



**Established in 1993**



**Serving Cobb County and surrounding areas**



**Distributing over \$6 million annually to nonprofits providing food, housing, education, healthcare, and more**



**Executive Leadership  
Shari Martin, President & CEO**



## WHO WE ARE

Cobb Community Foundation (CCF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves and supports other nonprofits and donors in Cobb County.

## WHAT WE DO

We connect donors with causes they care about, manage charitable funds, fuel community solutions, and equip nonprofits with the resources they need to serve.

## OUR VISION

A thriving community of engaged, charitable citizens—where all people can access opportunities and achieve their greatest potential.

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## WAYS TO ENGAGE



- Support the causes you love through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), a Field of Interest Fund, or our CCF Strategic Funds that champion specific causes that matter in Cobb—such as access to mental healthcare, childcare, and local journalism.
- Support the nonprofits you love by searching for them on our Giving Hub, or with a Designated Fund.
- Create a scholarship.
- Support CCF campaigns and events as a Corporate Champion or Catalyst Society Member and help us help others.



## BENEFITS

- If you have a fund with us, you can decide whether you want to give now or later.
- Through your fund with CCF, you can obtain tax advantages and personalized services that allow for a seamless giving process.
- There are multiple ways to give. By Check, Online through our 'Give' hub, grants via your DAF, Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) from your IRA, and even stock or business interests.



## CAMPAIGNS | EVENTS | AWARDS



- Activate Good: Signature Stakeholder Appreciation Event
- Match Magic Holiday Giveathon
- Ignite Learning Series for Nonprofit Leaders
- Certified Nonprofit Professional Credential
- Professional Advisors Sunset Social
- Nonprofits Making a Difference Bus Tours
- Howard Koekpa Collaborative Spirit Award (for nonprofits)
- Jim L. Rhoden Jr. Visionary Philanthropist of the Year Award
- Cobb Vital Signs (Community Needs Assessment)



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