

*Navigating safe passage for our communities
through the currents that connect us*



Communities of
COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION | 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE PRESIDENT & BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On Dec. 31, 2009, our Foundation was five years old and looking ahead at a new decade of promise. At that year's annual meeting, Executive Director Lee Owen and Board Chairman Dennie McCrary reported with excitement that the Foundation had \$3.95 million in assets under management and had made grants totaling \$503,542. "To those of you who have caught the vision, thank you for making our first years so productive," Lee wrote in the 2009 Annual Report.

Five years later, new President and CEO Dr. Valerie Hepburn, alongside her Board, chaired by Rees Sumerford, celebrated that on December 31, 2014, the Foundation had \$14.6 million in assets and had awarded over \$1 million in grants. The list of funds managed by the community foundation was growing every year and its impact on the Coast was widening. "When we began, we all dreamed that this community foundation might be recognized for its growing assets; generous, impactful grantmaking; and a strong track record of mentoring individuals and families in the fine art of strategic philanthropy. Our collective dream is becoming reality" was written in the 2014 Annual Report.

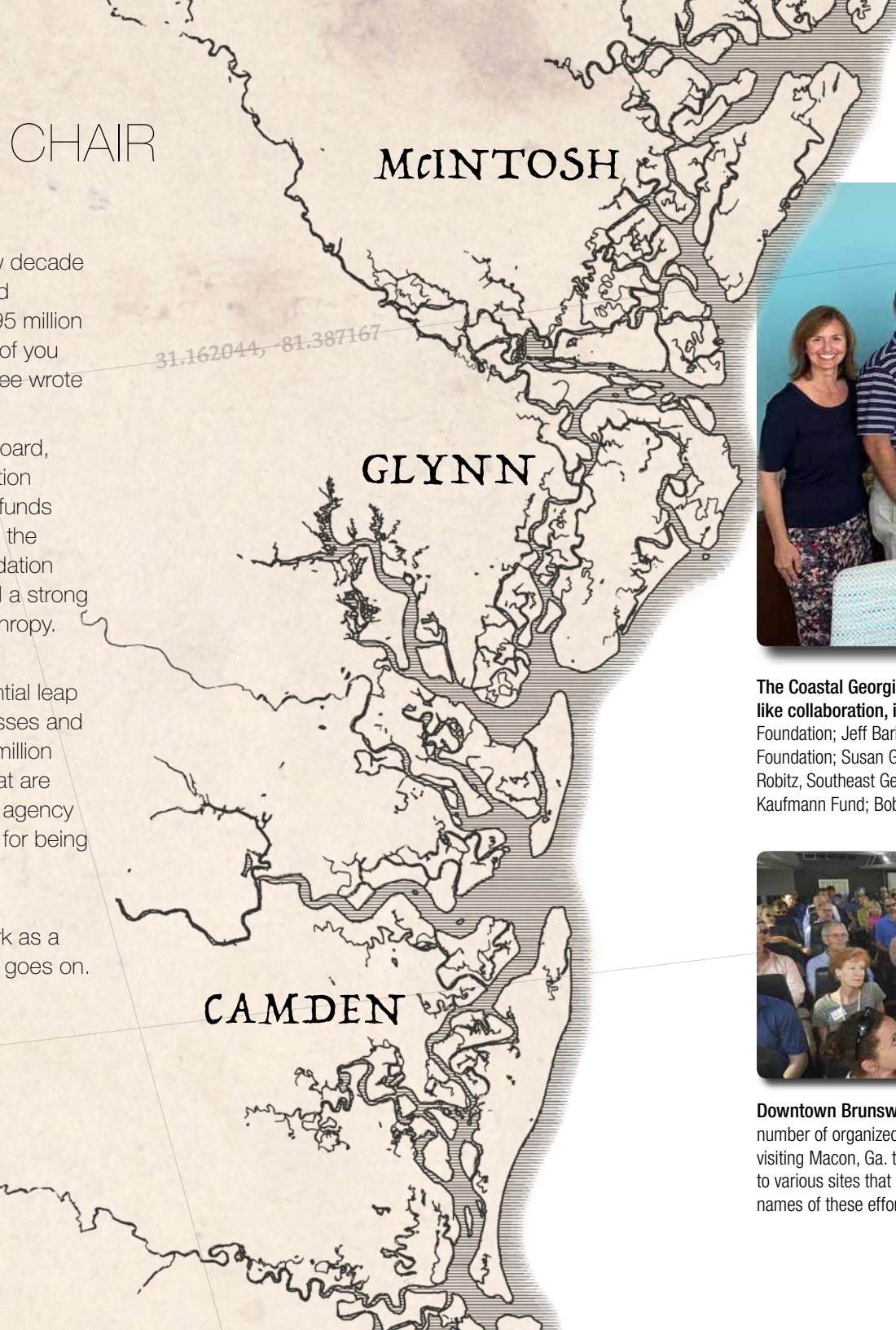
I am pleased to report that in 2019 this organization took yet another exponential leap in its impact in our community, in partnership with the individuals, families, businesses and agencies that make up the Foundation. On December 31, we had just over \$32 million in assets and had made \$2.7 million in grants. These are important milestones that are worth acknowledging. But please remember, without YOU, our fund holders, our agency partners, our community members, there is no community foundation. Thank you for being a part of this community-wide highly impactful effort.

As I write this letter to you, I must also note the extreme and unprecedented circumstances the world is in due to the coronavirus. We are hopeful that our work as a unified community will allow us to pull ahead and beyond this disaster as the year goes on. Please stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Paul C. White
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President and CEO
Coastal Georgia Foundation

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The Coastal Georgia Funders Roundtable met twice in 2019, bringing together the leaders of local philanthropy assets to discuss topics like collaboration, impact, and measuring effectiveness. (L to R): Lydia Clements, Georgia Grantmakers Alliance; John McKenzie, Davis Love Foundation; Jeff Barker, St. Mary's United Methodist Church Foundation; Jack Kilgore, Coastal Georgia Foundation; Christine Strigaro, Sapelo Foundation; Susan Goodhue, Terry Thomas Foundation; Paul White, Coastal Georgia Foundation; Virginia Brown, United Way of Coastal Georgia; Krista Robitz, Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation; Frankie Strother, Sea Island Company; Mark Love, Davis Love Foundation; Jeanne Kaufmann, Kaufmann Fund; Bob Brown, St. Simons Rotary Foundation; Greer Brown, College of Coastal Georgia Foundation; Dion Davis, Jekyll Island Foundation.



Downtown Brunswick stakeholders, leaders, and community members participated in a number of organized meetings and field trips focused on redevelopment. Field trips included visiting Macon, Ga. to learn about their ongoing revitalization, and, a walk around Brunswick to various sites that are in progress. NewCity Brunswick and Forward Brunswick—the ultimate names of these efforts and this coalition—formed in late 2019.

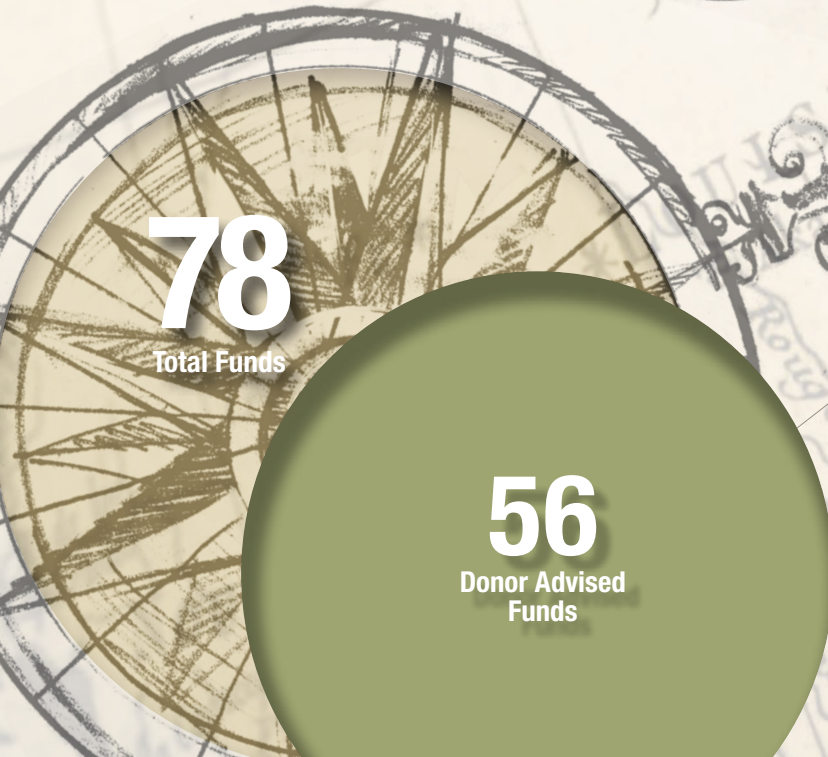
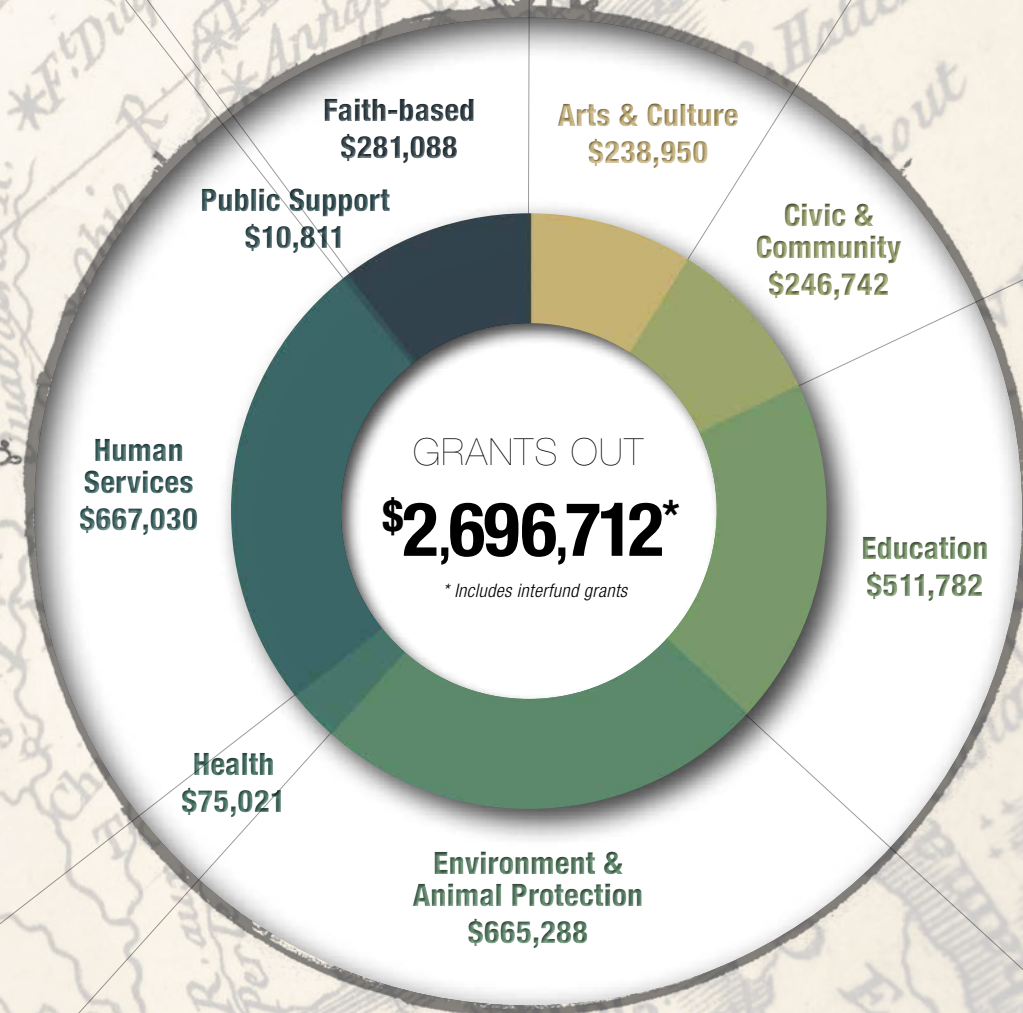
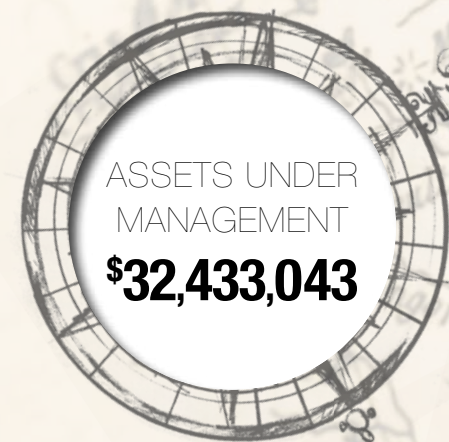


Jan. 2019's "Rising Tides in Glynn County" presentation, co-hosted by the Foundation, the College of Coastal Georgia and the Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce, ignited an important discussion that will be revisited annually.

SHIP'S LOG

GRANT RECIPIENTS	YEAR
Action Pact	2019
Agnes Scott College	"
Alpha Chi Omega Foundation, Inc.	
Altamaha Riverkeeper, Inc.	
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.	
American College of Trust and Estate Counsel	
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Inc.	
Athens Area Community Foundation	
Auburn University Foundation	
Boy Scouts of America - Coastal Georgia Council	
Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia	
Brandywine Valley Summer Series	
Bread for the World Institute, Inc.	
Camden Community Family Center	
Camden County High School	
Caretta Foundation, Inc.	
CASA Glynn	
Center for a Sustainable Coast	
Centered For Life Inc.	
Children in Action Sports Club, Inc.	
Christ Church - Frederica	
Christ House	
Clayton State University	
Coastal Animal Rescue Society, Inc.	
Coastal Coalition for Children, Inc.	
Coastal Counseling Center	
Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity	
Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority	
Coastal Georgia Historical Society	
Coastal Georgia Honor Flight	
Coastal Islands Theater, Inc.	
Coastal Outreach Academics, Inc.	
Coastal Symphony of Georgia	
College of Coastal Georgia	
College of Coastal Georgia Foundation	
Columbus State University	
Communities in Schools of Glynn County, Inc.	
Community Foundation of Central Georgia	
Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley	
Cornell University	
Darlington School	
Doctors Without Borders USA, Inc.	
Duke University	
Eagle River Recreation Association, Inc.	
Epworth by the Sea	
Faithworks Ministries	
Feeding the Orphans	
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	
First African Missionary Baptist Church	
First Baptist Church of St Simons	
First Presbyterian Church - Waycross	
First United Methodist Church	
Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind	
Fort Valley State University	
Foster Love Ministries	
Frederica Academy	
Friends of Fort Frederica National Monument	
Friends of Georgia State Parks and Historical Sites	
Gainesville Independent School Inc.	

Financial Overview



COMMUNITIES OF COASTAL GEORGIA FOUNDATION SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECEMBER 31, 2018

	12/31/2019 <small>(Unaudited)</small>	2018 <small>(Audited)</small>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,347,418	3,895,751
Pooled investments	27,822,216	14,514,846
Other assets	263,409	740,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$32,433,043	\$19,150,597
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities	50,963	52,769
Amounts held to benefit agencies	2,598,919	2,186,619
Foundation net assets	29,783,161	16,911,209
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$32,433,043	\$19,150,597

SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECEMBER 31, 2018

	2019 <small>(Unaudited)</small>	2018 <small>(Audited)</small>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Gifts received	12,834,551	3,693,022
Net income and investment returns	3,165,206	-987,539
Other (e.g., fees, grants)	60,027	46,330
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$16,059,784	\$2,751,813
EXPENSES		
Grants awarded and program expenses	2,404,096	2,630,526
Operating expense	370,112	317,995
Other (includes GAAP Liability)	413,624	-42,323
TOTAL GRANTS & EXPENSES	\$3,187,832	\$2,906,198
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	12,871,952	-154,385
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	16,911,209	17,065,594
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$29,783,161	\$16,911,209

* SUMMARY STATEMENTS for 2019 are unaudited. Figures are adjusted for rounding.

GRANT RECIPIENTS	YEAR
George W. Bush Foundation	2019
Georgia Department of Natural Resources	"
Georgia Historical Society	
Georgia Institute of Technology	
Georgia Legal Services Program Inc.	
Georgia Public Broadcasting	
Georgia Southern University	
Georgia State University	
Girls on the Run - Golden Isles	
Girls Preparatory School Inc.	
Glenmary Home Missioners	
Glynn County Animal Services	
Glynn County Board of Commissioners	
Glynn Visual Arts, Inc.	
Golden Isles A.C.T., Inc.	
Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association	
Golden Isles Youth Orchestra, Inc.	
Good Tidings Trust Inc.	
Grace Episcopal Church	
Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Foundation	
Habitat for Humanity of Glynn County	
Hancock Day School	
Hand in Hand of Glynn, Inc.	
Heart Gallery of Georgia	
Hog Hammock Public Library	
Hope for the World India Inc.	
House of Hope Refuge of Love	
Humane Society of Camden County	
Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia	
Hyde Park Neighborhood Club	
Institute of Classical Architecture & Art	
Island Concert Association, Inc.	
Kennesaw State University	
King of Peace Episcopal	
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc.	
Lookout Mountain PTA	
Lowndes County Board of Health	
LSU Foundation	
Lutheran Services of Georgia, Inc.	
Magnolia Manor	
Manomet	
Marine Toys for Tots Foundation	
Marshes of Glynn Libraries	
Masa Take by Force Ministries, Inc.	
Mayo Clinic Jacksonville	
McIntosh Art Association	
McIntosh County Health Department	
Mercer University	
Methodist Home of the South Georgia Conference, Inc.	
Morningstar Children and Family Services, Inc.	
Mozart Society	
Nacoochee Presbyterian Church	
National Alliance on Mental Health Georgia	
National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force	
National Park College Foundation, Inc.	
National Public Radio	
Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.	
Naturaland Trust	
NewCity Brunswick	
North Star Fund	
Nuci Phillips Memorial Foundation	
Ocean Conservancy	
Ogeechee Riverkeeper	

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2019 Grantee Spotlight



Organizations in McIntosh, Glynn and Camden counties were awarded grants through the Foundation's Community Impact program. A few are pictured here (clockwise): Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia, Methodist Home for Children and Youth, STAR Foundation, Glynn Visual Arts, Golden Isles Youth Orchestra, Hope 1312 Collective, Girls on the Run, Golden Isles Arts and Humanities, Children in Action, St. Andrews Episcopal Church after school program.



A CHALLENGE, A MATCH, AN IMPACT

Those of us in philanthropy grapple daily with the question "How can we cultivate the next generation of givers?" Bill and Ginger Hodges of the Hodges Family Fund at the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation have an answer. "To us, giving back is a choice we have made," says Bill Hodges, retired partner with Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc. and community foundation Board member.

Ginger adds, "This year we wanted to try something different, so we issued a matching challenge to our four adult children." Bill and Ginger sent an email to their children, outlining the opportunity to earn a 200 percent matching grant from the Hodges Family Fund. Within 24 hours, Bill and Ginger had the first grant request from their daughter and son-in-law for a memorial scholarship honoring a recently deceased coworker.

For the Hodges, growing the next generation of givers is incredibly important and they are successfully doing this with their own family members. The idea of the matching grant was inspired by a successful program underway at the R. Howard Dobbs Jr. Foundation of Atlanta, developed expressly to involve the family's next generation.

L-R: Josh Hodges, Robert Smith, Virginia Smith, Claire Smith, Ginger Hodges, Bill Hodges, Mack Hodges, Kit Falzone, Kati Falzone, Cannon Falzone, and Chris Falzone. Dogs, L-R: Leo, Shadow, and Cory. Not pictured: Wright Smith, born Jan. 24.

In his role as Board member, Bill Hodges has challenged the community foundation to think strategically about how we cultivate our coastal community's next generation of givers. "In 100 years, will we look back and say 'we managed millions of dollars' or will we say 'we developed hundreds of new givers'?"

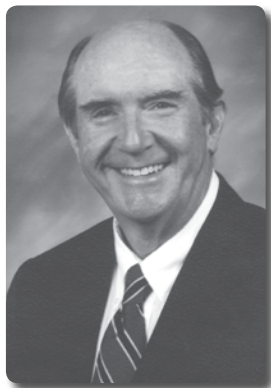
"The Hodges always lead by example," says Paul White, President & CEO of the Coastal Georgia Foundation. "We are privileged to have them as fund holders, Board volunteers, and community members. Their family matching challenge is something we could replicate with other fund holders seeking ways to plant the seeds of giving in their children and children's children."

For information on how to open a fund or engage your family's next generation, please visit www.coastalgeorgiafoundation.org.

GRANT RECIPIENTS	YEAR
Okefenokee Regional Library System	2019
Okefenokee Swamp Park	"
One Hundred Miles, Inc.	
Operation Bed Spread, Inc.	
Ox Ridge Charity Horse Show Inc.	
Pavillon International	
Rails to Trails Conservancy	
Ramah Cemetery Fund Group	
Redeemer Presbyterian Church	
Reinhardt University	
Safe Harbor Children's Center, Inc.	
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church	
Samgrit's Purse	
Satilla Riverwatch Alliance, Inc.	
Schnauzer Love Rescue, Inc.	
Shriners Hospitals For Children	
Sigma Chi Foundation	
Smile Train, Inc.	
Social Apostolate of Savannah	
Social Opportunities & Active Recreation, Inc	
Southeast Georgia Health System Foundation	
Southern Environmental Law Center	
Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc.	
STAR Foundation, Inc.	
St Simons United Methodist Church	
St. Francis Xavier Catholic School	
St. Augustine Music Festival, Inc.	
St. Francis Episcopal Church	
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School	
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	
St. Luke Baptist Church	
St. Marys Riverkeeper, Inc.	
St. Marys United Methodist Church	
St. Simons Land Trust	
St. Simons Presbyterian Church	
Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation	
Symphony of the Americas	
The College of William & Mary	
The Columbus Botanical Gardens, Inc.	
The Gathering Place, Inc.	
The Nature Conservancy	
The Orianne Society	
The Remedy Project, Inc.	
The Salvation Army	
Think New Mexico	
Thiokol Memorial Project	
Thornwell Home & School for Children	
Three Lakes Center for the Arts	
Tiger Athletic Foundation	
Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York	
Trustees of Tufts College	
Unitarian Universalist Church of Savannah	
United Way of Coastal Georgia, Inc.	
University of Alabama	
University of Georgia	
University of Georgia Foundation	
University of Virginia	
Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica	
Woodbine United Methodist Church	
Woodley House, Inc.	
World Central Kitchen	
World Wildlife Fund	
YMCA of Coastal Georgia	
Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation Inc.	

IN MEMORIAM

Our coastal community lost two significant members in 2019: Claude H. Booker Jr. and Ellen E. Fleming. "Claude would be honored to know he was being remembered alongside Ms. Fleming," says Judy Booker, Claude's widow and wife of 39 years. Both Mr. Booker and Ms. Fleming encapsulated the mission of the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation—to strengthen our community through engaged philanthropy. Both served years as Foundation Board members, volunteers, givers and visionaries. We honor the memories of these extraordinary people for their service to us and to the community.



MR. CLAUDE H. BOOKER JR. has been remembered as a Southern gentleman, a storyteller, an avid golfer and a volunteer for all things. "Claude was supportive of many causes, and was always a good worker," says Mrs. Booker. "He loved his career and his community." Mr. Booker supported the Darlington School significantly in his lifetime, and was proud of his annual commitments to the Keepers of the Light, the Live Oak Society, FaithWorks, St. Simons Presbyterian Church and many, many others, through his fund at the community foundation.

Mr. Booker loved limericks, and would recite them often. He also loved stories. "Eighteen holes of golf with Claude took a long time. There was a story for every tee," Judy says. We honor his memory by capturing his story in these pages.



ELLEN FLEMING was a champion of education. No matter her role in her community—Board member, teacher, school leader, neighbor and friend—the education of young people was in her heart. Her sister, Nancy Fixx, says of Ellen, "She was always so quiet about what she did. I've learned more about her since she passed away—notes and letters I've received from all over. She worked very hard for many, many things and she truly touched many people. That's just Ellen."

As a Foundation Board member, Ms. Fleming served as the voice of the next generation, always viewing challenges and opportunities through the lens of a skilled educator and administrator. As a member of the Foundation's Scholarship committee, she was relied upon for her perspective.

"I'll always remember when she was asked to be on the Foundation board and she called me, her exact words were 'I hope I'm worthy of this.'" "Of course you are worthy," Nancy remembers saying to her.

Ms. Fleming's legacy of service and teaching will live on in the lives of so many young people and in so many ways, including inside the walls of Frederica Academy's (FA) Fleming Hall. Community members are also invited to give in her honor to the Ellen E. Fleming Memorial Fund at FA.

WE HONOR THE MEMORIES OF THESE EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE.



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