Who are we and what do we do?
Since 1951, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta has been leading and inspiring philanthropy to increase the vitality of our region and the well-being of all residents. With 70 years serving the Atlanta region and a robust team of experts, the Community Foundation expands its philanthropic reach and impact by providing quality services to donors and bold, innovative community leadership committed to equity and shared prosperity. The Community Foundation is a top-20 community foundation among 800 nationally and is Georgia’s second largest foundation.

How do we do this?
The Community Foundation’s donors are leaders who provide resources across the 23-county region to create positive change. They have granted more than $1.7 billion since our inception and created a total asset base of approximately $1.2 billion, which the Community Foundation uses as funds for good. When donors open a fund using their assets, we pool these gifts through a variety of financial investments. In 2020 alone, our donors provided $139 million in gifts to the Foundation through new or existing funds. Then, we provide expertise back to these amazing donors about the region’s nonprofits, challenges and needs. This advice helps donors disperse their gifts and grants to make the greatest impact.

Our grantmaking
The Community Foundation distributes grants two ways: one through our generous donors and a second through competitive grants nonprofits apply for that are fulfilled through the Foundation’s small endowment. In 2020, the Community Foundation distributed on behalf of its donors $172 million via 11,000 grants to over 3,300 nonprofit and faith-based organizations in the Atlanta region and beyond. Our competitive grantmaking programs emphasize general operating support and provide resources for nonprofit effectiveness, enabling us to develop a thorough understanding of our local nonprofit ecology. We are experts in what nonprofits are doing with their dollars throughout the region and which nonprofits are the very best at their area of interest. This knowledge helps us map the passions of our donors with the nonprofit purposes they want to support.

Donor support
The majority of grants from the Community Foundation are made through donor-advised funds, which allow donors to support the nonprofits and the issues they want to impact. Donors receive an immediate tax benefit from their gift to our Foundation and have time, thanks to our process, knowledge and tools, to make smart philanthropic investments when they are ready. We work directly with donors and their families to help them match their philanthropic potential with the right nonprofits to meet their philanthropic goals. Our annual donor engagement opportunities and events allow donors to hear from nonprofit leaders, share with each other, engage their family in philanthropy, learn more about areas of interest and connect with the knowledgeable, expert resources of the Community Foundation.

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