# CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND

- Make a Difference in Someone's Life... and in Yours! -

# **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren<sup>SM</sup>**

What if... Your grandchildren were suddenly without a parent to care for them?

What if... You had to care for your grandchildren 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

**What if...** You had to support your grandchildren with security, love, food, medical care, clothes, childcare, discipline, homework help, transportation to activities, and everything else that goes along with being a parent?

Caring for children is challenging for anyone, but especially challenging for grandparents who are 55 or older.

#### Some are:

- Single
- Barely able to make ends meet before they were responsible for grandchildren
- Working more than one job
- Dealing with their own medical challenges
- Disabled and unable to work
- Trying to negotiate the legal requirements to gain custody of their grandchildren
- Trying to find the social services that can provide support for their grandchildren

All of this may create insecurities, stress, and physical and mental health issues.

#### How can the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren<sup>SM</sup> program help?

It provides one-time emergency relief by covering some expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, utility payments, car payments or other basic necessities. All potential candidates are interviewed and the needs assessed. Recommendations are made to the Community Fund's Board of Directors for funding approval. Payments are made directly to the provider and not to the grandparent. Gift cards for clothing or other appropriate items may also be provided.

In addition, other forms of family assistance may occasionally be provided including finding local resources to provide assistance, gift cards at holidays, and attending area events as guests of the Cresswind LL Community Fund<sup>SM</sup>.

The requirements for assistance include grandparents who are:

- 55 or older
- Hall County residents
- Legal guardian or similar status to the children

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## How You Can Help

## Refer

To refer someone to the *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren<sup>SM</sup>* program or to ask questions, please email: cresswindllfund@gmail.com.

## **Donate**

You can donate to the *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*<sup>SM</sup> program by credit card, PayPal or check.

- Credit Card or PayPal: Click on the "Donate Now" button at the Cresswind LL Community Fund<sup>SM</sup> website: www.cresswindllcommunityfund.org.
- Checks: Write a check payable to Cresswind LL Community Fund<sup>SM</sup>. Please put GRG in the memo line.
  - If you live at Cresswind, you can place your check in the Community Fund mailbox at the clubhouse.
  - Or, you can mail your check to:
    Cresswind LL Community Fund
    Attn: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program
    3300 Cresswind Marina Dr. SW
    Gainesville, GA 30504

All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. An acknowledgement email or letter will be sent to donors.

#### <u>Share</u>

Please share this information with your network including churches, organizations, companies, friends and neighbors. We need your help!

# Cresswind LL Community Fund<sup>SM</sup>

The Cresswind LL Community Fund<sup>SM</sup> is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that receives and administers funds to make a positive difference in our community and the surrounding area.

Our mission is to enhance the lives of adults, primarily 55 and older, through charitable, educational, health-related, and cultural opportunities in the greater Gainesville area and Hall County.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren<sup>SM</sup> is a major charitable program of the Cresswind LL Community Fund<sup>SM</sup>.