



*"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly."* 

Buckminster Fuller

# Dear coastal Georgians,

Jason, a budding artist, created the butterfly on our cover at a McIntosh Art Association children's camp supported by a 2011 grant from the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation. We selected his piece and the butterfly theme for this year's annual report because it captures our hopes and dreams for our community foundation and for our area's children like Jason. We, like they, are young and small, but we hold the promise of great beauty and soaring potential.

If you wish to join in embracing the philanthropic experience and participating in discovery, we invite you to explore with us the opportunities we provide to establish a fund or contribute to an existing fund to provide for coastal Georgia's needs, both now and for future generations.

A caterpillar must find it hard to envision the startling beauty he will become. Likewise, you may not see today the potential that a fund at the community foundation holds to transform your community, your favorite charities, and your philanthropy.

### Let us show you.

### 2011 Officers & Board

#### **Officers & Board**

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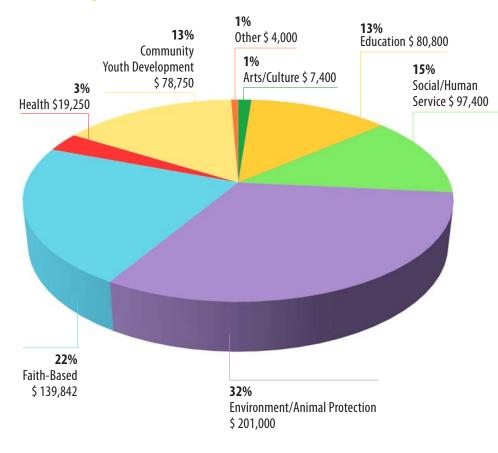
#### Staff

Lee Hiers Owen Executive Director

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# 2011 Donor Advised Fund, Competitive, & Designated Grants



### 2011 Competitive Grants Recipients

America's Second Harvest \$4,000 to improve website and update

social networking tools
Bryan-Lang Foundation

\$3,000 for strategic plan and board development

Camden Community Crisis Center \$5,000 for technology upgrades and training

**CASA Glynn** \$2,500 for training for Executive Director and staff

**Communities in Schools of Glynn County** \$4,400 for professional development of Executive Director and new staff

> **Ferst Foundation of Glynn** \$2,000 for books provided to children birth-5

**Grace House of Brunswick** \$3,000 for creation of a learning lab for on-site computer skills training

McIntosh Art Association \$2,400 for an educational outreach during summer and fall for children 4-12

McIntosh Family Connection \$4,000 for technology and equipment upgrades

McIntosh Sustainable Environment and Economic Development (SEED)

\$4,700 for Project Y.E.L.L. – Youth leadership and life-skills building program

> Safe Harbor Children's Shelter \$3,000 for technology upgrades for new program

Southeast Youth Development Academies \$5,000 for "Beyond the Horizon" literacy

program

STAR Foundation \$2,000 for technology upgrades and laptop

YMCA – McIntosh

\$5,000 for implementation of a health management lab for "Activate America" program

# Thoughtful philanthropy linked to community need





## "Baby Steps" Makes Great Strides in 2011!

"Baby Steps," this community foundation's first initiative, began in late 2010 with support from the St. Simons Rotary Club. It targets children from birth to age five to help ensure that they are ready to read and ready to succeed when they enter kindergarten. Our first activities were focused on children living in poverty in Brunswick, and 2011 saw the community coming together to create many exciting new ventures:

- Established and equipped a media center at FACES pre-K, serving over 200
- Trained and placed over thirty interested citizens in auditory reading settings

- Developed and distributed a brochure to help parents and caregivers teach basic literacy skills
- Placed College of Coastal Georgia education students in local child care centers as a service learning opportunity
- Purchased and administered the Early Language and Literacy Classroom Observation Tool (ELLCO) in four local child care centers
- Created and equipped "mini-libraries" with donated books and volunteer readers
- Established a permanent endowment for early childhood literacy at the community foundation

### 2011 Highlights

Assets **\$6.8** Million unaudited Contributions **\$2.7** Million **31 Funds** Under Management **127 Grants** Awarded **\$648,000** Granted **\$3.1** Million Granted since 2005





**Annual Grants** 

# Summary Statements

SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION *As of December 31, 2011 and 2010* 

	2011*	2010	
ASSETS		(Audited)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,055,228	\$1,722,033	
Pledges receivable, net	105,531	149,933	
Pooled investments	3,526,968	3,244,798	
Other assets	1,167,416	37,067	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,855,143	\$5,153,831	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current liabilities Foundation net assets	7,004 6,848,138	12,960 5,140,870	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$6,855,143	\$5,153,831	

#### SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011*	2010	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT Gifts received Net investment returns	\$2,745,981 (155,704)	(Audited) \$1,672,248 345,646	
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	2,590,277	2,017,894	
<b>EXPENSES</b> Grants awarded & program expenses Operating expense	648,189 234,820	435,629 237,500	
TOTAL GRANTS & EXPENSES	883,009	673,129	
Change in Net Assets Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,707,268 5,140,870	1,326,966 3,813,904	
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$6,848,138	\$5,140,870	

\* Summary Statements for 2011 are unaudited. Audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2011 will be available for inspection at the offices of Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, as of July 15, or may be requested by mail with a prepayment of \$5.00. A copy of the most recent Form 990 tax filing and audited financial statements are available in our office and on our website at www.coastalgeorgiafoundation.org

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

# The mission of the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation is to improve the quality of life in coastal Georgia by promoting and increasing

responsible, effective philanthropy –

now and for future generations.



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