



Make a Difference



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ANNUAL STATEMENT 2016

Greetings

This year Communities 4 Children was able to accomplish something that had long been just a dream. We were able to provide college scholarships for children in foster care. **These youth accomplished something that only 30% of their peers in foster care in Georgia had achieved – they graduated from high school.** Those are tough numbers, but that percentage dwindles even further for youth currently or formerly in foster care who attend college. We were able to help these students chase their dreams because of you, our donors. Thank you.

The scholarships we provided are an expansion of our original commitment to children and youth in foster care. Communities 4 Children was founded in 2001, with the most wonderful of holidays in mind – Christmas. For a number of years prior to 2001, we served as the warehouse for Georgia's Division of Family and Children Services' Secret Santa program, making sure children's wishes were granted and were fulfilled in time for Christmas morning. We had an outpouring of friends and businesses that wanted

to support our work and donate both time and money. Thus began Communities 4 Children.

Since then, Communities 4 Children has conducted numerous annual campaigns to provide Christmas stockings, bicycles, luggage, teddy bears, and financial assistance to children in foster care at Christmas and other times during the year.

This year, in addition to the scholarships, we were able to provide stuffed stockings to more than 200 children for Christmas. Each of these children has a story to tell. I hope you'll be inspired by this year's annual report. Thank you again for the part you play. Let's keep bringing it full circle.

Sincerely,



Carla S. Rogg
Founder and President
Communities 4 Children

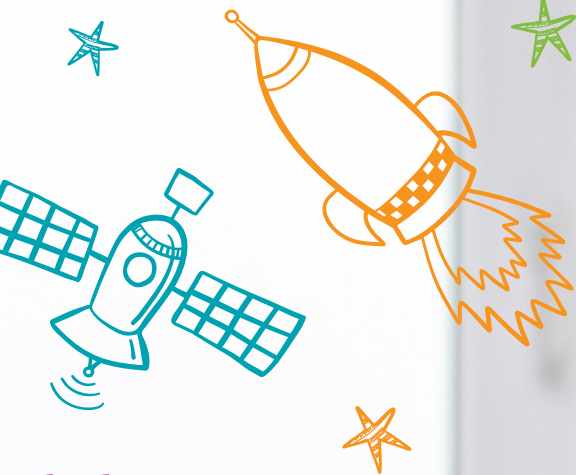




“The time is
always right
to do what
is right”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





“**Treat a child as though he already is the person he’s capable of becoming**”

Haim Ginott





In any given month, more than

8,000

children from birth to age 21 are in the foster care system in the state of Georgia.

That's where we step in.

Communities 4 Children, established in 2001, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization benefiting Georgia's youth in foster care. The organization was founded on the belief that all children, especially children in need, should have a sense of dignity, experience the simple pleasures of life, and have opportunities for success.

Our
Passion

Our Vision

All children will have a sense of **dignity**, **experience** the simple pleasures of life, and have **opportunities** for **success**.

Our Mission

The mission of Communities 4 Children is to provide **scholarships** and **grants** to promote the growth and achievement of youth in foster care.

Our Focus

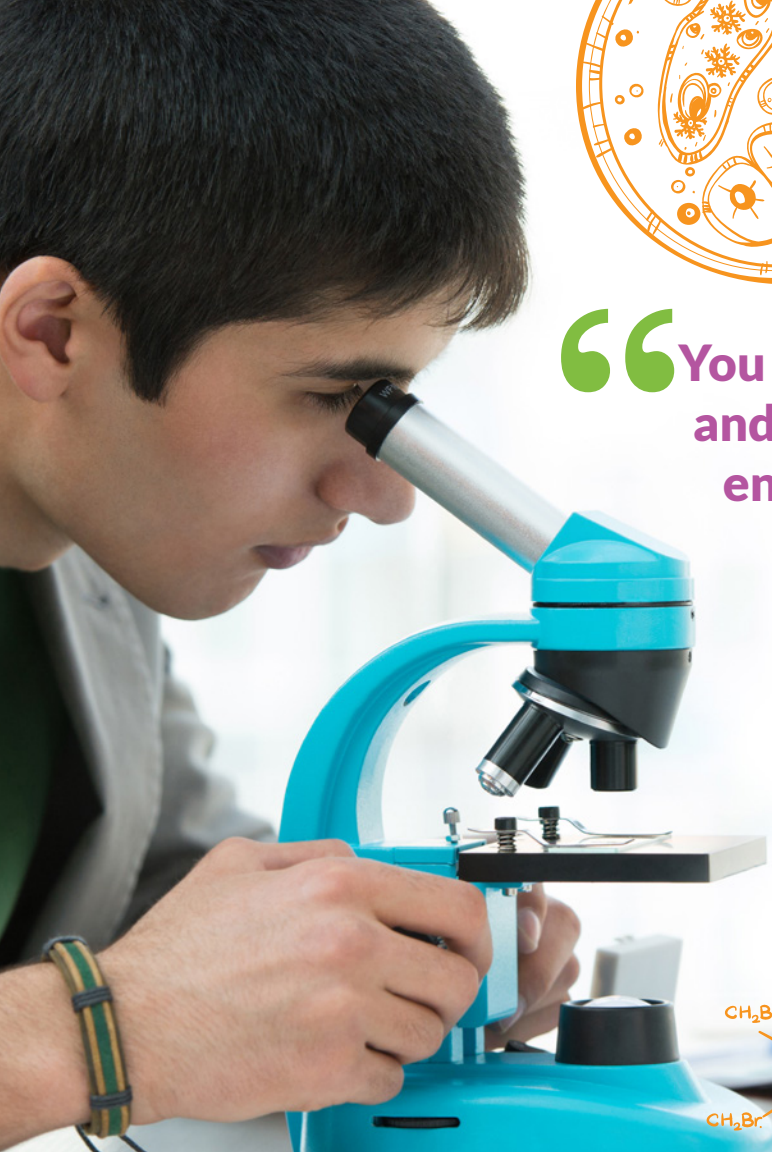


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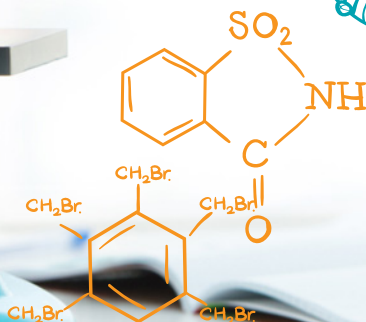
**All kids need a little help, a little hope,
and someone who believes in them ””**

Magic Johnson



“You can, you should,
and if you’re brave
enough to start,
you will”

Stephen King





Scholarships

Communities 4 Children now awards merit and need-based scholarships and mini-grants designed to help meet the educational needs of deserving children and youth in foster care who have set their sights beyond completing high school.

In 2016, Communities 4 Children awarded five scholarships totaling \$4,000 to deserving high school graduates who were in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). The awards were presented at the 2016 Celebration of Excellence Ceremony held on June 18 and hosted by DFCS and community partners.

Our 2016 Accomplishments

A map of Virginia with county boundaries outlined in white. Ten yellow dots are placed on the map, representing specific locations. The dots are located in the following counties: Loudoun, Loudoun, Loudoun, Loudoun, Loudoun, Loudoun, Loudoun, Loudoun, Loudoun, and Loudoun. The map is set against a dark purple background.

Holiday Giving

Your generosity enables Communities 4 Children to make the holidays special for children who otherwise might not receive a Christmas gift.

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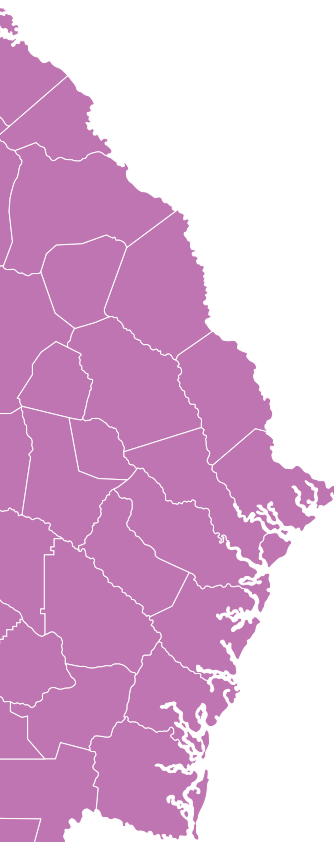
Your contributions at work

We provided approximately

200

Stuffed Christmas Stockings and
\$5,000 in gift cards to youth between the
ages of 10 and 13 in foster care

These youth were residing in
Child Caring Institutions and
Child Placing Agencies in **62 counties**
across the state of Georgia



Key Accomplishments

Raised more than
\$9,700
during our
Christmas Campaign

Received donations
70
of **\$20 to \$2,500** each

Donated
\$2,500
to **Sophia Academy**,
a nonprofit private Christian
school in Metro Atlanta
serving students with
learning differences

Provided
\$4,000
in **scholarships**
to 5 deserving youth
in foster care

Village at Christian City.

*Thank you so much for such wonderful gifts
Thank you for making my Christmas great and
having kind hearts. Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*



I would like to say thank you
to Communities 4 Children for
granting me a \$1000 scholarship
to further my education at
Savannah State University

-Jahm'Quita

Thank you for my
Gifts and thinking
of me

Alyssa

“Do the right
thing, even
when no one
is looking”

Thank you for your compassionate support.

We hope you will continue to partner with us
in our commitment to provide children in foster care
with some of the simple pleasures of childhood and youth
transitioning out of foster care with some support
for their post-secondary education.



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