



CRESSWIND LL

COMMUNITY FUND

Cresswind....You Are Amazing!

***Your Donations and Support Continue to “Lift The Spirit”
Of Gainesville-Hall County Seniors & Families In Need!
You’ve Doubled 2019 Donations and Grant Giving In Just 7+ Months of 2020!***

Dear Members

What an amazing year in many ways for all of us!

We didn't have our [Sizzlin Summer Celebration](#) Quarterly Meeting in June, so we decided before the summer slips by we would provide this **mid-year update** and celebrate the summer with you virtually!

It has been a significant year so far! Much has been reported and experienced about COVID 19 since our first quarter meeting back on March 12th, the last major Cresswind gathering with nearly 200 of us in the Ballroom.

When COVID 19 shut everyone down, the Community Fund (CWCF) did not withdraw from our Mission to help Gainesville-Hall County Seniors in need. In fact, we faced *the challenge* and picked up the pace, worked harder than ever to help meet the growing needs of those less fortunate.

As a CWCF member you have had a huge "year of giving" during the first half of 2020. **Your donations through August 10th are \$127,089 compared to \$54,000 in all of 2019.** That amount is from your individual donations, your use of the Help Me Please service program, and Sponsor donations to the Golf Tournament for First Responders and Senior Charities.

The remainder of 2020 still presents a *Challenge* to Cresswind, *The Community Fund*, and Gainesville-Hall County seniors in need. Please know that our Volunteers, Team and Committee members will continue to work hard to assure that your *Giving Spirit* is well represented.

We look forward to the rest of the year with you, but before we go there let's take time together now to enjoy what's happened so far.

The following is our homespun mid-year meeting and review with a variety of videos showing the result of your donations and grants to organizations and their appreciation. Also there are comments from a variety of our hard-working member volunteers.

Our meetings have always had entertainment, so we've included a few features of *friends and neighbors* who volunteer their time to bring a smile to our faces and foot tapping appreciation of their talent.

Thank you all again for your overwhelming generosity!

Bill Papciak,

President, Board Member



Bill Papciak gives a "thumbs up" in appreciation of a spectacular first seven months of 2020, and to the many different volunteers who worked to help others. Also a thumbs up *Thank You to Wilton Rooks, a true Superstar volunteer* from all of his Community Fund associates for his technical expertise, help, and the hours of his time in the technical production of this Mid-Year Meeting.

Each section below has its own introduction, then a [link](#) that will lead you to the topic described and the people involved. Take Your Time and Enjoy!

[Grant Recipients](#)

Total Community Fund Grants given to date are approximately \$87,546. Of that amount, \$62,156 went to Gainesville-Hall County senior organizations including eight local food banks for thousands of pounds of food, the NGMS medical workers support program, and Good News Clinic for medical supplies and testing. \$16,500 went to **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** families, and about \$9,000 to Cresswind community projects including the Bench Program. Click on [Grants Recipient Videos](#)

[Help Me Please \(HMP\)](#)

The HMP Service Program has raised *just over \$20,000 to date* for our Gereal Fund, compared to a total of \$13,000 all last year. This is a remarkable achievement by volunteers who do projects for Cresswind residents with donations going to charity. To date they have completed 184 projects, about 26 per month. There are about 45 other "indoor" projects that you requested which will be done when COVID 19 restrictions loosen up. **If you are interested in becoming a HMP volunteer**, go to our website or contact Nancy Gladwell njgladwe@uncg.edu . Please encourage your friends and neighbors to use HMP. Now see and hear from some of the HMP Superstar volunteers - John Sambach, Mark Koschwitz, Nancy Evans, Gene Evans, Marilyn Young, Bill Bigard, Nancy Gladwell, and Russ Williams. Click here for [HMP Videos](#)

[Grandparents Raising Grandchildren \(GRG\)](#)

The State of Georgia estimates there are about 1,500 Grandparent lead families in Hall County (about 85,000 statewide). That is a staggering amount. The CWCF has granted funds to offset expenses or debt to some of these Hall County grandparent families in need. Our goal for 2020 is to help 20 families with one time grants that range from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 depending on need. Thank You GRG team members Linda Potter, Margie Rosen, Deb Knowles. Sue Wells, Rosemary Shaffer, and Joanie Taylor for your volunteer work and dedication. [GRG Video](#)



[2nd Annual Spirit of Cresswind Golf Tournament](#) for First Responders Free Golf Day and Gainesville-Hall County Senior Charities

We're off to a great start this year with your donations and signups for both Ladies and Men's separate play and prizes. If you haven't, please sign up, then forward this link to your family members and friends to invite them to sign up to play and/or donate to **First Responders Free Golf Day**. Use this link to get full information on golf sign up, donations, sponsorship <https://cwcfund.org/golf/> Click this link for a [message from Phil Vinyard](#).

Cresswind Community Bench Program

The community neighborhood bench project is moving forward with individual donations and bench sponsors. To date four benches have been installed with twenty-three more in various stages of being produced, shipped, or placed in Cresswind. Go to the Community Fund web site for details and sponsorship of your own bench or your street's bench. [Click here for details on the bench program and pictures of the key leaders.](#)

e Team

The e Team has been a tremendous asset to the CWCF. Their work has provided a sophisticated Data Management system that helps us report, communicate, process donations and grants, interact with our website, and manage our financials daily.

e Team members are Linda Potter, Arnie McClees, Elaine Wood, Gene Evans, Wilton Rooks. [Watch Linda give more details on this team effort.](#)

September 24th "Homecoming" Celebration 3rd Quarter Meeting

In addition to covering normal CWCF business, we'll be entertained in a variety of ways at the *Homecoming Celebration*. Come and wear your team and school's colors, cheer on your team and conference with others. This annual event will take place *On the Green* and adjoining outdoor venues! The **Cresswind Cheerleaders** will perform of course while you enjoy "Tailgate" refreshments served up by our volunteers compliments of one of our generous Sponsors! Save the date!

Public Safety Appreciation Day Event

The Community Fund supported and partnered in the **Education Committee's Public Safety Appreciation Day** for our local Police and Firefighters. During a three week period in July you donated \$4,200 to The Community Fund. Then over several days of Education Committee distribution, your donations provided meals, gift cards and a variety of treats to all local Gainesville Police and Fire Stations that serve Cresswind. [Lois Ehler thanks the Community Fund.](#)

Mid-Year Business Summary

Take a few minutes and review several slides that show the tremendous year of "giving" the CWCF has had as a result of your generous donations and grants to Gainesville-Hall County senior organizations. Also see what's planned for the remainder of 2020. Go to. [Slides, include upcoming events](#)

Video Entertainment For Your Enjoyment!

Here are some features *by your friends and neighbors* who volunteered their time at CWCF meetings and social gatherings. We hope they bring a smile to your face and foot tapping appreciation of their talent!

Who can forget these energetic residents? They will ['clog' their way into your hearts.](#)

Remember the concert in the garden by these [familiar faces?](#)

Our famous Cresswind Chorus continues to impress. [Will love really keep us together?](#)

And whose Momma does this remind you of? [Of course all of ours do dance.](#)

Some residents 'do run run' but this [version is more enjoyable](#) by Out Past 9.

Surely no one living in Cresswind has to 'up-chuck' but [these guys don't mind.](#)

Who doesn't wish for this situation to pass - and quickly. [Here is a reminder that it will...](#)from Diane Rooks!

And for a finale' by [none other than](#)...Lisa Phifer!

Thank You entertainers who have generously shared their talent with The Cresswind Community Fund members, and at many Cresswind events!

The Cresswind Community Fund Programs that help Gainesville-Hall County seniors, and others in need

- **HELP THE HUNGRY*** – Hall County Food Banks
- **Medical Workers Support** – “Lift the Spirit” Lunches at NGMS/Foundation
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*** - Financial assistance to Grandparent lead families
- **Help Me Please*** Service Program – General funds go directly to Hall County charities
- **Spirit of Cresswind* Golf Tournament** – Supports First Responders Free Golf Day & Hall Charities
- **COMMUNITY BENCH PROGRAM**– Placement of 30 benches in Cresswind, donations to Hall Charities
- **Amazon Smile Program** – Turn a % of your purchases into donations to our General Fund. Sign up on Amazon.
- **Personal Care Program** – Personal care items donated to local Hall charity.

The Community Fund Mission: *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.*

Make A Difference in Someone's Life...And in Yours!

Cresswind LL Community Fund web site www.cwcfund.org

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