

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

### 2023 First Quarter Meeting

March 17,2023, 3:00pm

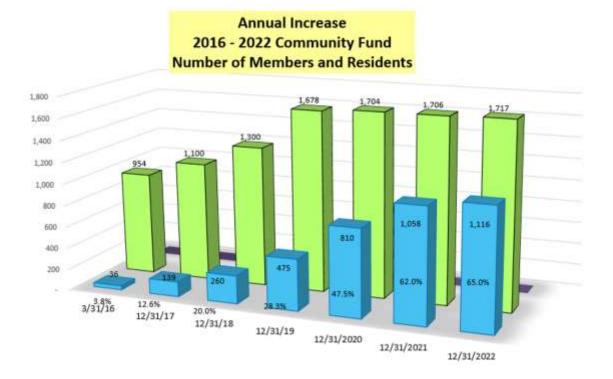
#### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Papciak at 3:00 pm. Bill welcomed members, nonmembers and special guests and gave a special thanks to Greene Ford for their support.

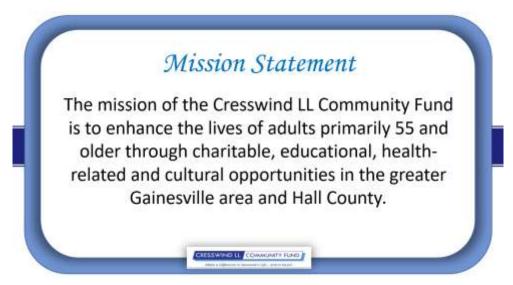
Bill recognized the Community Fund Board of Directors, Bud Baker, Lois Ehlers, Carol Hanlon, Cathy Jeffrey, Mark Nestle, William G. Papciak, John Ulam, and Russ Williams and thanked them for their work. He next recognized the Community Fund Board Advisors, Sue Garcia, Wilson Golden, Susie Holbrook, Arnie McCleese, Dave Rader, Wilton Rooks, Tim Roth, Ron Stowe, and Elaine Wood and thanked them for their work.

Bill asked the group to take a moment to reflect on the life and contributions of Debbie Bridwell following her recent death.

A chart was shared which showed the phenomenal growth of Community Fund membership over the last six years with membership growing from 36 members to 1,116 members or approximately 65% of all Cresswind residents.



Bill reminded the group of the importance of the Community Fund Mission statement.

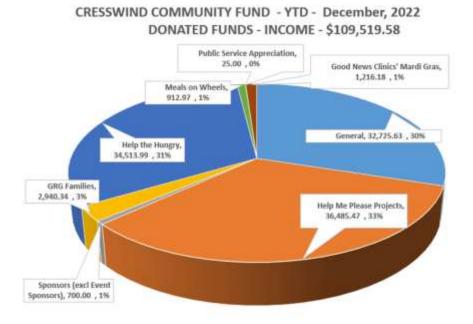


He reflected on the growing connection between Cresswind and the larger Gainesville/Hall County community and how wonderful it is that the Community Fund is able to support other 55+ residents of Hall County.

John Ulam presented the Financial Report. He emphasized that the total grants awarded from 2016 until the present totaled \$532,630.00. This information was well received by those present.

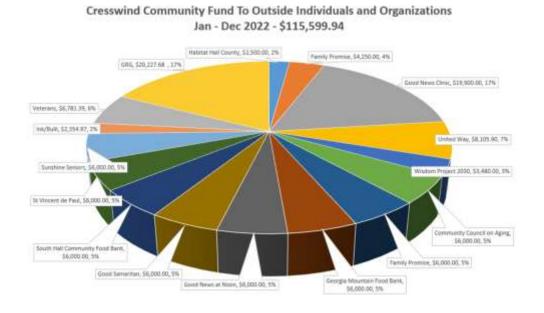


John presented a slide that detailed the source of donations for the past year.



<sup>\*</sup> Does not include Golf Tournament income - \$28,2834

Another slide gave the specifics of how these funds were dispersed. John emphasized that over \$50,000 had been contributed to eight local foodbanks.



The year-to-date Financial Report shows a current balance of \$25,600.00



John described the new Focus 55+ program that will directly target funds to individuals in need who are over 55 as does the established Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. John asked if there were any questions. There were none

Bill pointed out that all of the work reflected in the Financial Report is the result of the commitment of the Community Fund membership and the Spirit of Cresswind. He told the group that Cresswind is now known throughout Hall County for its generosity of spirit not only because of the Community Fund but also because of individual volunteerism of members of the Cresswind Community.

Bill introduced Timothy Shillelagh who greeted the group with stories from County Cork Ireland. Timothy introduced Wayne and Geri Schrader who entertained the audience with Irish songs as Timothy accompanied them on the piano.

Following the entertainment Bill reviewed the Community Fund Committees and Teams.



He thanked Susie Holbrook and her team for the work that they did to prepare for the meeting. Bill encouraged anyone interested in working on Community Fund Committees and Teams to contact a Board member to volunteer.

The Community Fund has a number of Campaigns and Fundraisers planned for 2023.



Bill highlighted several of these programs. The Help the Hungry campaign is a very successful program that was started during the pandemic to help those severely impacted by the shutdowns that occurred then. He highlighted the Help Me Please program that raises funds through donations made by neighbors who request help form Community Fund volunteers to complete projects around the house. Bill described the new Focus 55+ initiative that will help individuals in need that have been identified and vetted by other organizations. He reviewed the Beyond Dementia Program and introduced Bill Whittle as a guest speaker to tell the group more about that program.

Bill Whittle described the Beyond Dementia Coalition which began in 2015. Since then, the Beyond Dementia Coalition has become a registered nonprofit organization. With Community Fund support, the Virtual Dementia Tour will be presenting programs for first responders. A one-day training event is planned for 60 local police and fire department personnel to assist them in identifying individuals suffering from dementia and provide training in how to manage encounters with these individuals to prevent unfortunate outcomes. The next step will be to incorporate this training into routine police and fire department training courses. They hope in the future to offer programs to the community to provide education on dementia to the general public. Providing liberal arts experiences specifically music to individuals suffering from dementia is one area planned for future projects. Mr. Whittle thanked the Community Fund for their support.

Bill introduced Wendy O'Hanlon and the Cresswind Cloggers: Jan Armistead, Mary Ramatowski, Debbie Seymour, Ann Causey, and Kei Snyder for an Irish inspired dance.

Next on the agenda was the Raffle drawing! Everyone had fun! Following the raffle Bill reviewed 2023 meetings and events.



Bill highlighted the Mens USTA senior tennis event that is planned for later this year.

To close the meeting Bill brought Wayne and Geri Schrader back to the stage accompanied by Timothy Shillelagh for a final song – a lovely rendition of An Irish Lullaby - Toora Loora Loora.

Finally, Bill reminded the audience that the purpose of the Community Fund is to raise funds and grant funds. He thanked everyone for their support today and throughout the year.

The meeting was adjourned by Bill Papciak at 4:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary



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## Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Date

## Addendum Supporting Documents



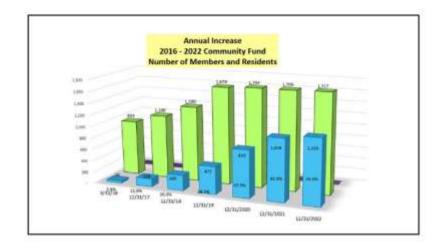




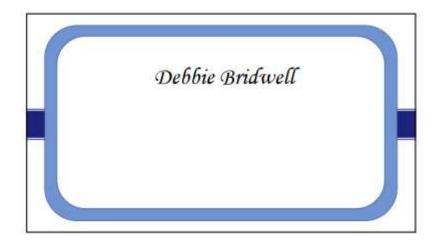












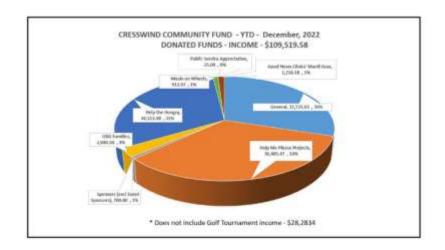


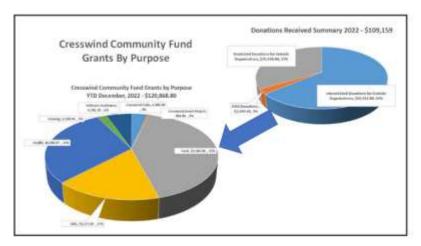
# The mission of the Cresswind LL Community Fund is to enhance the lives of adults primarily 55 and older through charitable, educational, health-related and cultural opportunities in the greater Gainesville area and Hall County.

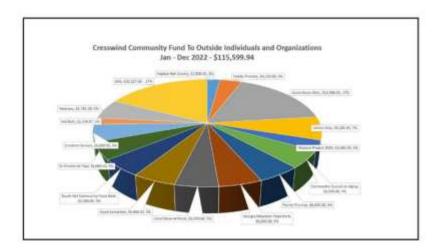






















2023 Campaigns & Fundraisers
Help The Hungry
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Medical & Health Workers Support
Help Me Please (ongoing)
Local Police, Fire, Sheriff, First Responders Support (Golf, Other)
Focus 55+ (individual seniors recommended by organizations)
Dementia Coalition Hall County / Beyond Dementia

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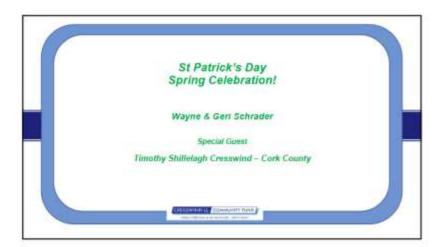




















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