



Habersham County United Way

2024 Annual Report



*because
together we are better*

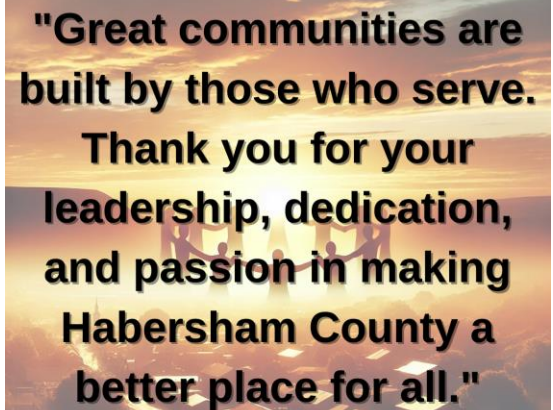
"Habersham United Way unites people and resources to create lasting change, improving lives and strengthening our community. Through collaboration, advocacy, and strategic investments, we support vital programs and services that address the most pressing needs in Habersham County.

Together, we build a brighter future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

The Habersham County United Way Board of Directors 2024-2025

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*
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Brenda Boonstra, *Piedmont University*
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Kathy Holcomb, *Habersham Senior Center (Agency Representative)*
Darrin Johnston, *SDJ Global Consulting*
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Matt McClurg, *South State Bank*
Stacy Miller, *South State Bank (Stephens Co. Representative)*
Kolby McEntire, *Fieldale Farms*
Heather NeSmith, *The Torch Christian Academy*
Carol Perkins, *Retired*
Martha Richardson, *Retired*
Scott Roland, *Peach State Federal Credit Union*
Brandon Terrell, *Ethicon*
Joey Terrell, *Habersham County Sheriff*
Shelby Ward, *North Georgia Technical College*



**"Great communities are
built by those who serve.
Thank you for your
leadership, dedication,
and passion in making
Habersham County a
better place for all."**

Retiring Board Members

A Thank You To Our Retiring Board Members

"Your leadership, dedication, and service have left a lasting impact on Habersham United Way and the community we serve. Though your time on the board has come to an end, the difference you've made will continue to inspire and uplift others for years to come. Thank you for your commitment and passion!"

Carrie Akers

Kolby McEntire

Darrin Johnston

Joey Terrell

2024 Executive Board & Committee Chairs

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

2025 Executive Board & Committee Chairs

Michelle Blackburn, *Board Chair*
Shelby Ward, *Allocations Chair*
Scott Roland, *Finance Chair*
Kayla Davidson, *Campaign Chair*

2025 Incoming Board Members

Kayla Davidson
Robin Krockum
Kelly Segars
Chuck Akers

2024 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

United Community Bank - Kim Reed

Windstream Communications - Nicole Payne

2024 United Way Allocation Panels

Panel A: Jack Molnar – Chair, Vicky Frankum, D.C. Mangimelli, Glenda Smith

Panel B: Jim Weidner – Chair, Myra Chandler, Jamie Corn, Scott Roland

Panel C: Darrin Johnston – Chair, Jennie Cook, Keith Owen, Martha Richardson

Panel D: Linda Henry – Chair, Guy Rechteris, Gail Welborn, Barbara Coker-Rhodes

Panel E: Ann Sutton– Chair, Craig McKee, Sandy Borrow

Panel F: Jana Flury– Chair, Bill Gaik, Carrie Akers, Joye Dodd

Panel G: Matt McClurg – Chair, Brandon Dudley, Ellie Van Doornum

Panel H: Bill Calloway – Chair, Joey Terrell, Michelle Blackburn

Panel I: Brad Trotter – Chair, Dulcie Ariail, Betsy Eagar, Tommy Thurmond

Panel J: Bob Cook – Chair, Bob Eagar, Heather NeSmith, Brandon Terrell

Panel K: Michael Fairbairn– Chair, Jennifer Burton, Alan NeSmith, Chuck Akers

*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



Operations Administrator
LeeAnn Waller

2024 Annual Spring & Fall Annual Clay Shoot

Thank you to PRESENTING SPONSOR & COMMUNITY PARTNER
Springer Mountain Farms



Our 2024 Spring and Fall Clay Shoots were an incredible success! A huge thank you to Jennifer Burton and her fantastic team at Springer Mountain Farms, along with our Partner Agency volunteers, who made both events unforgettable. Together, they raised over \$80,000 to support HABUW's partner agencies. Special thanks to Springer Mountain Farms, John Arrendale, and Joe Hatfield for hosting these outstanding events that brought together a vibrant community of Sporting Clay shooters, including two full female teams! We're incredibly grateful to all of the event sponsors, Phillip Holcomb and his amazing cooking crew, and, of course, all the participants. Without your support, none of this would have been possible! Thank you for helping make these events such a success!



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



Hosted its Plates With A Purpose 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 wonderful community of supporters.

This event raised over
\$7,000

Thank you to the
businesses listed
below who donated
the delicious lunch.

PLATES WITH A PURPOSE

Benefiting Habersham County United Way

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

DELIVERY: 11:00 AM TO 1 PM

**All lunches purchased will be delivered to your
business (20+ minimum), or a specified location**



SCAN ME TO ORDER

 **State Farm**
Matt Mixon

Budget Time
New & Used Furniture



 **Chick-fil-A**
Cornelia

 **UNIONHOME**
MORTGAGE
Rachel Unbehant



CATHEY & STRAIN, LLC



More information below!

ETHICON

PART OF THE *Johnson & Johnson* FAMILY OF COMPANIES

26th ANNUAL UNITED WAY FALL GOLF CLASSIC

Thank you to Ethicon our Community Partner & Golf Classic Presenter

2nd HABUW GOLF BALL DROP!!!

WINNER of \$3,000

Thomas Holden

Our 26th Annual United Way Golf Classic kicked off with a golf ball drop from a hot air balloon, where the winner was announced and presented with a \$3,000 winner. 29 teams took to the Orchard Golf Course for a beautiful day of golf. These teams plus the many volunteers enjoyed a variety of foods along the course plus a several of our partner agencies were on the course to share what they are doing in our community. Thank you to the Ethicon team who put this event together raising over \$30,000.



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

2024 HABUW COMMUNITY PARTNERS

*Thank
You!*

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do
so much." — Helen Keller*

Community Champions \$30,000+

ETHICON

PART OF THE *Johnson & Johnson* FAMILY OF COMPANIES



Advocate Partner \$15,000+



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Ambassador Partner \$5,000+

Hugh Inman Foundation



Promoter Partner \$2,500+

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Northeast Georgia
Medical Center
Habersham



Fundraising Event Sponsors

2024 Spring/ Fall Clay Shoot

Springer Mountain Farms
Ethicon
City Plumbing & Electric
Alan Densmore, Inc. Contractor
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
Georgia Farm Bureau
United Roofing

Habersham EMC
Weidner Law Firm
All Things Dental
Carroll Daniel Construction
Hames Trucking
Mills Flooring
Habersham Retreat
Velo Factory
Agile Cold Storage
Sod Busters
Caldwell Electric
City Of Cornelia
GFI
MPE/EMI
All Service Printing
Shoreline Transfer
Omega Technology
Hayes Chevrolet
Jacky Jones
Double Tap

2024 Charity Golf Classic

Ethicon
Jim Weidner
Fieldale/Springer Mountain Farms
Dalton & Margie Sirmans
Bill & Lois Calloway
Guy & Linda Rechteris
Phil DeMore
Larry Copeland (Berkshire Hathaway)
Jack & Kathy Molnar
PCI Constructors, LLC
Gilbane
IPS
JLJ General Contractors
Stallings Mechanical
J&J Innovative Medicine
Honeywell
WCHM

Sponsorship For HABUW Annual Events

(These individuals or businesses sponsored one or more of our annual events throughout the 2024 calendar year)

2024 Annual Meeting

Presenting Sponsor:

North Georgia Technical College

Ethicon

Fieldale/Springer Mountain Farms

Habersham County Schools System Northeast Georgia Medical Center

2024 Community Luncheon (Kick-Off)

Presenting Sponsor: Habersham EMC

Lunch Catered By: Southern Baked Pie's

Lunch Sponsors: Georgia United Credit Union, Little

Dreamers Academy, Wood's. Mercantile, Hayes

Chevrolet in Baldwin, McGahee Griffin Stewart Funeral

Home, NJM. Pools LLC., Double Crown,

Kelly & Melissa Woodall

2024 Allocations Breakfast

Peach State Credit Union

North Georgia Technical College

2024 In-Kind Donor Partners

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

Ace Hardware Cornelia

Carrie Akers

All Service Printing

The Axe Armory

John Arrendale

Jennifer Burton & Family

Bill & Lois Calloway

Big Daddy's Restaurant &

Tavern

Bob & Ted's Trophy Shop

Bojangles, Cornelia

Chick-Fil-A, Cornelia

City Butcher & Fish

Community Brew & Tap

Double Tap Outdoor & Tactical

Dunkin' Donuts

Ethicon

Fenders Diner

Holcomb's Office Supply

Joe Hatfield

Linda Henry

Habersham EMC

Habitat For Humanity

Darrin Johnston

Kinetic by Windstream

Mamey's

Heather NeSmith

North Georgia Technical

College

Penny Lane Barber Shop

Preachers Garage Detailing

Queen Bee Bakers

Soque River Properties

Springer Mountain Farms

The Northeast Georgian

W&W Collision Center

WCHM Radio

WCON Radio

2024 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 for the second consecutive year we also teamed up with Habersham EMC to pack 130 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 again 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.



2024 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*

Chuck & Carrie Akers

John & Evelyn Arrendale

Andrew & Meghann Brackett

Sandy Borrow

Billy & Martha Boyd

Bill & Lois Calloway*

James Carboy

Manuel Castro-Ortiz

Bob & Jeanie Cook

Marshall & Kimberly Criser

Alan Densmore

Phil DeMore

Dawn Eberhardt

Bob & Betsy Eagar

Jack & Joan Fulbright

Bill & Carolyn Gaik*

The Hugh M. Inman Foundation Inc.

Joe & Rosalyn Hatfield

Phil & Elizabeth Healy

Tom Hensley

Shelia Johnson

Darrin & Leigh Johnston

Heather Katchur

Jerry & Joan Lewis

D.C. & Janice Mangimelli

Jack & Kathy Molnar

Alta N. Moseley

Dan & Kathy Nee

John & Carol Perkins

Kenneth & Rebecca Pierce

Guy & Linda Rechteris

Martha Richardson

Dalton & Margie Sirmans

Ken & Enid Smith

Bill & Carlita Turk

James & Susan Weidner

J.D. Wellons

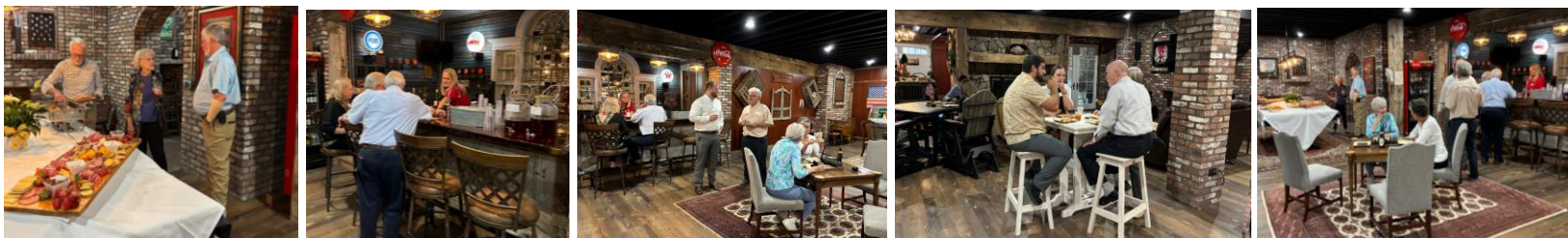
Tom & Connie Wilbanks

Kelly & Melissa Woodall

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

2024 Leadership Giver Reception

On October 3rd, 2024, Joe and Roselyn Hatfield graciously welcomed us into their stunning home in Clarkesville for our unforgettable 2024 Leadership Reception. This event is our way of saying a heartfelt "Thank You" to the incredible members of our Leadership affinity group who generously pledge at the Leadership Level each year. Guests were treated to a mouthwatering selection of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, all expertly crafted by Mamey's in Cornelia. We were also delighted to hear from three of our outstanding partner agencies—Grace Gate, HCLC, and Volunteers for Literacy—about the amazing work they're doing in our community. It was truly inspiring to witness the positive impact they're making. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate this special occasion and for your unwavering support of HABUW and our incredible partner agencies!



2024 Habersham County United Way Agency Annual Funding Recipients

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

CASA

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

2024 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!

A huge thank you for your ongoing support of the Habersham County United Way and the amazing agencies and programs that make a real difference in our community!

We are beyond grateful and constantly amazed by the generosity of the Habersham community year after year. Thank you, Habersham County, for being "Community Strong Together"—showing up for your neighbors in need and selflessly providing the resources that make our county an even better place to live, work, and thrive. You truly help make Habersham a brighter, stronger community!

A Word From Our President/CEO

As we reflect on the incredible year of 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering generosity of our **corporate donors, individual donors, community partners, volunteers, and in-kind donors**. Because of your dedication and support, **Habersham United Way successfully reached our \$600,000 goal**, allowing us to provide critical funding to the agencies and programs that serve those in need across our community.

This achievement is more than just a financial milestone—it represents hope, opportunity, and the power of working together. Your contributions have directly impacted lives, strengthened families, and helped build a brighter future for Habersham County.

Whether you gave financially, donated resources, partnered with us, or volunteered your time, your support has made a lasting difference. We are truly grateful for your belief in our mission and your commitment to making our community a better place for all.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. We look forward to continuing this work together in the years ahead!

with gratitude,

Candice Holcomb, President/CEO



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Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2024

Assets

Current Assets

Total Checking/Savings	\$248,906.50
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Total Pledges Receivable	\$46,871.57
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Total Current Assets	\$295,778.07
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Total Fixed Assets	\$167,101.81
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$462,879.88
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Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities

Total Accounts Payable	\$0
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Total Current Liabilities	\$46,871.57
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Total Liabilities	\$46,871.57
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Total Equity	\$416,008.31
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$462,879.88
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