



The Community Foundation
FOR GREATER ATLANTA

Morgan Fund

ABOUT THE MORGAN FUND

The Morgan Fund of The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta was established in 2003 to bring together donors, nonprofits and community members to make philanthropy happen in Morgan County.

The Morgan Fund was initially created by a small group of engaged citizens. Its inception was supported by a steering committee of more than 20 community leaders whose aim was to focus specifically on the needs and interests of Morgan County residents. Today the Morgan Fund, one of four local funds of The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, offers an annual grantmaking program, philanthropic learning opportunities, an annual volunteer award and community awareness activities — all with the goal of building philanthropy and improving the quality of life in Morgan County.

The Morgan Fund is a collaborative partnership between The Community Foundation and members of the local advisory committee. Operating within The Community Foundation's Philanthropic Framework, these volunteers utilize their local know-how to determine how to leverage local resources to address local problems. Advisory committee members are trusted advisors, committed to developing local philanthropy and responding to the needs of their community.

STRENGTHENING MORGAN COUNTY NONPROFITS

Since 2003, the Morgan Fund has granted more than \$160,000 to area nonprofits to respond to the changing needs of the community. Organizations receive grants for general operating support, which gives grantees flexibility to decide how best to use the grant funds to strengthen the organization.

Following are just a few nonprofits that have been supported over the years, and highlights of how the Morgan Fund and The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta have helped these nonprofits advance their missions.

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TO THE NONPROFITS AND PHILANTHROPISTS
MAKING MORGAN COUNTY STRONG.”

ALICIA PHILIPP, PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR GREATER ATLANTA

HUMANE SOCIETY OF MORGAN COUNTY

The Humane Society of Morgan County's mission is to rescue adoptable animals from overcrowded animal controls, other rescue facilities and from owners who are no longer able to care for their pets. The organization's goal is to provide the highest quality care and compassion to the animals entrusted into its care until they are adopted.

Since its inception in 1994, almost 5,000 animals have been adopted through the work of the Humane Society of Morgan County.

The organization also works to reduce the number of unwanted pets through the promotion of spay/neuter programs and community education. In 2011, the Humane Society of Morgan County received a grant from the Morgan Fund that enabled the organization to hire a full-time, permanent operations manager for its new Adoption Center.

To learn more, please visit:

www.morganhumane.org.



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTH CENTRAL GEORGIA

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Georgia is to provide quality developmental programs that empower area youth to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible adults.

Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central Georgia serves more than 300 youth ages six to 18 at its Madison-Morgan County Club. Its Club in School initiative also allows the organization to impact the lives of middle school youth living in neighboring counties. Programming at the Morgan County Club includes tutoring, homework assistance, recreation and arts and culture programs. A grant award from the Morgan Fund in 2010 was used as scholarship assistance for membership dues, helping nearly 50 children to participate in the after-school program and 26 to participate in the summer program.

To learn more about The Boys & Girls Clubs, please call: 770-267-8034.

MADISON-MORGAN COUNTY CARING PLACE

The mission of the Madison-Morgan County Caring Place is to improve the lives of Morgan County residents by providing emergency assistance to meet residents' most basic needs.

The Caring Place opened in 1997 and since then has been open every Friday (with the exception of holidays) to provide Morgan County residents food, clothing and other basic needs. In 2009, a grant from the Morgan Fund was used to purchase food and supplies for the organization's weekly food boxes. The Caring Place serves an average of 155 families each week and in 2010 served a total of 1,120 individual family units.

To learn more about The Caring Place, please call: 706-342-9861.



MADISON-MORGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The mission of the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center is to enhance education and enjoyment of the arts and humanities by offering high quality permanent exhibits, temporary exhibitions and performances while preserving its historic building.

The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center is a regional arts facility that has more than 900 members and serves some 24,000 visitors annually. Each year, the facility hosts concerts, films, an annual chamber music festival, visual arts exhibits, an antiques show and a variety of educational programming. In 2011, a Morgan Fund grant was used to fund a partnership with the Morgan County School System, which included a Student Mentor Breakfast and the AFLAT (A Funky Little Art Thing) program, which celebrates students and their accomplishments.

To learn more about the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center, please visit: www.mmcc-arts.org.



ABOUT MORGAN COUNTY

Morgan County's landscape and natural areas are known throughout the region. Agriculture is strong in the county and is a major source of pride and income for residents. The county's rich agrarian roots can be seen in every facet of local life. Morgan County is home to Georgia's largest state park, Hard Labor Creek State Park, and its Oconee National Forest is a national protected area.

Key Demographics:

Population: 17,868

Median Household
income: \$44,845

Percent below poverty
level: 14.6

Number of nonprofit
organizations: 127

Cities/towns include:
Madison, Rutledge,
Buckhead, Bostwick

Sources: US Census, Guidestar



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QUIETLY GOING ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF
MAKING A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE AROUND THEM.

IT IS MY GOOD FORTUNE TO BE A PART OF
THE MORGAN FUND WHERE I GET TO WITNESS

the impact these
partnerships can achieve.”

CHRISTINE LAMBERT
CHAIR, MORGAN FUND



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ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta connects people to the issues and organizations making a difference in our region. We provide personalized philanthropic advice to individuals and families interested in making a long-term impact with their giving, and we provide community leadership on critical issues in our region. Nonprofits in Morgan County are eligible to apply for other grantmaking programs offered by The Community Foundation. Since 2000, The Community Foundation along with its donors, have distributed more than \$1.5 million to strengthen nonprofits in the Morgan County community.

Are you interested in learning more and connecting with The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and the Morgan Fund? Please visit our website at www.cfgreateratlanta.org or call 404-688-5525 for more information.



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