

FAMILY CONNECTION AND COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF GLASCOCK COUNTY, INC.



Annual Report

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Executive Director's Message

We are celebrating our 24th year as an organization! We have come a long way in a short time in building a quality organization, which helps our citizens of Glascock County.

It certainly has been a challenging and different couple of years than any before due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even with all those issues we have survived and had a successful and productive year.

The information outlined in this annual report reflects a commitment on the part of the 75+ collaborative members and our 7 executive board members of Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. as a community collaborative, succeeds in its mission to create a quality of life for all citizens of Glascock County, which supports and encourages the development of healthy, stable families.

We continue to be successful in securing grant funds from a variety of sources to provide numerous programs in the community. This organization brought in \$740,006 in grant funds in FY 2023. We have increased our funding partners from one partner the 1st year to fifteen partners our 24th year. We will continue to seek additional funding on an ongoing basis with the hope of maintaining and expanding our current program services and activities.

I feel very blessed to live and work in such a wonderful community as Glascock County. One could search the world over and not find a greater group of people than right here in Glascock County. I also know I am truly blessed, as each of you are, to have the greatest group of staff at Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. I have the utmost pride in all of Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. staff and truly appreciate the team approach that each of them carries each day. The staff truly makes my job so much fun; I look forward to coming to work.

I also look forward to another year of success and I commend all the members of the collaborative who have dedicated their time and effort to making Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. a model collaborative.

Wanda Davis, Executive Director

Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc.

Executive Board Members

Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc.

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1.	Kathy Chalker, Chair Retired (Dept. Of Human Resources)
2.	LaVerne Booton, Vice-Chair Retired (Oncology Resources Consultants, Inc.)
3.	James N. Holton, Jr., Secretary Superintendent, Glascock County BOE
4.	Don Wren, Treasurer Retired (First State Bank)
5.	Charles Harrell, Washington EMC
6.	Larry Tucker Retired (Burgess Piedmont)
7.	Gwyn Couch Retired (Georgia Farm Bureau)

Collaborative Member List

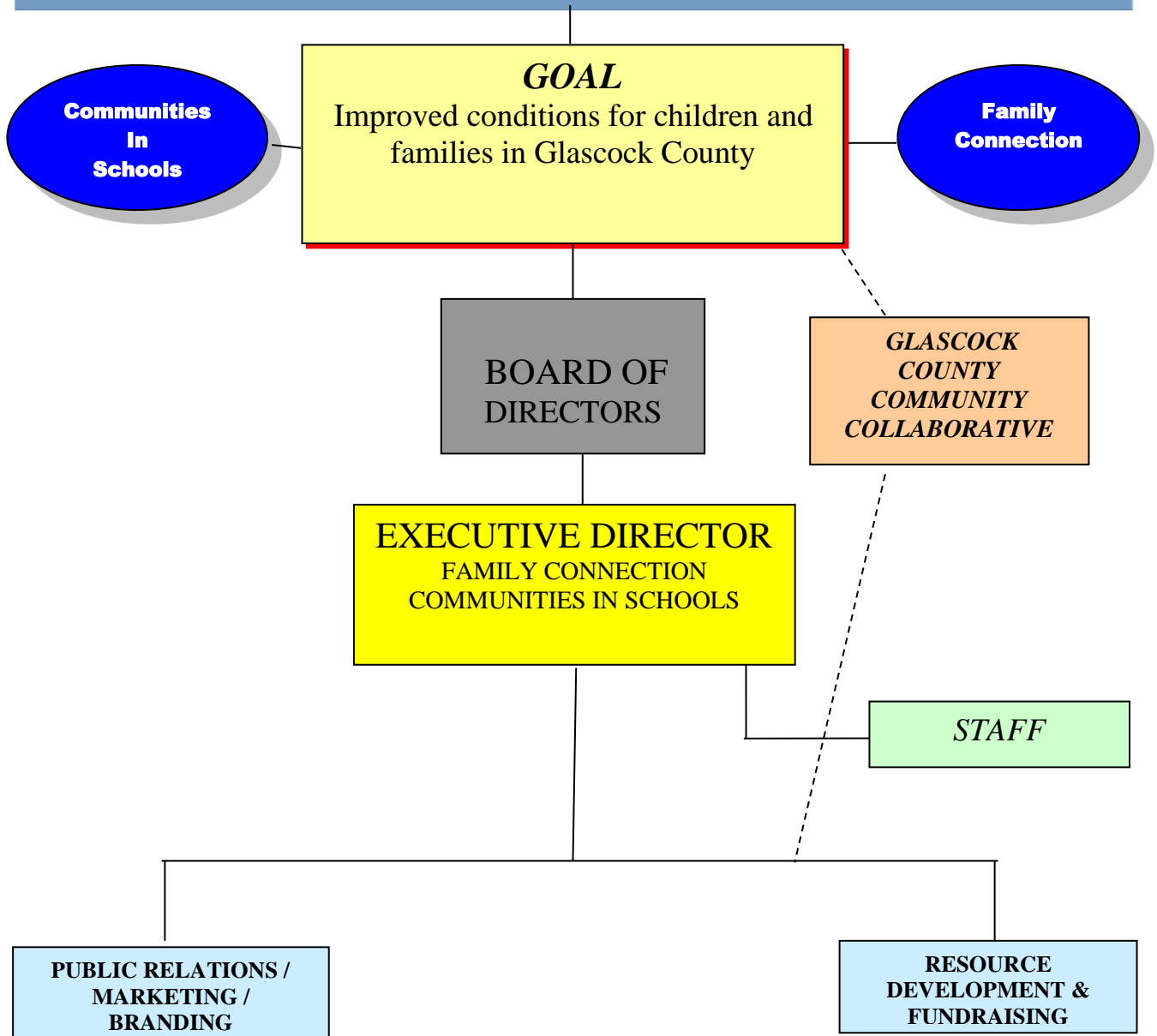
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Allen Underwood, City of Mitchell
Amy Wallace, City of Mitchell
Amy Breitmann, Golden Harvest Food Bank
Andrew Usry, First State Bank
Angela Partain, Society of St. Andrews
Angela Collins, United Way of CSRA, Inc
Angela Barrow, City of Edgehill
Ann Cantrell, Glascock County School
Annette Key, Woodmen Life
Annie Woods, Toys For Tots
April Young, Area Agency on Aging
Audrey Chalker, Gibson First Baptist Church
Autumn Milburn, Glascock County Commissioners
Barbara Hadden, Gibson Village Apartments
Betty Morrison, Glascock County School
Beverly Raburn, Luckey Printing Company
Bill Easterlin, Queensborough Bank
Bill Doupe, Toombs Judicial Circuit
Billy Carroll, Mitchell Baptist Church
Bobby Williams, Gibson Church of God
Brandi Pritchett, City of Gibson
Breanna Phillips, Glascock County School
Britt Hammond, Toombs Judicial Circuit
Candy Beggs, Glascock County BOE
Carla Belcher, Community Health Care Systems
Carol Norris, Norris Consulting Group
Carol Denton, Gibson First Baptist Church
Carol Markins, City of Gibson
Carol Lewis, Communities In Schools of Georgia
Carolyn Terrell, Piney Grove Baptist Church
Carolyn Chalker, Jordan Chapel
Charles Jones, Queensborough Bank
Chris Polcari, Community Health Insurance Program
Chris Johns, Mill Creek Baptist Church
Clint Hancock, Jet Food Stores
Connie Deane, Queensborough Bank
Connie Smith, CSB of Middle Georgia
Constance King-Nelson, Oconee Fall Line Tech
Crystal Norris, Bethel UMC
Dale Price, Gibson Community Church
Danah Craft, Georgia Food Bank Association
Danielle Simpson, Truancy Intervention Project GA
Darice Oppong, Community Health Care Systems
David Kelly, Georgia Power Company
Debbie Sigmon, Sanford, Bruker, Banks & Tabb
Deborah Chosewood, Community Resource Center Grant
Deborah LaDue, Wellcare
Debra Newsome, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Debra Minor, CSRA Regional Commission's Area On Aging
Delona Watkins, Glascock County DFCS
Demme McManus, Oconee Fall Line Tech
Denise Wombles, Washington EMC
Desmond Carter, Georgia Department of Education
Dewey Belcher, City of Edgehill
Dianne Rabun, Gibson Community Church
Dominic Eubanks, DJJ
Donna Brassell, Gibson Community Church
Dotsie Cole, Mill Creek Baptist Church
Ed Chance, Gibson Community Church
Emily Ribblett, Georgia Council On Substance Abuse
Erica Harden, Oconee Fall Line Tech
Ester Tompkins, City of Mitchell
Faye Burgamy, Zoar UMC
Fred & Rachael Deloach, Hometown Market
Gail Underwood, Friendship Baptist Church
Gary Kitchens, Glascock County Industrial Development Authority
Gaye Smith, Georgia Family Connection Partnership
Gina Story, CSRA Educational Consultant
Grace Renken, Golden Harvest Food Bank
Greg Johnson, Glascock County Recreation Department
Gregg Kelley, City of Gibson
Hannah Smith, Georgia Department of Early Learning
Henry Leverett, Queensborough Bank
Hollis Bush, Forces United
Jacky & Kay Downs, Mitchell Full Gospel
Jacque Clemmons, Shepard Blood Mobile
James Jones, Jr., Toombs Judicial Circuit
James Stephens, Glascock County BOE
James Ford, Medical Associates
Jay Bullock, Jay's Hardware
Jay & Tamara Smith,
Jeanette Revelle, Bethel Church of Glascock County
Jeff Barnett, Georgia Department of Education
Jeffery Chalker, Glascock County Commissioners
Jeffery Helms, GA Youth Challenge Program
Jeremy Kelley, Glascock County Sheriff Office
Jessica Pennington, Truancy Intervention Project GA
Jessica Miller, Glascock County BOE
Jo Anne McCullough, CSBMG - Jefferson County Service Board
John Raley, Glascock County BOE

John Jenkins, Reedy Creek Baptist Church
 Josh Carswell, Gibson Church of God
 Joy Langly, Glascock County Health Dept
 Joyce Smith, Gibson Church of God
 Joyce Usry, Gibson Church of God
 Judy Morgan, Mentor
 Julie Miller, Georgia Family Connection Partnership
 Karen Cotton, Washington County NBPW Club, Inc.
 Karl Haywood, The Warrenton Clipper
 Kathy Durden, Care Partners of Georgia
 Kelly Beasley, Glascock County DFCS
 Kendall Chalker, Mitchell Baptist Church
 Kim Loomer, Augusta University
 Kimberly Gowdy, Regency SouthernCare Hospice – Augusta
 Kyle Downs, Mitchell Full Gospel
 LaCresia Wright, DFCS Afterschool Care Program
 LaTunya Goodwin, East Central Georgia Consortium
 Laura Griggs, Community Resource Center Grant
 Lee Merchen, Georgia Department of Public Health
 Lee Clark, First State Bank
 Leslie Myles, Communities In Schools of Georgia
 Lewis & Gail Berry, City of Mitchell
 Linda Kelley, Communities In Schools of Georgia
 Lindsey Dale, Community Resource Center Grant
 Lisa Rouse, Amerigroup
 Lisa Raley, City of Mitchell
 Lisa Anna Wheeler, Department of Public Health
 Lori Boyen, Glascock County Commissioners
 Mack Jackson, GA House of Representatives
 Marcell Johnson, Georgia Family Connection Partnership
 Mark Bowers, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 Marnie Braswell, APEX
 Mary Newsome, Fellowship Baptist Church
 Mary Stein, Worksource East Central Georgia
 Mary Chalker, Bethel Church of Glascock County
 Matthew Enfinger, Golden Harvest Food Bank
 Max Burns, State Senator
 Merrill Wilcox, GA Partnership for Excellence in Education
 Merritt Garrett, Queensborough Bank
 Michael May, Glascock County Fire Dept.
 Michael Russell, DJJ
 Michael Costello, Glascock County School
 Michael Neal, City of Mitchell
 Michael Gilmer, Glascock County BOE
 Michelle Maddox, FERST Readers
 Mike Lyons, Glascock County EMS
 Mike Hatfill, Georgia Department of Education
 Mike, Mill Creek Baptist Church
 Miranda Youngblood, Jefferson EMC
 Mitch Raley, Glascock County BOE
 Richard Cooper, Ingles
 Nancy Davis, Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Pam Irby, Jet Food Store #30
 Parish Howard, News and Farmer
 Patricia Johnson, CSRA EOA
 Pecola Wiley, ECGC- Worksource
 Ponda Chalker, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
 Randy Dunaway, Little Briar Creek Church
 Rashonda Jackman, Communities In Schools of Georgia
 Reginald Cofer, Office of U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff
 Glascock County Senior Center
 Robin Usry, Glascock County Transient
 Ronnie & Lisa Black, Mitchell Full Gospel
 Ronnie & Myra Hadden,
 Scott Veal, Scott's Place
 Scott Lamb, Glascock County Commissioners
 Sedric Craig, Forces United
 Sharon Barber, Safe Homes of Augusta
 Sharon Jordan, Washington County NBPW Club, Inc.
 Shauntisha Williams-Powell, DJJ
 Sonya Hope, Georgia Family Connection Partnership
 Stanley Phillips, City of Gibson
 Steven & Meg Williams,
 Sylvia Rucker, Glascock County DFCS
 Tameyer Evans, DFCS Afterschool Care Program
 Tamicka Butts, Division of Aging Services
 Tammy Leonard, Glascock County DFCS
 Tanisha Kersey, Glascock County Extension / 4-H
 Teresa Rozier, HeadStart
 Teresa Williams, Gibson Church of God
 Tiffany Matthews, Golden Harvest Food Bank
 Tiffany Sledge, Gibson Health & Rehabilitation Center
 Tina Smith, Glascock County BOE
 Toby Cain, Woodmen Life
 Tommy Harwell, Fellowship Baptist Church
 Tracy Bulharowski, Division of Child Support Services
 Tunisha Casey, Safe Homes of Augusta
 Warren Pittman, City of Gibson
 Wendy Sellers, Washington EMC
 Whitney Jones, Glascock County BOE
 William Rawlings, Washington County Internal Medicine

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YEARLY REVENUE (24 years)

Year 1	FY 2000	\$ 25,000
Year 2	FY 2001	\$129,100
Year 3	FY 2002	\$296,097
Year 4	FY 2003	\$345,491
Year 5	FY 2004	\$241,761
Year 6	FY2005	\$300,039
Year 7	FY 2006	\$346,787
Year 8	FY 2007	\$540,833
Year 9	FY 2008	\$572,072
Year 10	FY 2009	\$610,969
Year 11	FY 2010	\$548,257
Year 12	FY 2011	\$610,168
Year 13	FY 2012	\$700,043
Year 14 FY 2013		
Family Connection		\$ 45,000
Communities In Schools		\$ 16,000
21st Century		\$ 335,225
DHS		\$ 100,000
DBHDD		\$ 129,305
Workforce Investment Act		\$ 33,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock County		\$ 7,500
Share Our Strength		
SFSP		\$2,979
		\$6,598
TOTAL		\$677,634
Year 15 FY 2014		
Family Connection		\$ 45,000
Communities In Schools		\$ 16,000
CIS – IMPACT V		\$3,600
21st Century		\$ 229,954
DHS		\$ 200,000
DBHDD		\$ 99,305
Workforce Investment Act		\$ 50,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock County (includes food pantry & project helping hand)		\$ 10,000
Washington EMC		\$4,000
Share Our Strength		\$3,500
SFSP		\$7,729
TOTAL		\$669,088
Year 16 FY 2015		
Family Connection		\$ 45,000
Communities In Schools		\$ 21,000
DHS		\$ 200,000
DBHDD		\$ 99,305
Workforce Investment Act		\$ 40,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock County (includes food pantry & project helping hand)		\$ 15,000
Jefferson EMC		
Plum Creek		
SFSP		\$8,500
		\$1,500
		\$7,757
TOTAL		\$438,062

Year 17 FY 2016	
Family Connection	\$ 46,000
Communities In Schools	\$ 23,000
DHS	\$ 200,000
DBHDD	\$ 99,305
Workforce Investment Act	\$ 40,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock County (includes food pantry & project helping hand)	\$ 15,000
Jet Foods	
Washington EMC	
CACFP	\$ 1,000
Queensborough National Bank & Trust	\$ 3,800
	\$ 2,383
	\$ 3,450
TOTAL	\$433,938
Year 18 FY 2017	
Family Connection	\$ 47,000
Communities In Schools	\$ 23,000
DHS	\$ 199,500
Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$ 40,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock Co	\$ 15,000
Georgia Food Bank Association	\$10,000
Golden Harvest Food Bank	\$14,400
"Backpack Buddies"	
SFSP	\$3,218
CACFP	\$4,384
Truancy Intervention Project	\$1,600
United Way	\$9,286
Child Passenger Safety	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$368,588
Year 19 FY 2018	
Family Connection	\$ 48,500
Communities In Schools	\$ 24,000
DHS	\$ 199,500
DBHDD	\$164,230
21st Century	\$350,000
Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$ 40,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock Co	\$ 11,120
Golden Harvest Food Bank	\$14,400
"Backpack Buddies"	
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$6,696
SFSP	\$4,361
CACFP	\$4,863
Glascock County Board of Commissioners	\$2,500
Truancy Intervention Project	\$3,000
United Way	\$9,286
Jefferson EMC	\$10,000
Washington EMC	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$902,456
Year 20 FY 2019	
Family Connection	\$ 50,000
Communities In Schools	\$ 25,000
DHS	\$ 119,700
DBHDD	\$164,230
21st Century	\$350,000
Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$ 35,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock Co	\$ 10,500
Golden Harvest Food Bank	\$14,400
"Backpack Buddies"	
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$2,386
SFSP	\$6,113
CACFP	\$10,976
Glascock County Board of Commissioners	\$2,500
Truancy Intervention Project	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$794,805

Year 21 FY 2020	
Family Connection	\$ 48,000
Communities In Schools	\$ 26,500
DHS	\$ 119,700
DBHDD	\$164,230
21st Century	\$276,743
Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$ 32,500
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock Co	\$ 10,500
Golden Harvest Food Bank	\$14,400
"Backpack Buddies"	
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$2,386
SFSP	\$3,850
CACFP	\$12,680
Truancy Intervention Project	\$4,000
Gen RX	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$719,489
Year 22 FY 2021	
Family Connection	\$ 48,000
Communities In Schools	\$ 26,500
DHS	\$ 119,700
DBHDD	\$164,230
21st Century	\$276,743
Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$ 36,500
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock Co	\$ 22,022
Golden Harvest Food Bank	\$14,400
"Backpack Buddies"	
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	\$0
SFSP	\$0
CACFP	\$6,961
Truancy Intervention Project	\$5,100
Gen RX	\$4,000
United Way CSRA emergency funds COVID	\$18,500
Washington EMC (food pantry funds)	\$5,000
Jefferson EMC (food pantry funds)	\$7,000
TOTAL	\$748,756
Year 23 FY 2022	
Family Connection	\$ 48,000
Communities In Schools	\$ 28,000
DHS	\$199,500
21st Century	\$350,000
Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$ 34,000
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock Co	\$ 20,000
Golden Harvest Food Bank	\$14,400
"Backpack Buddies"	
SFSP	\$8,241
CACFP	\$6,280
Truancy Intervention Project	\$5,000
Gen RX	\$4,000
Jefferson EMC (food pantry funds)	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$722,421
Year 24 FY 2023	
Family Connection	\$ 48,000
Communities In Schools	\$ 28,000
DHS	\$199,500
21st Century	\$277,749
BOOST (After School funds)	\$40,750
BOOST (Summer Program funds)	\$40,750
Workforce Investment Opportunity Act	\$ 25,500
Family Connection & CIS of Glascock Co	\$ 25,635
Golden Harvest Food Bank	\$14,400
"Backpack Buddies"	
SFSP	\$9,823
CACFP	\$7,699
Truancy Intervention Project	\$5,000
Gen RX	\$4,200
Jefferson EMC (food pantry funds)	\$3,000
Washington EMC (Summer Food)	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$740,006

PROGRAMS

(LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

After School Programming

This program is designed just as the name indicates “an after school program”. The goal being improving academic areas for the students that attend, introducing the students to cultural diversity opportunities, providing various types of enrichment activities such as: drama, arts, sports, robotics, coding, field trips, and other such events that these students otherwise may not have a chance to participate in. After School programming allows them the opportunity to become knowledgeable and experience new and innovative activities.

Another purpose of after school programming is to provide a safe environment for the students to be during the high-risk hours immediately after school. Instead of going home to an empty house and possibly engaging in negative behaviors, students have the opportunity to participate in constructive, educational, and enriching activities.

In addition to providing students with these type services, it is our goal to reach their families as well. Through the after school program we offer a variety of services to increase parental involvement and promote family literacy. These family engagement services and events include workshops on topics pertinent to our area families, GED classes, support groups, and family sessions utilizing research based curriculum. At this time we have two funding sources which makes our after school program possible which are:

21st Century Community Learning Center Initiative

This program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. Our 21st Century program provides Glascock County’s students with such activities and services as:

- EOG Preparation
- EOC Preparation
- Remedial and Tutoring Services
- CTAE and Career Readiness Activities
- Credit Recovery
- Programs that promote parental involvement

Georgia Department of Human Services Afterschool Care Program - Youth Development

This program offers project based learning and other youth development enrichment activities to students in grades K – 12th. DFCS refers youth from targeted populations receiving DHS services. This program provides school age youth with a variety of cultural and enrichment

activities such as: academic assistance, drama, art, sports / recreation, prevention, STEAM focused activities, teambuilding, health / wellness and fieldtrips. This program also includes a youth apprenticeship component which provides skill building and career readiness training to high school youth.

AmeriCorps Program

The AmeriCorps Program is made possible to Glascock County through Communities In Schools of Georgia. The AmeriCorps volunteer commits to a 1 year term to serve a community to improve conditions in a certain needy area. The AmeriCorps volunteers 25 hours per week and receives a living allowance stipend every 2 weeks. At the end of their 1 year term they are offered an education award that can be used for college expenses. Glascock County has been blessed to have 3 AmeriCorps members this year. These members volunteer within the after school program to provide remedial assistance and tutoring to program participants. The program helps increase the graduation rates by improving reading and math scores and strengthening academic skills for students in grades K - 3. As tutors, members also provide support services to students to increase their time spent on independent reading.

Also, the AmeriCorps members assist with completing the Energy Assistance applications. The members also provide support to the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry as needed.

Annual Holiday Luncheon

This event is held each December for all Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. collaborative members. We combine holiday food and fellowship with collaborative training, community and program recognition, celebration of accomplishments from the previous year, and addressing of upcoming projects for the New Year. This year will be our 21st Annual Holiday Luncheon. Due to Covid-19, we were not able to have the Holiday luncheon during 2020 & 2021, and had to have our meetings through ZOOM. We are excited to be able to meet in person this year.

Bright From The Start

Glascock County partners with Bright From The Start to serve our After School and Summer Program participants nutritious meals and snacks. The Nutrition Services Division of Bright from the Start administers the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Happy Helpings in Georgia. These federal nutrition programs funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ensure that children and adults throughout Georgia have access to nutritious meals while they are in a day care setting and during the summer when school is not in session. These programs help alleviate hunger and malnutrition and address the negative effects that hunger and malnutrition have on an individual's health, educational development, and growth. The CACFP and the SFSP help improve the overall nutritional status of many of Georgia's most vulnerable citizens. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

Career Fair

Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. facilitates a bi-annual Career Day for students in Middle through High School. This very meticulous process incorporates speakers from various fields such as; News & Broadcasting, Law Enforcement, Military, Medical, Construction related, Engineering, Athletic Fields, Art related fields, Life, Farming & Agriculture, Game and Fish Warden, Park Ranger, Landscaping, Business, Finance, Transportation, and Service Oriented fields. 30 minute blocks are scheduled for speakers in each field of study. Students have an opportunity prior to the Career Fair to choose the classes that they would be interested in attending. Speakers are provided with a folder that has a map, informational pamphlets, paper and pen. Students also receive a folder that is handed out in their home room class. Each folder is individually designed to each student's field of interest with handouts on these fields, name tags with class schedules, pen & paper. During the afternoon portion of Career Day, the gymnasium is set up with numerous tables and booths for representatives from colleges, businesses and military branches to talk with students one on one. Guest speakers are also provided a reception area that is staffed by community volunteers serving refreshments and assisting with any questions. Glascock County Consolidated School is the site for this event, and the teachers, administration, and the staff are always extremely helpful in making the Career Fair a success. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to have a Career Fair for the past couple of years. We hope to be able to continue this program next school year.

Child Occupant Safety Project

The Child Occupant Safety Project provides child safety seats and education to parents and caregivers on proper installation, and use through a Mini Grant from the Georgia Department of Public Health. The Mini Grant Program works with local Sheriff to provide best practice education and services to help parents and caregivers transport children safely. Upon completion of this class, parents and caregivers are provided with a car seat that is appropriate for the age and size of their child.

Clothes Closet

Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. partnered with area churches to offer a Clothes Closet Ministry in Glascock County. The Clothes Closet has been open to the public every Saturday since November 14, 2015 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M, and all items are currently .50¢ each. At this time we have eight area churches that are involved in helping with the Clothes Closet, but our Collaborative would love to have more churches join in this project. The Clothes Closet was closed from March 2020 to October 2020, due to COVID-19. The Clothes Closet is currently open every Saturday.

Energy Assistance Program

Through a partnership with CSRA Economic Opportunity Agency, Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. is able to assist the elderly and low-income households of Glascock County, who meet program criteria with their home energy bills. This program helps Glascock County residents stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Such assistance can reduce the risk of health and safety problems (such as illness, fire, or eviction) for our community members. Due to COVID, the Energy Assistance Program is not taking applications in person. The residents are responsible for uploading their own paperwork online. Many of our residents do not know how to do this or do not have access to a computer. We have offered, by appointment only, for the residents to come to our office. We will take their paperwork, make copies and send the paperwork to the CSRA EOA for them.

GED Testing Fees

(Funded through Family Connection Grant) Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. provides funds to be used for GED testing by needy individuals in Glascock County. If the GED teacher feels that there is a student that is ready to take the GED test and they do not have the funds available to them, they are then referred to Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc., and if approved we will pay their testing fees.

GEN RX / Prescription Drug Take Back

The (GEN Rx) is a response to the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse among youth and young adults in Georgia.

The objective of GEN Rx is to implement evidence based strategies to reduce prescription abuse among 12 – 25 year olds within the targeted areas of Family Connection Region 7 counties.

The project is funded by the OBHP/ DBHDD through a Federal SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant.

With limited funding, OBHP determined strategic locations for implementing the strategies by assessing previous providers in Georgia who were well versed with the SPF process (those with a SPF SIG project).

The primary strategies implemented by the GEN Rx project are:

- Education
 - Educate Georgia's parents, youth, the general public, physicians, pharmacists, elderly adults and their caregivers, etc. about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and the appropriate use, proper storage and safe disposal of prescription drugs.

- Proper Medication Disposal
 - Encourage convenient, environmentally responsible and safe prescription drug disposal programs to decrease the supply of unused prescription drugs in the home.
- Enforcement
 - Collaborate with law enforcement to eliminate improper prescribing practices as well as prevention “pill mills”, “doctor shoppers”, and other similar drug-seeking behavior.

Golden Harvest

As a locally supported nonprofit, charitable food distribution center, Golden Harvest provides grocery products to the hungry through their member agencies. Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. is a member and we use the Golden Harvest Food Bank to serve approximately 80 Glascock County families each month. In addition to the families served, Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. also use the food items from Golden Harvest to provide snacks for the After School Program, and Pre-K. This year churches and other organizations are helping to support the food pantry by making monetary donations that can be used to purchase food at a reduced rate from the Golden Harvest Food Bank.

The Backpack program (provided by Golden Harvest Food Bank) provides 70 children, each week, at-risk of hunger with a supply of easy-open, nutritious foods for the weekend. In Georgia one in four children lives in families at or below the federal poverty level. These children often receive assistance from programs operating during the week, such as free or reduced price lunches and after school programs. However, it is over the weekend that many of these children risk going hungry. These children come back to school on Mondays, famished and weak, thinking only of the free meal that will come at breakfast and/or lunch time.

Sights For Students

Sights For Students makes free eye care and eyewear available to needy children. The program operates nationally through a network of community partners. Sights for Students have teamed with national and local nonprofit organizations to identify children in need. Communities In Schools is one of the regional organizations that is involved with Sights For Students. This program is available for children in Glascock County who meet the following eligibility guidelines:

- ◆ Family income is no more than 200% of federal poverty level
- ◆ Child is not enrolled in Medicaid or other vision insurance
- ◆ Child is 18 years old or younger and has not graduated from high school
- ◆ Child or parent is U.S. citizen or documented immigrant with a Social Security Number
- ◆ Child has not used the Sights For Students program during the last 12 months

Toys For Tots

Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. partners with the Toys for Tots program each Christmas to provide toys for children of needy families in Glascock County. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity, is the authorized fundraising and support organization for the Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation provides the funding and support needed for successful annual toy collection and distribution campaigns. The Foundation staff is headquartered in the Cooper Center located just outside the main gate of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, about 35 miles south of Washington, DC.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a program designed to provide services to out of school youth ages 16-24, who are not currently enrolled in secondary education, unemployed, or pursuing their GED for gainful employment. Such services include training in the areas of financial management, career development, job skills, and preparation for the Georgia High School Graduation Test. This year we are serving 8 youth. Once they are enrolled in the program, each youth is given a series of individualized goals that they are to reach within an identified time period. Once each goal is reached, the youth receives an incentive. Each youth completes this program once they have reached all of their goals. As a part of this program youth are also provided the following opportunities:

- **WIOA Youth Apprenticeships**
This year, through the WIOA program Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc. has 3 youth participants' apprenticeship slots.

STAFF

Family Connection and Communities In Schools of Glascock County, Inc.

Wanda Davis <i>Executive Director</i>	Jennifer Kelley <i>Site Coordinator / Program Director</i>	Monice Holloway <i>Program Consultant</i>
Stacy Vickrey <i>Program Assistant</i>	Karen Sammons <i>WIOA Coordinator / CIS Site Coordinator</i>	Libby Belcher <i>After School Clerk/ Transportation Supervisor / Food Pantry Coordinator</i>
Kristi Kitchens <i>Data Entry Coordinator</i>		

After School Program Staff

Kathy Hyman <i>Certified Teacher (Part-time)</i>	Dawn Brake <i>Certified Teacher (Part-time)</i>	Kathy Coleman <i>Paraprofessional (Part-time)</i>
Renea Chesser <i>Paraprofessional (Part-time)</i>	Gail Usry <i>Paraprofessional (Part-time)</i>	Alexis Cummings <i>Paraprofessional (Part-Time)</i>
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Tammy Turner <i>Paraprofessional (Part-Time)</i>	Sue Cole <i>Paraprofessional (Part-Time)</i>	Kayson Bentley <i>Paraprofessional (Part-Time)</i>
Tammy Cash <i>Bus Driver (Part-time)</i>	Brandie Pritchett <i>Bus Driver (Part-time)</i>	Tony Chalker <i>Bus Driver (Part-time)</i>
	Alicia Usry <i>Custodian (Part-time)</i>	

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