

CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND

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

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2024 3:00 pm-4:30 pm Cresswind Ballroom

Minutes

Bill Papciack called the 8th Annual Membership Meeting of the Cresswind Community to order. He recognized Cathy Hoskinson who served as the first president of the Cresswind Community Fund. Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting. He spoke of the bonds within the Community Fund membership and the wider Hall County senior community.

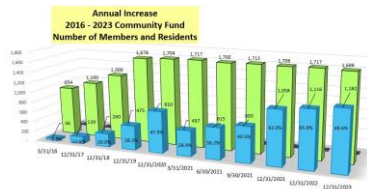
Bill introduced the 2023 and 2024 Community Fund Board. He recognized Carol Hanlon and Russ Williams who will be rolling off of the Board of Directors in 2024. Bill recognized Dave Rader and Wilson Golden who have served as Board Advisors but will be taking a break from service in the coming year. See the [Addendum](#) for a full list of Board Members and Advisors.

Bill reviewed the Cresswind Community Fund Mission statement. He spoke of how the Mission Statement guides what we do: We raise funds and we grant funds.

Mission Statement

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Bill described how the Community Fund has grown over the years. At the end of 2023 69.6% of residents were members of the Cresswind Community Fund.



Bill introduced Cresswind Community Fund Treasurer, John Ulam, to present the Financial Report. John stated that we had record donations and grants in 2023. He reviewed grants and expenses for 2023.

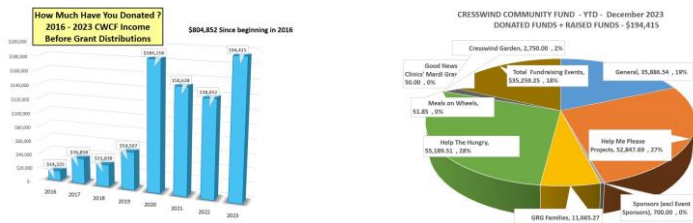
2023 Distribution of Funds	
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John described the 2023 grants including Focus 55 grants to individuals, grants to food banks, grants to grandparents raising grandchildren, health programs, housing, and veterans assistance. See the [Addendum](#) for additional financial details.

Bill asked for a motion from the floor to approve the 2023 Financial Report. Bud Baker made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Ron Stowe seconded the motion. The membership voted to approve.

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Bill introduced Wilton Rooks who presented graphic representations of donations and grants. Wilton described the total donations over time. The first graph below illustrates how donations have increased over the last eight years. He then described how funds were expended. The second graph illustrates donations made in 2023. Wilton stated that the total economic impact in Hall County of grants made by the Cresswind Community Fund through the generous support of Cresswind Community Fund members is really quite amazing. See the [Addendum](#) for additional financial charts



Bill announced the election results for the two open Board of Directors seats for 2024. Mark Nestle and John Prentice will each begin a two year term on the Cresswind Community Fund Board of Directors. Bill announced that Russ Williams will transition from being a Board of Directors member to being a Board Advisor appointed by the President. Bill called attention to the leadership team including Board members, advisors, and committees. He recognized Suzie Holbrook for her work in heading up the Meetings and Events Committee.

Bill introduced several guests and speakers:

- Jeffrey Sulka of Edward Jones who has been a Community Fund sponsor for five years including serving as a sponsor of the Golf Tournament.
- Bill Wittel the CEO and founder of the Beyond Dementia Coalition of Hall County.
- Elaine Wood a Board Advisor and member of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Committee. Elaine introduced Garrett Kolter of Napa Auto Fitness who has been a sponsor for the Golf Tournament and a great supporter of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Elaine described how Mr. Kolter assisted grandparents in getting a working car. She praised his honesty and recommended him to the community.
- Lois Ehlers a Board member and member of the Grant Committee. Lois described the Secret Santa Program - Project Warmth which is a collaboration of the Gainesville Police Department and Meals on Wheels. Project Warmth provided blankets and socks to senior Meals on Wheels recipients. The Community Fund participated in this program. Some of the recipients indicated that this was the only gift that they received
- Wilton Rooks a Board Advisor and member of the e-team. Wilton presented information on the Habitat for Humanity Aging in Place Program. He described the Community Fund contributions to assist individuals through the Aging in Place Program. He also indicated that the work of the Community Fund with this program had influenced other organizations in Hall County which have begun to support this effort as well.
- Bud Baker a Board Member and manager of the Help Me Please Program. Bud stated that there are approximately 80 Help Me Please volunteers in the Community. In 2023 these volunteers responded to 573 requests for help from Cresswind residents resulting 1,700 hours of work and donations of over \$56,000.00. Bud recognized Linda Keck as the individual who serves as the Help Me Please coordinator and matches volunteers to the requests that are received. Bud described the type of projects that Help Me Please can handle. He went on to describe the new Respite Care program which will be a sitting service to allow care givers of disabled individuals to have time to step away for appointments, errands, etc.

Ron Stowe was called on to introduce guests representing Good News Clinics which he described as the largest most successful free clinic in the state of Georgia. Ron introduced Daphaney Teaver, Development Director at Good News Clinics. Ms. Teaver thanked members of the Community Fund for their generosity. She indicated Good News Clinics sees approximately 3,000 patients annually. They serve individuals who fall below the poverty level which is approximately \$30,000 income for a family of four, are uninsured and are residents of Hall County. Good News Clinics has been active in Hall County for about 30 years and continues to grow and expand. They are in the middle of an eight million dollar expansion project. Their new building will be opening in February. She mentioned that in addition to donations, the Cresswind Community helps

Good News Clinics by volunteering. They will soon be opening a fresh produce market for their patients where patients can purchase fresh produce at cost.

Next Elaine Wood introduced Phil Dennis, Donor Outreach Coordinator of the Georgia Mountain Food Bank. Mr. Dennis thanked members for the support of the Cresswind Community Fund. He described the work of the Georgia Mountain Food Bank which works with organizations and food banks in the five counties that they serve. He went on to describe specifically the work of the Georgia Mountain Food Bank in Hall County. He indicated that in 2023 there was a 27% increase in the households served in Hall County and a 29% increase in service to seniors. He told members that their contributions provided good nutritious food to people who would otherwise go without. He indicated that the need for food is increasing and the need for donations is increasing also.

Finally, Darla Eden introduced Jennifer Bero, Executive Director of My Sister's Place. Darla described My Sister's Place as a homeless shelter for women and children that was established 23 years ago. Ms. Bero described the individuals served by My Sister's Place including grandparents raising grandchildren. She said that My Sister's Place provides essential needs for their clients and helps to connect them to resources to get them back on their feet. Many of their clients are working women who may be living in their cars. In 2023 they served 52 women and children with an average stay of 90 days with stays ranging up to 6 months. Ms. Bero introduced Angie the Housing Coordinator at My Sister's Place who stated that about 20% of their residents are 55+. She indicated that there is a need for volunteers. She indicated that My Sister's Place provides a bridge for their residents to begin a new life.

Bill Papciak once again thanked members for their support. He indicated that the Board of Directors would be looking forward to programs for 2024. He reviewed upcoming meetings and events.



The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary

(Cathy Jeffrey was not present at this meeting. Minutes were prepared from a recording of the meeting)

Addendum
Supporting Documents

Cresswind LL Community Fund

Annual Meeting

January 31, 2024

CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND
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Welcome!

Members, Non-Members

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Welcome Special Guests

- Jeffrey Sulka, Edward-Jones
- Garrick Coulter, Auto Fitness / NAPA
- Bill Wittel, Beyond Dementia Coalition Hall

Guest Speakers

- Daphney Teaver, Good News Clinics
- Phil Dennis, Georgia Mountain Food Bank
- Jennifer Bero, My Sister's Place

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2023 Board of Directors, Officers

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

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Meeting Agenda

- Minutes
- Financials
- Recent Vote Results
- 2022 Year End Report
- 2023 Outlook
- Adjourn Meeting

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2023 Board Advisors

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

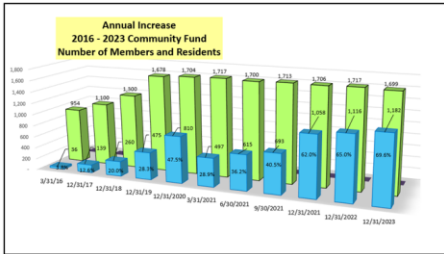
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What we do!
Raise Funds
Grant Funds



Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Previously Approved

- January 2023 - Annual Meeting
- December 2023 - Year End Meeting



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Financial Report

2023 Year End Report

John Ulam, Treasurer, Board Member

2023 Distribution of Funds/Grants

• Food	\$62,500
• Medical - Health	\$27,590
• Grandparents (GRG)	\$32,289
• Focus 55+	\$40,553
• Veterans 55+	\$ 2,396
• Housing	\$ 1,500
• Cresswind Clubs	\$ 3,000
• Cresswind Bench Program	\$ 1,087

2023 Expenses By Category

2023 Expenses	\$ 13,446
Technology	\$1,555
Meals/Events	3,395
Insurance	1,700
Legal/Accounting	1,500
Transactions	1,874
Bank Fees	355
Miscellaneous	35
	\$13,446

• 2023 Golf Tournament Expenses \$ 8,764 (not included in General Expenses)
Gross Income from Golf Tournament of \$35,299 (included in Total Donations)

This Month January 2024 (01/29/2024)

Revenue	\$ 6,677
Grants	\$ 9,718
Expenses	\$ 461

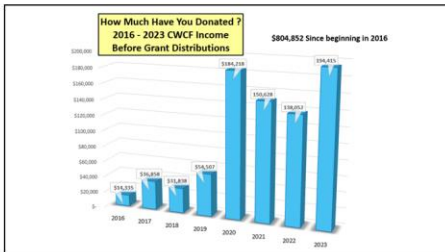
December 31, 2023 Year End

General Fund	
Checking Account	\$ 43,922
Restricted/Pledged	—-0-
Available Funds	\$ 43,922

- ### 2024 Financial Goal & Objectives
1. Meet the *demand and need* of Local Seniors and the organizations who help them, the best we can.
 2. Maintain a minimum reserve of \$15,000.00 to be able to meet grant application requests in a timely fashion.
 3. Use campaigns to raise Member Donated Funds for specialized programs, raise Sponsor Funds when needed

Approval of Financial Report
2023 Year End Report
2024 Financial Goal & Objectives

Raise Funds
Grant Funds



Committees

Decentralized Management Enables Committees to Manage Daily, Make Decisions

- Board Advisers
- Fundraising
- Grant
- Finance
- Legal
- Marketing & Communications
- IT Team (Data Management, Website)
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Team
- Help Me Please Team
- Meetings & Events Team

*Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
It's a Tough Job!*



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HELP THE HUNGRY
8 Food Banks

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**Help Me Please
Service Program**

Program Manager
Bud Baker

Board Member Liaison - Russ Williams

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Strategic Plan Summary: 2024

1. Continue to Support the "Basic Needs" of Gainesville-Hall Seniors, and Give Back To Where We Live
2. Expand Our Volunteer Base & Activity from Within Our Membership
3. Continue to Develop Partnership Activity with Cresswind Clubs who have Compatible Goals and Interests
4. Expand our Effort to Cultivate Existing, and Develop New Gainesville-Hall Relationships with Organizations, Businesses, and Individuals who also give back to where they operate, and live.



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2024 Campaigns & Fundraisers

- Help Me Please
- Help The Hungry
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Medical & Health Support
- Dementia Program Hall County
- Local Police, Fire, Sheriff, First Responders Support

All Benefit Local Gainesville & Hall Seniors In Need!

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2024 Meetings & Events

Valentine's Day
Love Our Volunteers Recognition Luncheon!

6th Annual Spirit of Cresswind
Golf Tournament October 21st

Quarterly Meetings

- 1st Q St Patrick's Day Spring Celebration
- 2nd Q Meeting "Summer Celebration"
- 3rd Q Meeting "Homecoming"
- 4th Q Year-End "Holiday Celebration"

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January, 2025

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*The Spirit of Cresswind
is You!
Thank You!*

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Meeting Adjourned

Thank you for attending!

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