

## 2022 Story of the Numbers

2022 was another stellar year for the Foundation financially. While we always want to do more, our organization was once again economically solid and able to finish the year with a surplus that will allow us to focus on future projects and endeavors of the organization moving into 2023. For the year 2022, we were able to raise \$80,000 to impact all of our programs significantly. The funds raised were a 30% increase over 2021. Through our thrift store, we raised \$40,000 in sales for the year, which was a 10% increase over 2021. The remainder of our donations, \$40,000, was raised through Scholarship donations and individual donations from business leaders and local businesses to help support our Christmas program, Pantry project, and other areas of need.



Our benevolence requests continue to increase year over year. For 2022 we could fulfill these requests to include our Pantry project, Christmas program, and summer camps, as well as many other necessary items such as graduation caps & gowns, school supplies, and testing application fees. The payout of these costs for 2022 was \$11,000, which is a 150% increase over 2021 expenses.

Like many nonprofit organizations and businesses, we had our ups and downs through the pandemic. With the help of many of you, we were still able to meet our mission of providing assistance and helping the children in need throughout Columbia County. We are looking forward to another great year in 2023 with the Foundation and ask that you help us out to be able to achieve our mission and build upon our community.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our scholarships for technical and trade schools are not only for tuition and fees? The scholarships can be used for Tools of the Trade and/or Uniforms as well.

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# Dunkin' for Joy

Our thanks go to the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation and Mr. Peter Patel, local franchise owner, for their support. You can find more about Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation on Instagram @joyinchildhood

In conjunction with the grand opening of a new Dunkin' store in Evans, the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation reached out to the Foundation for Children in October to offer an opportunity to apply for a grant. The mission of the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation is to bring joy to kids that are battling either hunger or physical illness. Upon reviewing the grant applications that they received, the franchise owner of the new Dunkin' restaurant, Peter Patel, selected our

organization to receive the gift. On December 8, Foundation for Children Board of Directors representatives Adam Williams and Michel Young were present at the grand opening of the new Dunkin' restaurant located at 5120 Washington Road, Evans to accept the \$1000 grant. Funds will be used to supply requested nonperishable food items for children in Columbia County.

## Dunkin' Donuts



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:

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



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# Pantry Project



## 2022 PANTRY PROJECT SUMMARY

Five years ago, we saw a need for essential hygiene products for the teens/young adults of Columbia County. Our Pantry project was started in high and middle schools and quickly spread to elementary schools. As we enter our sixth year of what we fondly call the "Pantry Project," we have seen the needs shift since the beginning. While underwear and deodorant remain two of our most highly requested items, we distributed more toothbrushes in 2022 than any other item. In 2022, we distributed 394 toothbrushes, 380 pairs of underwear, 270 deodorant, 203 hair brushes/combs, and 135 bars of soap. In addition to these top five, we also filled the need for items like baby

THE "TOP 5" REQUESTED ITEMS FROM THE PANTRY IN 2022 WERE:

1. Toothbrushes
2. Underwear – All sexes and sizes
3. Deodorant
4. Combs/Hairbrushes
5. Bars of Soap

wipes, shampoo, diapers, sanitary napkins, laundry detergent, washcloths, and toothpaste. Recently, Columbia County schools are seeing an uptick in requests for food. We have expanded our Pantry to include non-perishable quick-service food such as snack crackers, individual peanut butter packages, oatmeal packets, granola bars, etc.

If you would like to make donations of new underwear or any other hygiene items, donations can be dropped off at the offices of Bill Beazley Homes, 7009 Evans Town Center Blvd., Evans, or the offices of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Beazley, REALTORS at 625 Blue Ridge Drive, Evans.

Alternatively, you can go to our website [ccfchildren.org/donations](http://ccfchildren.org/donations), scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the Donate button to make a tax-deductible donation securely online via PayPal.

## Barbara C. Beazley Memorial Scholarship

The Barbara C. Beazley memorial scholarship program, awarded fourteen students scholarships that total \$32,500 for the 2022-2023 school year. Six of the recipients were new applicants, and eight recipients were renewals. Scholarship recipients are attending: Augusta State University, Augusta Technical College, DeVry Institute, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State, LaGrange College, University of Georgia, and West Georgia. Scholarships are renewable annually as long as other qualifications are still met and accompanied by a renewable application.

**NEW!**

The maximum age for scholarship recipients has been raised from 22 to 26 for the 2023-2024 school year. Scholarships can be renewed for a total benefit of four years.



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# The Foundation's Impact on Columbia County Schools

Brian Adams and Clare Bethune

Each year the Foundation reaches out to each of the 32 schools in Columbia County to share their benevolence request form and remind school building staff of the ways in which they can support students and families throughout the school year. This is my seventh year working in Columbia County Schools. The Foundation's impact on the students I have worked with during those years is priceless. Students have received yearbooks, caps and gowns, financial support to complete their credit courses through online recovery or summer school, interview and presentation suits/outfits, and vocational equipment.

The Foundation's Clothing Resource Center is another resource for students and their families. It allows schools to refer a family to shop for the items they need and let us know if additional needs remain.

I enjoyed developing my relationship with the Foundation through the various requests for hygiene products and the quick turnaround to have them hand-delivered to my school. We are able to use these items to help students in an immediate need (socks, toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, etc.) or provide resources (feminine products, body wash, etc.) to take home to help support the entire family. The Foundation's hygiene Pantry has been an excellent resource for students who are parents of young children wearing diapers.

Each year the Foundation also provides needy families and students of Columbia County with Christmas gifts. The generosity of the Foundation and other community support has been an overflowing blessing for our children and families. These generous blessings have helped clothe and provide a wonderful holiday experience for hundreds of families each year. To see prior families who received support now giving back through the Foundation has been very fulfilling.



637 Children received Christmas assistance in 2022.  
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.

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

*Thank you for supplying  
Christmas for our family.  
This year we barely  
afford rent and food.  
Many nights my  
husband and I do not  
eat so the children  
have enough. We also  
ask that you pray  
for my husband Alan.  
He needs a kidney.*

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