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

Second Quarter Member Meeting Minutes

April 22nd, 2026 3:00 PM – 4:30 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 and sponsors who would be participating in the meeting:



Special Guests

- Gainesville Police and Fire Department
- Hall County Sheriff and Fire Department
- Julie Goodin, Director, Clothing With A Purpose
- William Wittel, Director, Beyond Dementia Coalition

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Mark introduced the current board and Board Advisors and our Mission Statement.



2026 Board of Directors & Officers

Mark Nestle, President
Glenn Beranek, Vice-President
John Ulam, Treasurer
Sherry Roberts, Secretary
Darla Eden
Lois Ehlers
Cathy Jeffrey
Bill Papciak

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Board Advisors

Tom Alexandris, Bud Baker, Candice Bolton,
Sue Garcia, Arnie McCleese, Susie Holbrook,
Brian Olson, Ann Sutlive, Ron Stowe,
Wilton Rooks, Russ Williams, Elaine Wood,

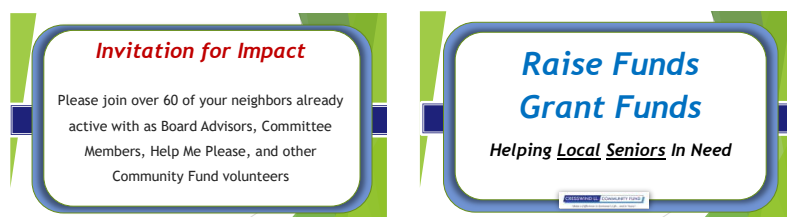
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Mission Statement

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.

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Mark discussed that in order to get more done we need to have more people involved in leading the organization. There are many, and differing, opportunities to do so.



Invitation for Impact

Please join over 60 of your neighbors already active with as Board Advisors, Committee Members, Help Me Please, and other Community Fund volunteers

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Grant Funds**

Helping Local Seniors In Need

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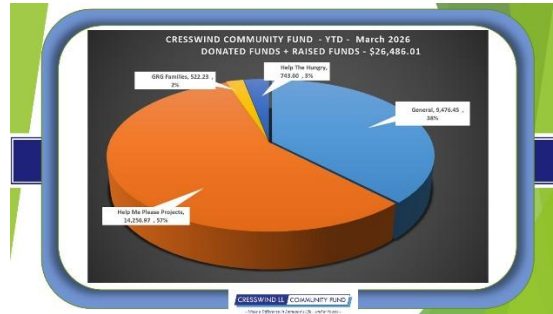
Mark introduced John Ulam to present the financial report. John reviewed the income and expenses for the year, to date.

Community Fund Financials - YTD 2026

End QuickBooks balance (3/31/26)	\$19,867
Total Donations YTD	\$34,758
Total Expenses YTD	\$2,717
Total Expenses as % of Total Donations	8%
Total Grants YTD	\$31,752
Total Grants as % of Total Donations	91%

Community Fund Financials - YTD 2026

<u>Grants</u>			
Focus 55+	\$17,308		
GRG	\$6,400		
Public Safety	\$6,332		
Vet's Assistance	\$1,712		
<u>YTD thru 4/21</u>			
Donations	\$38,153	vs	2026
Grants	\$24,374		\$31,752



Next, Mark introduced Lois Ehlers, chair of the 1st Responder Event, which was held on 4/10/26. Lois brought up members of the Committee: Darla Eden, Sherry Roberts, Glenn Beranek and Allison Ladd. Lois reviewed the success of the event, including a great turn-out from CW residents, and participation from our sponsors.



First Responder Parade 2026

What we were able to do with Cresswind's donations?

- Cooler Bag for each 1st Responder filled with treats & gift cards
- Bought First Responders dinner from Sully's
- Purchased gift cards for prizes and the bags
- Gave \$1000 to each of 4 participating First Responder organizations



First Responder Parade 2026

Sponsors donated over \$10K:

- 100 smoke detectors for each Fire Department
- Gift cards and coupons for local restaurants
- Discounts on gift bags & silicone Cresswind ❤️ First Responder bracelets
- Money towards First Responder organization gifts



First Responder Parade Video



Lois and Darla Eden asked a representative from each of the 4 departments to talk about what the event meant to them.

First Responder Guests

- Gainesville Police
- Gainesville Fire
- Hall County Sheriff
- Hall County Fire



The volunteers who made the event such as success were highlighted:

Volunteers made it happen!

- Lifestyle and Social Committee
- Road Safety Volunteers
- Photographer and Videographer
- Flag Club
- Community Fund Volunteers
- Paintings donated for the raffle, Vintage 57 Chevy, lead Golf Cart, map maker and so much more
- * Special thanks for our great **First Responders!**
Without them we wouldn't be able to have the parade!



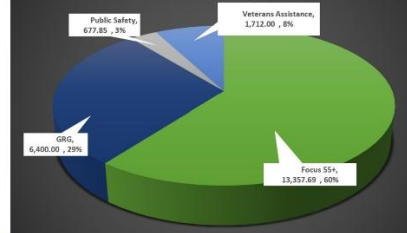
Grant Committee Chair, Cathy Jeffery, introduced the Committee members and briefly reviewed the nature of some of our Grant requests: rent/mortgage assistance, roof or gutter replacement assistance, etc. The Community Fund helps because other organizations cannot help as much as is needed.

Grant Committee

Cathy Jeffery - Chairperson

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

Cresswind Community Fund Grants by Purpose YTD - March 2026- \$27,410.49



She noted that so far in 2026, the Grants have come to us through Focus 55.

Mark returned to the podium and introduced our Guest, Julie Goodin, Founder and Director of Clothing with a Purpose.

Clothing With A Purpose

Julie Goodin - Founder & Director

- Introduction - What we do and Who we serve
- How CWCF awarded was used
- Upcoming projects / New opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities



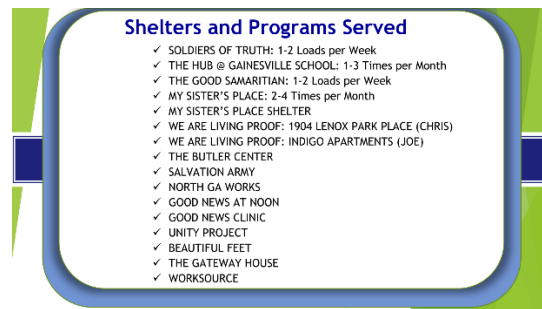
Clothing With A Purpose

MISSION: "Clothing with a Purpose", is a 501C3, that gathers and collects gently used or new clothing for the "unsheltered" and very low income. Everything is sorted by volunteers to determine where it would best be used. Items are then distributed to the directors of various programs. We work with these directors because we have found they know and understand the needs and conditions of the people and children living on the street and in non-permanent situations that they serve.

GOAL: To make sure that people have good clean clothes to wear to interviews, work, school and to church. The hope is that this will give them a better life...a step up.

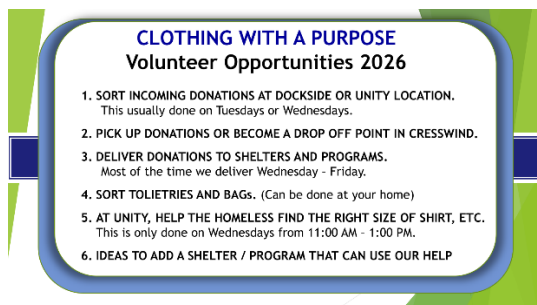
Julie reviewed her background in retail and explained how she came to found Clothing with a Purpose – it was her second Wisdom Project. They work with many shelters and

Programs, including their newest beneficiary, Beautiful Feet, which supports women rescued from Human Trafficking.



Julie explained that the Grant we provided to her organization was used to support Unity Project. It helped to provide security outfits for volunteers providing security to senior citizens in wheelchairs and with other mobility issues when they are in Unity Project building. It also helped fund “emergency backpacks” that provide clothes, toiletries, basic bedding to people being discharged from hospitals or other settings with nothing but the clothes they went in with.

In the future, they plan to continue to work with Unity Project, helping to bring the building up to code. They will expand their emergency backpacks to provide to other settings, and continue to provide attire for all types of jobs: manufacturing, construction, job interviews, etc. She noted that Cresswind can donate clothing through Darla Eden. She stated that she needs volunteers and reviewed opportunities.

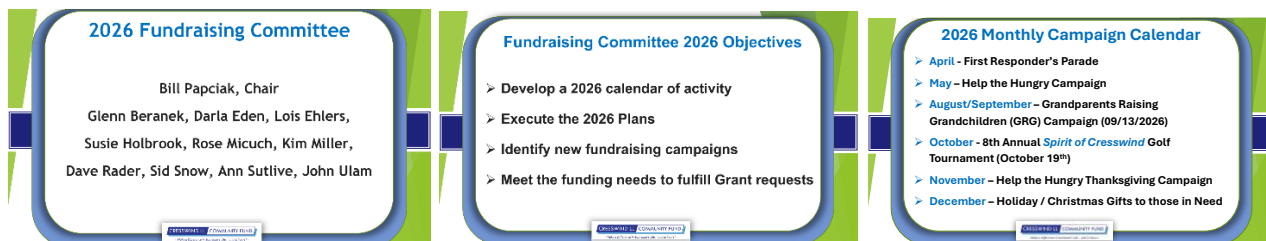


*Thank You
for your support*



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Bill Papciak, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, introduced his Committee, its objectives, and the Fundrasing calendar.



Bill discussed the successful Ice Hockey thank you event held recently for Help Me Please volunteers in Athens at Adkins Ford Arena.

He discussed how the community perception of Cresswind has improved over the years. Having raised and distributed over 1 million dollars in just under 10 years to Hall

County and Gainesville Seniors, our Community Fund has proven Cresswind to be more than just an upscale place to live. He is very grateful to everyone for their generosity.

Finally, he presented a teaser for an upcoming event called the Dog Days of Cresswind. This was a brain-storm by Sid Snow and him that occurred during the Athens Ice Hockey game. At that event, dogs available for adoption or those owned by attendees were all over the arena and some competed in a race on the ice and that triggered the discussion about starting our own similar event.

Mark then introduced Bill Wittel, CEO of Beyond Dementia Coalition. Bill noted that Bill Papciak encouraged and helped him to become a 501C3 charity just over 3 years ago. He reviewed his board members, some of whom are Cresswind residents.

Beyond Dementia Coalition

Bill Wittel, CEO

Board of Directors

- Sid Jacobs
- Alan Jernigan
- Tera Jernigan
- Mike Riemann
- Angela Ritter
- Gerry Roth
- Wayne Stradley
- Anga-lee Tipton
- Ashley Trammell
- Anstee Wilson

Reach Within Our Communities

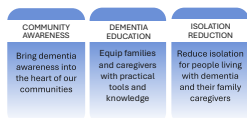
2025 Reach	
Community Engagement	5,436+
Dementia Education	994+
Total	6,430+



He noted that in this short time frame, they have been able to engage with over 6400 community members and through outreach and education. Their goal is Isolation Reduction, in addition to Community Education and Awareness.

Our Calling

Help communities embrace people living with dementia and their families



Community Awareness

- Symposiums
 - Fall – Gainesville, GA
 - Spring – Milton, GA
- Virtual Dementia Tour – for communities
- Dementia Air
- Website
- Blog

Dementia Education

- Coffee & Conversations - one-on-one connection
- Support groups - caregiving strategies
- Senior Enriched Learning - small group education
- Virtual Dementia Tour – for families
- Navigating Dementia Caregiving Roadmap

To this end, they have introduced two new Programs: Pet Therapy and Reading to Adults.

The Pet Therapy Program is currently being Piloted at Manor Lake and CenterPoint will start next. They plan to partner with high school students to interact with clients and families with a loved one with dementia.

The joy the animals bring to the facility is palpable and the mood of residents shifts dramatically when the animals are present.



Pet Therapy Pilot Launch

Manor Lake April 17th



Mark welcomed Bud Baker to the podium to discuss the Help Me Please Program. Bud introduced his expanded team and noted that the demand for assistance has increased dramatically year over year and he presented that information. He noted that volunteers are always needed!



"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 2023	Total 2024	Total 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	YTD 2026	2025 1st Qtr
Jobs Requested	589	810	1192	82	69	100	251	185
Jobs Completed	575	795	1082	59	61	106	226	144
Jobs Not Completed	15	24	110	13	8	20	41	41
Jobs Funded	540	745	1006	13	71	89	173	92
Jobs Unfunded	33	41	55	46	36	53	135	93
Funds Generated	\$ 56,336	\$ 69,878	\$ 99,480	\$ 3,405	\$ 6,130	\$ 6,840	\$ 16,375	\$ 13,420
Average Donated per Job Funded	\$ 104.96	\$ 93.80	\$ 98.89				\$ 94.60	\$ 146.87
Active Volunteers This Month	28	31	38	32	27	34	93	34
Volunteer Hours Used This Month	140	153	191	135	113	180	428	165
Jobs Cancelled			05	10	10	14	34	13

2025 Major Help Me Please Jobs

Irrigation	150	13%
Mailbox	107	9%
Moves	92	8%
Bulbs & Batteries	91	8%
Powerwashing	86	7%
Plumbing	73	6%
Gardening/Yard	66	6%
Electrical	59	5%
Room Setup	40	3%
Birdhouses	28	2%

213 of all 2025 jobs

Where could you help?

The Meeting concluded with Raffles and Thank you from Mark Nestle. During the post meeting mingling, the First Responder Parade video was played in the background.

Raffle Time!!



Spirit of Cresswind

The True Spirit of Cresswind is YOU!

Thank you for Attending

Have a GREAT Spring!

Mingle, Munchies and More

Respectfully submitted

Sherry Roberts
Secretary

Addendum

Supporting Documents

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