

CHAMBLEE NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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CHAMBLEE'S GUIDE TO COMMUNITY IMPACT





# ABOUT THE NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

## VISION

*Create a connected and powerful nonprofit community by championing, informing, and connecting organizations that benefit the overall wellbeing of the City of Chamblee.*

The Chamblee Nonprofit Partnership Program (NPP) is designed to strengthen, promote, and connect Chamblee nonprofits by enhancing organization visibility while assisting in their development and capacity-building efforts.

The Chamblee Nonprofit Partnership Program is a testament to Chamblee's longstanding spirit of partnership and collaboration. There's evidence of our shared commitment to strengthen our community everywhere. There are many hands, working both individually and in concert, producing good work that inspires and multiplies.

Creating stronger partnerships not just among nonprofits, but with city leadership as well, is a broader goal of the NPP. Cities and nonprofits often have shared missions and goals and the collaboration between the two represent a winning combination for effective positive social change in communities.

## 2024 NPP MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## MISSION

*To strengthen, support, and promote the vitality of our nonprofits that support the Chamblee community by being a resource for:*

- 1. Relationship building among city leadership and nonprofit organizations.*
- 2. Supporting the initiatives of nonprofits by offering tools and funding opportunities.*
- 3. Offering professional development sessions to aide in the vitality of organizations.*



# PROGRAMMING NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Chamblee NPP facilitates collaborations, builds community, promotes partnerships, and provides support to expand the capacity to serve the Chamblee community through the following programs:

**1. LET'S TALK ABOUT...**  
ROUNDTABLE SERIES

The NPP hosts roundtable discussions each year that focuses on two-way conversations to dive deeper into topics that are timely and relevant to participating nonprofit organizations and open the door to collaboration. These discussions are facilitated by city staff.

*MISSION APPLICATION*

The Roundtable Series fosters relationships and partnerships between city leadership and nonprofit organizations. Each session provides nonprofits with a platform to share ideas and collaborate on various programs.

**2. LUNCH AND LEARN**  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This professional development series are led by a guest speaker and sessions cover a wide range of topics tailored to the interest of the NPP members. Professionals with expertise in areas such as fundraising, grant writing, board development, organizational transformation, and more are invited to lead a lunch and learn session.

*MISSION APPLICATION*

Lunch and Learns provides nonprofits with valuable development opportunities. They feature guest speakers who offer expert advice to advance organizational missions and enhance attendees' skills.

**3. NPP GRANT PROGRAM**  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Active NPP members that regularly attend the roundtable series, lunch and learns, and city events receive the opportunity to apply for funding. Eligible members hosting events or programs in Chamblee's city limits can submit an application to receive a sponsorship. Funds awarded are required to be spent at a Chamblee business.

*MISSION APPLICATION*

The NPP offers participating nonprofits a unique opportunity through its grant program. Since securing funding is a top priority for many organizations, this program addresses that need while also helping nonprofits refine their skills for applying to other grants and sponsorships. The process includes an application and final reporting, providing valuable preparation for future funding opportunities.





# BENEFITS

## NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

*The Chamblee NPP provides support to expand the capacity to serve the Chamblee community through the following benefits:*

### 1. COMMUNITY ROOM RENTAL

ARROW CREEK & CITY HALL

Nonprofits that are active participants in the Nonprofit Partnership Program are eligible to rent the Arrow Creek Community Room and the City Hall Community Room for meetings, events, and other approved gatherings. The city's community rooms are only permitted to be used by city staff and active NPP members.

### 2. SIGNUP.COM

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

NPP members are granted free access to a volunteer recruitment portal, Signup.com. This platform provides a central space where nonprofits can list their volunteer needs and give community members a place to connect with volunteer opportunities.

### 3. VENDOR BOOTHS

MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Chamblee hosts an array of events throughout the year. These events are a great marketing and volunteer recruitment tool for nonprofit organizations in the NPP. As an NPP member, organizations can register for a free 10x10 vendor booth space at city events (note: a refundable \$50 deposit is required). These events include:

- Atlanta United Watch Party
- Chamblee Summer Concert Series
- Taste of Chamblee
- Holiday Hoopla
- Resource Fairs





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**ALPHA BETA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® was founded on a mission of five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority's inception. Our mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

The organization strategically aims to enhance visibility, cultivate stronger partnerships, and ensure long-term financial sustainability.



# ALPHA BETA LAMBDA OMEGA CHAPTER

*OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.*

## OUR STORY

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women, founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. With over 355,000 members across chapters in 12 countries, the organization is recognized as "America's premier Greek-letter organization for African American women." Guided by a mission to promote high scholastic and ethical standards, foster unity among college women, and serve communities, AKA has remained committed to "Service to All Mankind" since its inception. Recognizing the need to expand its reach, a group of AKA members identified the northern corridor of DeKalb County, Georgia, as an area in need of the sorority's sisterhood and service. This effort led to the chapter's chartering on May 15, 2022, and the implementation of impactful programs serving diverse communities in Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville, and Dunwoody. Through this chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha continues its legacy of empowering individuals and uplifting communities worldwide.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Alpha Beta Lambda Omega focuses on creating a significant impact in the community by fostering greater visibility, partnerships, and collaboration. Through the Chipp Program, the chapter supports local families by providing a weekend supply of food to 20 elementary school children, addressing food insecurity and promoting well-being. The chapter also empowers the community through financial literacy webinars, helping individuals build long-term financial stability. Advocacy efforts include voter education and mobilization initiatives, ensuring community members are informed and engaged in shaping policies that affect their lives. Additionally, the chapter raises awareness about critical health issues, such as cancer, mental health, heart health, and teen suicide, through targeted campaigns.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Alpha Beta Lambda Omega offers volunteer opportunities, including roles as guest speakers, voter registration advocates, and participants in environmental initiatives like recycling and tree planting. Volunteers also support the Chipp Program by providing food, contributing to canned food drives, and assisting with financial literacy workshops. Donations play a crucial role in funding the chapter's program initiatives, scholarships, and other community-focused efforts. To ensure accessibility and inclusivity, the chapter leverages social media, its website, newsletters, and partnerships to engage with a broad audience.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We seek to elevate underrepresented communities within our community by sharing their culture through arts, cuisine, and education. Through our events, we aim to enrich our communities by sharing the cultural diversity found within them.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

To expand the number of events we hold and support more community-based organizations that share our mission.



# ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL NIGHT MARKET, INC.

## OUR STORY

The Atlanta International Night Market (AINM), a volunteer-led 501(c)(3), was founded in 2016 by first- and second-generation immigrants seeking to share their cultures with the broader Atlanta community. Recognizing a lack of awareness about Atlanta's rich diversity, the founders created AINM to strengthen connections and celebrate cultural identities. Inspired by Atlanta's multicultural population, they envisioned a platform where



people from various backgrounds could come together to honor their heritage. AINM's events, starting in 2016, were among the first to unite dozens of communities in celebration. This initiative fosters understanding, connection, and pride in Atlanta's cultural mosaic. Through AINM, the founders aim to build a more inclusive and united community.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT



The Atlanta International Night Market (AINM) aims to break down barriers by helping underrepresented communities share their cultures with the broader public. Over the past eight years, AINM has welcomed hundreds of thousands of attendees to its events, fostering greater understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures within the metro area. Through international-themed festivals, AINM provides a platform for cultural exchange and celebration. Proceeds

from these events support the AINM Foundation, which funds community groups with aligned missions and values. By creating spaces for cultural connection, AINM strengthens community ties and promotes inclusivity across Atlanta.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The Atlanta International Night Market (AINM) thrives on community support and collaboration, relying entirely on volunteers to assist with events and engage with the public. Partnerships with local cities are essential, enabling AINM to host free events that bring diverse cultures together. Donations and sponsorships are critical in keeping vendor fees low, supporting small businesses, and funding cultural performers who bring unique experiences to each event. By volunteering or attending, community members directly contribute to AINM's mission of celebrating and uplifting underrepresented communities. Every act of support helps foster cultural exchange and ensures these vibrant events remain accessible to all. Together, we can strengthen Atlanta's cultural unity and empower small businesses through these meaningful celebrations.



**BREATHSTRONG CF**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

BreatheStrong CF advances the physical and mental wellness of people with cystic fibrosis through education, direct support, and empowering opportunities.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

1. Refine, enhance, and expand our programs and services, increasing our reach and deepening our impact across the CF community.
2. Recruit and develop strong, talented staff and actively engaged board members to support and sustain organizational goals.
3. Evaluate systems, processes, and infrastructure to continuously ensure operational efficiency.
4. Raise awareness and engagement across the CF community as the primary resource for health, well-being, and physical activity.
5. Assure a stable and predictable financial position to meet organizational objectives and growth.



# BREATHSTRONG CF

## OUR STORY

In 2007, marathon-running pediatric pulmonologists Dr. Peter Scott and Dr. Steven Julius formed Team 65ROSES, gathering walkers and runners at the Georgia Marathon and Half-Marathon to honor cystic fibrosis (CF) patients and raise awareness and funds. CF is caused by a gene mutation that leads to thick mucus buildup in the lungs, pancreas, and other organs, causing infections, lung damage, and difficulty absorbing nutrients. Team 65ROSES donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, CF Reaching Out Foundation, and other related causes, leading to the incorporation of Miles for Cystic Fibrosis (M4CF) as a 501(C)(3) to support its mission. M4CF's BreatheStrong program provides grants to support physical activities for people with CF, helping them live longer and healthier lives. Over time, M4CF expanded with initiatives like the Susan C. Burroughs Critical Needs Initiative and launched BreatheStrong+ in 2023. That same year, Miles for CF merged with the Cystic Fibrosis Lifestyle Foundation, and in 2024, the combined organization was rebranded as BreatheStrong CF.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

BreatheStrong CF makes a vital impact on the community, especially for individuals affected by cystic fibrosis (CF) and their families. Through educational outreach, BreatheStrong CF raises awareness about the financial and health challenges of CF, helping the public understand the immense burdens placed on these families. With costly medications and high healthcare expenses, nearly 70% of the CF community faces financial hardship, often having to choose between basic needs and medical care. To address this, BreatheStrong CF offers the Critical Needs Initiative, which provides grocery and fuel assistance, and Exercise Grants, which support physical activities that improve health outcomes for CF patients. Additionally, the BreatheStrong+ program promotes year-round wellness, focusing on fitness, nutrition, and mental health, while virtual events like the Men's Sexual and Reproductive Health discussion address specific CF-related issues. The organization is actively involved in the Chamblee community, partnering with local businesses and schools and hosting the Big Peach Sizzler 10K & 5K to raise funds and build local support.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

BreatheStrong CF relies on dedicated volunteers, especially during its flagship event, the Big Peach Sizzler 10K & 5K, held annually on Labor Day. This event is the greatest need for volunteer support, and those interested can contact [sizzler@breathstrongcf.org](mailto:sizzler@breathstrongcf.org) for details. BreatheStrong CF is grateful for our partnership with the City of Chamblee and the Nonprofit Partnership Program, as well as Chamblee High School's NHS, BETA, Interact, and JROTC clubs. The involvement of these groups is essential to the event's success, allowing us to provide a well-organized race experience. With the help of these volunteers, we can maximize funds raised to support and educate the cystic fibrosis community directly.



**CAMINAR LATINO**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Caminar Latino – Latinos United for Peace and Equity creates opportunities for Latino families to transform their lives and communities and works to change the social conditions that give rise to violence.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Over the next 3-5 years, our organization aims to significantly expand participant engagement in Georgia through targeted outreach and strategic programming.

# CAMINAR LATINO

## LATINOS UNITED FOR PEACE AND EQUITY

### OUR STORY

Caminar Latino was founded in 1990 by Dr. Julia Perilla, a leading expert in intimate partner violence within Latino communities, during a time when Atlanta’s Latino population was just beginning to grow. Initially, the program followed conventional approaches, encouraging women to seek autonomy and leave abusive relationships without addressing the needs of their families. However, the Latina participants challenged this model, urging the organization to expand its services to include their children and partners. In 1993, Caminar Latino launched a youth program to help children understand their experiences and embrace non-violent behaviors. By 1995, at the women’s request, the organization introduced a state-certified family violence intervention program for men, aiming to teach non-violent behaviors and address the dynamics of domestic violence holistically. This groundbreaking, family-centered approach has become a hallmark of Caminar Latino’s mission to create pathways toward violence-free lives.



### COMMUNITY IMPACT

Caminar Latino envisions a future where Latinos live in healthy families, united communities, and a just society. Through its work, the organization empowers individuals to define their own experiences and encourages communities to drive progress in ways that resonate with their unique needs. Guided by the principle of “nothing about us, without us,” Caminar Latino ensures that the voices of those most impacted are central to creating meaningful change. The organization offers support groups for adults and children, family enrichment programs like “Vamos Juguemos,” and advocacy services that strengthen families and communities. By fostering resilience and championing equity, Caminar Latino has become a transformative force in breaking cycles of violence and building stronger, more connected communities.

### ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Caminar Latino offers meaningful volunteer opportunities, such as supporting children affected by domestic violence during Wednesday night groups, allowing mothers to attend their support sessions. Volunteers play a vital role in creating a safe, nurturing environment that fosters healing and growth for families. The organization collaborates with partners who share its vision of eradicating violence and breaking structural barriers, drawing on philosophies like Paulo Freire’s Pedagogy of the Oppressed to promote equality and co-creation within communities. Donations directly enhance programs, such as Project Plush, which provides comforting stuffed animals to children in the program, fostering new memories and a sense of security. Caminar Latino ensures accessibility by offering services in Spanish, virtual and in-person formats, and even providing transportation when needed. The community can further support by volunteering, spreading awareness, or contributing to sustain and expand these transformative services.





### CHAMBLEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide financial, logistical, and volunteer support for all Chamblee High School Band Programs.

#### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

The Chamblee High School Band Boosters aim to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in a significant decrease in middle school students transitioning into the high school band program. One of our key goals is to reduce the percentage of program funding derived from parent dues, currently at 55-60%, down to 30%. Achieving this goal will ensure a more sustainable and equitable funding model, allowing the program to grow and thrive without overburdening families.



# CHAMBLEE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS

## OUR STORY

The Chamblee Band Boosters was founded to support the Chamblee High School Band programs and enhance the overall experience for students involved in music. The organization plays a crucial role in organizing events, coordinating performances, and helping to provide resources for various band activities. The Chamblee Marching Band performs at competitions, halftime shows, and local parades, while the Color Guard and Winter Guard deliver captivating visual performances. Advanced groups



like the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band offer student's opportunities for higher-level musicianship, and the Concert Bands serve as a foundation for all students. The Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble give students specialized performance experiences that showcase their musical talent. Through these programs, the Band Boosters ensure that students not only develop their musical abilities but also engage with the community and build lifelong skills.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Chamblee High School Band program positively impacts the community by providing a diverse group of students, including those from local middle schools and the DeKalb County Magnet Program, with opportunities for musical and personal growth. Through a variety of band classes, including Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble, students develop their musical skills while learning valuable leadership and teamwork. The program also offers specialized ensembles such as the Percussion Ensemble and opportunities for advanced study in AP Music Theory, enriching students' academic and artistic experiences. Additional opportunities like the Marching Band, Jazz Band, and various auditions for prestigious honor bands and orchestras connect students to broader musical communities. The Color Guard and Winter Guard teams allow non-musicians to be part of the program, fostering inclusivity and school spirit. Overall, the Chamblee Band Boosters ensure that students have access to comprehensive music education, performance experiences, and community engagement, which enriches both the students and the surrounding Chamblee community.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The Chamblee High School Band Boosters rely on the support of volunteers and local partnerships to enhance the student experience and ensure the program's success. Volunteers help with a range of tasks, including providing meals before performances, maintaining instruments, transporting equipment, and assisting with props for shows. Donations directly fund critical needs such as music, instruments, supplies, transportation, and hiring instructors, ensuring that students have the resources they need to thrive. Community support is also vital for building long-term sustainability, with financial contributions enabling the program to continue growing and offering opportunities to future generations of students. Attending performances and forming partnerships with local businesses also helps create stronger connections between the band and the surrounding community. By supporting the Chamblee Band Boosters, donors play a direct role in fostering a creative and inclusive environment that benefits both current students and future performers.



CHAMBLEE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**CHAMBLEE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Chamblee Middle School Education Foundation is to secure and manage funding to support the long-term success of the school, serving the unique learning styles of students and investing in educational advancements.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

To raise funds for long-term improvements at Chamblee Middle School and bring the Chamblee Community together for the Bulldog Dash 5K each year.



# CHAMBLEE MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## OUR STORY

The Chamblee Middle School Education Foundation (CMSEF) was established in 2014 by a group of dedicated parents who recognized the need for additional funding to support long-term improvements at Chamblee Middle School. Before the foundation was created, the school relied heavily on limited funding from DeKalb County, which was insufficient to meet the diverse needs of students. The goal of CMSEF is to secure and manage funding that will support the school's long-term success, focusing on enhancing educational advancements and addressing the unique learning styles of students. Inspired by a commitment to provide a better educational experience, the foundation works to fill gaps in funding that are not covered by traditional sources. By investing in innovative programs, technology, and resources, CMSEF aims to ensure that all students have the tools and opportunities they need to thrive. Through the foundation's efforts, Chamblee Middle School continues to evolve as a hub for excellence in education.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Chamblee Middle School Education Foundation (CMSEF) has a significant impact on the local community by funding essential resources and improvements at Chamblee Middle School while also supporting underserved students with books, language learning tools, and software. Through its Bulldog Fund, CMSEF provides over \$50,000 in school grants each year, ensuring the continued advancement of educational programs and facilities. The foundation fosters community engagement by hosting the annual Bulldog Dash 5K, which brings together 600-1,000 participants from Chamblee Middle School, Chamblee High School, and local businesses. A portion of the proceeds from this event benefits local food pantries through the Cowart Family YMCA. By involving families, schools, and businesses in these efforts, CMSEF strengthens the bond within the Chamblee community. Overall, the foundation's initiatives not only improve education but also help meet the broader needs of the community through collaboration and support.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The Chamblee Middle School Education Foundation (CMSEF) ensures its programs are inclusive by targeting resources for underserved students, including those with learning disabilities and English language learners. Through funding school grants, CMSEF provides essential materials such as books, software, technology, and other tools to support every student's learning needs. Volunteers are crucial to the organization's success, with opportunities available in leadership roles such as social media management, fundraising, and coordinating the Bulldog Dash 5K, as well as assisting in event activities. These volunteers play a key part in supporting the Foundation's mission of fostering long-term improvements at Chamblee Middle School. The community can contribute by offering financial support, volunteering time, or becoming sponsors for events like the Bulldog Dash, which directly benefit local students. Donations are vital, as they help CMSEF fund ongoing school enhancements and provide crucial resources to the school's diverse student population.



# CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRIES

## CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRIES, INC.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Cross-Cultural Ministries, Inc., is called by God to demonstrate His love to immigrant children, youth and adults through educational and mentoring programs in partnership with individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

Our goals are to increase awareness of CCM through marketing formats; increase our annual income to \$350,000 to support 4 ministry centers; maintain the current 3 ministry centers and increase the outreach of 2 of them; and lastly, open the 4th ministry center by 2028 or earlier.



# CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRIES, INC.

## OUR STORY

Cross-Cultural Ministries (CCM) was founded in 1992 by members of Brookhaven Christian Church to support Cambodian refugee families resettling in Atlanta. Noticing the struggles children faced with homework and language barriers, the church set up a dedicated space in Chamblee to provide after-school tutoring in English, math, and reading. This initiative helped keep kids in school and away from gangs, reducing local vandalism and increasing community stability. As the program expanded, it began serving Vietnamese families and grew to include Pre-K classes and weekly clubs for students. The impact was clear: children gained confidence in their studies, stayed in school longer, and avoided gang involvement. Today, CCM continues to offer educational programs that empower immigrant children and families in Chamblee and DeKalb County.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Cross-Cultural Ministries (CCM) aims to transform the lives of immigrant children by improving their educational outcomes and helping them realize their full potential. Through our programs, we equip students with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in school and beyond, fostering long-term positive changes. As a result, 92% of students who participate in our after-school program for at least two years graduate from high school, with many earning scholarships for higher education. Graduates often secure better job opportunities, leading to higher incomes and a decrease in local crime rates. Former students have gone on to attend college, enter professional careers, support their families, and even purchase homes. The long-term impact of our work is evident in the strengthened educational and economic prospects of the communities we serve.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Volunteers play a crucial role at Cross-Cultural Ministries by helping students with homework, providing tutoring, and leading weekly clubs, offering the support and encouragement needed for both academic and emotional growth. Our partnerships with local churches, organizations like the Doraville-Tucker Kiwanis, and businesses such as Jim Ellis Audi enhance our impact by supplying volunteers, financial contributions, and essential resources like books, craft supplies, and food. Community support through volunteering, spreading awareness, and financial donations is vital for sustaining and expanding our programs, directly impacting the number of children we can serve. Donations fund educational materials, tutoring sessions, and the rental of apartments within local complexes where we host our programs, ensuring accessibility for families in need. With limited space and resources, financial contributions are key to expanding our reach and helping more immigrant children achieve academic success. By engaging with our mission, volunteers and donors become instrumental in transforming the lives of underserved students and their families.



DENTISTRY FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

### DDD FOUNDATION INC.

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 DDDFoundation

### MISSION STATEMENT

The DDD Foundation's mission is to provide accessible, comprehensive dental care to patients with developmental disabilities.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

The DDD Foundation is expanding! To accommodate the growing number of patients who require our services, we are planning to expand our clinic space.



# DDD FOUNDATION, INC.

## OUR STORY

The DDD Foundation, Inc. was founded in 1999 as a nonprofit organization, and the clinic doors opened to patients in 2002. Deidra Rondeno, a young pharmacist who was working as a pharmacy technician for the VA Medical Center, began to realize she didn't feel as passionate as she had hoped about her chosen profession. During her orthodontic treatment at the LSU Dental School, a dental student's enthusiasm for dentistry inspired her to explore the field. After graduating from Meharry Medical College with her Doctorate of Dentistry, Rondeno wanted to specialize in endodontics, but a residency at Illinois Masonic Medical Center introduced her to treating patients with developmental disabilities. One patient, in particular, inspired her to start her own clinic to serve this population. Upon completion of her residency, Rondeno moved to Atlanta and learned that a state-run clinic called Brook Run had lost its funding and was going to be torn down, which prompted her to start the DDD Foundation, Inc. to treat patients with developmental disabilities.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The DDD Foundation provides dental care exclusively to the developmentally disabled population, and has remained the only private dental clinic in Georgia that exclusively serves this grossly underserved community for the past 22 years. The foundation currently serves more than 4,800 active patients from 95 Georgia counties who have cerebral palsy, autism, intellectual delays, Down syndrome, and more than 60 lesser-known developmental disabilities. The DDD Foundation's dental clinic is staffed by professionals trained to serve people with developmental disabilities, offering routine, preventive, and emergency dental care, including extractions, fillings, cleanings, x-rays, sedation, and oral surgery. Most of the foundation's patients have nowhere else to go for dental care, other than an emergency room, and the DDD Foundation provides a safe and accepting environment for comprehensive dental treatment.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The DDD Foundation provides several volunteer opportunities, including their annual 5K race, which utilizes around 100 volunteers. Information about these volunteer openings is available on their website at <https://dentaldash.org/volunteer> or by reaching out to Sheri at [s.anderson@dddfoundation.org](mailto:s.anderson@dddfoundation.org).

In addition to volunteers, the DDD Foundation has established several key partnerships and collaborations that enhance its impact. The foundation has a sizeable referral network through collaborations with organizations like the Emory Autism Resource Center, Emory University Hospital Midtown, InCommunity, Laurel Heights Hospital, and the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, among others. These partnerships help the DDD Foundation fill a major gap in services for the developmentally disabled population. The foundation also partners with the Dental Hygiene program at Gwinnett Technical College, providing an important educational opportunity for students and the potential to increase the number of dental professionals trained to serve patients with developmental disabilities.



## DRESDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to energize community partners and business resources for the pursuit of educational excellence at Dresden Elementary School. We support teachers and staff, students and their families, and facilities by funding activities and programs that promote a positive learning environment.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

DESEF's primary goal is to improve literacy for all Dresden Elementary School students by providing the resources needed to achieve grade-level reading proficiency and beyond. We aim to support the school, students, and parents by addressing challenges that impact learning and fostering a love for reading. By minimizing barriers and enhancing access to educational tools, we strive to create lasting opportunities for academic success.

# DRESDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## OUR STORY

Dresden Elementary School Education Foundation (DESEF) was born out of a volunteer's dedication to addressing literacy challenges in the predominantly Latino Dresden community. After witnessing the children's need for ongoing literacy support during a summer Language Arts camp, she felt compelled to act. Partnering with the Dresden Elementary School principal, neighbors, and a city council member, DESEF became a 501(c)(3) in 2015 and launched a one-on-one after-school tutoring program. Over time, the organization expanded its efforts, funding summer literacy camps, school beautification projects, and enriching field trips. DESEF has also invested in classroom resources, including books, teacher supplies, and a writing software program, and continues to foster student engagement through incentives and events. By addressing critical educational gaps, DESEF remains a vital advocate for student success and community empowerment.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT



The Dresden Elementary School Education Foundation (DESEF) works to support students, staff, and families by focusing on five key pillars: literacy support, teacher professional development, parental and community engagement, school facilities improvements, and strong organizational governance. Over the years, DESEF has donated thousands of books, including 1,200 in the last year alone, while maintaining a free library on campus. The foundation has also funded professional development for teachers, classroom supplies, and technology, such as a writing software program to enhance student skills. Beyond academics, DESEF has addressed broader needs by providing food to families during holidays and the pandemic, installing a playground in partnership with KaBoom, and raising funds for a school marquee to improve communication. Collaborating with organizations like Keep Chamblee Beautiful and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, DESEF has enhanced campus safety and provided services like eye care for students. Through these efforts

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Our organizations thrive through the dedication of volunteers, strategic partnerships, and community support. Volunteers can contribute by tutoring students to improve literacy, hosting book drives, participating in Career Day, and assisting parents with language and technology barriers, ensuring every family feels empowered to succeed. DESEF collaborates with organizations such as the City of Chamblee's Nonprofit Partnership Program and Police Department, Georgia Lion's Lighthouse, and Kaleidoscope Child Foundation to enhance its reach and resources. Donations play a critical role, in funding literacy programs, providing classroom supplies, and delivering books directly into children's hands, enabling teachers and students to thrive without additional financial burdens. The community can further support DESEF by joining its mission, recognizing the unique challenges faced by English Language Learners and newcomer families, and contributing time, resources, or expertise. DESEF's inclusive approach, supported by its diverse board and active participation in school events, ensures its programs meet the needs of Dresden families and foster long-term academic success, and create lasting change through civic involvement and access to essential resources.



## FUNDACIÓN ADELANTE GUATEMALA

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Through educational endeavors on sanitation, hygiene, and health, we will provide tools and hone skills for families to fight disease, poverty, and malnutrition.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

Our organization aims to expand clean water access by equipping more schools and communities with sustainable water filters, improving health and providing safe drinking water to thousands of children. We are committed to increasing civic engagement among Hispanic and Spanish-speaking communities by enhancing voter registration, census participation, and involvement in local government to ensure better representation and access to resources. By growing our educational programs, we will offer tailored workshops on clean water, health, and civic rights, addressing the specific needs of underserved communities. Additionally, we plan to enhance our annual festival and parade to reach a wider audience, promoting civic awareness and cultural celebration. Strengthening partnerships with local and global organizations will help us maximize our impact and extend our reach to more communities in need.

# FUNDACIÓN ADELANTE GUATEMALA

## OUR STORY

In 2017, we launched the #OneDropAtATime Campaign to combat water-borne illnesses among youth in rural Guatemala. Partnering with local nonprofits and Ecofiltro, a Guatemalan company, we provide schools with water filtering systems, anti-parasitic medication, and educational materials. The organization was inspired by the belief that no child should be without clean drinking water, a fundamental need for health and development. Witnessing the



severe impact of unsafe water on children in underserved communities drove us to take action. By collaborating with Ecofiltro, we support eco-friendly practices and boost local economies while giving over 30 children per classroom access to clean water. Our mission is to empower communities by ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow healthy and strong.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Fundación Adelante Guatemala addresses critical needs in underserved communities by providing clean water solutions and promoting civic engagement. Through our Clean Water Access Program, we've equipped classrooms with sustainable water filters, reducing waterborne illnesses and improving health and school attendance for hundreds of children. In Atlanta, we focus on empowering Hispanic and Spanish-speaking communities by driving voter participation and census involvement, ensuring fair resource allocation and representation. Our outreach efforts help these communities actively participate in local governance, strengthening their collective voice. Additionally, our annual festival celebrates Hispanic culture, fostering community pride and raising awareness about civic engagement. Through these initiatives, we make a lasting impact by improving health, enhancing civic participation, and uniting diverse communities.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Fundación Adelante Guatemala offers volunteers a range of impactful opportunities, including roles in community outreach, event support, educational programs, and translation services, allowing them to engage directly with local communities. We collaborate with local nonprofits, schools, and businesses to expand our impact, especially in areas like voter registration, clean water access, and civic education. Donations are essential in funding key initiatives, such as providing sustainable water filters to schools, hosting educational workshops, and organizing cultural events that promote community unity and civic engagement. Contributions also help cover operational costs, enabling us to maintain and grow our programs effectively. By volunteering, donating, or partnering with us, supporters help us reach more underserved communities and address critical needs. Together, we work to empower individuals, celebrate cultural heritage, and create lasting change through civic involvement and access to essential resources.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

GALEO's mission is to increase civic participation by educating and empowering the Latino community and to develop Latino leaders through strategic leadership programs throughout the state of Georgia.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Our goal is to continue to grow and support the Latino community in Georgia including expanding into other areas.



# GALEO

## OUR STORY

GALEO is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization based in Norcross, Georgia but with a strong presence in Metro Atlanta and communities with high Latino populations. Founded in 2003 by Jerry Gonzalez, Senator Sam Zamarripa, and Representative Pedro Marin. When GALEO was first established, Georgia's Latino community was not as well represented as it is today, nor was it a viable electoral force; today, there are over 400,000 registered Latino voters in the state, up from just 10,000 in 2003. There are over one million Latinos in Georgia, one of the nation's fastest growth rates of Latino populations.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

GALEO has made a profound impact on the community by fostering greater civic participation and developing a new generation of Latino leaders in Georgia. Through key programs like the Georgia Latino Vote, GALEO has successfully increased Latino voter registration from just 10,000 in 2003 to over 400,000 today, giving Latinos a stronger voice in the state. The GALEO Institute for Leadership (GIL) plays a critical role in empowering future leaders, with nearly 900 graduates since its inception, ready to lead and advocate for positive change. In addition, GALEO's Vamos Pa'fuera initiative connects Latino communities to nature, promoting environmental consciousness alongside civic engagement. As Georgia's Latino population continues to grow rapidly, GALEO ensures that these communities are included in the political process, even as they lack adequate representation in the state legislature. With bilingual staff and an expanding network of partners, GALEO ensures that its programs are accessible and inclusive, helping Latinos engage in meaningful civic and leadership opportunities.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

GALEO offers several volunteer opportunities that allow community members to get directly involved, such as joining Vamos Pa'fuera events or supporting voter registration efforts with our civic engagement team. Volunteers can also assist by collecting supplies for our programs or donating in-kind items like materials or promotional items. The Chamblee community can play a vital role by becoming members, partnering as supporting businesses, or offering space for tabling events to help raise awareness. Community donations and in-kind support are essential to ensuring our programs continue to reach and engage more Latinos across Georgia. With these contributions, GALEO can expand its efforts to build civic participation and leadership within the Latino community, ultimately helping to create more equitable representation. Every form of community involvement—whether through time, resources, or financial support—makes a meaningful difference in advancing GALEO's mission.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Georgia Council for Recovery aims to increase the impact of recovery in our communities through education, advocacy, training, and peer recovery support services.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

GC4R hopes to expand the voice of Recovery in Georgia by holding more CARES Academies. We will hold our third CARES Academy for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing who use American Sign Language in 2025. We have a total of 9 CARES Academies scheduled for 2025. Additionally, we are working towards providing a Spanish-language CARES Academy in 2026. Overall, we will also increase training and educational programs in all of Georgia's communities.



# GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR RECOVERY

## OUR STORY

Neil Campbell and George Braucht founded the Georgia Council for Recovery (GC4R) to address the need for individuals with lived experience in recovery to help others overcome substance use disorders. Inspired by the belief that the best support comes from those who have walked the same path, GC4R launched its first CARES Academy in 2011 after hosting listening sessions across Georgia. Since then, the organization has trained over 1,200 Georgians to serve in hospitals, accountability courts, recovery community organizations, and beyond. With most staff and direct service providers in recovery, GC4R is committed to the principle that recovery is a right and that it can take many pathways, all of which should be self-directed and respected. The organization's work ensures that peer voices are heard, and that recovery is accessible to all who seek it. Guided by the motto "Nothing about us without us," GC4R strives to empower individuals and communities across Georgia.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Georgia Council for Recovery (GC4R) creates a transformative impact through education, advocacy, and peer recovery support. Since its founding, GC4R has trained 1,234 individuals as Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialists (CARES) and Certified Peer Support – Addictive Disease (CPS-AD) professionals, empowering them to provide recovery services to over 25,000 individuals monthly across Georgia. Its statewide network of 47 Recovery Community Organizations connects individuals to critical resources, while programs like the Warm Line have facilitated nearly 100,000 encounters, offering peer support seven days a week. GC4R also provides peer recovery services in emergency rooms and NICUs, directly helping 24,000 individuals to date. Through advocacy, GC4R ensures the voice of recovery is heard in decision-making spaces, securing millions in funding to expand life-saving services. These efforts make recovery accessible, self-directed, and inclusive for individuals, families, and communities across the state.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Volunteers play a vital role in advancing the Georgia Council for Recovery's (GC4R) mission by participating in advocacy events like Addiction Recovery Awareness Day, where over 1,000 attendees amplify the message of recovery and engage legislators at the state capitol. Through events such as the GA Recovers Bus Tour, which reached 63 cities and towns, volunteers help raise awareness and inspire local communities. GC4R collaborates with 60-80 partners annually, including organizations like The Carter Center, Northeast Georgia Health System, and Emory's Center for Training and Technical Assistance, to deliver impactful programs statewide. Donations are essential for bridging funding gaps, ensuring flexibility to address critical needs beyond designated grant-supported initiatives. The community can support GC4R by advocating for recovery resources, spreading awareness, and fostering partnerships that strengthen recovery efforts. Together, these contributions empower individuals, families, and communities to access inclusive and life-changing recovery services.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (GLAHR) educates and organizes Georgia's Latino community to defend and promote civil and human rights. Since 2001, GLAHR has built a strong grassroots network, empowering Latino immigrants through leadership development and collective action at local and state levels, all while fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for staff, volunteers, and collaborators.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Over the next 3-5 years, GLAHR is dedicated to driving meaningful change that uplifts and empowers Latino immigrant communities in Georgia. Our goals include expanding our grassroots network to strengthen community advocacy, working in coalition to Shut Down the Stewart Detention Center, and increasing Latino voter turnout and civic engagement. Additionally, we will continue to champion immigration policies that ensure dignity and fairness while actively combating the criminalization of our community members. Through these initiatives, GLAHR aims to create lasting, systemic change for a more equitable future.

# GEORGIA LATINO ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: GLAHR

## OUR STORY

Founded in 2001 by Adelina Nicholls and Theodoro Maus, former Mexican Consul General in Atlanta, GLAHR was born out of a commitment to advocate for undocumented immigrants' rights,



beginning with the fight for driver's licenses. Recognizing the challenges faced by Georgia's young Latino immigrant community, which began to grow significantly during the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, the co-founders sought to address the lack of resources and support available to these newcomers. GLAHR quickly evolved into Georgia's largest Latino grassroots organization, dedicated to educating and organizing Latino immigrants around civil and human rights, community defense, and opposing harmful legislation. Adelina and Theodore's vision extended to creating popular committees in rural areas often overlooked, building connections where few others ventured. This tireless grassroots work has helped ensure that vulnerable communities have a voice and resources to defend their dignity and rights. Today, GLAHR stands as a testament to the power of collective organizing and the resilience of the Latino community.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (GLAHR) empowers Latino immigrants across Georgia to defend and advance their civil and human rights through grassroots education, organizing, and advocacy. Over the past 15 years, GLAHR has built a strong network of informed leaders and local committees combating racial discrimination, economic injustice, and state-inflicted violence, including detentions and deportations. Key initiatives include deportation defense, "Know Your Rights" campaigns, civic engagement programs, and leadership training for all generations. GLAHR also hosts Radio Migrante, a daily digital radio program, and weekly community meetings to keep members informed and connected. These efforts have directly strengthened Latino communities across Georgia, fostering resilience and collective action.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

GLAHR offers numerous volunteer opportunities, from canvassing during election years and attending weekly community meetings to organizing grassroots initiatives and participating in events that spread awareness about immigrant rights. Volunteers gain invaluable experience in the immigrant rights movement while helping inform communities about their civil, human, and labor rights. Through partnerships with organizations like Project South, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Mijente, GLAHR amplifies its impact and builds a united social justice movement. Donations are critical for expanding programs and enhancing leadership in under-resourced communities, particularly rural areas. Community support, such as engaging with popular committees and fostering networks of mutual aid, strengthens GLAHR's grassroots mission. By ensuring bilingual resources, inclusive programming, and diverse representation, GLAHR creates accessible spaces that champion equity for all members of the community.



# GEORGIA LIONS Lighthouse Foundation

## GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION

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### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide high-quality vision services through education, detection, prevention and treatment. Through collaborative partnerships, we enable greater independence and increased quality of life for Georgians in financial need. GLLF is the only statewide provider of comprehensive vision services to uninsured and underinsured Georgians, providing eyeglasses, screenings, exams, coordinating and paying for eye-sight saving surgeries, for people of all ages and our recycling center.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

Our goals are to expand to have micro clinics in three other areas of the state with recycling, vision clinics, mobile, tele-optometry services reaching out from there. We will continue to partner with the Lions clubs across the state for screenings which identify children who need further care.



# GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.

## OUR STORY

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation was founded in 1949 by Tom Bingham, a blind Atlanta Lions Club member who envisioned Lions Clubs across Georgia uniting to address the need for vision services. Inspired by Helen Keller's 1925 call for Lions to be "Knights of the Blind," the Foundation was established with an initial contribution of \$1,000 each from three Lions Clubs. The organization began by funding cataract surgery for a young boy and has since grown to provide eye surgeries, vision screenings, exams, and eyeglasses statewide, helping thousands of Georgians in need. For 75 years, the Foundation has worked to fill healthcare gaps, creating a world of sight for those who might otherwise lack access. Additionally, the Lighthouse Foundation houses one of the largest eyeglass recycling centers in the United States, shipping glasses globally through mission trips. The organization's legacy continues to be fueled by dedicated Lions Clubs and donors who believe in building a brighter, more accessible future for all.

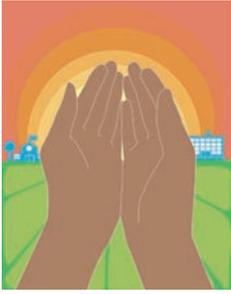


## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation provides critical vision care to approximately 20,000 Georgians annually, offering free screenings, eye exams, low-cost eyeglasses, and sight-saving surgeries. Through traditional and tele-optometry mobile clinics, an in-house optics lab, and partnerships with health centers and Title I schools, the Foundation makes vision care accessible to those in need across the state. Children who once struggled in school due to poor eyesight now see clearly, improving their academic potential and quality of life. Adults receiving surgery and corrective eyewear regain independence, with some overcoming personal challenges and returning to work. The impact extends beyond individuals to entire communities, as improved vision empowers people to fully participate in society. This life-changing support, made possible through donations, helps thousands see a brighter future.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation works to make vision care accessible and inclusive for all community members, employing Spanish speakers and ensuring diverse representation in staff to serve Georgia's populations effectively. Volunteers play a key role in supporting this mission, especially in the recycling center, where they help process up to 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses annually, and in our clinics, where optometrists and other professionals provide vision care in both traditional and mobile settings. Community members can further support by donating funds, used eyeglasses, cell phones, and hearing aids, which allow us to maintain and expand our services. Key partnerships with health centers, public agencies, schools, shelters, and Lions Clubs amplify our reach, helping us connect even more individuals to crucial vision care. Donations make a tangible impact, ensuring that Georgians in need have access to screenings, eyeglasses, and life-changing surgeries. Every contribution brings us closer to a brighter, more inclusive community.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

GRACIAS provides resources and support services to Latino communities to expand access to higher education.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

hope to expand and gain a deeper connection within our serving counties (Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, and Hall) and become a greater, more utilized resource for them.



# GRACIAS, INC.

## OUR STORY

GRACIAS was founded by Ricardo Ramos, who, coming from an immigrant family in an underserved community, recognized education as a vital path to social mobility. Inspired by his own struggles and the barriers faced by others in similar circumstances, he started GRACIAS in August 2023 to address obstacles that limit Latino and immigrant communities' access to higher education. Beyond financial constraints, GRACIAS focuses on other challenges, including family responsibilities, imposter syndrome, language barriers, and issues tied to non-citizenship. Despite starting with limited resources, GRACIAS has become a youth-led movement for expanding college access. This rapid growth reflects a shared commitment to uplifting the community and empowering its youth. Through spreading vital information, resources, and a supportive network, GRACIAS aims to break down these barriers and inspire academic success for generations to come.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

GRACIAS is dedicated to empowering Latino communities by expanding academic and career opportunities, aiming to boost Latino student acceptance, retention, and graduation rates to increase their representation in professional fields. Our outreach events include bilingual presentations on college admissions, FAFSA and scholarship workshops, and a mentorship program pairing high school students with college mentors for personalized support. Families can connect with college admissions experts and volunteers directly through our WhatsApp for guidance on each step of the process. Monthly webinars educate the community on various college and career options, and our website offers extensive resources on scholarships, FAFSA, and adult education. So far, GRACIAS has informed hundreds of families about college and financial aid, assisted dozens with FAFSA completion, and awarded 3 students with scholarships. Through these efforts, we're building a stronger, better-prepared community ready to reach its academic and career goals.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

GRACIAS ensures inclusivity by training volunteers to address questions from individuals of all citizenship types, tailoring resources accordingly to serve a broader community. Volunteers are key to our mission; they assist with outreach events, help staff information tables, and mentor students through our mentorship program, fostering direct impact on our community's youth. Community support can come through spreading awareness of our programs, which helps us reach even more families, or through donations that directly fund our events and essential supplies. Partnerships with local schools, churches, and organizations expand our reach, providing accessible venues and a larger audience. As a fully volunteer-run organization, all donations go directly to covering event costs, transportation assistance, and outreach materials, amplifying every dollar's impact on Latino student success. Together, we're creating pathways to higher education and brighter futures.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Huntley Hills Elementary Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a parent led volunteer group that supports the school administration, teachers, students and parents with our time, talents and parental perspective. We work year-round planning and implementing programs and events to keep the Huntley Hills Community engaged and excited.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

1. Academic acceleration through the support of our faculty and staff. Close relationships, routine feedback, and an always-open ear, allows our PTA to provide unique support
2. Enhancing the elementary experience for all of our students through Campus Beautification Fulfillment of needs such as supplies, books for home libraries, and at-school snacks Providing and/or funding enriching clubs, programming, assemblies, field trips, and more
3. Maintain Support and Grow. Support all areas that have historically benefitted from PTA funds and volunteers Continuously review our efforts and the school's needs in order to pivot as needed.

# HUNTLEY HILLS ELEMENTARY PTA

## OUR STORY

Huntley Hills Elementary School, established in 1964, serves the growing Huntley Hills neighborhood of Chamblee and offers a unique educational experience with options in both Traditional and Montessori learning tracks. In 2000, it introduced metro Atlanta's first public Montessori program, and by 2008, Spanish was added to the curriculum. Huntley Hills has since become a Title I Distinguished School, proudly serving a diverse community that includes immigrants and students with severe and profound special needs. The Huntley Hills Elementary Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is a parent-led volunteer group supporting school programs, events, and engagement efforts for students, teachers, and parents. As a STEM-certified school with a Gifted Program, HHES provides high-quality educational opportunities for all students, regardless of background, interest, or ability. Additionally, it is one of only two public schools in Georgia offering free Montessori education for Pre-K through 5th grade.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT



Huntley Hills Elementary PTA fills crucial gaps to help the school, students, and teachers thrive beyond what Dekalb County Public Schools can provide. Our PTA funds a wide range of programming, from supporting drama productions and counseling initiatives to beautifying the school grounds with new murals and outdoor benches. We also run the Reading Buddies tutoring program, offer grants for field trips and teacher development, and supply classroom essentials. Key initiatives this past year included training teachers in advanced phonics through Orton-Gillingham+ training, funding musical theater performances, supporting accelerated math classes, and hosting the Run for The Hills 5K and Fall Festival to foster community connections. Additionally, we maintain ongoing support for classroom needs, special programs like art and Spanish, and events like Field Day and STEM Nights. Our impact goes beyond students, creating lasting bonds within the community among families, educators, and volunteers.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The Huntley Hills PTA offers a variety of volunteer roles on our board, committees, and programs such as staff appreciation, school beautification, and communications, allowing community members to contribute in meaningful ways. Community support is essential to our success, with donations from the Tiger Fund, participation in events like the Run for The Hills 5K, Tigerthon Fundraising Week, and other initiatives helping to meet critical needs. We also raise funds through the Book Fair, Spirit Nights, Spirit Wear, corporate donations, and yearbook sales. Our partnerships, including the Chamblee Nonprofit Partnership Program and grants from organizations like The Dollar General Literacy Foundation and Georgia Music Foundation, have expanded our reach and resources. Since we're entirely volunteer-run, donations go directly to supporting our programs, maximizing the impact for our students and school. Every gift to the Huntley Hills PTA helps us make a tangible difference in enhancing educational experiences and community engagement.



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### MISSION STATEMENT

Karibu Community Legacy (KCL) provides caring and compassionate assistance to victims and survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence through community education, support services, and legal advocacy with a focus on immigrants, refugees and cultural sensitivity.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

We have two major goals for our 3-5 years plan, one goal is to create a community center where any community members can access for computer and internet needs and also a short-term shelter for survivors of domestic violence to stay while they transition.

# KARIBU COMMUNITY LEGACY

## OUR STORY

Karibu Community Legacy (KCL) was founded from a deep commitment to combat social injustice and violence, inspired by the personal experiences of its founder, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide against Tutsi. Driven by her own journey through trauma and healing, she pursued a Master's in Conflict Reconstruction and Human Security and dedicated 15 years to activism across three continents. KCL's mission grew from her desire to support those affected by ethnic cleansing, sexual assault, and domestic violence—crimes experienced by many in her community. With DeKalb County hosting a large population of African refugees and immigrants, the need for focused support services became clear. Through education, advocacy, and practical assistance, KCL addresses this gap, empowering survivors to rebuild their lives.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT



Karibu Community Legacy (KCL) creates a lasting impact by empowering survivors of domestic and sexual violence and fostering violence prevention within the community. Through workshops and outreach for youth and teens, KCL teaches ways to recognize violence, plan for safety, and communicate effectively. Its comprehensive services include legal advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling, and support groups, with translation services in over 16 languages to ensure accessibility. KCL also collaborates with coalitions and task forces, strengthening efforts for a violence-free community. By guiding survivors toward independent, violence-free lives, KCL brings hope and stability to many individuals and families.

Community support allows KCL to continue providing these essential resources, building safer and more resilient communities.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Karibu Community Legacy (KCL) ensures inclusivity by offering services in over 16 languages and collaborating with coalitions and government agencies to make resources accessible across diverse communities. Volunteer support is essential, with opportunities ranging from administrative assistance and event help to working directly with survivors and leading outreach workshops. Volunteers play a critical role in advancing KCL's mission, helping move DeKalb County and Metro Atlanta closer to a violence-free future. As a grassroots organization, KCL relies heavily on community contributions, whether through time, resources, or network connections. Partnerships with task forces and coalitions further amplify its impact, enhancing programs and outreach efforts. Community support enables KCL to reach more people and build safer, more inclusive spaces for everyone.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of Keep Chamblee Beautiful is to organize, educate, support, and inspire the Chamblee community to invest their time, talents, and resources into making Chamblee a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful place to live, work, and play.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Keep Chamblee Beautiful aims to expand its sustainability programs and community engagement efforts to support Chamblee's growing population. By fostering partnerships, increasing volunteer participation, and securing resources through donations, KCB plans to enhance environmental stewardship and preserve Chamblee's natural beauty for future generations.

# KEEP CHAMBLEE BEAUTIFUL

## OUR STORY



Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) was founded in 1991 by Virginia Baker as Chamblee Clean and Beautiful, operating under Keep DeKalb Beautiful. For over two decades, the organization led efforts in litter collection, tree and flower planting, park bench installations, and stream clean-ups, among other community beautification projects. By 2015, Chamblee's population nearly tripled to 30,000, bringing a wave of young families and professionals eager to reinvigorate the organization. In 2019, KCB formalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Chamblee and completed the requirements to become a direct affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. This partnership enhances KCB's visibility and access to resources, enabling expanded sustainability programs for the growing community. Today, KCB continues to foster a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant Chamblee.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT



Keep Chamblee Beautiful (KCB) enhances the Chamblee community by organizing events that promote environmental stewardship and community engagement. From Earth Day celebrations and storm drain stenciling to hazardous waste collection and Rivers Alive clean-ups, KCB provides year-round opportunities for volunteers to make a tangible impact.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Volunteers can join workdays at Keswick Park or assist in major initiatives like the Trash Dash or Arbor Day events. Donations directly support these programs, ensuring resources for impactful projects that benefit the entire community. Together, with community support and a great partnership with the City of Chamblee, KCB continues to preserve Chamblee's natural beauty for future generations. Donations fund the cost of supplies for events and programs.



**LAAMISTAD, INC.**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To prepare Latino students and families for success through academic and life enrichment programs.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

LaAmistad's 2021-2025 strategic plan focuses on three priorities: enhancing programs, increasing awareness, and developing organizational resources. Enhancing Programs involves expanding offerings to accelerate impact for students and ensure the success of parents and adult learners, positioning the organization to serve more Latino families across Metro Atlanta. Increasing Awareness focuses on marketing efforts to inspire new volunteers, partners, and donors while reaching more families in need and boosting visibility within the Latinx community and school districts served. Developing Organizational Resources aims to strengthen staff and board capacity, create more opportunities for volunteer and donor engagement, and establish an endowment fund to ensure long-term sustainability.

# LAAMISTAD, INC.

## OUR STORY

LaAmistad was founded in Atlanta in 2001 by Bill Maness, the former Recreation Director of Peachtree Presbyterian Church, who saw a need for a safe space where neighborhood children could excel academically and develop strong character. Recognizing the potential for meaningful change, the church leadership supported the creation of LaAmistad. By 2006, the initiative became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing exceptional educational and enrichment services. Today, LaAmistad offers after-school tutoring, parent education, English for Successful Living classes, and summer programs that empower children and their families. This comprehensive approach has made a transformative impact, fostering academic success and stronger communities. LaAmistad continues to inspire and uplift those it serves, remaining a cornerstone of support for families in need.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT



LaAmistad is dedicated to helping Latino students and families achieve lifelong self-sufficiency by providing a holistic network of support. Over the past two decades, LaAmistad has been a steadfast ally to Atlanta's Latino community, guiding individuals and families toward growth, opportunity, and empowerment. Witnessing students' progress through school and beyond has inspired the organization to expand its impact, including programs that support children from their earliest years. This vision has led to initiatives such as Birth to Five, which focuses on critical language development, and Animate Summer Academy, designed to prevent learning loss. LaAmistad also offers parent workshops, English classes, and financial literacy programs, ensuring families thrive together. By addressing the evolving needs of the community, LaAmistad creates pathways to success, empowering every individual to achieve their fullest potential.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Volunteers are essential to LaAmistad's mission, with opportunities ranging from tutoring in the afterschool program to leading ESL classes, mentoring alumni, or assisting with special projects and events. Volunteers also play key roles in the Animate Summer Academy as camp counselors, ensuring children have enriching and educational experiences. Partnerships with schools, churches, nonprofits, and government agencies amplify LaAmistad's impact, creating a collaborative network of support for the Latino community. Donations directly fund vital programs, providing free afterschool tutoring and no-cost summer camp experiences, covering expenses like snacks, materials, and staff. Community members can support LaAmistad by volunteering their time or making financial contributions to sustain and expand these services. Together, we can empower Latino families and create opportunities for lifelong self-sufficiency.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Los Vecinos de Buford Highway strives to cultivate community, amplify immigrant voices, and create leaders throughout the Buford Highway Corridor.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Los Vecinos de Buford Highway is poised for significant growth over the next 3 to 5 years. Our goals include securing a permanent office space to better serve the community and expanding our team to meet increasing demands. We aim to broaden our programs to reach more families, ensuring greater access to vital resources and services. Additionally, we plan to strengthen our leadership in immigrant housing advocacy and community organizing, extending our impact beyond DeKalb, Gwinnett, and Fulton counties. These efforts reflect our commitment to empowering immigrant communities and addressing critical housing challenges.



# LOS VECINOS DE BUFORD HIGHWAY

## OUR STORY

Los Vecinos de Buford Highway was founded in 2016 in response to the mass displacement of apartment residents along Buford Highway. The organization began with neighbors coming together over shared meals to discuss their experiences and learn about their rights, many for the first time. Most of these residents were Spanish-speaking undocumented immigrants seeking collective solutions to their housing challenges. Inspired by one founder's experience in an apartment complex undergoing mass evictions, the group recognized the urgent need for fair housing advocacy. These grassroots efforts grew into a community-driven organization dedicated to building connections and empowering residents through education and collective action. Today, Los Vecinos de Buford Highway advocates for equitable housing and stronger communities.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Los Vecinos de Buford Highway empowers the undocumented and immigrant community by delivering vital resources directly to apartment complexes and neighborhoods along the Buford Highway corridor. By creating safe spaces and hosting free workshops, the organization eliminates barriers and ensures families can access education, legal aid, and financial support. During the pandemic, they distributed over \$830,000 in financial aid and rent assistance, preventing evictions and homelessness for countless families. Their legal advocacy efforts have yielded significant victories, including a recent \$100,000 housing settlement for a family. Through annual community events, they provide essential items like school supplies, food, and holiday gifts to over 250 families. Los Vecinos continues to transform lives through accessible programs and services that promote stability and opportunity for all.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Los Vecinos de Buford Highway offers meaningful volunteer opportunities, including event support, guest speaking at Cenas Compartidas (shared community dinners), and tutoring for children. Partnerships with organizations like United Way, JP Morgan Chase, and Georgia State University enhance their financial wellness and English-learning programs, benefiting hundreds of families annually. Donations directly fund free legal services and provide emergency assistance, ensuring families in need receive timely support. Community members can help by attending events, volunteering, spreading the word, and contributing financially. By actively engaging neighborhoods and collaborating with municipalities, schools, and local businesses, Los Vecinos ensures their programs remain accessible and inclusive. Together, volunteers, donors, and partners strengthen the organization's impact on the Buford Highway community.



# PEACHTREE CREEK GREENWAY, INC.

## OUR STORY

Peachtree Creek Greenway, Inc. was founded in 2013 by a group of Brookhaven residents who sought to transform an underutilized area along North Fork Peachtree Creek into a vibrant, multi-use trail that would connect communities and provide new recreational opportunities. Inspired by a 1999 plan by the PATH Foundation and DeKalb County, the organization envisioned a 12-mile trail linking Atlanta, Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville, and parts of DeKalb County. The group's first success was financing the "Model Mile," a 1.27-mile stretch that opened in December 2019, using a creative approach by adjusting the local hotel/motel tax in Brookhaven. This project has since become a catalyst for further expansion, with plans to link key areas such as Mercer University, the Atlanta BeltLine, and Buford Highway. The Greenway is not just a trail but a crucial part of the region's transportation infrastructure, providing safe, non-motorized access to jobs, schools, and essential services in underserved communities. Peachtree Creek Greenway, Inc. continues to advocate for the project, raise awareness, and build partnerships to create a lasting community resource that promotes health, connectivity, and environmental stewardship.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Peachtree Creek Greenway, Inc. is transforming the North Fork Peachtree Creek into a vibrant trail system that enhances connectivity, promotes safe recreational access, and restores the local environment. The organization plays a key role in expanding the Greenway to connect underserved communities across Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville, Atlanta, and DeKalb County, securing financial support from multiple local governments. Through advocacy, environmental stewardship, and community engagement, Peachtree Creek Greenway has secured crucial funding, including helping DeKalb County obtain \$800,000 for planning the trail's expansion. The "Model Mile" in Brookhaven has already proven the trail's potential as a popular recreational space and safe transportation route. The organization also hosts regular creek cleanups, improving water quality and enhancing local habitats, while fostering a sense of ownership and pride in the community. By creating safer pedestrian infrastructure and green spaces, Peachtree Creek Greenway, Inc. is not only connecting people to jobs and recreation but also strengthening community ties and promoting environmental stewardship for future generations.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Peachtree Creek Greenway, Inc. offers a variety of volunteer opportunities that allow individuals to contribute to the organization's mission, including roles as Greenway Ambassadors, creek cleanup volunteers, event organizers, and outreach advocates. Volunteers are essential to maintaining the Greenway, engaging the community, and supporting environmental stewardship efforts like trash removal and invasive species management. Community members can also advocate for the Greenway by attending public meetings, spreading awareness, and encouraging local officials to support the project. Financial donations are critical to sustaining the organization's work, particularly in maintaining a part-time staff position that has significantly increased the organization's capacity for advocacy, planning, and outreach. Contributions also support essential programs, such as multilingual outreach, community events, and volunteer engagement initiatives that ensure the Greenway is inclusive and accessible to all. By partnering with local businesses and nonprofits, Peachtree Creek Greenway strengthens its advocacy efforts and expands its reach, demonstrating broad community support for the trail's completion.



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### MISSION STATEMENT

Advocating for the creation of the Peachtree Creek Greenway, a multi-use trail connecting all communities along the North Fork Peachtree Creek.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

Over the next 3-5 years, Peachtree Creek Greenway, Inc. (PCGI) aims to expand the Greenway's construction and connectivity across multiple jurisdictions. A key goal is to complete the City of Atlanta and Brookhaven segments, establishing a larger footprint and seamless connectivity through the region. PCGI is also working with DeKalb County to transition from planning to construction for their segment, building on the recent success of securing \$800,000 for initial planning. As these sections are completed, the focus will shift to connecting with neighboring areas like Chamblee and Doraville, enhancing accessibility for residents. These efforts will help realize the Greenway's potential as a continuous, multi-use trail offering safe transportation and recreational opportunities. Throughout this period, PCGI will strengthen partnerships, secure funding, and engage the community to ensure the Greenway transforms the region, improves quality of life, and fosters a stronger sense of connection.



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### MISSION STATEMENT

Prospera's mission is to help start, sustain, and grow Hispanic-owned businesses to achieve community prosperity.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

Prospera's goals for the next 3-5 years focus on strengthening its capacity and expanding its reach to empower more Latino entrepreneurs. Key priorities include enhancing fund development through improved staffing, technology, and relationships with funders, clients, and volunteers. The organization aims to invest in internal resources and expertise to optimize staff development, risk management, and operational continuity. Prospera also seeks to increase volunteer engagement and representation to support its growth. Additionally, it plans to explore new service areas, leveraging existing partnerships to ensure consistent, high-quality programming while creating a more significant economic impact in underserved communities.



# PROSPERA GEORGIA, LLC

## OUR STORY

Founded in 1991 by a Cuban immigrant entrepreneur, Prospera was created to address the barriers he faced when starting his own printing business. Recognizing the need for resources tailored to Latino entrepreneurs, Prospera offers culturally relevant and language-specific support to help recent immigrants navigate the complexities of the U.S. business environment. The organization's mission is to reduce these barriers by providing small businesses with technical assistance and empowering entrepreneurs with the tools they need to succeed. Through its services, Prospera helps entrepreneurs establish strong business foundations, ensuring their enterprises are sustainable, scalable, and positioned to access growth opportunities. With 35 years of experience, Prospera continues to support Latino entrepreneurs, fostering economic empowerment and success.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Prospera is committed to promoting economic mobility and equity by equipping Latino entrepreneurs with culturally relevant business assistance and resources. By targeting disadvantaged small business owners, Prospera helps participants overcome barriers, build wealth, and create jobs that strengthen their communities. Over the past three years, the organization has empowered more than 500 Latino business owners, driving economic growth and upward mobility. Through tailored programs like business consulting, training, grants for professional services, and access-to-capital guidance, Prospera provides critical tools to support the entrepreneurial journey. These efforts enable small businesses to establish strong foundations, scale operations, and achieve sustainable success. Prospera's impact extends beyond individual entrepreneurs, fostering broader community prosperity and contributing to a thriving economy.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Volunteers play a pivotal role in Prospera's mission by mentoring Latino entrepreneurs, supporting workshops, and offering expertise in areas like marketing, finance, or technology. Partnerships with organizations such as the SBA, local SCORE chapters, and community colleges amplify our impact, creating an innovative and efficient environment for minority-owned businesses. Donations are vital to sustaining these efforts, funding comprehensive training, mentorship programs, and workshops tailored to the unique needs of disadvantaged entrepreneurs. Community support through funding, advocacy, and volunteer engagement further enhances Prospera's capacity to expand and serve more Latino business owners. By fostering connections with local organizations and entrepreneurs, the community helps amplify our economic impact while fostering inclusivity. Prospera ensures accessibility by offering free programs open to the public, supported by referrals and collaborations with entrepreneurial ecosystem partners.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to reduce plastic pollution by diverting reusable plastics from landfills to organizations that re-use cleaned plastic containers for those in need including homeless shelters, community food kitchens and other like-minded organizations or individuals in the Atlanta area.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Goals in the next 5 years include:

1. Maximize number of partners to house our donation boxes.
2. Collect over 100,000 plastic containers a year to repurpose for donation to community partners helping to feed those with food insecurity and thus provide over 100,000 meals per year.
3. Expand to other cities and states looking to help in our mission.



# RETAKEOUT

## OUR STORY

Sophia and Andrew Wang founded ReTakeOut, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, in October 2022 to reduce plastic pollution by collecting and repurposing used plastic takeout containers. Their inspiration began in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic led to an increase in takeout orders, and they noticed an overflow of plastic containers piling up at home. Seeing that many of these containers were still in good condition, they began reusing them but soon had more than they needed. At the same time, they learned of local residents cooking for the homeless who needed containers for food delivery. Recognizing the environmental impact of plastic waste—with only about 5-6% of plastic being effectively recycled—ReTakeOut was born to address both environmental and social needs. By repurposing these containers, ReTakeOut supports the sustainability principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle, helping to limit plastic waste in landfills and assist community feeding efforts.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

ReTakeOut aims to reduce plastic pollution in the Atlanta area by diverting reusable plastic containers from landfills to organizations that distribute food to those in need, such as homeless shelters and community kitchens. We provide several donation options, including drop-off points, collection drives, and donation boxes at partner businesses, all of which offer clear instructions for donating clean plastic containers. Regular checks on these boxes ensure that donations are sorted, sanitized, and distributed to our network of community partners. Since our founding, we've collected tens of thousands of containers, keeping them out of landfills and putting them to meaningful reuse. These containers have been repurposed for food distribution, helping to support individuals experiencing food insecurity. Additionally, we accept sealed plastic utensils, extending our impact on reducing plastic waste and supporting community feeding efforts.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

ReTakeOut's impact relies on community support, partnerships, and volunteer efforts, especially as we expand opportunities for volunteers to assist with our mission. Volunteers are vital to helping us reach community partners who need containers, supporting collection drives, and assisting with sorting and repurposing. Our partnership with the City of Chamblee and the Non-profit Partnership Program has been invaluable, enabling us to collaborate with other nonprofits and increase awareness of our mission. Additional partnerships with metro Atlanta organizations allow us to provide containers directly to groups that feed those facing food insecurity. Community members can support us by hosting donation boxes or participating in plastic container drives. Financial donations are also crucial, helping us cover operational expenses, publicize our mission, and manage the logistics of pick-up, transportation, and distribution to make a lasting impact on plastic waste reduction and hunger relief.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Ser Familia's mission is to offer preventive family services and equip Latinos with the tools, resources, and skills they need to move from crisis to thriving.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Our strategic objectives for the next 3-5 years include developing a culturally proficient mental health workforce and expanding social service infrastructure to effectively support the growing Latino population.



# SER FAMILIA, INC.

## OUR STORY

Ser Familia was founded in 2001 by Belisa and Miguel Urbina to address the lack of resources for Latino families in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. Inspired by the challenges couples faced in conflict resolution and adapting to a new culture, they launched Georgia's first program focused on strengthening Latino couples. Over the years, Ser Familia expanded to include programs like Escuela para Padres



(Parenting School), youth workshops, and Georgia Latinos Against Domestic Violence (GLADV). In 2013, the organization introduced culturally and linguistically tailored mental health services, becoming a vital resource for Latinos in Georgia. With five offices across Georgia and a new location in Puerto Rico, Ser Familia serves over 9,000 clients annually through evidence-based family support programs and workshops. Their mission remains centered on strengthening Latino families, creating culturally relevant solutions, and fostering community resilience.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Ser Familia strives to empower Latino families to thrive and contribute to their communities by expanding and refining its services. Serving nearly 10,000 clients annually from 35 counties, the organization provides essential programs such as mental health counseling, parenting classes, couples workshops, youth services, and support for domestic violence victims. As the sole provider of critical services in many Metro Atlanta counties, Ser Familia plays a transformative role in improving the wellbeing of families. Their Family Resource Centers (CAFES) offer a hub for assistance, including case management, food distribution, and emergency financial aid. By combining cultural proficiency with evidence-based practices, Ser Familia ensures that Latino families receive holistic support tailored to their unique needs. Their impact extends beyond individuals, fostering resilience and unity in communities across Georgia and Puerto Rico.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Ser Familia relies on dedicated volunteers to support its community-focused initiatives, including health fairs and the annual "Walking Among Us" event, which raises awareness about domestic violence and breast cancer. Volunteers, many of whom are bilingual, play critical roles such as interpreting for participants at medical and education stations. The organization collaborates with influential partners like the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta, Georgia Power, Delta Air Lines, and WellStar to amplify its impact. Donations directly fund Ser Familia's programs, enabling them to provide essential social and human services to Latino families. Community members can contribute by volunteering, spreading awareness, or providing financial and in-kind support to sustain these initiatives. Ser Familia is committed to fostering an inclusive, discrimination-free environment that celebrates diversity and respects each individual's unique identity.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Skyland Trail inspires people with mental illness to thrive through a holistic program of evidence-based psychiatric treatment, integrated medical care, research, and education.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Skyland Trail plans to expand both its adult campus in Brookhaven and its adolescent campus in Chamblee over the next 3-5 years. The adolescent program recently introduced a day treatment program (PHP) and expanded services to include Prolonged Exposure Therapy for teens with PTSD. We are committed to further expanding services for teens, families, and schools. Skyland Trail has also acquired adjacent properties to the adult campus to consolidate and grow services, improving operational efficiency. The adult campus expansion will create a space that reflects our whole-person approach to wellness and aligns with the goals outlined in our strategic plan. This expansion aims to address the growing psychiatric treatment needs across Georgia.



# SKYLAND TRAIL

## OUR STORY

The idea of Skyland Trail developed when a local businessman – Charles West – became determined to help a friend. The friend, whose family member needed mental health treatment, was seeking a community-based program focused on recovery instead of institutionalization. At the time, no programs in Atlanta offered that model



of care. Charles West organized a founding board of directors, who envisioned a new kind of mental health treatment here in Georgia. We opened our doors in 1989, serving four patients in a small apartment building. Today, in 2024, we serve more than 500 individuals each year on five campuses. After treating adults for almost 30 years, in 2019, we opened a residential treatment program for teens at the J. Rex Fuqua Campus in Chamblee.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT



Skyland Trail has a transformative impact on the community by providing comprehensive, evidence-based mental health treatment for both adults and teens. Our residential programs support individuals struggling with severe mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, major depression, schizophrenia, and PTSD, offering them the time, space, and expert care they need to recover. Clients benefit from a holistic approach that integrates psychiatric care with physical wellness, expressive therapies, and social support, helping them regain independence and reconnect with their families, schools, and careers. Our adolescent program not only addresses mental health symptoms but also empowers teens to engage more positively with their communities, while our adult program supports those with dual diagnoses, including substance use disorders. Skyland Trail's services extend beyond treatment, as we provide valuable resources to schools, employers, and healthcare providers, fostering collaboration to support individuals in crisis. Through our work, we help over 500 clients and families each year, breaking the cycle of crisis and guiding them toward healthier, more fulfilling lives.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

Skyland Trail offers a variety of volunteer opportunities through our Skyland Trail Associates, where individuals can contribute to our mission by supporting fundraising events such as the annual 5K Run/Walk. Volunteers also play a key role in hosting events to raise funds for our financial aid program, ensuring that individuals and families who may not otherwise have access to mental health services can receive the treatment they need. Corporate sponsorships and partnerships with businesses, schools, and civic groups enhance our impact by providing crucial financial support and expanding our community outreach. We welcome invitations for our experts to participate in educational events, panel discussions, and consultations on mental health, helping to raise awareness and reduce stigma in the community. Donations directly support our mental health treatment programs, including financial aid that allows more families to access life-changing care at Skyland Trail.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

SEFAA encourages and celebrates creativity one thread at a time by cultivating a vibrant regional fiber arts community while celebrating, supporting, and perpetuating all textile art forms. We exist to be a regional textile resource: We thrive by empowering everyone to reach their creative potential. We do so by providing diverse and comprehensive fiber art programming and by inspiring and connecting everyone interested in textiles.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

To continue to improve and grow our programming, to relocate to larger, more cost-effective premises, and to develop a robust volunteer team.



# SOUTHEAST FIBER ARTS ALLIANCE

## OUR STORY

SEFAA was founded in 2009 following a meeting of individuals seeking a reliable, safe, and suitable meeting space for local textile organizations. From this modest beginning, it has grown into a vibrant regional hub for professional and amateur fiber artists, crafters, instructors, students, businesses, and the general public. The organization was inspired by the challenges of meeting in temporary spaces like churches, libraries, or back rooms of local shops, which often led to scheduling conflicts and inadequate facilities. SEFAA's founders envisioned a permanent space that would be accessible 24/7, with ample room for projects, great lighting, and a robust electrical system to support multiple sewing machines and irons. Today, SEFAA serves as a dynamic resource for the fiber arts community, offering a space where creativity can flourish year-round. Through collaborations with other textile organizations, SEFAA continues to expand its reach and impact, helping to nurture a thriving arts community.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

SEFAA has made a significant impact on the community by teaching practical skills that enrich lives, combat throwaway consumerism, and encourage creativity, which nourishes both the mind and spirit. Through its unique focus on textiles, the organization fosters connection, trust, and cultural understanding in a diverse, multicultural world, while offering a comprehensive range of textile techniques that serve the entire fiber arts community in the Southeast. Key programs include educational classes with local, regional, and national instructors, exhibitions, low-cost rental space, a large textile library, and a shop selling donated supplies and equipment. SEFAA's strong social media presence also helps expand its reach and engage new audiences. Since its establishment in 2016, SEFAA has become a vibrant addition to Chamblee's arts scene, increasing the city's cultural appeal and improving the livability of the surrounding community. By contributing to Chamblee's prosperity, SEFAA continues to play a crucial role in enhancing the region's arts and culture landscape.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

SEFAA ensures accessibility and inclusivity through its free programs and scholarships for more expensive classes, along with an ADA-compliant facility. Volunteer opportunities include open board positions for Secretary, Membership Committee Chair, Development Committee Chair, and Talent Team Leader, as well as various roles at the SEFAA Center, such as event support, library catalog updates, and shop assistance. Volunteers are essential to SEFAA's success, helping the organization grow, develop efficiencies, and expand its reach. Community support is crucial; donations and volunteer efforts help sustain SEFAA's mission, and the organization is also seeking a philanthropic partner with 12,000 sq. ft. of space to create a shared arts hub. SEFAA strengthens its impact through partnerships with nine member organizations, business partners, Scraplanta, Georgia Council for the Arts, South Arts, and Guidestar. Donations, including individual gifts and grant funding, provide up to one-third of SEFAA's annual income, directly supporting its programs and services.



**THE BLUE & GOLD FOUNDATION**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to raise funds to support Chamblee High School and the greater Chamblee Community.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Our goal is always to raise enough money to support all the grants the teachers ask for.



# THE BLUE & GOLD FOUNDATION, INC.

## OUR STORY

The Blue & Gold Foundation, established in 2004, is a dedicated 501(c)(3) nonprofit supporting Chamblee High School and its surrounding community. Founded by former Principal Cheryl Finke and a passionate board of alumni, parents, teachers, and administrators, the organization addresses unmet needs in classrooms and facilities. Over the past 20 years, the foundation has funded teacher grants for equipment like microscopes, robotics tools, and kitchen supplies for special needs students, as well as resources for art and science programs. It also awards scholarships to graduating seniors and supports community initiatives like river cleanups and public art projects. The foundation's mission is driven by the belief that investing in education strengthens the entire community. With Chamblee High consistently ranked among the nation's top schools, the foundation is proud to support its students and faculty, ensuring a brighter future for all.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT



The Blue & Gold Foundation works hand in hand with Chamblee High School and the surrounding community to foster collaboration and provide meaningful support. By co-sponsoring events like Veterans Programs and offering assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation has consistently strengthened connections between students and residents. Its grants fund essential resources, including support for ESOL programs and the construction of innovative spaces like an outdoor classroom. The foundation also promotes literacy through initiatives like a free little library accessible to students and the community. As an integral part of Chamblee's growth and success, the foundation takes pride in advancing education while enhancing the quality of life for all. Through these efforts, it continues to inspire positive engagement and foster a thriving community.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The Blue & Gold Foundation offers meaningful volunteer opportunities, including assisting with our annual 5K run in March, which raises funds for Chamblee Middle and High School students. Volunteers also contribute by supporting community projects and helping complete initiatives like our outdoor classroom. Our partnerships with local businesses, the City of Chamblee, alumni, and parents significantly amplify our impact, ensuring resources reach those who need them most. With 100% of donations directly funding student and faculty programs, contributions make an immediate difference in educational and community initiatives. The Chamblee community has always played a vital role in supporting our mission, fostering a shared commitment to investing in the leaders of tomorrow. By providing feedback and participating in our events, the community helps us maintain accessible and inclusive programs for all.



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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Elaine Clark Center is to enable children of all abilities to become confident and contributing citizens of the community through an innovative model of education, therapeutic play and experiential opportunities.

### GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS

Build Fundraising Capacity and Sustainability, Invest in Excellent Talent, and Develop and Expand the ECC Model. Objectives: Build Fundraising Capacity and Sustainability: -Build sustainable funding to match supply with demand and support investment in programming and growth. -Raise visibility and engagement to support fundraising, referrals, and partnerships Invest in Excellent Talent: -Develop leadership depth and organization capacity to enable transition to new leadership when the time comes Develop and Expand the ECC Model: -Maximize the utilization of capacity of current building and full staff for the ECC model -Build ECC as a model school, and articulate that model to parents, referral sources, partners, and funders. -Develop models and explore options for extending ECC's impact outside the Chamblee campus.

# THE ELAINE CLARK CENTER

## OUR STORY

The Elaine Clark Center was founded in 1969, inspired by Sister Robert Therese of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Atlanta, who began tutoring children with developmental disabilities in the 1960s when no other options existed. Since then, the Center has continually adapted to meet the evolving needs of children with special needs in the Metro Atlanta area, offering a range of services from early childhood programs to young adult support. The Center's innovative and inclusive approach has earned it a reputation for excellence, blending education, therapy, and social services to ensure every child's developmental needs are met. Key milestones include the establishment of the Frank Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2001, which provides financial support to families, and a 2007 therapy program expansion to include speech, occupational, and physical therapy. In 2009, the Center merged with Heart of Hope Academy, expanding services to young adults up to age 22, and in 2018, a new facility allowed them to serve participants up to age 28. Today, the Elaine Clark Center remains committed to supporting the most vulnerable, helping children and young adults with special needs thrive through comprehensive, compassionate care.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Elaine Clark Center significantly impacts the Chamblee and Metro Atlanta community by supporting the cognitive, social, and vocational growth of children and young adults with special needs. Through its inclusive programming, the Center prepares students for greater independence, enabling them to participate more fully in community life and reducing reliance on public support. Key programs include early intervention, specialized K-12 education, vocational training for young adults, and nursing care, offering a continuum of services from infancy to age 28. In addition to direct services, the Center provides crucial support for families, including tuition assistance, case management, and parent education, helping them maintain stability and independence. This model has established the Center as a valued community resource, offering alternatives to public schooling and nurturing a more inclusive environment. Overall, the Elaine Clark Center fosters individual empowerment and strengthens the broader community by addressing the needs of traditionally underserved populations.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

The Elaine Clark Center offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities, including reading to children, assisting in classrooms, helping with gardening, completing maintenance tasks, and even serving on committees. Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting our mission by providing hands-on assistance that enhances the educational and developmental experiences of the children and young adults we serve. By volunteering, individuals directly contribute to the well-being and growth of our students while helping to alleviate the workload of our dedicated staff. We are also committed to ensuring our programs are accessible and inclusive, offering tuition assistance through our Scholarship Program to ensure that all families, regardless of income, can access our specialized services. In addition to volunteers, we actively collaborate with local partners like DeKalb County School System, Babies Can't Wait, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to provide comprehensive support to the families in our community. Donations are also essential in sustaining our work, as they fund scholarships, life-changing programs, and services that ensure children with special needs receive the care and opportunities they deserve.



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To preserve the multicultural identity of Atlanta's Buford Highway Corridor.

**GOALS FOR THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS**

Through a unifying framework, our board and staff has developed a five-year strategic plan through the following pillars of work: Curate relationships, connections, processes to build a multicultural coalition. Deepen greater understanding of what it means to thrive internally and externally. Reach diverse communities in the greater south with stories, resources, and connection to the Buford Highway corridor.

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## OUR STORY

WLBH was founded to strengthen and celebrate the multicultural identity of the Buford Highway corridor through a range of initiatives aimed at promoting arts, culture, business, health, and community stories. The organization works to foster strategic partnerships that raise awareness of the area's unique identity, while advocating for the sustainability and growth of local businesses. Additionally, WLBH addresses the health and well-being needs of residents and preserves the stories of the community's workers, residents, and business owners. Inspired by an Instagram account documenting the changing landscape of Buford Highway, WLBH emerged with a mission to empower the community to define its own vision for space utilization. Through its efforts during the pandemic and in response to rising xenophobia, the organization has built a multicultural coalition and deepened its understanding of what it means for the community to thrive. Serving nearly 40,000 immigrants, primarily Latinx, and Asian American populations, WLBH continues to reach diverse communities with stories, resources, and opportunities for growth.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Our vision is to curate multicultural coalitions to illuminate how immigrants thrive in an ever-changing South. Our values are: Build Unity from Diversity; Listen and Spark Connection; Put Our Grit to the Test; and Guard and Guide Dreams

WLBH's impact centers on building multicultural coalitions that highlight how immigrants thrive in the changing South, guided by core values of unity, connection, perseverance, and support for community dreams. The organization offers key programs that include oral history projects, culturally-centered food distribution, youth empowerment through the Buford Highway Orchestra, and local space activation for arts and culture. It also supports immigrant businesses through initiatives like the Buford Highway Community Circle, Buford Highway Restaurant Month, and a Small Business Resource Guide. One of its signature programs, the Little Bodega, operates as a free trade post model grocery, providing access to culturally relevant, affordable food for the community. The recently launched Community Ambassador Program extends the organization's reach and influence in the community. Through these programs, WLBH has positively impacted over 100,000 individuals, addressing food insecurity, empowering youth, promoting arts and culture, and advocating for immigrant-owned businesses.

## ROLES, OPPORTUNITIES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND DONATIONS

WLBH offers a variety of volunteer opportunities through its Community Ambassador Program, with five key tracks: Operations, Language, Government, Coalition-Building, and Small Business, where volunteers can contribute their time and skills. Volunteers help advance the organization's mission by sharing its work with their networks and assisting with ongoing community initiatives. The community can best support WLBH by volunteering, making connections, and donating, while also co-creating solutions that address the diverse needs of Buford Highway's residents. Through partnerships with government, corporate entities, and other stakeholders, WLBH amplifies its impact, advocating for policies that promote equity and justice. Donations directly fund essential programs like food distribution, the youth orchestra, and operating costs for a community-driven center, which helps sustain and expand services. By supporting WLBH, donors invest in building a stronger, more inclusive community for current and future generations.





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