

4th Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2023 – 4th Quarterly Meeting

Minutes

Bill Papciak opened the meeting with a cheerful Ho, Ho, Ho. He welcomed members, non-members and special guests. He made a point to offer a special welcome to the Help Me Please volunteers.

Bill announced the upcoming annual meeting which is scheduled for January 31, 2024 at which new Board of Director members will be elected and the bylaws updates will be approved.

Bill recognized Susie Holbrook and her team of event volunteers who set up the room and refreshments for this meeting.

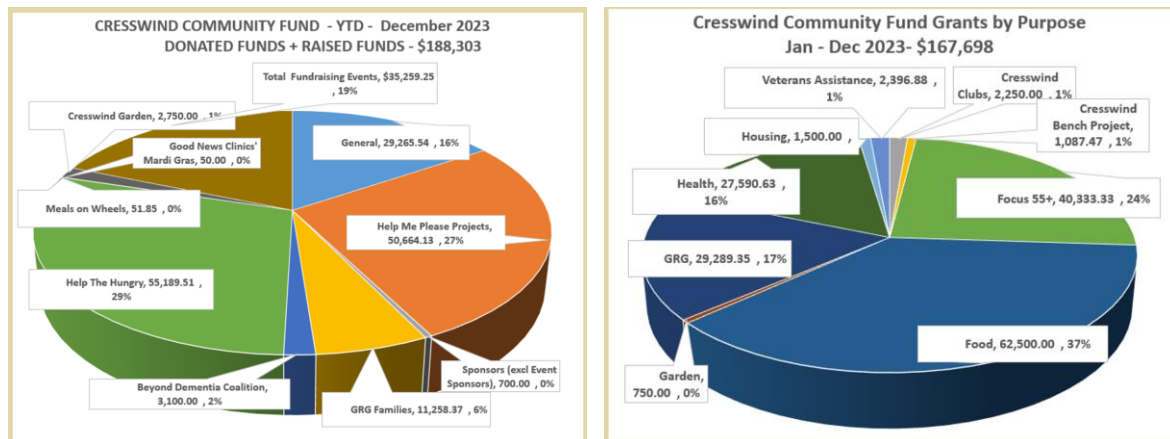
Bill reviewed the Board of Director members and advisors as well as the committees and described how these positions serve the organization. He encouraged anyone interested in being more involved to consider joining the leadership team. He went on to describe the mission of the Community Fund to serve seniors exclusively in Hall County.

Bill introduced Jennifer Finlayson our new Lifestyle director who said a few words to express her excitement in joining the Cresswind Family.

Bill introduced John Ulam to present the Financial Report. A summary is included below. For more information [see the Addendum](#).

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* On Going Expense to Income ratio Approx = 7.0 % of Income (Insurance & technology approximately half of above expense)	
CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND Make a Difference in Someone's Life... and in Yours!	

John described how the funds were distributed to various charities including the significant contributions to Hall County Food Banks. He described the Focus 55 program and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren both of which donate funds directly to needy seniors. Health Care contributions included Beyond Dementia, Good News Clinics, and Project Warmth. Contributions went to Habitat for Humanity to assist their aging in place program for seniors. John described collaborations with Cresswind clubs including the Garden Club and the Veterans Club. He mentioned that the last bench in the Bench project had been installed. John Called on Wilton Rooks to present a graphic representation of Cresswind Financials. See the slides below. For more information [see the Addendum.](#)



Bill asked those present to rise and give themselves a standing ovation for the success of the Community Fund for 2023.

Bill introduced Russ Williams and Bud Baker who described the work and success of the Help Me Please program in 2023 in both assisting neighbors and raising funds for the needy in Hall County. Help Me Please raised more than \$50,000.00 in 2023. Russ encouraged others to consider volunteering for the Help Me Please program to help your neighbors and the needy in the larger community. Bill asked the Community to rise and give the Help Me Please volunteers a standing ovation. Several Community members provided testimonials to Help Me Please for the ease of use, the value received, and the good work accomplished by the funds that are raised.

Next on the agenda was the Community Fund raffle. Bill described the items being raffled. He explained that the first raffle tickets would go to the Help Me Please Volunteers and then for other members. With that the Christmas raffle began and additional refreshments were distributed.

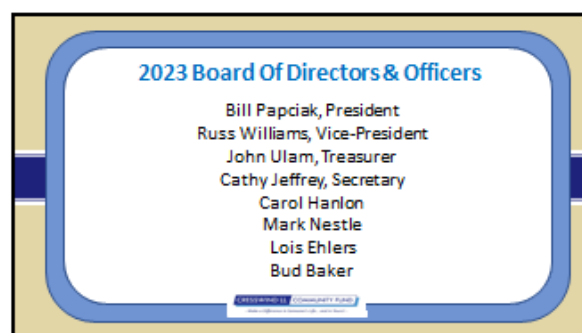
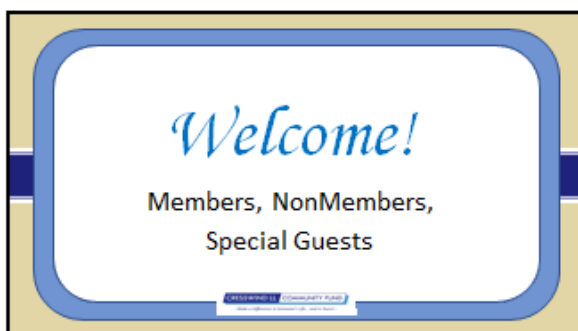
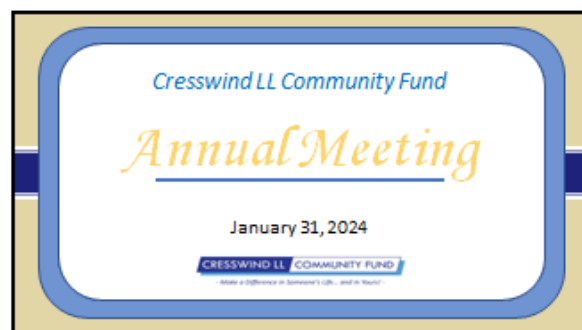
Following the raffle, Bill thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary

Addendum

Supporting Documents



Board Advisors

Wilton Rooks, Elaine Wood,
Annie McCleese, Wilson Golden,
Dave Rader, Sue Garcia, Susie Holbrook
Ron Stowe, Tim Roth, Darla Eden

Raise Funds Grant Funds

Committees

Decentralized Management Structure Enables Committees to Manage Daily, Make Decisions

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

Financial Report

The Final 2023 Financial Report Will Be Presented January 31, 2024 at Annual Meeting

2023 YTD Summary
Through December 15, 2023

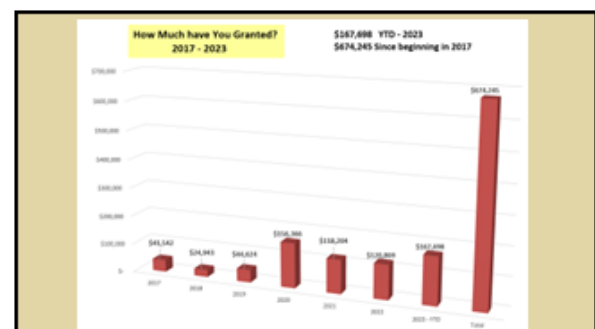
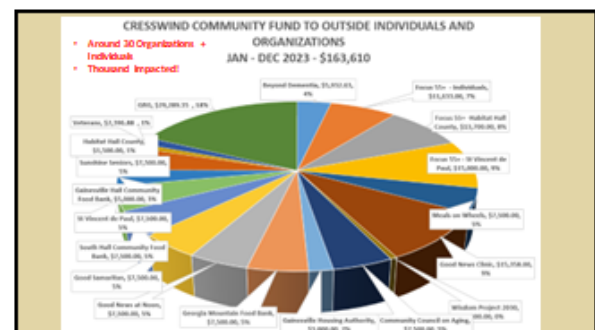
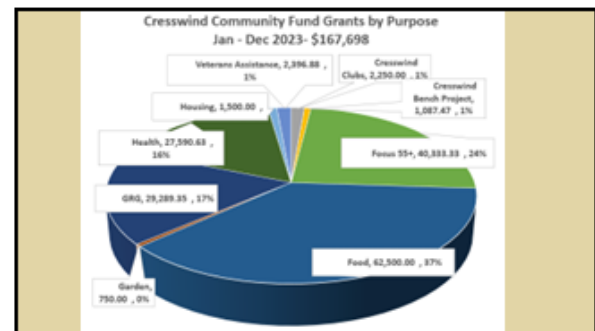
Mission Statement

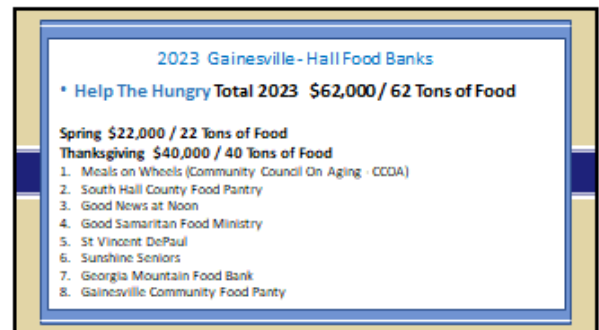
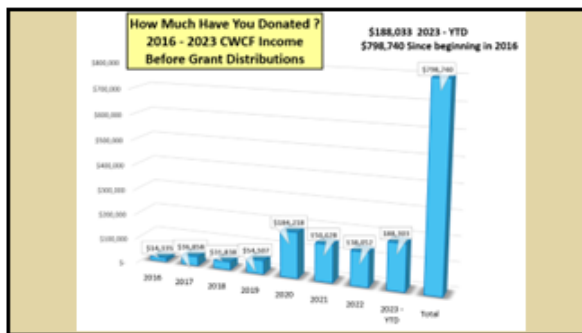
The mission of the CresswindLL Community Fund
is to enhance the lives of adults primarily 55 and
older through charitable, educational, medical
health related, and cultural opportunities
exclusively in Gainesville and Hall County.
We Help Local Seniors In Need

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"Help Me Please"
(Neighbors Helping Neighbors)

2017 - 12 projects (Seasonal)
 2018 - 210 projects (Full Year)
 2020 - 364 projects (COVID)
 2021 - 429 projects - \$52,353
 2022 - 417 Projects - \$35,458
 2023 - 527 Projects \$55,000

98% Donations, about 20% of 2022 total donations funded the CMCF
 1,660 Volunteer hours of work
 All Donations Help Local Senior Needs!
 Help - NOLA - Road Race

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 1000 Poydras Street, Suite 2000
 New Orleans, LA 70112

Spirit of Giving 

 Christmas Raffle!

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Thank You!
 All
 Help Me Please
 Volunteers!



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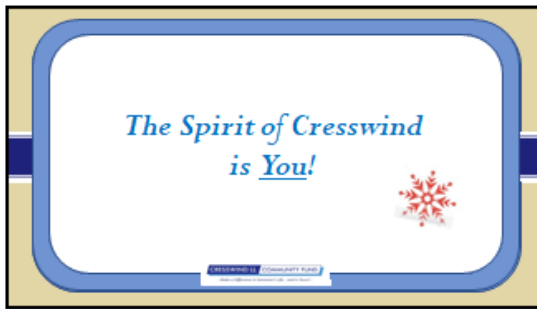

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