What is the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta?
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 more than 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 through our TogetherATL work.

What does the Foundation do?

1. We work with and for our community
2. We partner with nonprofits and donors to better Atlanta
3. We steward resources for equity, prosperity, and our donors’ philanthropic passions

Did you know research shows the Atlanta region leads the United States in lack of economic mobility and is among the fastest-growing regions for suburban poverty? This reveals great inequity in income, education, health outcomes and more.

To that end, the Community Foundation is focusing on TogetherATL, a blueprint for how we will champion equity and lead boldly in collaboration with our community partners to work TOGETHER to secure prosperity for all throughout the region.

This work involves a focus on specific places, going deep into communities and neighborhoods, working with and for the residents on opportunities and issues they identify and drive, with an emphasis on changing the systems that underpin our region for lasting impact to build a better, greater Atlanta.

Frank Fernandez, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, at a community event for TogetherATL.
Be a part of the TogetherATL movement

The TogetherATL Fund supports equity strategies, with a focus on racial equity, across our region to build a better, greater Atlanta. The work will be done alongside stakeholders on issues that inequitably impact Asian, Black and Latino communities and nonprofits.

SYSTEMS CHANGE FUNDS

In order to effect long-lasting change, we need to transform the systems that underpin our region for lasting impact to build a better, greater ATL for all.

This includes system level change in our region to help preserve and create more affordable housing, support a more robust, inclusive arts sector, grow power and leadership for underserved communities, especially communities of color and address racial income and wealth gaps.

The Housing and Neighborhoods TogetherATL Fund supports the creation of 5,000 units of affordable housing in the region by 2026, while tackling the complex and critical issue of housing comprehensively. Approaches include a combination of advocacy, grantmaking, impact investing and strong partnerships. From emergency rental assistance grants to creating home ownership opportunities to raising awareness of anti-eviction legislation, this Fund supports organizations who are helping people stay in their neighborhoods or find new, affordable homes.

The Power and Leadership TogetherATL Fund ensures that everyone in the ATL has a voice and is empowered to use it. This Fund aims to increase civic engagement and voter participation rates in communities of color equal to or exceeding the national average by 2026, while shifting power into the hands of the community and fostering a sense of belonging through get-out-the-vote efforts and community organizing.

The Income and Wealth TogetherATL Fund reduces income and wealth gaps, increasing opportunities for economic mobility and wealth-building, especially among Asian, Black and Latino communities. According to Prosperity Now, even prior to COVID-19, the average net worth of a white household in Georgia was $123,830, while the average net worth of a household of color in Georgia was $16,790. This Fund works to reduce racial income and wealth gaps by supporting career and workforce development and access to capital for individuals and families in the region.

The Arts, Culture and Creative Enterprises TogetherATL Fund addresses historic inequities for arts organizations, artists and small creative businesses in our region. This Fund supports the creation of art within metro Atlanta’s arts and culture ecosystem, as well as the use of the arts as a tool to amplify and activate community voice, strengthen the regional economy and foster an environment of life-long learning at all stages of life.

PLACE-FOCUSED FUNDS

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta works with and for our community. These funds center community voice and focus deeply on specific places within our region to support the people who live there.

Each of these communities are dramatically different and so each unique strategy - shaped in partnership with residents - will also be different. Your gift helps tackle the issues and opportunities that each neighborhood identifies, from food access and community building events to job creation and youth development.

The Thomasville TogetherATL Fund focuses investments in historic Thomasville, a small neighborhood tucked in the southeast corner of Atlanta with a deep and rich history.

The South Cobb TogetherATL Fund serves residents of southern Cobb County, and works with residents and community stakeholders to determine which neighborhoods have the most pressing needs for support. This approach puts residents at the forefront, and lays the groundwork for intentional power and leadership building in communities.

The South Fulton TogetherATL Fund serves legacy residents of South Fulton county by creating foundational supports for economic development and growth in a community that is rapidly growing and changing.

The THRIVE Thomasville Council is a unique, resident-led advisory board dedicated to addressing neighborhood concerns and capitalizing on community assets in historic Thomasville.

SUPPORT TogetherATL WITH A GIFT - NO MATTER THE SIZE - OR YOUR TIME.
Learn more and become part of TogetherATL at cfgreateratlanta.org/TogetherATL.
Are you looking for a philanthropic partner to help you invest in bettering our region?

We connect our donors and constituents to the region’s challenges and biggest opportunities to help them make a philanthropic impact.

We help our donors navigate their philanthropic journeys, which for some donors includes philanthropic planning with the next generation and their extended families.

We offer philanthropic options, from scholarships and planned giving to a donor-advised fund (where the donor makes recommendations) to our TogetherATL Fund (where we direct investment dollars to needs/opportunities focused on equity) and everything in between.

We connect like-minded donors in an area of interest (like arts or education) or a focused place (neighborhoods), and offer fresh perspectives on what’s happening in that area and how to get involved.

A SIMPLIFIED VIEW OF HOW WE PUT DONOR DOLLARS TO WORK FOR GOOD:

Donors make a gift to the Community Foundation, creating a philanthropic vehicle that best serves their needs and supports the community.

Foundation works with donors and philanthropic advisors to invest the donor’s gift – either through a Foundation option or individually-managed option.

Donor makes grants to the organizations and cause that matter the most to them.

Foundation serves as trusted philanthropic advisor, connecting donors to critical community needs.

Foundation offers customized services, including family engagement, facilitated meetings and more.

Donor funds benefit from expert investment and thoughtful stewardship – allocated investment returns grow tax free.

Community Foundation by the Numbers*

Current assets: $1.4 billion

70+ years of service to the Atlanta region

In 2021, the Foundation and its donors awarded $129 million via nonprofit grants including:

11,600 grants to 3,300 nonprofits

$9.9 million in scholarships to students for 2021-22 academic year

Gifts from donors: $135 million

In 2021, we had 1,000+ donor funds under management

Since our inception in 1951, we have granted $1.7 billion

We are the second largest foundation in Georgia by asset size

*unaudited
OUR MISSION
To inspire and lead our region toward equity and shared prosperity for all.

OUR VISION
Together with the community, we will make our region more equitable and prosperous for all who call ATL home. #TogetherATL