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A CARE SOLUTIONS SERVICE

2021 ANNUAL STATEMENT

*All children
deserve
opportunity*

Communities 4 Children (C4C) is a nonprofit organization that believes in the importance of positive childhood experiences for vulnerable children and youth, particularly those in foster care. C4C aims to supplement basic support, going beyond what the state and foster parents can provide.

11,000+

children and youth are in the foster care system in Georgia in any given month.

Our 2021 Accomplishments



100

children between the 1st and 12th grades received backpacks filled with school supplies.



Thank you so much for everything!! The book bags were a huge success! The parents and the children were so happy to receive such sturdy bags and many necessary supplies for the school year!"

— Suanaye Wilson, Treatment Coordinator Lead I, National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP)

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

To promote the growth and achievement of children and youth in foster care.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

C4C firmly believes in the critical role education plays in allowing children and youth to access opportunities for success. Our Back-to-School campaign ensures school-aged children can start the academic year off right. In 2021, C4C worked with the National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) in Atlanta to provide 100 children between the 1st and 12th grades with backpacks filled with school supplies.

With all our campaigns, we strive to purchase quality materials that the children can be proud of. We have found that being able to spend a little extra on good school supplies, such as fun yet sturdy backpacks, can let these children know they are loved and valued.



"We don't need to get anything! The backpacks were filled with all the supplies we would need to get!"

— Foster Parent Recipient

"Thank you all for your hard work in helping our children start the school year with new supplies!"

— Carol Groth, Donor



From the bottom of my/our heart(s) Thank You for supporting us and our families/youths for the last few holiday seasons and the back-to-school bookbag event! You and your staff are AMAZING! Gifting 100+ children was no small task, but you and your staff did an amazing job, and we are eternally grateful. On behalf of our NYAP Staff we Thank You!"

– Suanaye Wilson, National Youth Advocate Program

"Such an awesome opportunity and way to give back to those in need. Thanks for all you do to support children in foster care."

– Catrecia Bryan



HOLIDAY STOCKING CAMPAIGN

The Communities 4 Children Holiday Stocking Campaign continues to be a success each year. As our community of supporters grows, we strive to ensure we are truly making the holidays special for children in foster care.

This year, Communities 4 Children provided stockings for 146 children, 127 of whom were over the age of 12. Teenagers, particularly those in foster care, can be difficult to shop for during the holidays. We are excited that we were able to do so and reach so many with meaningful gifts and messages of love this year.

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Wish List

Communities 4 Children
also participated in the Secret Santa
campaign for Georgia's Division
of Family and Children Services
(DFCS), donating to help provide
children in foster care with gifts
from their holiday wish list.



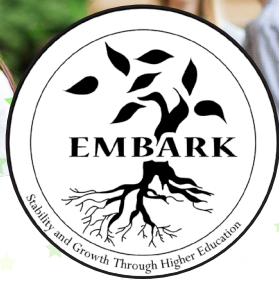
Embark Partnership

In 2020, C4C began a new partnership with Embark Georgia and Embark@UGA to support youth who have experienced foster care and/or homelessness on their journey to post-secondary education. This funding provides direct support to students with emergency needs that arise, such as transportation, housing, books, medical or dental expenses and more. These emergency expenses can easily derail a youth's life and goals.

The needs of these students are evaluated by Embark Georgia Designated Points of Contact (DPOCs) at each institution, who make requests on behalf of any students facing circumstances impeding their ability to continue in their education. These DPOCs initiate requests and

In 2021, our support helped

15
students at
7 institutions
across Georgia.



remain in close contact with the student throughout the process to ensure the issue has been adequately addressed.

Communities 4 Children is proud to support work that helps these students feel safe knowing there is a support system to help them when they need it the most.

C4C contributed additional funding to the regional coalition-building efforts of Embark Georgia. These funds were allocated to the creation and development of a regional coalition designed to build relationships among the dedicated professionals supporting college students who have experienced foster care and/or homelessness. C4C's support allowed Embark Georgia to host regional meetings, identify critical resources, and foster productive coalitions.

Investing in these networks of support allows the professionals on the ground to address the needs of this unique population efficiently and effectively. C4C is excited about its partnerships and proud to continue supporting this important work.



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