Donor Giving Substantially Increases in 2020

In partnership with our donors, the Community Foundation distributed $172 million in grants and support in 2020, compared to $134 million in 2019 – an increase of over 28%. In 2020, 72% of our total grant dollars were given from donor-advised funds. 

SOURCE: Internal Community Foundation financial reporting.

The increased generosity of our donors follows a national trend – community foundations across the country gave a collective estimated $6.7 billion for COVID-19 relief.

SOURCE: Self-reported information provided via a survey conducted by the Community Foundation Public Awareness Initiative.

Combined Donor Giving Impacts Region Across Key Areas of Need

Infographic.

SOURCE: Internal Community Foundation grant analysis and financial reporting.

Put Yourself in Your Neighbor’s Shoes

All Greater Atlanta COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund grant amounts are self-reported from internal financial reporting and tracking. Read more about the fund, including a timeline of development and grant disbursement, here.

Nearly 90,000 students were without access to technology in just seven regional school districts, representing technology hardware needs of $43.7 million and internet access needs of $10.9 million.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Education.

With schools closed, over 344,000 students in our region did not have access to the support needed for learning. Gaps included educational support provisions, digital access, meals and mental health support.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Education.

1.4 million Georgians received unemployment benefits. According to Neighborhood Nexus, there were 21,088 unemployment claims the week of October 18 – a 910% increase from the week of March 8 when the first case of COVID-19 came to Georgia.

SOURCE: Neighborhood Nexus weekly COVID-19 report.

More than 250,000 Black households in Georgia – about 11% – sometimes or often did not have enough to eat before the pandemic began. During the pandemic, that number grew to about 15.5% of Black households, and 22% of Latinx households compared to 7% of white households.


Rates of mental health symptoms in the second quarter of 2020 were significantly higher than in the same time frame in previous years: anxiety 25.5% in 2020 compared to 8.1% in 2019; depression 24.3% in 2020 compared to 6.5% in 2019.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Only one in three African Americans who need mental health care receives it.

SOURCE: American Psychiatric Association, Mental Health Facts for African Americans.

In the state of Georgia there are 4-6 fully bilingual Spanish psychiatrists and 4-6 fully bilingual Spanish psychologists. In the region, there are 60 fully bilingual Spanish counselors for almost 1,000,000 Latinos in the region.

SOURCE: Data provided by grant recipient Ser Familia.

It was mostly women, people of color, immigrants and those in lower socioeconomic classes serving on the front lines of the pandemic. 75% of healthcare workers in most cities are women. In Atlanta, 88% of warehouse and delivery workers are people of color.

SOURCE: 11Alive.

MARTA drastically reduced bus and train routes, causing transportation issues and geographic isolation. As an example, on April 20, 70 of 110 MARTA bus lines were halted.

SOURCE: 11Alive.

Donors Give Generously in 2020

An astounding 822 grants were made totaling $26,969,469, including $1,217,400 in response to Vital Match.

SOURCE: Internal grant tracking and reporting.

Arts Funding Focuses on Stability and Innovation

$1.76 million was distributed. 66% went to organizations founded or led by Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC); 18 had never before received an Arts Fund grant. In late December, an anonymous donor gave $150,000 to an additional 10 organizations.

SOURCES: Grant amounts tracked internally; Black, Indigenous or People of Color leadership information was self-reported by grant recipient organizations.

Giving Makes a Difference in Thomasville Heights

3rd grade reading proficiency has more than doubled.

SOURCE: Data provided by our partners at Purpose Built Schools.

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GoATL Fund
All grantmaking data points mentioned are internally tracked and reported.

Vote Your Voice
Infographic.
SOURCE: Grant recipient self-reporting.

2020 Financial Highlights
The financial information contained in this annual report is unaudited and summarized. Our 2020 audited financial statements and 990 will be posted in November 2021. Until then, our 2019 audited statements and 990 are available here.