I received many more local awards than I anticipated. Just apply! It is well worth it!

Upon graduation, I became a teacher for the Columbia County School District. I worked for three years at Harlem High School, and I currently work at my alma mater, Lakeside High School. I have taught all grades of English, but I have a special place in my heart for seniors and sophomores. One of my favorite things about teaching seniors especially is motivating them to succeed when they graduate from high school. Outside of school, I enjoy watching Georgia football, reading, crafting, traveling, and spending time with my family and friends. I am married to my high school sweetheart, and we have a sweet toddler who keeps us very busy.

**College Scholarship / Technical School Scholarships**

We recognize that not every student that advances into higher education will pursue a four-year curriculum and that the CSRA has a great need for skilled trade and technical workers. To support this growing need, the Columbia County Foundation for Children provides scholarships for Columbia County students that are pursuing careers in technical and vocational fields. This year we have increased the award amount for the technical school scholarship to \$1,000! Do you know someone who needs their beauty kit to start their hair dresser career? Maybe a welder that needs a face shield? We have added "Tools of the Trade" to the list of items the scholarship funds can be used for. See our website for more information.

**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**  
[CCFFCSTORE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CCFFCSTORE@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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Mrs. Katie S. Cooper



Scan the QR code for more  
Information on Scholarships and  
Qualifications for Scholarship Recipients



## Scholarship Program

2 year degrees,  
4 year degrees, or  
Trade School Programs

\*Scholarships are  
Needs Based - Not  
Merit Based. B&C  
average Students  
encouraged to apply



## Pantry Project

Current Needs:  
socks, underwear (all  
sizes), brushes,  
combs, deodorant,  
laundry detergent,  
soap, baby wipes

Donations can be dropped off at:  
Bill Beazley Homes 7009 Evans Town Center Blvd. Evans, GA 30809

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purchase price to

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Thank you to our all-volunteer board of directors, the staff and volunteers at the Helping Hands Thrift store, 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.

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