



communities
4 children

A CARE SOLUTIONS SERVICE

No act of
Kindness,

no matter how small,
is ever

wasted

— Aesop —

2022

ANNUAL STATEMENT

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 and go beyond what the state and foster parents can provide.



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The infographic features a yellow map of Georgia as a background. Overlaid on the map is the text '10,000 CHILDREN and youth are in foster care at any given moment in Georgia' in purple. Below the map, there are three purple icons of children sitting at desks. The first child is reading a book, the second is writing, and the third is raising their hand.

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.

OUR 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



HOLIDAY STOCKING CAMPAIGN

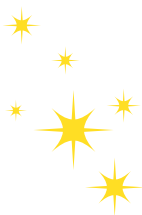
We work hard to stay flexible and adaptable to ensure that we offered support where truly needed. In 2022, after speaking with our partners at the Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS), C4C learned that the out-of-home congregate care provider community has given wonderfully positive feedback on the holiday support we have provided over the past few years.



“We cannot thank you enough for the gift cards that you all gave to each boy at our program. During the time they are with us we strive to give them hope and time to heal from their most difficult past. With partners such as you we can continue this ministry to broken children and families.”

— Director, Mountain Top Boys Home

Many of the providers are small and have fewer resources during the holidays to provide gifts for all the children in their programs.



Additionally, our support targeted a population of youth in foster care with specific, high-level needs that require specialized support and care. So, while the campaign remains the same in name, C4C constantly shifts and adapts the populations served to make sure the impact is as significant as possible.

The Communities 4 Children 2022 Holiday Stocking Campaign delivered joy and a little extra holiday cheer to 202 teens placed at 19 of these smaller care providers across Georgia. Donations from the C4C community went directly to the purchase of gifts and items to make the stockings special and meaningful. Our plan was to give these youth the ability to get something they really wanted packaged with individual, personalized messages so they felt loved, especially during the holidays.

On behalf of our residents, I wanted to personally thank you for your organization's generous donations! We received the gift cards and it was truly a surprising blessing!!! The personalized notes with each card were truly an added awesome gift. Thank you and we appreciate you and your organization for your service and support.

— Director, The Ark Family Counseling Center



EMBARK PARTNERSHIPS

In 2022, C4C continued its 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. Our support directly helped nine students at seven educational institutions across Georgia during times of emergency.

This funding provided direct support to students with emergency needs as they arose, such as transportation, housing, books, medical or dental expenses, and more. Additionally, our 2022 funding supported a summer pantry to allow these students to access fresh food when the dining halls closed.

At the University of Georgia, the funding was also used to support workshops on financial literacy and FAFSA/financial aid guidance. These skill-building workshops equip students with the knowledge and resources to tackle various financial concerns that arise as a college student.

For students who have experienced foster care, access to emergency support can mean the difference between juggling multiple jobs to make ends meet or the freedom to focus on academic pursuits. Communities 4 Children is proud to promote work that makes these students feel safe with the knowledge that there is a support system to help them when they need it most.



KATHERINE JOHN MURPHY FOUNDATION GRANT

In 2022, C4C was awarded a \$15,000 grant by The Katherine John Murphy Foundation to support our work for children in foster care. The Murphy Foundation provides grants each year to organizations that give back to the greater Atlanta community. C4C was honored to receive this award and excited to deepen our impact on the lives of children in foster care.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

For 2022, C4C temporarily paused its Back-to-School program to assess its impact and ensure that any future efforts efficiently and effectively support children in foster care. Thanks to grant funding from the Katherine John Murphy Foundation, this work will pick back up in 2023.

In 2023, C4C plans to work directly with the state Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) to ensure we reach youth in foster care placed with the smaller providers who tend to have fewer resources. The DFCS Educational Programming, Assessment and Consultation (EPAC) program will identify youth who need support with school supplies and backpacks for the 2023-2024 school year. C4C and our community of supporters will ensure that these youth receive the supplies they need to start the school year with confidence.

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LOOKING FORWARD: 2023 AND BEYOND

C4C and Care Solutions, Inc. (CSI) have a deep interconnected history. Inspired by a desire to give back in small but significant ways, CSI President Carla Rogg and staff founded Communities 4 Children (C4C) in 2001. In 2023, C4C plans to leverage the compassion and generosity of the CSI workforce to look for new and innovative ways to support the needs of children and families in the communities we serve. **Stay tuned for more in 2023!**

Thank you again to our donors. We hope you know each and every time you donate, you make a difference in the lives of children in foster care!

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