

First Quarter Member Meeting Minutes

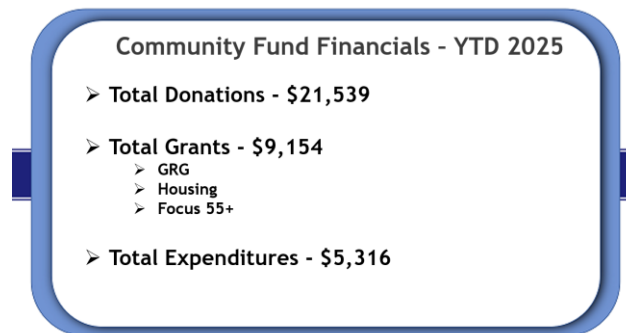
March 19, 2025 3:00 pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mark Nestle at 3:03 pm. Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the volunteers who helped set up the meeting.

Mark introduced the featured speakers for the day: Liz Coates, Executive Director of Good News Clinics and Darlene Hauserman, Executive Director of the Gainesville - Hall County Food Pantry. He recognized members of the Board of Directors and spoke about the many volunteer opportunities available as part of the Community Fund. He encouraged everyone to consider volunteering.

Mark asked John Ulam to present the treasurer's report.



John described three grants that were processed this quarter. One went to a grandparent raising a grandchild. The second went to the Gainesville Housing Authority to support a lunch program. The third grant went to a victim of domestic violence to assist her in moving to a new residence.

John and Mark referred to the quickly approaching goal of one million dollars granted. Mark said that he hoped we would reach that goal this year.

Mark introduced Darlene Hauserman. She talked about the work of the Gainesville/Hall County Food Pantry which has been in operation since 1973 supported by five churches. The five churches assist by providing fresh food on a regular basis. She discussed the complexities of food insecurity saying that food insecurity is an issue in

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FOOD INSECURITY

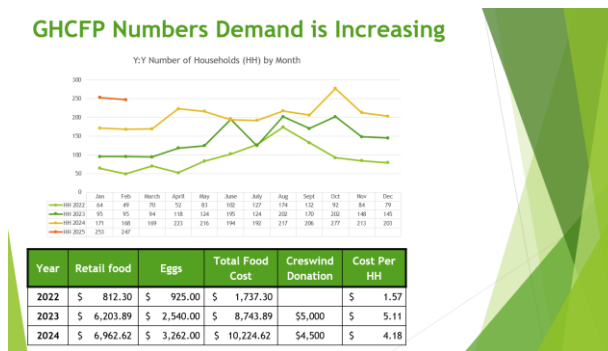
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Ms. Hauserman illustrated her presentation by telling stories of the people that her organization serves. She related that many appreciated being treated as an individual worthy of help. She provided charts illustrating the increasing demand for assistance.



Ms. Hauserman closed her presentation by describing how the Cresswind Community Fund donations have helped the Gainesville/Hall County Food Pantry provide services for their clients. She ended by thanking the Cresswind Community Fund for its support. For additional information about the work of the Gainesville-Hall County Food Pantry, [see the Addendum.](#)

Next Mark introduced Liz Coates from Good News Clinics. Good News Clinics provides Healthcare for the poor or uninsured in our county. She indicated that they are only seeing a fraction of the population who would qualify for their services. She described the impact of poverty on life expectancy. Ms. Coates said that she is motivated when she sees people go from despair to hope.

She shared patient stories to illustrate the work that they do.

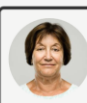
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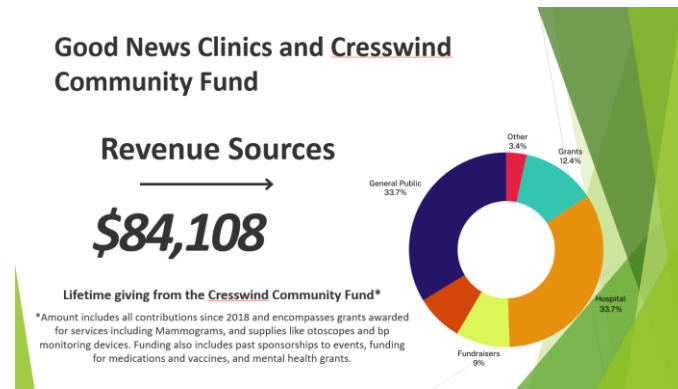


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As examples of the service provided by Good News Clinics, Ms. Coates stated that they typically fill 4,000 prescriptions per month and served 919 diabetic patients last year. By managing the health of diabetic and coronary patients Good News Clinics saves money that otherwise might be spent providing emergency and hospital care for these patients. Demand for the services provided by Good News Clinics went up 30% between 2023 and 2024 and they expect an additional 30% increase again this year.

Ms Coates stated that the Cresswind Community Fund has donate \$84,108.00 to Good News Clinics since 2018. This donation resulted in services provided valued at over six hundred thousand dollars.



Ms. Coates described their recent renovation project and invited everyone to attend the grand opening of their new facility to see how Community Fund donations are used. Ms. Coates closed her presentation by thanking the Cresswind Community Fund for its support. For additional information on Good News Clinics, [see the Addendum](#).

Both Ms. Coates and Ms. Hauserman indicated that they have many volunteer opportunities available. They encouraged anyone interested to consider volunteering.

Mark introduced Bill Papciak to talk about fundraising. Bill said that over 500 donors last year raised approximately \$180,000.00. He reviewed the 2025 fundraising campaigns giving details about each upcoming campaign.

2025 Campaigns

Help Me Please Cresswind Service Program
Volunteers under the management of Bud Baker make this ongoing fundraiser a top priority of *The Community Fund*.

Quinlan Arts Cresswind Membership Program
Quinlan gains membership donations through March 2025.

First Responders Cresswind Parade
HOA / Lifestyle / *The Community Fund* Friday April 11, 2025, 6:45
Clubhouse start, parade through Cresswind

2025 Campaigns

Help The Hungry
Spring (May) and Fall (November Thanksgiving) campaign.

The 2nd Annual Spirit of Cresswind Auction
3-day live auction "Christmas in July"

The 8th Annual Spirit of Cresswind Golf Tournament
Monday October 20, 2025

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Campaign
Late August ends September 7th on National Grandparent's Day, Ballroom Gala

Bill introduced Gary Wood of Servepro. Servepro will be one of the sponsors of the annual golf tournament. Bill closed by saying that the success of the Cresswind Community Fund fundraising campaigns is due to the generosity of all the Cresswind Community Fund members and the Spirit of Cresswind.

Mark reviewed the work of the Grant Committee. He introduced Lois Ehlers who provided details for the upcoming First Responders Parade which is scheduled for April 11th. Lois stated that it will be a great event for children in conjunction with the Spring Fling planned for the next day. Lois indicated that we will be collecting funds to support First Responder programs including smoke alarms for seniors in need, dementia training for first responders, and drones used for finding missing people. Lois asked for everyone to come to the parade and to consider donating to the thank you bags for the first responders or to the first responder causes.



Mark reviewed grandparents Raising Grandchildren. He encouraged everyone to keep Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in mind when participating in events outside of Cresswind, to help find grandparents in need. Next, he mentioned Help Me Please and the need for more volunteers. Mark encouraged everyone to tell new neighbors about Help Me Please. [See the Addendum](#) for the Help-Me-Please statistics.

Mark Nestle announced the establishment of the Bill Papciak Outstanding Service Award. He asked Bill Papciak to join him at the podium. He and Wilton Rooks presented Bill with the inaugural Bill Papciak Outstanding Service Award. Mark shared some of the service that Bill has done over the years that the Board of Directors is recognizing with this award. [See the Addendum](#) for the full award letter. Bill said a few words about what being a part of the Cresswind Community Fund has meant to him.

The final item on the agenda was the Community Fund raffle. Mark asked Bill Papciak to oversee the raffle drawing with the help of Cheryl Satterfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary

Addendum

Supporting Documents

CRESSWIND LL COMMUNITY FUND
- Make a Difference in Someone's Life... and in Yours! -

First Quarter Member Meeting

Happy Spring!

March 19, 2025

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2025 Board of Directors & Officers

Mark Nestle, President
Wilton Rooks, Vice-President
John Ulam, Treasurer
Cathy Jeffrey, Secretary
Bud Baker
Darla Eden
Lois Ehlers
Bill Papciak

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Welcome!

Members, Nonmembers, Special Guests

and Thank You
to all our Volunteers!

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Board Advisors

Elaine Wood, Arnie McCleese, Russ Williams,
Susie Holbrook, Ann Suttive, Ron Stowe,
Sue Garcia, Dick Osborne, Rose Micuch,
Tom Alexandris, Brian Olson, Glenn Beranek

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Welcome Special Guests

- **Darlene Hauserman**, Executive Director, Gainesville-Hall Community Food Pantry
- **Liz Coates**, Executive Director, Good News Clinics

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Special Invitation

Please join the over 30 neighbors already active with as Board Advisors, Committee Members, Help Me Please, and other 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 exclusively in Gainesville and Hall County.





Financial Summary Since Inception

Total Funds: \$1,041,782

Total Grants: \$856,295

Current Funds Available for Grants - \$24,750

Raise Funds

Grant Funds

Help Local Seniors In Need




Gainesville - Hall County Community Food Pantry

Darlene Hauserman - Executive Director




Community Fund Financials - YTD 2025

- Total Donations - \$21,539
- Total Grants - \$9,154
 - GRG
 - Housing
 - Focus 55+
- Total Expenditures - \$5,316



Gainesville Hall Community Food Pantry is supported by 5 churches for 50 years.




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13% of Georgians are food insecure

18% of Children in Georgia are food insecure

12% of 65+ in Georgia live in poverty

Source: <https://www.acb.usg/facts-and-figures>; <https://data.census.gov/tables//Geography/00-00001>

The causes of food insecurity are complex:

- Poverty, unemployment, or low income
- Lack of affordable housing
- Chronic health conditions or lack of access to healthcare
- Systemic racism and racial discrimination

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GHCFP Numbers Demand is Increasing

Y/Y Number of Households (HH) by Month

Year	Retail food	Eggs	Total Food Cost	Crowdfund Donation	Cost Per HH
2022	\$ 812.30	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,737.30		\$ 1.50
2023	\$ 6,205.89	\$ 2,540.00	\$ 8,745.89	\$5,000	\$ 5.17
2024	\$ 6,962.62	\$ 3,262.00	\$ 10,224.62	\$4,300	\$ 4.38

Low-income and food-insecure people are vulnerable to poor nutrition and obesity for a number of reasons

- limited resources
- lack of healthy, affordable food access
- cycles of food deprivation & overeating
- high levels of stress, anxiety, & depression
- fewer opportunities for physical activity
- greater exposure to food marketing
- limited access to health care

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How to help....

Volunteer:
Darlene Hauserman (dhauserman@gmail.com)

Donations Food:
Use the food bins at church or Drop off at:
Gainesville Hall Community Food Pantry
615 Oak Street, Gainesville, GA 30501
T/TH Noon to 1:30

Donations Checks:
Mary Lynn Coyle, Treasure
3066 Laurel Springs Drive,
Gainesville, GA 30506

Kindness starts with you

Good News Clinics

Liz Coates - Executive Director

Mission, Vision and Values	Service Statistics
Historic Timeline	Revenue Sources
Then and Now Photos	Volunteer Opportunities
Patient Stories	Conclusion

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Mission

Vision

Values

Good News Clinics is a Christian nonprofit that provides free comprehensive healthcare to uninsured residents of Hall County who cannot afford to purchase healthcare services.

The vision of Good News Clinics (GNC) is to be a Christian community resource which provides a path to health, wellness and wholeness for those we serve.

Good News Clinics Core Values consist of Collaboration, Stewardship, Respect, Compassion, and Integrity.

Liz Coates, Executive Director

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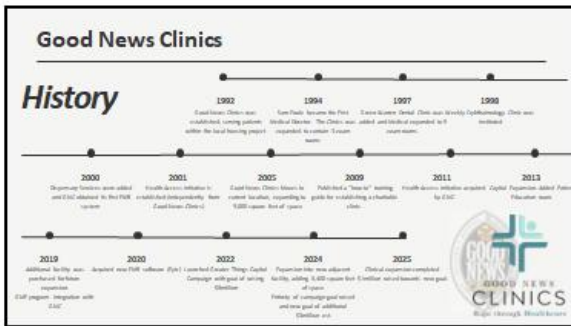
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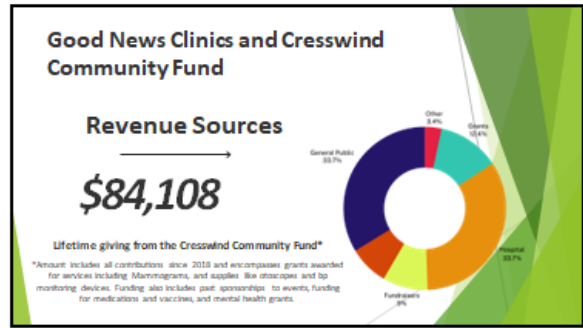
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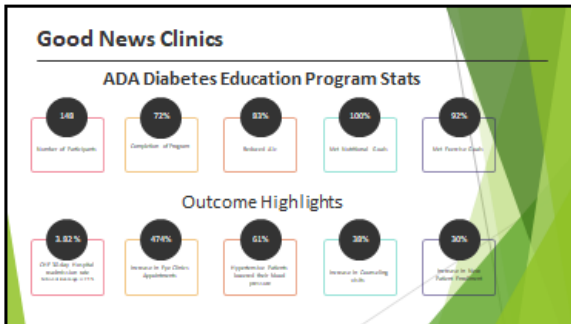
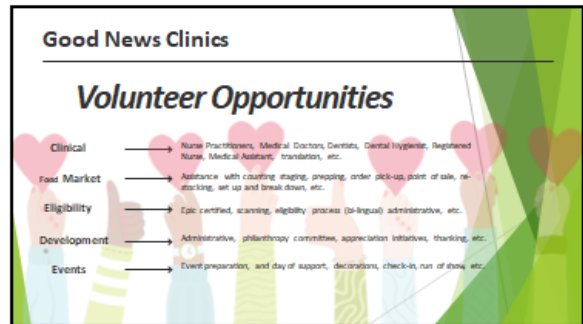


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FY 24 Service Statistics

Sam Poole Medical Clinic - Primary Care - 10,449 Visits	328 appointments for eye care
Green Warren Dental Clinic - Basic Dental Services - 4,612 Appointments	1,490 Counseling sessions 19,166 Labs drawn
Health Access - Imaging and Referrals - 2,593 Incoming, 2,390 Outgoing	New Applications - 693 Medical, 603 Dental

Total Patient Encounters - 21,579

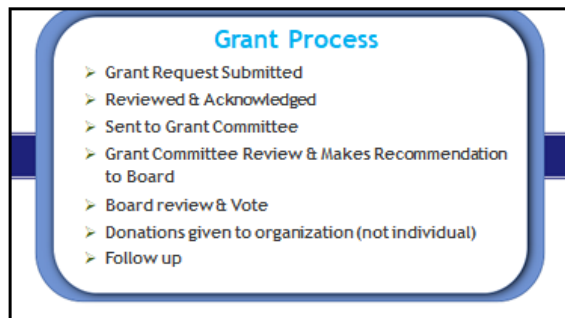
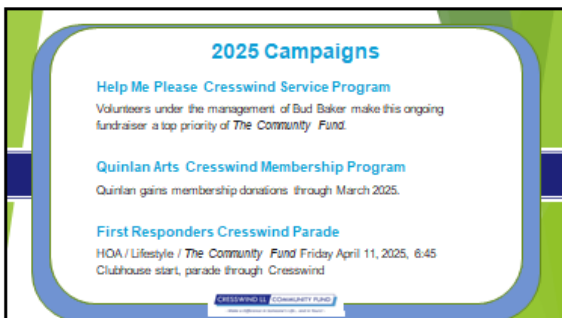
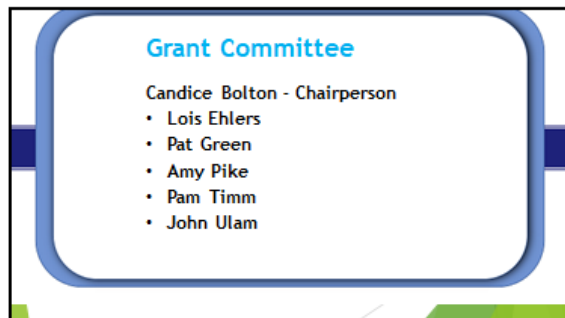


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Northwest Georgia Healthcare History

After World War 2 there were 2 hospitals in Hall county
Downey Hospital circa 1908 Dr. James Henry Downey
Hall County Hospital (Public)
1951 Two Hospitals were merged into facility on Spring Street with 90 beds
1960 Brenau begins training nurses
1976 Hall County Hospital become Northeast Georgia Medical Center
1977 Lanier Park Hospital opened
2001 NEGMC buys and merges with Lanier Park Hospital

[Health Access Initiative and Good News Clinics](#)
[Historical Patient Video](#)



FIRST RESPONDERS PARADE

presented by


Your donations go to:

- First Responder Thank You Gifts
- Purchasing smoke detectors for local seniors in need
- First Responder dementia education & training
- Fire Department Fund

To donate, go to The Cresswind Community Fund website www.cresswind.org or drop a check to our Community Fund lobby mailbox.


Invite the grandkids and join us **Friday, April 11th @ 6:45!**
 Maps will be posted closer to date.

“Help Me Please”

(Neighbors Helping Neighbors)

More requests every year
 All Donations Help Local Seniors in Need!

HMP Manager: Bud Baker



Parade Route



1. Depart at Oakwood 8:30
2. Descend Hwy. to Baker Station & back
3. Descend Hwy. to Howell Ave & back
4. Descend Hwy. to Longwood Road & back
5. Descend Hwy. to Mt of Goodwill Hwy & back
6. Descend Hwy. to Montgomery Mt. Side & back

Help Me Please

	Total 2023	Total 2024	2025 January	2025 February	Comparison 2024 February
Jobs Requested	589	810	47	73	68
Jobs Completed	573	785	42	65	31
Jobs Not Completed	16	24	23	28	30
Jobs Funded	540	745	38	39	17
Jobs Unfunded	33	41	25	40	36
Funds Generated	\$ 56,295	\$ 69,878	\$ 4,195	\$ 3,785	\$ 4,555
Average Donated per job Funded	\$ 1,040.84	\$ 93.90	\$ 110.30	\$ 97.05	N/A
Active Volunteers This Month	Avg 28	31	33	40	27
Volunteer Hours Unfunded This Month	Avg 144	151	102	104	131

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

It's a Tough Job!



Special Announcement



Spirit of Cresswind



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

March 19, 2025

Mr. William Papciak
3504 Blue Spruce Ct SW
Gainesville, Georgia 30504

Dear Bill,

It is with great pleasure that we write to tell you that the Cresswind Community Fund Board of Directors has voted to establish a service award in your honor. The Bill Papciak Outstanding Service Award is presented by the Cresswind Community Fund to an individual who has provided exemplary service to the Cresswind at Lake Lanier Community or to the greater Gainesville/Hall County community.

In addition, the Cresswind Community Fund Board of Directors has awarded the inaugural Bill Papciak Outstanding Service Award to Bill Papciak. This award is being presented to recognize your service to both the Cresswind at Lake Lanier Community and to the Gainesville/Hall County community. Your achievements that we are recognizing with this award include:

- Serving the Cresswind Community Fund as a member of the Board of Directors and its president for seven years including overseeing and developing Cresswind Community Fund programs.
- Working tirelessly to promote the work of the Community Fund always emphasizing the Community Fund's purpose to "Raise Funds and Grant Funds" through the generosity that is "the Spirit of Cresswind".
- Leading the Cresswind Community Fund to the achievement of one million dollars donated and over eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars granted to individuals and organizations in Gainesville/Hall County.
- Representing the Cresswind Community Fund to the Gainesville/Hall County Community and essentially becoming the face of the Cresswind Community Fund.
- Recruiting and mentoring new leadership for the Cresswind Community Fund.
- Serving as chair of the Community Fund's Communication Committee including sending countless messages to be sure that members are aware of Community Fund activities and contacting the press for coverage of Community Fund programs including the recent innovative collaboration with the Quinlan Visual Arts Center that you negotiated.
- As chair of the Fundraising Committee overseeing fundraising events including the annual Golf Tournament, Help the Hungry campaigns, and the Silent Auction.

- Supporting the work of other Hall County non-profit organizations by inviting their leaders to speak at Community Fund meetings to share stories about the work that they do and how Community Fund donations have contributed to that work.
- Serving as a member of the Advisory Board of the Beyond Dementia Coalition including serving as a mentor to the Coalition in their successful transition to a non-profit corporation.
- Providing support for the Hall County Mental Health First campaign and being the catalyst to get this program off the ground. Working to enlist Community Fund sponsorship of training sessions at Cresswind, funding for class lunches, and supporting classes throughout Gainesville until the program was successfully running on its own.
- Organizing and managing tennis clinics for Cresswind residents as well as serving as captain of the Cresswind men's tennis team and being a member of several championship tennis teams from Cresswind.
- Working to convince the USTA to expand senior tennis play to Hall County.

On behalf of the Cresswind Community Fund members, the Board of Directors wants to thank you for all you have done to serve our community.

Best Wishes,

Cresswind Community Fund, LLC
Board of Directors

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