



2023

Annual Report



The Habersham County United Way Board of Directors 2022-2023

The Habersham United Way Board of Directors are all volunteers who have accepted the responsibility of managing United Way services and resources. The Board represents the public interests, identifies the needs of our community, and provides stewardship over the funds raised annually to accomplish the HABUW mission.

- Carrie Akers, *The Torch Christian Academy*
- Michelle Blackburn, *Habersham County Schools*
- Brenda Boonstra, *Piedmont University*
- Jennifer Burton, *Fieldale Farms*
- Misty Brookshire, *Windstream Communications*
- Bill W. Calloway, *Retired-Nestle Purina*
- Keisha Clinkscale, *Habersham Medical Center*
- Phil DeMore, *Retired Minister*
- Michael Fairbairn, *Fieldale Farms*
- Vicky Frankum, *North Georgia Technical College*
- Linda Henry, *Retired*
- Darrin Johnston, *SDJ Global Consulting*
- Katie Ledford, *Oconee Federal*
- Kolby McEntire, *Fieldale Farms*
- Samuel Negron, *Minister Mt Airy Hispanic Foursquare Church*
- Heather NeSmith, *The Torch Christian Academy*
- Carol Perkins, *Retired*
- Martha Richardson, *Retired*
- Chris Strals, *South State Bank*
- Brandon Terrell, *Ethicon*
- Joey Terrell, *Habersham County Sheriff*
- Shelby Ward, *North Georgia Technical College*



Retiring Board Members

- Misty Brookshire*
- Keisha Clinkscale*
- Phil DeMore*
- Linda Henry*
- Katie Ledford*
- Sam Negron*

Incoming Board Members

- Jamie Corn, Ethicon*
- Kathy Holcomb, Habersham Senior Center (Agency Representative)*
- Valaria Lewis, North Georgia Medical Center (Habersham)*
- Matt McClurg, South State Bank*
- Stacy Miller, South State Bank (Stephens Co. Representative)*
- Scott Roland, Peach State Federal Credit Union*

2023 Executive Board & Committee Chairs

- Bill Calloway, *Board Chair*
- Michelle Blackburn, *Chair-Elect*
- Shelby Ward, *Secretary*
- Kolby McEntire, *Treasurer & Finance Chair*
- Carol Perkins, *Allocations Chair*
- Misty Brookshire, *Public Relations Chair*
- Jennifer Burton, *Campaign & Events Chair*

2024 Executive Board & Committee Chairs

- Bill Calloway, *Board Chair*
- Michelle Blackburn, *Chair-Elect*
- Shelby Ward, *Secretary*
- Scott Roland, *Treasurer & Finance Chair*
- Carol Perkins, *Allocations Chair*
- Misty Brookshire, *Public Relations Chair*
- Jennifer Burton, *Campaign & Events Chair*

2023 Sub Committee's

- Darrin Johnston, *Corporate Partners*
- Linda Henry, *Leadership Giving*

2024 Sub Committee's

- Joey Terrell, *Corporate Partners*
- Darrin Johnston, *Leadership Giving*

2023 Company Campaign Coordinators

Ethicon - Lauralee Burrell, Ken Smith, Brandon Terrell, Joey Dodd, Brandy Lovvorn, Jamie Corn

Fieldale/Springer Mountain Farms - Pam Owenby, Jennifer Burton, Michael Fairbairn

Habersham County Schools - Michelle Blackburn

HEMC - Gail Welborn

Piedmont College - Ann Sutton, Brenda Boonstra

South State Bank - Matt McClurg, Chris Strals

United Community Bank - Kim Reed

Solmax – Shelia Davidson

Windstream Communications - Misty Brookshire, Nicole Payne

2023 United Way Allocation Panels

Panel A: Chris Strals (Ch), Betsy Eager, Heather NeSmith

Panel B: Jack Molnar (Ch), Vicky Frankum, Kesha Clinkscale

Panel C: Jim Weidner (Ch) Myra Chandler, Alta Moseley

Panel D: Sarah Higgins (Ch), Hal Dowdy, Martha Richardson, Justin Schapansky

Panel E: Linda Henry (Ch), Guy Rechteris, Craig McKee, Kristy Thomson

Panel F: Ann Sutton (Ch), Brad Trotter, Sandy Borrow

Panel G: Phil DeMore (Ch), Bill Gaik, Carrie Akers

Panel H: Matt McClurg (Ch) Brandon Dudley, Keith Owen, Barbara Coker Rhodes

Panel I: Bill Calloway (Ch), Jeff Peyton, Jana Flury

Panel J: Michelle Blackburn (Ch), Katie Ledford, Dulcie Ariail

Allocation panels meet each February to review applications for allocations and grants and then make recommendations to the United Way Allocations Committee.

**Thank you to those community members who volunteered to be on one of our allocation panels. Being a panel member is a great way to learn about what our partner agencies are contributing to the community in Habersham County.

Our Staff The day to day operations of the Habersham County United Way are handled by the staff of HABUW with help from volunteers. WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



President/CEO

Candice Holcomb

2023 2nd Annual Spring & 9th Fall Annual Clay Shoot

Thank you to PRESENTING SPONSOR & COMMUNITY PARTNER
Springer Mountain Farms



Our 2023 Spring and Fall Clay Shoots were a tremendous success. Jennifer Burton and her team at Springer Mountain Farms, along with Partner Agency volunteers, pulled off two Clay Shoots raising over **\$80,000** total in funds that benefit HABUW's partner agencies. Springer Mountain Farms along with John Arrendale and Joe Hatfield hosted profitable events that brought together a community of Sporting Clay Shooters, including two full female teams. We want to thank all of the sponsors of these events, Phillip Holcomb and his cooking crew, and the participants, without them, these events would not be possible. (sponsors listed on the "Sponsor page" of the annual report.)





Springer Mountain Farms

hosted its first

BBQ Chicken Plate Fundraiser

benefiting HABUW. We want to thank our sponsors of this event and the numerous volunteers who came out before and on the day of the event. These volunteers worked many hours to raise funds for HABUW.

We also want to give a big thank you to our supporters.

This event raised **\$5,000**

Thank you to the businesses listed below who donated the delicious sides and to Hugh Smith and his team for grilling the delicious chicken.



BBQ

sale

\$10 Per Plate



BENEFITING HABERSHAM UNITED WAY



Sponsored: Baked Beans



Sponsored: Dessert



Sponsored: Chicken



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Sponsored: Location & Grill Masters



Sponsored: Cole Slaw



Helping People Afford Life

Sponsored: Bread & Paper Goods



ETHICON

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25th ANNUAL UNITED WAY FALL GOLF CLASSIC

Thank you to Ethicon our Community Partner & Golf Classic Presenter

1ST EVER HABUW GOLF BALL DROP!!!
WINNER of \$3,000 Bryan Wright

Our 25th Anniversary of the United Way Golf Classic was celebrated with a pre-tournament dinner and live auction on October 16th at the Clarkesville Community Room. We enjoyed a delicious catered dinner and a live auction MC'd by Habersham's own John Krippner. The next morning the Orchard Golf & Country Club hosted 28 teams including multiple celebrity players. These teams enjoyed a variety of foods along the course and we ended the day with the 1st ever Helicopter Golf Ball Drop where an individual pre-purchased ticket holder won \$3,000. This anniversary tournament was celebrated BIG! Thank you to the Ethicon team who put these events together raising over **\$40,000**.

A special THANK YOU to our celebrity guests for your support



Sponsors of this event are listed on the "sponsor page" of the annual report

2023 HABUW SPONSORS

Thank You!

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."
-Winston Churchill

Community Champions \$30,000+

ETHICON

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Advocate Partner \$15,000+



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Ambassador Partner \$5,000+



kinetic
by windstream.

Promoter Partner \$2,500+



Fundraising Event Sponsors

2023 Spring Clay Shoot

- Springer Mountain Farms
- City Plumbing & Electric
- Alan Densmore, Inc. Contractor
- Capital City Home Loans
- Weidner Law Firm
- Kinetic by Windstream
- Harbin Lumber Co.
- Cleveland Wood Preserve
- Poly Enterprises
- South State Bank
- D&H Marketing Group
- LP Service, Inc.
- Hames Trucking
- HABUW Board Members
- Colonial Packaging
- Wilheit Packaging
- Habersham Co. Sheriff's Office
- GFI
- Septic Solutions

2023 Fall Clay Shoot

- Springer Mountain Farms
- Habersham EMC
- Alan Densmore, Inc. Contractor
- Weidner Law Firm
- All Things Dental
- Carroll Daniel Construction
- City Plumbing & Electric
- Ethicon
- South State Bank
- LP Service, Inc.
- Hames Trucking
- HABUW Board Members
- Mills Flooring
- Colonial Packaging
- Harbin Lumber
- Habersham Retreat
- Habersham Co. Sheriff's Office
- Little Dreamers Academy
- Velo Factory
- Side Street Deli

2023 Charity Golf Classic

- Ethicon
- Springer Mountain Farms
- Dalton & Margie Sirmans
- Bill & Lois Calloway
- Guy & Linda Rechteris
- Phil DeMore
- Larry Copeland (Berkshire Hathaway)
- Jack & Kathy Molnar
- Turtle Integrated Supply
- Haines, Gibson & Associates
- J&J Med Tech
- PCI Constructors, LLC
- Gilbane
- Mellow Mushroom
- Pinnacle Bank
- NJM Pools, LLC
- Flad
- ips
- JLJ General Contractors
- Stallings Mechanical
- J&J Innovative Medicine
- Honeywell
- Solmax

Sponsorship For HABUW Annual Events

(These individuals or businesses sponsored one or more of our annual events throughout the 2023 calendar year)

2023 Annual Meeting

North Georgia Technical College
Bo Hatchett
Little Dreamers Academy
North Main Credit Union

2023 Community Luncheon (Kick-Off)

Habersham EMC
Community Brew & Tap
Mamey's
Southern Baked Pie's
Longhorns Cornelia
First Baptist Cornelia
McGhee-Griffin & Stewart Funeral Home
Your Pie Clarkesville

2023 In-Kind Donor Partners

(Community Business Partners, Agency Partners, and Individuals that provided in-kind donations for our campaign fundraisers)

2A C&R Firearms	Bites & Bubbly's	Holcomb's Office Supply	North Georgia Technical College
Ace Hardware Cornelia	Bob & Ted's Trophy Shop	Joe Hatfield	Penny Lane Barber Shop
Carrie Akers	Bojangles, Cornelia	Linda Henry	Preachers Garage Detailing
All Service Printing	Chick-Fil-A, Cornelia	Habersham EMC	Queen Bee Bakers
The Axe Armory	Community Brew & Tap	Habitat For Humanity	Soque River Properties
John Arrendale	Double Tap Outdoor & Tactical	Darrin Johnston (Shark Ninja)	Springer Mountain Farms
Johnny Bailey	Dunkin' Donuts	Kinetic by Windstream	The Northeast Georgian
Jennifer Burton & Family	Ethicon	Lowes of Cornelia	W&W Collision Center
Bill & Lois Calloway	Fenders Diner	Mamey's	WCHM Radio
Big Daddy's Restaurant & Tavern	Georgia Aquarium	Heather NeSmith	WCON Radio
	Habitat for Humanity		

2023 Food Distribution

(A special time of partnering with our community to give back to deserving families in Habersham County)

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION

HABUW has partnered with the Habersham County School System for many years for its annual food distribution at Thanksgiving. This year we packed 110 boxes feeding 110 families in our school system each packed with a variety of foods ordered by our friends at the Torch Church and whole chickens were donated by Springer Mountain Farms. A special thank you to the volunteers from HEMC and the school system for packing and distributing the boxes.



CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

We are grateful for this partnership with the school system and are excited to announce that this year we also teamed up with Habersham EMC to pack another 110 boxes for deserving families in our school system. These boxes were filled with enough food to last the two weeks of Christmas break. We cannot thank HEMC enough for how they stepped up this year. Their employees dug a little deeper in their pockets and raised the funds to cover the cost of these boxes of food. All boxes were donated by our generous friends at Ethicon and HEMC employees delivered to each school.



HABUW Leadership Givers

While **ALL** of our donors are important, we would like to recognize those individuals who give at the level of \$1000 and above. We understand that this is a substantial amount of money. We are grateful and want you to know that we will be good stewards of these donated funds. For many of the companies that give to us through payroll deductions, we aren't given individual names and amounts donated, so we would like to thank the many others that may give at this level.

Anonymous Givers

Anonymous Tocqueville Giver*

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Chuck & Carrie Akers

John & Evelyn Arrendale

Andrew & Meghann Brackett

Sandy Borrow

Billy & Martha Boyd

Bill & Lois Calloway*

Bill & Ruth Camp

James Carboy

Manuel Castro-Ortiz

Blake Cheek

Spencer & Nancy Carr

Bob & Jeanie Cook

Marshall & Kimberly Criser

Alan Densmore

Phil DeMore

Rev. Jan Devereaux

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Bob & Betsy Eagar

Jack & Joan Fulbright

Bill & Carolyn Gaik*

The Hugh M. Inman
Foundation Inc.

James & Lori Irvin

Joe & Rosalyn Hatfield

Phil & Elizabeth Healy

Tom Hensley

John Hire

Shelia Johnson

Darrin & Leigh Johnston

Heather Katchur

Jerry & Susan Lewis

D.C. & Janice Mangimelli

Jack & Kathy Molnar

Alta N. Moseley

Dan & Kathy Nee

John & Carol Perkins

Kenneth & Rebecca Pierce

Guy & Linda Rehtoris

Martha Richardson

Dalton & Margie Sirmans

Ken & Enid Smith

John & Cathy Steinhauer

Chris Strals

Wayne & Wanda Thompson

Bill & Carlita Turk

James & Susan Weidner

J.D. Wellons

Tom & Connie Wilbanks

Kelly & Melissa Woodall

- *Tocqueville Society Members give \$10,000 or more annually to United Way*

2023 Leadership Giver Reception

On October 12th, 2023, Bill and Lois Calloway, graciously opened their beautiful home in the Orchard Community for our 2023 Leadership Reception. This reception is a time for HABUW to say "Thank You" to our Leadership group who pledge each year to give at the Leadership Level. We enjoyed delicious hors - d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by Mamey's in Cornelia. We also had the pleasure of hearing from Suzanne Dow, Director of Circle of Hope. Suzanne presented how COVID has impacted their agency, however, she reported that they are moving forward with their new building and great things to come for this thriving agency. Thank you to all who were able to attend and enjoy this special event and for your continued support of HABUW and our partner agencies.



2023 Habersham County United Way Partner Agencies

4-H

Assists youth in developing life skills through project work 706-754-2318

Boys & Girls Club Of Lanier

Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe place for more than 4 million youth, giving them an opportunity to discover their great futures. 678-971-4665

Boy Scouts

NE Georgia Council

Instills values in our youth that help enable them to make ethical choices over their lifetimes 706-693-2446

Children's Center for Hope & Healing

Counseling and support for child abuse victims and, as well as prevention education 770-532-6530

Cornelia Library

Full public library services, children's programming, community room 706-778-2635

Circle of Hope

Domestic Violence Center, providing free and confidential shelter, support, and advocacy services 706-776-3406

Clarksville Library

Full public library services, children's programming, genealogy resources, community room 706-754-4413

Family Resource Center

Provides parenting classes for various child-rearing stages, life skills workshops, parenting support groups, supervised family visits, therapeutic counseling, and links to community resources to help families thrive and provide nurturing homes for their children 706-778-3100

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

Provides leadership experience that teaches girls to discover, connect, and take action about issues most important to them 800-300-GIRL

Grace Gate

Christ-centered free medical clinic 706-839-4080

Habersham Christian Learning Center

Offers Christian ethics, morals, and values for teens and seminars for adults 706-778-5483

Habersham Homeless Ministries

Temporary shelter for homeless families and individuals 706-754-9031

Habitat for Humanity

Partners with low-income families to build houses 706-754-5313

Habersham Senior Center

Comprehensive programs for seniors, Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, wellness and transportation 706-839-0620

Powerhouse for Kids

FAITH'S Power House Child Advocacy & Sexual Assault Center provides free and confidential services for individuals and family members affected by child abuse and sexual assault. 706-886-2290

Rape Response

24/7 crisis hotline, crisis intervention, and support of survivors of sexual assault, their families & friends 770-503-7273

Red Cross NE Georgia Chapter

Blood services, disaster relief, service to military families, health & educational services 800-282-1722

Sharing and Caring

Food, clothing, and other emergency assistance to those in need. Cornelia: 706-778-2980 Clarksville: 706-754-6420

Sisu

Early childhood intervention for special needs children and their typically developing friends 770-535-8372

Volunteers for Literacy

School reading programs, adult tutoring, GED scholarships, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes 706-776-4063

2023 Habersham County United Way Grant Recipients:

HUB of Habersham: HUB works to develop Christ-centered ministries to minister to the needs of individuals and families in our community.

LIFT: Afterschool tutoring program at Habersham Central High School

Freedom Hill: Recovery Home for Women

Lord's Help Soup Kitchen

The Torch Open Door Food Pantry



Thank You!

For your continued support of the Habersham County United Way and the agencies and programs it supports in our community!

We are so thankful and continually humbled by the generosity of the Habersham Community each year. Thank you Habersham County for reaching for the stars for your neighbors in need and selflessly providing the resources needed to make Habersham County a better community in which to live and work.

A Word From Our President/CEO

What a wonderful year 2023 was for HABUW. The year came with growth and this new year, 2024, we will see that growth continue in the way of additional funding to distribute back to our community. As President of Habersham United Way, I feel more prepared than ever before to move into this new year and ready to raise even more funds for our deserving partner agencies. There will be some changes to HABUW in this new year as announce a name change at our Annual Meeting. This name change was voted on and decided on by the HABUW Board of Directors and will encompass two surrounding counties including Stephens County and Rabun County in addition to Habersham County. This change will not affect our county funding, Habersham donations will continue to be used only in Habersham County. The name change simply includes these two additional counties as the funds that are raised in their counties will also only be used in those counties. We know that this name change will come with questions and we welcome those questions as we are excited about the positive impact this change will have on our growing United Way.

Thank you for your support,
Candice Holcomb, President/CEO



Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023

Assets		
Current Assets		
Total Checking/Savings		\$271,092.33
Total Pledges Receivable	\$70,017.76	
Total Current Assets		\$341,110.09
Total Fixed Assets	\$176,088.37	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$517,198.46
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities		
Total Accounts Payable		\$418.70
Total Current Liabilities	\$93,389.82	
Total Liabilities	\$93,389.82	
Total Equity	\$423,808.64	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$517,198.46

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