

Mid-Year Member Meeting Minutes

July 2nd, 2025 3:00 pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Nestle at 3:03 pm. Mark thanked everyone for attending and the volunteers responsible for setting up the meeting.

Mark introduced the guests who would be participating in the meeting:

Welcome Special Guests

- Gerald Couch, Hall County Sheriff
- Jackie Powers, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Food Pantry
- Garry Wood, Servpro Business Development Director, sponsor of refreshments, and the raffle

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Mark reviewed the current members of the Community Fund Board and Board Advisors. He encouraged those present to consider volunteering to help the Community Fund serve the community. Mark highlighted the need for younger Help Me Please volunteers.

Mark reviewed the Community Fund Mission Statement:

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Mark introduced John Ulam who presented the financial report.

Community Fund Financials - YTD 2025	
Donations	\$67,427
Expenses	\$10,549
Technology	\$1,898
Insurance	\$379
Membership Fees	\$265
Meeting Expenses	\$580
Misc. Expenses	\$3,402 (mostly HMP appreciation events)
Bank Transaction Fees	\$1,027
HMP Supplies	\$473
Grants	\$63,457
Food	\$20,000
GRG	\$11,226
Public Safety	\$8,769
Focus 55+	\$8,621
Health	\$7,700
Housing	\$3,500
Veteran's Assistance	\$2,000
Cresswind Bench Project	\$1,641

John highlighted the fact that the Community Fund has now exceeded one million dollars in donations and is closing in on one million dollars granted.

Mark introduced Lois Ehlers who introduced the speakers. Each of the speakers at this meeting have received donations from the Community Fund. First up was Jackie Powers, Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. The Good Samaritan Food Pantry was the recipient of a \$2,000.00 Help the Hungry grant. Ms. Powers showed a video that illustrated the work of the Good Samaritan Food Pantry. After the video she discussed the challenges faced by low-income seniors in the Gainesville/Hall County area. She stated that they focus on keeping seniors in their homes by helping them with their food and hygiene needs. She illustrated the problems faced by these seniors by telling the story of a widow living on \$1,300.00 a month. She thanked Cresswind for their support of the Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

Next Lois introduced Sheriff Gerald Couch and his team. She described the grant process that was used to help fund the public service video produced by the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Couch thanked Cresswind residents for being so involved in the County. He said that Hall County is a great community. Sheriff Couch indicated that he appreciated the support that the Community Fund provided for the video they produced to warn citizens about online scams. The Sheriff then introduced the screening of the video. Following the video he introduced his team: Captain Stephen Wilbanks, Captain Michael Mount, Major Chris Matthews, and Sargent Jeremy Grindle. Each of these law enforcement professionals shared information about their experience in Law Enforcement and Public Safety. The audience thanked the Sheriff and his team for their service and the service of all Hall County first responders.

Mark introduced Bill Papciak who described fundraising efforts at Cresswind. He reviewed fundraising programs for the year.

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 7 th on National Grandparent's Day, Ballroom Gala

Bill focused on the Spirit of Cresswind and how generous the Cresswind Community has been in donating to support seniors in Hall County. Bill thanked Garry Wood of ServPro for serving as a Community Fund sponsor supporting the Golf Tournament, contributing to this meeting's raffle, and supporting other initiatives.

Mark announced the upcoming Silent auction scheduled for July 9-11 which will benefit Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Mark introduced Marjorie Rosen who described the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program.



Marjorie illustrated the work of the program by describing the challenges faced by a widowed grandmother raising three children. The program provides a chrome books to every grandchild in the program. Marjorie described what a powerful influence the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program has been for the children and the grandparents served by this program. She said that we are changing the lives of the people we serve.

Mark introduced Bud Baker who described the success this year of the Help Me Please program. Bud stated that Help Me Please has had significantly more requests the first half of 2025 than over the same period last year. Last year at this time Help Me Please had completed 300 requests. This year they have already had 561 Help Me Please requests.

Help Me Please										
	Total 2024	2025 January	2025 February	2025 March	2025 April	2025 May	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	
Jobs Requested	830	47	73	65	138	118	441	262	169	
Jobs Completed	785	42	65	37	116	147	407	234	155	
Jobs Not Completed	24	23	28	41	63	34	34	38	16	
Jobs Funded	745	38	39	12	86	151	326	170	129	
Jobs Unfunded	41	25	48	52	85	81	81	54	33	
Funds Generated	\$69,878	\$ 4,195	\$ 3,785	\$ 5,440	\$ 8,806	\$13,614	\$ 35,840	\$20,020	\$14,579	
Average Donated per Job Funded	\$ 93.80	\$ 110.39	\$ 97.05	\$453.33	\$102.40	\$ 90.16	\$ 109.94	\$117.76	\$112.97	
Active Volunteers This Month	31	33	40	36	40	45	39	31	28	
Volunteer Hours Used in Month	151	102	184	207	266	265	205	151	144	

Mark highlighted the Help Me Please Companion Care Program which provides support for caregivers in the community by giving them a chance to take a break while a Help Me Please volunteer sits with their family member.

Mark introduced Garry Wood of ServPro who sponsored the afternoon's raffle. Mr. Wood described the services provided by ServPro.

Mark introduced Becky Lyons who was assisted by Garry Wood in drawing the numbers for the raffle items.

Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Jeffrey
Secretary

Addendum

Supporting Documents

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Mid-Year Members Meeting
Happy Summer! Hot time in the City!
 July 2nd, 2025

Welcome!
**Members, Nonmembers, and our
 Special Guests**
 and a Special Thank You
 to all our Volunteers!

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 Good Samaritan Food Pantry**
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 Development Director, sponsor of
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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

Board Advisors

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

Special Invitation
Your Community needs your help!
 Please join your neighbors already active
 with as Board Advisors, Committee
 Members, Help Me Please, and other
 Community Fund volunteers

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Raise Funds Grant Funds

Helping Local Seniors In Need

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Financial Summary Since Inception

Total Funds: \$1,089,268

Total Grants: \$949,875

Current Funds Available for Grants - \$16,000



Grant Committee

Candice Bolton - Chairperson

- Lois Ehlers
- Pat Green
- Amy Pike
- Pam Timm
- John Ulam

Grant Process

- Grant Request Submitted
- Reviewed & Acknowledged
- Sent to Grant Committee
- Grant Committee Review & Makes Recommendation to Board
- Board review & Vote
- Donations given to organization (not individual)
- Follow up

Good Samaritan Food Pantry
Jackie Powers - Executive Director



Hands that build hope.

[Good Samaritan Video](#)

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Hall County Sheriff's Department
Gerald Couch, Sheriff



SHERIFF TO CITIZEN ONLINE

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
 HALL COUNTY GEORGIA

Information to equip the community

- *Accident, arrest and incident map
- *Accident, arrest and incident search
- *Daily bulletin
- *Hall County Jail population list
- *Incident reporting

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[Scam Video](#)

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2025 Fundraising Committee

Bill Papiak, chair

Ann Sutlive (Silent Auction),

Susie Holbrook (Silent Auction, Golf Tournament co-chair),

Glenn Beranek (Golf Tournament Chair)

Darla Eden, Lois Ehlers, Rose Micuch,

Cheryl Satterfield, Dave Rader,

Sid Snow, John Ulam

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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

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
It's a Tough Job!

"Help Me Please"
(Neighbors Helping Neighbors)
More requests every year
All Donations Help
Local Seniors in Need!
HMP Manager: Bud Baker

Help Me Please

	Total	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
	2020	January	February	March	April	May	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
Jobs Requested	610	67	74	65	118	118	442	262	146	146
Jobs Completed	706	62	65	87	116	147	477	224	155	155
Jobs Not Completed	21	24	28	41	66	66	185	188	36	36
Jobs Funded	746	68	69	112	166	151	466	170	170	170
Jobs Unfunded	61	25	68	52	36	31	151	14	14	14
Funds Generated	\$40,278	\$ 4,294	\$ 4,796	\$ 5,400	\$ 9,208	\$ 11,614	\$ 35,316	\$ 20,120	\$ 21,272	\$ 21,272
Average Donated per job Funded	\$ 93.80	\$ 120.49	\$ 97.36	\$ 68.28	\$ 62.00	\$ 90.16	\$ 106.94	\$ 117.76	\$ 122.87	\$ 122.87
Pickup Volunteers This Month	82	84	60	86	60	66	342	81	28	28
Volunteer Hours Used in Month	130	102	130	207	266	236	967	103	103	103

Raffle Time!!

Our Sponsor:
Garry Wood, Business Development Director
1677A Oakbrook Drive, Gainesville Ga. 30507
Cell: 470-882-4327 Email: gwood@servproga.com

Official Restoration Partner

Thank you for Attending
Have a Great Summer!
Mingle, Munchies and More