

## ANNUAL REPORT

2015



ABOUT Created in 1996 by a volunteer Board of Trustees, the Community Foundation of South Georgia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax exempt, publicly supported charitable organization. Our passion is to fulfill our donors' philanthropic interests and desires through the establishment of funds. These "funds" or charitable savings accounts created by individuals, families, businesses, or nonprofits are designed to benefit their particular charitable goals.

Today, our foundation is a collection of more than 340 individual funds, existing to encourage giving, inspire action and improve lives in South Georgia.

To be a catalyst for the establishment of charitable funds which benefit the community for generations to come.

To serve the varied interests and needs of donors.

To promote local philanthropy.

To serve as a steward of funds.

To provide leadership and resources in identifying and meeting local needs.





Dear Friends,

It has truly been an amazing year at the Community Foundation of South Georgia. In 2015, we celebrated 19 years of service, surpassed a major grant-making milestone and moved our offices to a new home in downtown Thomasville, Georgia. Amidst some of the changes underwent, one thing remained constant, the generosity and selflessness of the donors that we work with. Each day we are blessed to connect these caring people with causes that matter in South Georgia and beyond.

As we head into the New Year, we are excited to see what the future holds not only for CFSGA, but for the communities in which we live. We look forward to identifying community needs and developing long-term solutions hand-in-hand with our generous donors. Thank you for your continued partnership in making a difference for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Russ Henry **Chairman**  David Carlton **President** 

## IN 2015, WE CELEBRATED HAVING MADE \$100 MILLION IN GRANTS SINCE WE WERE FOUNDED IN 1996.

While this milestone is exciting, we were also able to accomplish the following this year alone:

1,807 GRANTS TO 516 NON-PROFITS

\$6,867,596 IN GRANTS AWARDED

\$146,795 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 123 INDIVIDUALS

\$7,201,908 IN GIFTS

18 NEW FUNDS ESTABLISHED

\$52,357,324 IN TOTAL ASSETS



SIMPLICITY It's easy to give to and through the Community Foundation. There are no IRS required minimum distributions and we handle all of the necessary paperwork, acknowledgements, due diligence, research and administration.

CONVENIENCE It's a very simple process to create a fund with the Community Foundation and the continued relationship remains as easy throughout the life of the fund. We are here to serve you and your family and to make your philanthropic experience as enjoyable and fulfilling as it should be.

RECOGNITION OR ANONYMITY when a gift is distributed from your fund, you may choose to receive recognition or remain completely anonymous. Your gift and grant history remains confidential at all times. Donors or nonprofits may create a fund tailored specifically towards their own interests. Whether a donor wishes to support one organization or a broad range of interests, we can accommodate all of your philanthropic desires.

TAX BENEFITS The Community Foundation offers the maximum level of tax deduction for charitable giving. We are able to accept a variety of assets including cash, stock, real estate, life insurance proceeds and retirement plan assets.

PERMANENCE The gifts that we receive have the ability to benefit the community in perpetuity. Donors can be confident that the original intent of these gifts will be honored and available to meet the changing needs of their community.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS Donors make the recommendations for grants to organizations of their choice, we handle all administration and due diligence. These funds allow donors to take an active role in their communities through philanthropy.

Anonymous Funds

Dr. & Mrs. D.W. Adcock Charitable Fund

A&J Electric Charitable Fund Alderman Family Charitable Fund Jaimie and Lynne Allen Charitable Fund Jimmy and Quay Allen Charitable Fund Margaret G. Anderson Charitable Fund Thomasville Antiques Show Foundation

Charitable Fund

Stephen R. and Anne H. Avera Charitable Fund

Balfour Foundation Fund
Beadles Charitable Fund
Beadles Family Charitable Fund
Joe and Mary Beverly Charitable Fund
Warren Bicknell, III & Elizabeth H. Bicknell

Charitable Fund

Blackberry Patch Stewardship Fund Bonner Gooding Charitable Fund

Thomasville High School Band Booster Club Fund

David & Vicky Bosse Charitable Fund Cleve Bostick Memorial Fund

Chip & Kim Bragg Family Charitable Fund

Ann O. Brown Annuity Fund

Travis & Jeanna Bryant Charitable Fun Change for Children Charitable Fund Chason Family Charitable Fund Cherokee Foundation-General Fund Cherokee Foundation-Bicknell Fund Cherokee Foundation-Firman Fund Cherokee Foundation-Singletary Fund

Lee & Russell Chubb Fund
CJB Family Charitable Fund

Chris & Amy Cooper Family Charitable Fund
John and Anna Carlton Charitable Fund

Bond Crosby Memorial Fund

Wayne Damron Family Charitable Fund Dr. David Daniel Memorial Fund Tim & Sarah Daniel Charitable Fund

Jasper & Marthalene Davis Foundation Fund

Danny & Samantha DeMersseman Foundation Fund

Destiny Foundation Fund
Dunflo Foundation Fund

Carolyn H. Eager Charitable Fund Robert & Mary Eager Charitable Fund

Equity Group - Georgia Division, LLC Charitable Fund

Ellis Family Charitable Fund

Elizabeth M. English Charitable Fund Eddie Taylor Foundation Fund James D. Eunice Legacy Fund Fenlon Family Charitable Fund The Fifth Friday Foundation Fund

Jay and Kim Flowers Family Foundation Fund

Flowers Family Charitable Fund

Langdon S. and Margaret P. Flowers Charitable Fund

Cole & Brooke Forsyth Charitable Fund Fowler Family Charitable Fund Ann G. Friedlander Charitable Fund

Jacqueline & Matt Friedlander Charitable Fund

Joshua P. Geihsler Fund

George & Nell Lane Charitable Fund Benjamin E. Gordon Memorial Fund

Dr. Ben Grace Fund

R.A. Griffin Jr. & Barbara T. Griffin Charitable Fund

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H2 Charitable Fund

Haney Family Charitable Fund

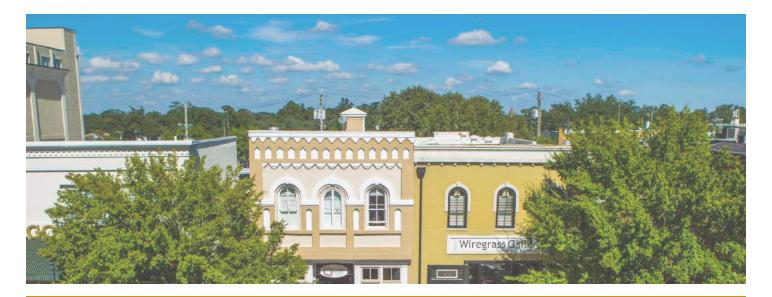
Mike and Leslie Harrell Charitable Fund

Higdon Family Charitable Fund

Blanche & Napoleon Hill Memorial Fund

Justin T. Hobdy Memorial Fund
Honey Creek Foundation Fund

Daniel B. and Felicity S. Jeter Charitable Fund James M. and Rosalind T. Jeter Charitable Fund



Joyce Mills Whitfield Memorial Fund Mr. and Mrs. William U. Norwood, III, Family Fund Diane W. Parker Charitable Fund Joe & Frances Parker Charitable Fund

Shingler Family Charitable Fund Hosea Hall Vann and Lilly Eason Vann Charitable Fund Randy & Susan Wages Family Charitable Fund Tony & Lisa Wages Charitable Fund Rick & Sharon Wagner Charitable Fund Brad & Jackie Walter Charitable Fund Chip Watt Memorial Fund Sandy Wiersma Foundation Fund

# WHERE SMALL CHANGE CAN CHANGE LIVES

#### MITCHELL EMC CHARITABLE FUND

In 2001, Mitchell Electric Membership Corporation, a non-profit, member owned, electric cooperative established fund with the Community Foundation of South Georgia to make a charitable difference in the rural communities they serve through their Operation Round Up program. The fund, which is supported through Mitchell EMC rounding the electric bills of participating members up to the nearest dollar, allows them to offer scholarships to students wishing to pursue higher education as well as provide grants to non-profit organizations.

The Mitchell EMC Charitable Fund allows for any non-profit organization in Baker, Dougherty, Mitchell and Worth counties to apply to their unrestricted grant cycle after completing an application. A volunteer committee

meets to review applications quarterly and make disbursements. The fund also provides 12 scholarships annually to students whose primary residence is within the cooperative's service area.

"Operation Round Up is one of the most innovative and visionary programs we have ever sponsored to support our communities," Tony Tucker, CEO of Mitchell EMC says. "We are thankful for those who contribute as well as for those who voluntarily give of themselves to assist with administering the program." inception, the members of Mitchell EMC have afforded them with the opportunity to distribute more than one million charitable dollars back into the communities they serve through their relationship with the Community Foundation.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS Allows donors to fund programming and initiatives that support issues of their choosing such as the arts, the environment, education or health.

Christian Missionary Foundation Fund

Community Public Education Fund

DASH for Thomasville, Inc. Fund

Disaster Relief Fund

Donalsonville Lions Club-O.F. and Montez E. Roberts

Foundation for Sight Conservation Fund

Friends of Downtown Thomasville

Charitable Fund

The Garreston Wade Women's

Health Fund

Murray H. Gaskins Sr. Charitable Fund

Grace Recovery Foundation Fund

Grady County Public Education

Endowmen

Griffin Church Plant Fund

Harrison Cemetery Preservation Fund

I.T.M. Charitable Fund

Kickin' Cancer Charitable Fund

Lowndes Excellence in Education Fund

Dick Bob Mason Memorial Education Fund

Mitchell Electric Charitable Fund

Mitchell EMC PatCap Fund

One Heartbeat Charitable Fund

Open Arms Foundation Fund

Pelham Community Public Education Fund

Richard & Teresa VanLandingham Maxi

Grant Education Fund

The Smile Fund

Supporting Hands Foundation Fund

Thomas County Children's Dental

Assistance Fund

Valdosta Classical Music Endowment Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS Donors are able to choose to support a specific nonprofit organization or area of concern during their life and after their death. If an organization ceases to exist, the Foundation redirects support to a similar organization to honor the donor's original intent.

Anonymous Funds

CFSGA Community Fund

CFSGA Real Estate LLC

Community Foundation of South Georgia

General Fund

Community Foundation of South Georgia

Special Fund

First Baptist Church of Thomasville

Charitable Fund

Marvin M., Lorene B. and David Grubbs

Charitable Fund

Thomasville YMCA Gift Annuities Fund

Trinity Anglican Church of Thomasville Fund

Wake Forest University Charitable Fund



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS Donors are able to establish an educational scholarship for a specific interest or institution.

These funds allow them to invest in the future by assisting the best or most needy students pursue higher education.

Zack Alday Memorial Fund
Wyatt Hutchins Alexander Family Scholarship Fund
Attorneys' Title Guaranty Scholarship Fund
Cleve Bostick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Homer E. Breckenridge, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Bulloch Scholarship Fund
Cairo High School Band Scholarship &
Endowment Fund
Dr. Lewis F. & Audrey H. Chisholm Healthcare

Scholarship Fund
Coy Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund
Georgia Dental Hygienists' Scholarship Fund
Joanne Pierce Drake Music Scholarship Fund
James D. Eunice Legacy Scholarship Fund
Alan George Memorial YMCA Scholarship Fund
Jacks Gibbs Memorial Scholarship Fund
Griffin Family Scholarship Fund
Doug Henderson III Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rocky Ivey Memorial Scholarship Fund
W.C. Ivey Memorial Scholarship Fund

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J.B. Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund
Molly Elkins Joiner Memorial Scholarship Fund
Terri Matthews Nursing Scholarship Fund
T.B. McDowell Memorial Scholarship Fund

Senior Chief David Blake McLendon Scholarship Fund Mitchell EMC Operation Round-Up Scholarship Fund Mary Kirkland Scholarship Fund for Seminole County Moultrie-Colquitt County High Schools Alumni Scholarship Fund

Wh & Mary P. Muggridge Charitable Fund
William J. & Margaret McKay Powell Scholarship Fund
Philip Pugh Memorial Scholarship Fund
QUMC William S. McMichael Memorial
Scholarship Fund

Brian Reagan Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bill Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Fund
Julien B. Roddenbery Scholarship Fund
Thomasville Rotary Club Scholarship Fund
Robert Warde Chambers Scholarship and Public

Candice Sellers Memorial Scholarship Fund Robert P. "Bobby" Singletary Scholarship Fund Savannah Singletary Memorial Scholarship Fund

C. M. Stripling UGA Forestry Scholarship Fund Supporting Hands Scholarship Fund Nicole Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund Tucker Baptist Association Scholarship Fund Valwood School-William G. Eager III Scholarship Fund

Dr. Charlie Watt Scholarship Fund



### ROBERT WARDE CHAMBERS SCHOLARSHIP & PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND

In 2009, the estate of Robert Warde Chambers had a desire to support educational initiatives for future generations in Brooks County. Vann Parrott, an attorney in Quitman and board member of the Community Foundation of South Georgia, believed that the Community Foundation would be a perfect fit to manage these funds and oversee the efforts into perpetuity. After numerous meetings with the estate, the Community Foundation was chosen to be the beneficiary of a \$1 Million gift and the Robert Warde Chambers Scholarship and Public Education Fund was established.

The fund was created with the idea of supporting education in Brooks County through three programs. First, the fund provides scholarships to deserving graduating seniors of Brooks County High School. Second, teachers in the Brooks County School System are

provided an opportunity for continuing education scholarships to promote their continued professional development. Finally, a public education fund was created with the purpose of supporting teacher projects that will improve the quality of the students' educational experience. In its first seven years, the fund has provided over \$370,000 in scholarships to deserving students and teachers in Brooks County and has funded over 60 separate teacher projects in the classroom.

The Community Foundation is excited to have this opportunity to promote educational excellence in Brooks County. The Robert Warde Chambers Scholarship and Public Education Fund will be a catalyst for both students and teachers to reach their highest potential and will play an active role in transforming their community through education.



AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS Nonprofits have the ability to establish an endowment as a means of provision for the future of their work, their mission, their programs, or facility upkeep and maintenance.

Albany ARC People with Disabilities Fund
Albany Area FCA Endowment Fund
Thomasville Antiques Show Endowment Fund
Thomas-Grady ARC Endowment Fund
Birdsong Nature Center General Fund
Camp Arrow Endowment Fund
Aspire Participants Fund
Brooks County Hospital Endowment Fund
Betty Callahan Williams Endowment Fund for the
Thomas County Humane Society
Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia

Behavioral Health Services of South Georgia

Boys & Girls Clubs of Moultrie/Colquitt Co. Fund Boys & Girls Clubs of Camilla/Mitchell Co. Fund MNW Boys & Girls Club of Thomas County Fund Birdsong Nature Center Endowment Fund

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Community Soup Kitchen Endowment Fund

Easter Seals Southern Georgia Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville

Planned Giving Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Thomasyille Planned

Giving - Sisson Music Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Valdosta

Endowment Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Valdosta-Break

Bread Together Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Moultrie

Endowment Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Moultrie-Eugene M.

Vereen, Jr. Education Fund

Friends of Cherokee Lake Fund

Fulwood Garden Center Endowment Fund

First United Methodist Church of Cairo Fund

First United Methodist Church of Thomasville

Georgia Endowment Fund

Georgia Pines Consumers Fund

Thomasville Garden Club Capital Fund

Thomasville Garden Club Endowment Fund

Thomasville Garden Club Spending Fund

Grady General Hospital Endowment Fund

Grace Christian Academy Endowment Fund

Hand Memorial United Methodist Church Fund

Hands & Hearts for Horses Endowment Fund

Hands & Hearts for Horses Operating Fund

Thomas Co Historical Society Bldg & Ground

Endowment Fund

Thomas County Historical Society Endowment Fund

Hands On Thomas County Endowment Fund

Thomasville Landmarks Building & Grounds

**Endowment Fund** 

Thomasville Landmarks Endowment Fund

Mitchell County Hospital Capital Fund

Mitchell County Hospital Endowment Fund

Thomasvilla Music & Drama Troung Fund

Nepenthic Society Endowment Fund

Open Door Charitable Fund

Open Future Endowment Fund

Options Now Building & Grounds Endowment Fund

Randolph County Schools Charitable Fund

Roudenbery Library - Automation Fund

Maintenance Fund

Roddenbery Library - Endowment Fund

Roddenbery Library - Minnie G. Wight Garden Fund

Roddenbery Library - Jefferson Book Fund

Roddenbery Library - Wessie Connell Scholarship Fund

Roddenbery Library - Mary Wyatt Memorial Fund

Roddenbery Memorial Library Futures Fund

Second Harvest of South Georgia, Inc

Endowment Fun

South Georgia Pediatric Charitable Fund

Strive2Thrive, Inc. Endowment Fund

Southern Regional Technical College Foundation Fund

Thomas Area Soccer Association Fund

Thomasville Center for the Arts Building and

Maintenance Fund

Thomasville Center for the Arts Capital Fund

Thomas County Public Library Endowment Fund

Thomasville Community Resource Center Fund

Thomasville Community Resource Center-Wade Fund

Tree House of Thomasville Fund

Thomasville Primitive Baptist Church Foundation Fund

Turner Center for the Arts-Hudson Fund

Turner Center for the Arts Endowment Fund

Valwood School Endowment Fun

Valwood School-Joe E. Vallotton Enrichment

Memorial Fund

Vashti Center Endowment Fund

Wesley Chapel Endowment Fund

Westbrook School Endowment Fund

Westwood School Endowment Fund

Thomasville YMCA Endowment Fund

#### PLANNED GIVING

BEQUESTS The most common way to make a lasting gift. Any type of fund can be the beneficiary of a designated gift through your will.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES In exchange for a gift, usually cash or stock, the Community Foundation pays the donor (and/or the donor's spouse) a fixed amount on an annual basis, usually for the life of the donor. After death, the remainder can be used as a memorial fund to benefit charities of the donor's choice.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS A beneficial life income plan that allows for an immediate income tax deduction, reduction in estate taxes, a way to generate more income from investments, provide for a spouse and possibly eliminate capital gain taxes. Along with all of these benefits, donors are also able to make a gift that will benefit charities of their choice in perpetuity.



CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS Enables donors to make significant gifts into a trust that pays annual income to the Foundation while eventually transferring substantial assets to beneficiaries that may benefit from lowered gift and estate taxes.

#### LIFE ESTATE/ DEED OF RESIDENCE WITH

RETENTION You may deed your home (or other real estate) to a fund at the Community Foundation, retaining a life estate. You will be entitled to a current year charitable income tax deduction even though you will continue to live in your home for the rest of your life and the value of the house will be excluded from your taxable estate.

IRA / RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS If you have already created a sound estate plan that achieves all objectives and takes care of your family, using an IRA to make a current gift or a gift-by-will could avoid both income and estate taxes. A current gift of your IRA can be used to establish a Designated Fund to support a specific charity or charities of your choice. A gift of your IRA in your will can be used to establish a Donor Advised Fund which will allow your family to remain involved in the grant making process into perpetuity.



#### ANONYMOUS FUNDS

Community Foundation is The honored to serve the various philanthropic interests of a family that desires to take care of the needs of their community without the need for notoriety or recognition. Several years ago, this family started multiple funds that would encompass so much of what the Community Foundation of South Georgia is able to do for those who wish to give charitably. They discovered a vehicle for regular giving through their donor advised funds, an endowment for a charity that they are passionate about, a scholarship to assist individuals in pursuing education, and legacy and estate planning for future generations of their family. With the ability to prioritize and plan their giving, this family has been able

to make their giving intentional, impactful, and flexible for decades to come.

With a prior generation who set a strong foundation for reaching out and giving, the current generation learned what a joy it was to give and found that what the Community Foundation offered them is a way to do so easily and even anonymously. CFSGA gives them the ability to express their affinity for education, spreading the gospel, helping those fortunate and addressing community needs as they arise. One family member explained, "The Community Foundation has been a great resource for our family in helping us give more to make a difference in the lives of others and we're excited about being able to do more in the long term."

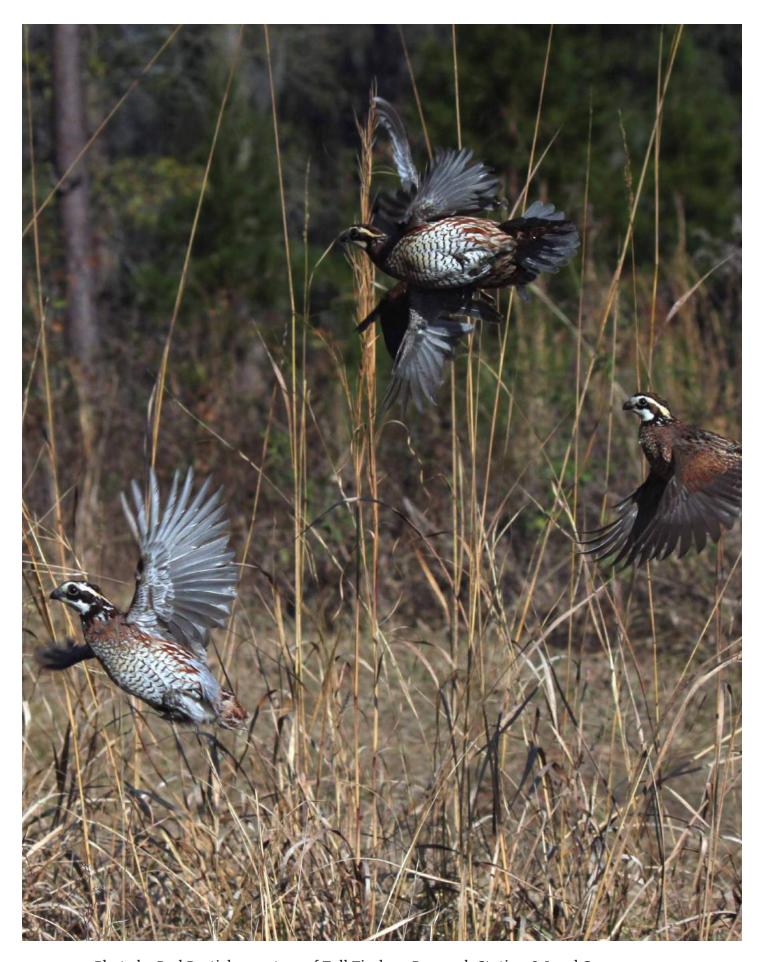
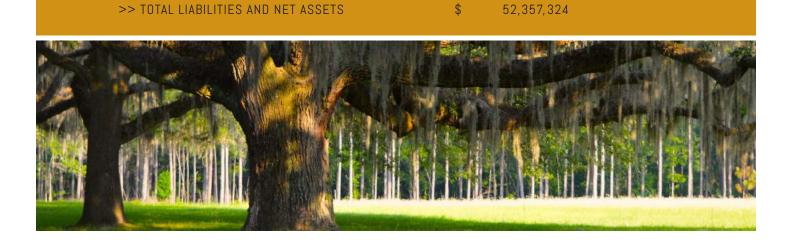


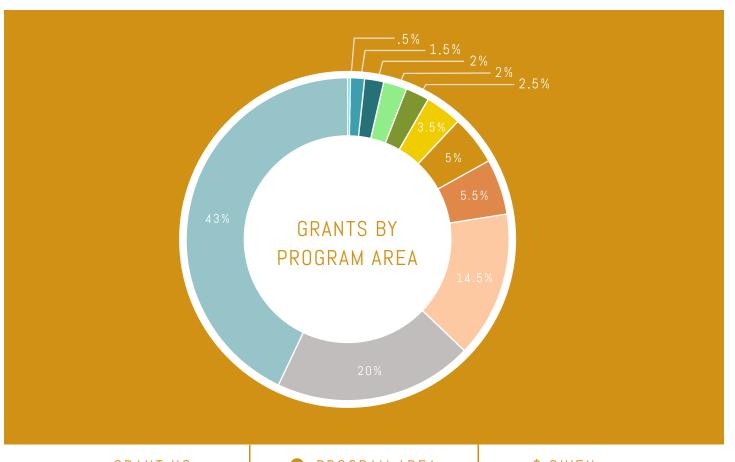
Photo by Bud Bostick, courtesy of Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31 2015

DECEMBER 31	, 2015_	
ASSETS >> CURRENT ASSETS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS MARKETABLE SECURITIES INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVABLE	\$	9,663,607 42,186,867 42,406
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$	51,892,880
>> OFFICE EQUIPMENT, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		266,656
>> OTHER ASSETS OTHER RECEIVABLES OTHER ASSETS	\$	194,288 3,500
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$	197,788
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	52,357,324
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS >> LIABILITIE NOTES PAYABLE GIFT ANNUITY PAYABLE FUNDS HELD AS NONPROFIT AGENCY-ENDOWMENTS	\$	168,884 118,384 8,039,649
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	8,326,917
>> NET ASSETS UNRESTRICTED: DESIGNATED DONOR ADVISED SCHOLARSHIP FIELD OF INTEREST OTHER UNRESTRICTED	\$	6,224,580 30,642,748 2,435,061 3,854,934 414,600
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	\$	43,571,923
TEMPORARII Y RESTRICTED	\$	458 484

>> TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS





GRANT NO.	PROGRAM AREA	\$ GIVEN	
3 DISA	STER RELIEF	- \$19,100	
54 — • HIST	ORIC PRESERVATION ———	- \$94,480	
49 — • FOOI	D & NUTRITION —	- \$128,500	
63 — • ENVI	RONMENTAL -	- \$158,000	
64 — • com	MUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV. —	- \$159,400	
22 — • HOU	SING & SHELTER —	- \$245,900	
143 — • YOU	TH DEVELOPMENT —	- \$334,200	
53 — • ARTS	S & CULTURE	- \$375,200	
369 — • HEAL	_TH & HUMAN SERVICES —	- \$984,300	
418 — • EDU	CATIONAL	- \$1,341,300	
550 — • FAIT	H BASED ————	- \$2,890,800	

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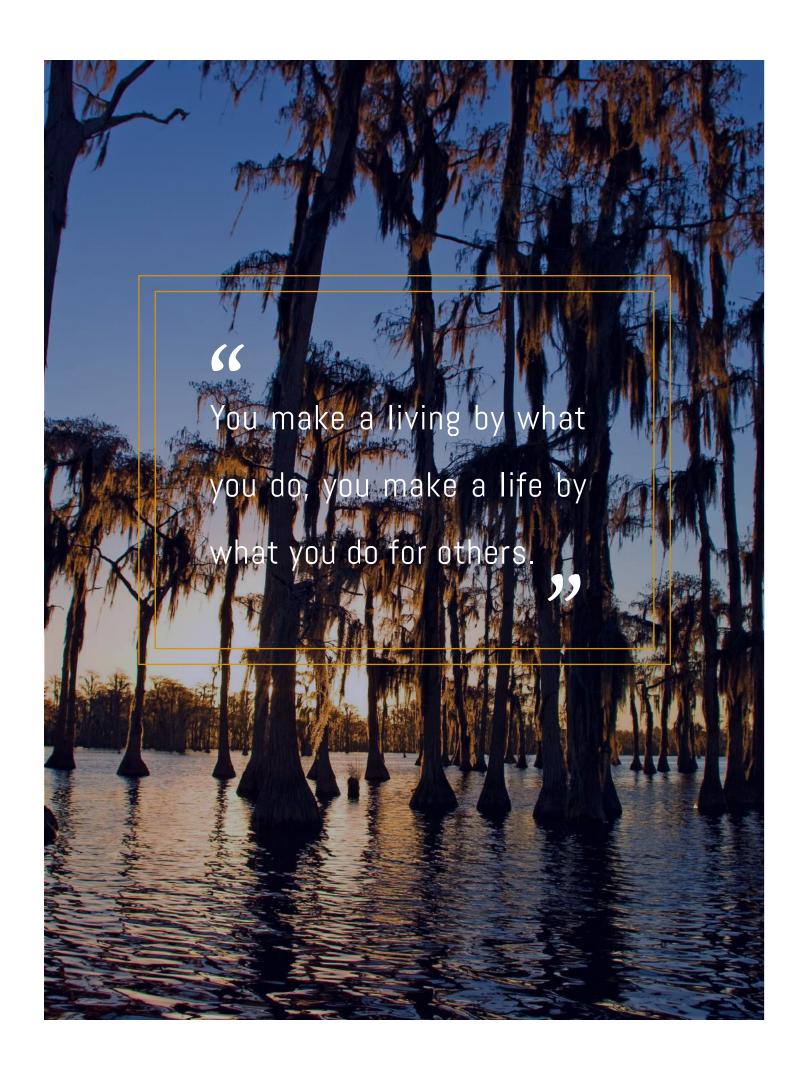
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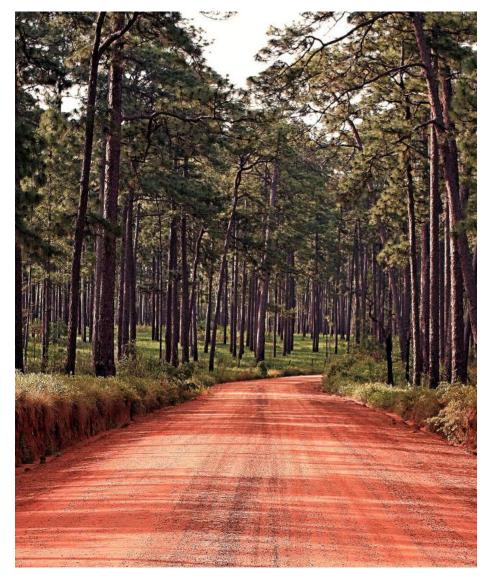
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