COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of North Central Florida

2025 Annual Report

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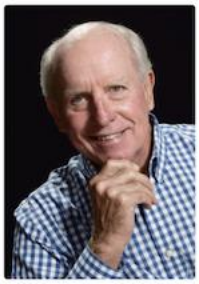

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Another Record Setting Year

Donations & Grants

Largest amount of donations and grants received in a single year.

Legacy Awards

Largest attendance ever recorded for The Legacy Awards.

Women's Giving Circle

Awarded $150K grant — largest to date. 153 individual donors, most ever. WGC Legacy Funds now at 11.

The Year of Planned Gifts

Generosity today. Impact forever.

Bequests

One new documented bequest and two updated bequests this year, bringing our total bequest value to

$39.5M.

Securities & RMD

Gifts of securities and Required Minimum Distributions remain very popular —

$4.98M

received in stock gifts.

New Funds

In 2025, 26 new funds were opened at the Community Foundation of North Central Florida.

- Alachua Chamber Building Fund
- Barry Family Fund
- Baxter's Place Designated Support
- Center for Systematic Entomology Fund
- CHILD Center Endowment
- Child Center Operations Support Fund
- Entomological Collections Network Endowment Fund
- Florida Organic Growers Endowment Fund
- Friends of Dudley Farms Operation Fund
- Heart of High Springs Designated Fund
- Jacalyn Levine Legacy Fund
- Matheson House Rehabilitation Project
- Michael L. May Odonata Endowment Fund
- Newspapers in Education
- Patricia Fryer Sullivan Legacy Fund
- Reyes Family Giving Fund
- Ross Ambrose Fund
- Rural Journalism Support Fund
- Stewart and Jarmila Peck Fund
- The Brain Tumor Network Designated Fund
- Wildflowers Fund
- Winn Fund

Major Grants Spotlight

Investing in a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant North Central Florida.

Alachua County Public Schools
$540,000

Largest grant recipient YTD—funding mental health services.

Cade Museum
$343,385

Supporting science and innovation education.

Alachua Conservation Trust
$258,502

Protecting natural lands across the region.

Dance Alive
$250,000

Advancing the performing arts in North Central Florida.

Child Advocacy Center — $240,176
CHILD Center Endowment — $147,000
Family Promise — $115,000

Investing in child welfare and family stability.

Together, these grants strengthen our community and create lasting impact.

Addressing Critical Issues

Tackling the challenges that matter most in our community.

Mental Health

10 years funded; $1.2M+ invested YTD in grants and mental health services.

Local Journalism

$45,000 Community Catalyst Fund seeded; 51 rural stories + 104 education stories via Report for America.

Rural Investments

Grants to Chiefland ($300K), Newberry ($95K), Bronson ($45K), Cedar Key ($25K), and other communities.

Food Insecurity

$300K+ to area food banks; $25K to reopen High Springs food pantry.

Affordable Housing

$350,000 invested; convened local leaders monthly with Brightway Trust, Gainesville Chamber, and GACAR.

Stronger communities start with solving critical issues—together.

INTRODUCING

North Central Florida Indicators

Building a Better Community

- Home
- Demographics
- Education
- Health
- Livability

Welcome to North Central Florida Indicators

The North Central Florida Indicators is an initiative of the Community Foundation of North Central Florida.

Discover the latest data and trends shaping North Central Florida. This resource compiles essential indicators across health, education, economy, and environment to provide an up-to-date, in-depth look at the region.

Data for Decisions. Insights for Impact.

The North Central Florida Indicators platform empowers community leaders, policymakers, organizations, and residents with reliable data to understand our region and drive meaningful change.

Better data. ***Better*** decisions. ***Better*** *community.*

RURAL OUTREACH

Stronger Communities. Brighter Futures.

From Cedar Key to Starke, the Community Foundation is committed to strengthening rural communities through partnerships, resources, and local giving.

Together, we invest in people, programs, and opportunities that create lasting impact.

INVESTED MORE THAN

$500,000

Supporting education, health, food security, youth, and basic needs across our rural communities. Real people. Real impact.

Rooted in Community. Focused on the Future.

We're proud to stand alongside our rural neighbors—from Cedar Key to Starke—helping build stronger, more resilient communities where everyone can thrive.

Stronger nonprofits. Stronger communities. A stronger future for all.

Strengthening the Nonprofit Sector

Nonprofit Bridge Program

$321K
current balance

$887K
since inception

Recipients:
Grace Marketplace, Rebuilding Together, IGB Education, Peaceful Paths, United Way, Project YouthBuild.

Center for Nonprofit Excellence (CNE)

After 10 years under the Foundation's umbrella, CNE launched as an independent entity with multiyear funding from The Children's Trust and Alachua County.

Now incorporated with a governing board, housed at the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce, and building a literacy collaborative as its inaugural initiative.

Investing in today. | *Building a stronger tomorrow.*

NextGen Changemakers

Investing in local leaders. Strengthening our community.

Third Class Completed

$25,000 invested back into the community by the third NextGen cohort.

Ron Lieber Lunch

Concluded the year with a lunch event featuring NYT's *Your Money* columnist Ron Lieber.

National Recognition

Invited to join Community Foundation of Atlanta's podcast to discuss NextGen program success.

Building Knowledge. Creating Impact.

Our NextGen leaders continue to grow through meaningful connections, expert insights, and real-world learning experiences.

Stronger Leaders. Stronger Community.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL

A thriving community of professionals dedicated to education, collaboration, and comprehensive estate planning.

65
MEMBERS

A growing network of professionals dedicated to excellence in estate planning.

11%
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Membership grew 11% with a strong 90% retention rate.

8
NETWORKING & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

8 valuable opportunities to connect, learn, and grow together.

STRONGER TOGETHER

Building relationships. Sharing knowledge. Creating impact.

Our Mission

To promote education, foster professional relationships, and support our members in providing exceptional estate planning services to our community.

EDUCATE • CONNECT • COLLABORATE • ELEVATE

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TOGETHER WE THRIVE

Focus on Marketing Efforts

Strengthening our brand and digital presence to better connect with donors, nonprofits, and our community.

01

Style Guide

Marketing Task Force finalized a formal style guide to ensure consistent brand presentation.

02

New Website

Launched a redesigned website to better serve donors, nonprofits, and the broader community.

The 2025 Legacy Awards

GAINESVILLE LEGACY AWARDS

2025 Honorees

Donor Award Honoree

Rod and DeeDee Smith

Community Champion Honoree

Mr. Bill and Mrs. Verna Brown
The Children's Table

Nonprofit Legacy Award Honoree

Ronald McDonald House Charities
of North Central Florida

Women's Giving Circle 2025

20TH ANNIVERSARY

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE of North Central Florida
20th Anniversary

Awarded $150,000 in Grants

The Women's Giving Circle selected

FamilyPromise of Gainesville

THEY ALSO AWARDED CATALYST GRANTS TO:

Gainesville For All	$5,000	Palm Breeze Youth Services (Pineridge)	$5,000
Genesis Family Enrichment Center	$5,000	PEAK Literacy	$5,000
Girl Scouts of Gateway Council	$5,000	Rebuilding Together	$5,000
Girls Can Do IT Too	$5,000	Regional Food Bank/ Bread of the Mighty	$5,000
Grace Healthcare Services	$5,000	Released	$5,000

Thank you

to our generous donors and community partners.

Together, we are creating lasting change in North Central Florida.

GACAR
GIVING CIRCLE

Neighbors helping neighbors build a stronger community.

$75,000
TO REBUILDING TOGETHER
Supporting critical home repairs
for local homeowners.

$15,000
TO GAINESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
Investing in safe, stable housing
for our community.

Accolades and Applause

- 21 media placements — local, regional, and statewide
- Florida Trend 500
- Rotary Club of Gainesville
- Williston Chamber of Commerce
- ARC of Florida
- Community Foundations of Florida
- Leadership Gainesville's Most Engaged in the Community
- Ten Across Convergence Invitation

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BARZELLA PAPA

PRESIDENT & CEO, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA, GAINESVILLE

The Community Foundation of North Central Florida stewards charitable dollars on behalf of individuals, families and nonprofits, addressing community needs and building the capacity of the local nonprofit sector. Papa has led the foundation for 19 years and has overseen the distribution of more than $50 million in support of local initiatives.

EDUCATION: University of Alabama (BA)

FIRST JOB: My very first job was in special events for Gayfers department store while still in high school. In college, I worked for The Crimson White, the student newspaper, and served as director of the Student News Bureau for University Relations while also working off campus.

INDUSTRY TREND: We are currently in the midst of the largest intergenerational transfer of wealth in American history. ... So many industries will be impacted. It is critical that nonprofit organizations are asking their donor base for legacy gifts. It is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 7,858,736	$ 3,890,508
Investments	10,005,443	8,786,755
Contributions Receivable	3,083,701	619,334
Beneficial Interest in Lead Trust	792,254	850,095
Other Receivables	332,827	241,308
Prepaid Expense	724	10,368
Property and Equipment, net	560,591	570,885
Restricted to Long-Term Investment:		
Investments	17,727,939	9,193,926
Mortgage Receivable, net	1,262,131	385,654
Interest in Gatorade Trust	6,707,815	6,536,000
Kirenaga Tech Fund	182,566	157,787
Total Assets	**$ 48,514,727**	**$ 31,242,620**
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Grants Payable	$ 1,550,985	$ 1,284,664
Agency Funds Payable	6,187,216	4,883,241
Other Liabilities	15,006	-
Total Liabilities	7,753,207	6,167,905
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions	6,273,129	5,632,453
With Donor Restrictions	34,488,391	19,442,262
Total Net Assets	40,761,520	25,074,715
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$ 48,514,727**	**$ 31,242,620**