

2023 Third Quarter Membership Meeting Minutes

September 20th, 2023 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm – Cresswind Ballroom

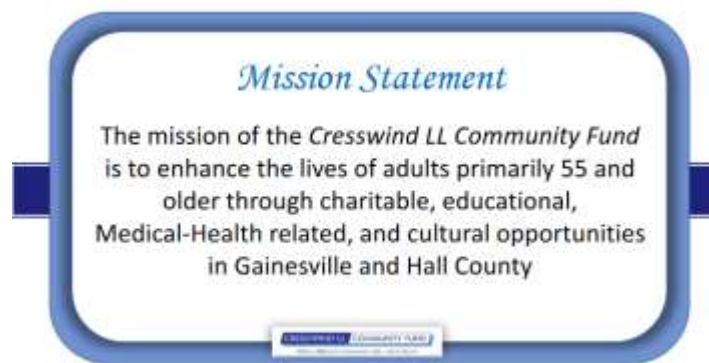
Minutes

The 2023 Third Quarter “Homecoming” meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by the Cresswind Community Fund President, Bill Papciak.

Bill welcomed special guests: Ken Gossage, President/ Director Good News at Noon; Belinda Dickey, President Sunshine Seniors; Lila Weaver, Executive Director Habitat for Humanity; Bill Wittel, Beyond Dementia Coalition Hall County. Bill also recognized Jeffrey Sulka, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones who is the lead sponsor of the Community Fund Golf Tournament for the 5th consecutive year.

Bill thanked Wayne Schrader, Kevin Clevenger, Tim and Kelly Roth for arranging today's entertainment. He also thanked the Event Committee led by Susie Holbrook for organizing the refreshments and raffle for the meeting.

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



Bill recognized the 2023 members of the Board of Directors as well as Board Advisors. He reviewed the Community Fund Committee structure. Bill emphasized how important these individuals are to the operation of the Community Fund. See the [Addendum](#) for the full list of the Community Fund Leadership Team. Bill recognized the three committee members for the new Governance Committee: Darla Eden, Dick Osborne, and Jean Watts.

In the absence of Treasurer, John Ulam, Bill presented the Treasurers Report.

2023 Distribution of Funds (August, 2023)	
• 2023 Income	\$ 92,711
• 2023 Grants	\$101,892
• 2023 Admin Expenses	\$ 9,623
Available Funds	\$ 24,500
• Total Grants awarded (2016-2023)	(Approaching \$750,000)

See the [Addendum](#) for full financial details.

Bill introduced football related entertainment as part of the Homecoming theme of the meeting. Thanks to Wayne Schrader, Kevin Clevenger, and Tim and Kelly Roth for a fun and inspiring presentation.

Following the entertainment, Bill introduced Wilton Rooks to review the Community Fund website. Wilton provided an overview of the type of information available on the Community Fund website. He focused on the Stories tab of the website which has been expanded as a result of member requests to know more about how grants have helped people. Wilton introduced the new quarterly newsletter that will include this type of information. Wilton also described the Help Me Please program. He mentioned that the Community fund has raised approximately \$40,000.00 this year through Help Me Please.

Bill introduced three guest speakers whom he had asked to speak on the topic of “Home”.

Ken Gossage, President of Good News at Noon, said that the topic of “home” was an unusual one for him as his organization serves the homeless community in Gainesville. Ken described the home and community that clients find through Good News at Noon. He mentioned how rewarding it is when a former client who has become a successful, stable individual returns to share their success with the folks who helped them when they needed it.

The next speaker was Belinda Dickey who is president of Sunshine Seniors. Belinda thanked Cresswind residents for all that they do support those in need in Hall County. She said that Sunshine Seniors supports so many people who call all sorts of places home including a tent or a car. She says that she has people who come to Sunshine Seniors from various situations for food and socialization. The Sunshine Seniors distribute food every Tuesday. They distribute food to 425+ families every week. She

described how low-income seniors lost their homes because a low income housing development was closed to make way for high income apartments. Last year they spent over \$44,000 to distribute food to those in need in Hall County. She said that every dollar they receive goes back into the community because their organization is volunteer based.

Lila Weaver of Habitat for Humanity thanked the Cresswind Community Fund for the support that the Community Fund has given to Habitat for Humanity. She told the group that low-income housing is very scarce in Hall County. Habitat for Humanity is in the business of making housing available to low-income residents. In addition to new builds, they are working with families through their Aging in Place project to help families remain in the houses that they already have. They help people who need wider doors or grab bars in the bathroom or needed repairs so that they can age in place and know that they will continue to have a home. Their goal is to help 100 families in the next year. They are looking for partners who can help them meet this goal.

Bill Wittel of the Beyond Dementia Coalition spoke briefly about events scheduled this fall for Cresswind residents that are sponsored by the Coalition. He encouraged people to participate in these two programs. The first is the Virtual Dementia Tour, scheduled for September 27th which will allow participants to experience how dementia feels for those suffering from it. The second program scheduled for October 4th will be an informational program on dementia covering how to recognize the symptoms of dementia and understanding the phases of dementia.

The Quarterly meeting closed with a raffle of donated items and a reminder of upcoming programs including the Golf Tournament in October and the Help the Hungry Program in November. Bill Papciak made a point to thank the non-golfer sponsors who are helping to fund first responder golfers who are participating in the Tournament. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the Help the Hungry campaign in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary

Addendum

Supporting Documents

Cresswind LL Community Fund

"Homecoming" Celebration-Meeting!

Welcome Members, Non-Members, Guests!

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Third Quarter
"Homecoming"
Celebration and Meeting
Join Us On The Green
Members and Non-Members Welcome!
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Welcome! Special Guests

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Belinda Dickey, President *Sunshine Seniors*

Lila Weaver, Director *Habitat for Humanity*

Bill Wittel, Beyond Dementia Coalition Hall County

Jeffrey Sulka, CFP®, AAMS, Financial Advisor Edward Jones

Thank You Wayne Schrader-Kevin Clevenger-Tim Roth, Meeting Volunteers

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Mission Statement

The mission of the *Cresswind LL Community Fund* is to enhance the lives of adults primarily 55 and older through charitable, educational, Medical-Health related, and cultural opportunities in Gainesville and Hall County

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2023 Board of Directors, Officers

- Bill Papciak, President
- Russ Williams, Vice President
- John Ulam, Treasurer
- Cathy Jeffrey, Secretary
- Bud Baker
- Carol Hanlon
- Mark Nestle
- Lois Ehlers

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2023 Board Advisors

- Wilton Rooks
- Elaine Wood
- Arnie McCleese
- Sue Garcia
- Wilson Golden
- Susie Holbrook
- Tim Roth
- Ron Stowe
- Dave Rader

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Committees

Decentralized Management Structure Enables Committees to Manage Daily, Make Decisions

Board Advisers
Fundraising
Grants
Finance
Marketing & Communications
e Team (Data Management, Website)
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Team
Help Me Please Team
Meetings & Events Team
Governance

Financial Report

Through August 2023 - Summary

August Highlight

Granted \$23,257.00

Focus 55+ / Grandparents / Good News Clinics

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Grants \$101,892 (August, 2023)

Grants by Purpose

Focus 55+	\$29,950.00
Food Banks	24,031.00
GRG	18,556.17
Health	19,427.00
Housing	1,500.00
Veterans 55+	2,396.88
Cresswind Bench	4,087.47

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Wilton Rooks

Board Advisor and e Team Chair

NEON Data Management System

Website

Arnie McCleese, Board Advisor
Elaine Wood, Board Advisor
Linda Potter
Gene Evans

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Helping Hall County Seniors

Download Volunteer Sign-up Form (PDF)

Request Help for Food Program

Volunteer: Click here to register for our food program

Volunteer: Click here for our food program

New Seniors: Click here to learn more about our food program

The Cresswind Community Fund does two things...

Raise Funds

Grant Funds

Read more about Campaigns, Donations, Sponsorships, Events, Help for Home, Food, Healthcare, and more.

Learn more about Grants for Health, Food, Home & Culture, Transportation, Housing, Food, Recreation, and more.

Some of our Help The Hungry grant recipients

GEORGIA MOUNTAIN FOOD BANK

Family Promise

Cresswind Senior Center

Other individuals and organizations we help

Our Hall County Medical Workers

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2306 Cresswind

Marina Drive

San Marcos, CA 92069

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Stories capture the impact of your donations

Stories tell the personal impact of the grants made by your Community Fund to help real County Seniors. Travel with us as we document some of the life-changing histories of grant recipients. Without your donations, these would not have happened!

Click the image to enjoy the latest Newsletter highlighting a few of the recent grant recipients.

Videos tell a powerful story of gratitude for your generous support to help recipients of grants made to various organizations in Hall County.

Thank you notes and letters are regularly received from grateful recipients of your funds. [Click](#) for a sample of the many letters and notes received.

Help Me Please - one of the most popular programs of the Community Fund regular gets thank yous for jobs well done. [Click](#) to link to a few of the Abbots and Abbotts.

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YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK



SUPPORTING AREA SENIORS

Your \$3,000 donation in July bought 60 fans to cool off seniors participating in the Hall County Made on Wheels program. This is an annual program to ease the summer heat for those who cannot afford to air condition their homes.

"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE." WINSTON CHURCHILL

FOCUS 55 +



Your \$5,000 donation in April to St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) assistance program paid nine electric bills and seven rent payments for area seniors. SVDP is a frontline source of onetime assistance structured to give a hand up during temporary financial setbacks.

WWW.CWCFUND.ORG

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK



SUPPORTING AREA SENIORS



Your \$5,000 donation assisted Hall County Habitat for Humanity to complete these "aging in place" home repairs in May for local senior residents. As you can see from the photos, the repairs not only fixed the leaning and leaking toilet, but replaced the rotting subfloor, the sink and wash stand, improving their home for the long-term. See their letter of thanks on our website.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN



Your donation of \$2,700 in June paid rent and a car payment for grandparents Jane and John (names changed to protect privacy) who are raising their 16-year-old grandson. John's surgery for brain tumors forced him to leave a well-paying job for one less stable, resulting in a series of financial setbacks.

Their grandson, Dallas, has lived with them since his mother died in a car accident when he was two. His father was in prison but now helps when he can.

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Thank You's from Grant Recipients

Your donations enable Cresswind Community Fund to touch the lives of hundreds if not thousands of lives in Hall County. The organizations that receive our grants depend on your donations. And they are very grateful. Below are galleries of a sample of the many letters and notes of appreciation that are received. Click on any one to page through each gallery.

Thank you for your support of the Fund!

Thank you notes from some of the organizations supported by your donations.

Sample thank you letters received after each donation.

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Thank You's from Help Me Please Recipients

Help Me Please is an amazing program of neighbors helping neighbors. Using Cresswind residents money and generating funds to help Hall County seniors - all the same time. HMP does a lot more than painting mailboxes as some thought. [Here](#) is a list of some projects that our neighbors have asked our neighbors to do and can do for you. Click on any of the thank you notes below and scroll through them to see the scope of projects and appreciations.

Thank you for your support of the Fund by using Help Me Please.



Homecoming

Home

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2023 Programs

- **HELP THE HUNGRY** – Seven Hall County Food Banks
- **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*** - Financial assistance to Grandparent lead families
- **Help Me Please*** Service Program – General funds go directly to Hall County Senior charities
- **Focus 55 +** Individual Seniors in desperate need of help, vetted by local churches and organizations
- **Veterans 55+** In cooperation with the Veterans Club, help individual Veterans in need of financial help
- **Medical Worker & Clinic Support** – Good News Clinics, “Lift the Spirit” Lunches & Donations to North Georgia Medical System and Foundation.
- **The Spirit of Cresswind Annual Golf Tournament** - Donations to Local Seniors, First Responders Golf Day
- **Amazon Smile Program** – Turn a % of your purchases into donations. Sign up on Amazon Please
- **Personal Care Program** – Personal care items donated to local Hall charity.
- **Cresswind Projects** – Bench Program, Multiple projects not funded by HOA over last 6 years
- **Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)** – United Way / Wisdom Project / Cresswind Community Fund
- **Beyond Dementia Coalition Virtual Dementia Tour**

“Spirit of Cresswind”

5th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday October 16, 2023

Sign Up! Donate ! Enjoy!



- Ladies & Men's Play, Prizes, Raffle
- Benefits Seniors & First Responders Golf Day
- BBQ Dinner after on Cresswind Patio 5:00 – 7:00
- *Golfers and Non-Golfers Donate to Help Local Seniors In Need*
- Register & Details at cwcfund.org

Help the Hungry Donations
2023 - 18 Tons of Food
-Hundreds of people
-Thousands of meals



HELP WANTED

To Promote The "Spirit of Giving"
To Local Gainesville-Hall Seniors In Need

Community Fund Volunteers
GIVE ONLY THE TIME THEY HAVE TO GIVE!

This Is Not a Job!
Multiple Volunteers Help and Backup Each Other!

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Meeting Adjourned

Thank you for attending!

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