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**Share Health Southeast Georgia**

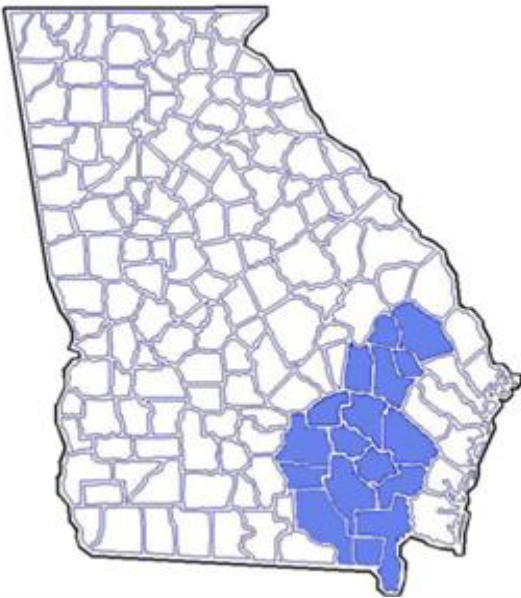
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## INTRODUCTION

Share Health Southeast Georgia was established in September of 2015 to build our region's capacity to address many of the unmet health care needs of Southeast Georgia residents. The organization was initially funded through a federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant awarded to the Ware County Board of Health and its partners. This grant provided funds to incorporate the organization, acquire nonprofit 501(c)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service, establish and provide support to a Board of Directors, engage in a five-year strategic planning process and plan for sustainability.

Share Health serves 16 southeast Georgia counties:



Appling  
Atkinson  
Bacon  
Brantley

Bulloch  
Candler  
Charlton  
Clinch

Coffee  
Evans  
Jeff Davis  
Pierce

Tattnall  
Toombs  
Ware  
Wayne

## **MISSION**

**Share Health Southeast Georgia is dedicated to improving the health of all generations in our sixteen-county community by cultivating partnerships and providing philanthropic and advocacy support to the Southeast Health District.**

We work to accomplish our mission by:

- Engaging local community partners to help us identify local health issues and address them via community driven strategies.
- Utilizing data to identify and increase understanding of the issues and to determine the strategies necessary to address them.
- Opening doors to funding streams and resources traditionally unavailable to government agencies that allow us the means to address local health issues; and
- Providing training via scholarships to retain a skilled healthcare workforce.

We maintain a close partnership with the Southeast Health District, one of 16 public health districts in Georgia. The Southeast Health District provides our board with public health expertise and consultation on community health issues and concerns via an Advisory Committee. Dr. Rosemarie Parks, MD, MPH, the Southeast Health District Director, serves as an ex-officio member of the Share Health Southeast Georgia board.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

2016-17 represents Share Health's first year of full operations. We are proud of our accomplishments and continue to build on them to fulfill our mission and strategic goals.

### **Strategic Plan Development**

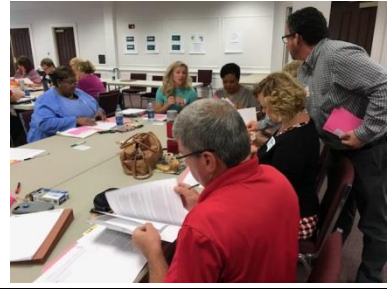
During its first year of operation, the Board of Directors initiated a strategic planning process led by the Georgia Center for Nonprofits to determine organizational strategic outcomes. During this process, Southeast Health District senior staff presented community health data to the Share Health Board for the 16-county service area and facilitated a discussion among Board members to garner input on Share Health's mission, goals and infrastructure needs. Information from this and subsequent meetings was synthesized and consolidated to form consensus on strategic objectives and a work plan for 2016-2019. The strategic plan was finalized in August 2016 and provides the framework for Share Health's work.

### **Community Health Initiatives**

Share Health Southeast Georgia is partnering with the Appling County Health Department to organize and coordinate efforts of the Coalition for a Healthy Appling County (CHAC). Funded through a Two Georgias grant from the Healthcare Georgia Foundation, the CHAC's mission is to transform the Appling County Community by ensuring access to healthcare, improving access to resources, engaging in strong collaborative alliances, and developing a universal message to communicate health for all of Appling County. The CHAC has over 20 members, representing civic, faith, government and business organizations. The initial Two Georgias grant, awarded to the Appling County Board of Health in July 2017, funds the development of a Community Health Implementation Plan (CHIP), based on data derived from needs assessment and community focus group data. Through a contract with Appling Board of Health, Share Health coordinates CHAC activities, including providing assistance with the development of the CHAC's mission, goals and objectives, organizing coalition meetings, facilitating communications between CHAC members and the CHAC and community, designing and coordinating community focus groups, and providing technical support in the development of the CHIP. Future years of Two Georgias funding will support implementation of activities to address the top health concerns identified by the CHAC.

Photos included on following page.

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## Scholarship Program

Share Health Southeast Georgia was very excited to initiate a Scholarship Program during 2017. Share Health Southeast Georgia offers scholarships to both traditional and nontraditional students pursuing a career in healthcare. Scholarships are offered to traditional students who reside in and attend high school in our 16-county service area. Non-traditional students who are enrolled in a degree program in public health or healthcare and have a residence in one of the 16 counties of the Southeast Health District can apply for scholarship assistance. Preference is given to nontraditional students who are employees of the Southeast Health District. In May 2017, we awarded four scholarships to high school students and two scholarships to Southeast Health District public health employees. Scholarship recipients included:

- Candler Boyett a graduate of Bulloch Academy, attending the University of Georgia;
- Satilla Howell a graduate of Brantley County High School attending Armstrong State University;
- Kinsley White a graduate of Pierce County High School, attending South Georgia State College;
- Alessandra Gabrielle Poblete, a graduate of Appling County High School, attending Mercer University.

Southeast Health District scholarship recipients are:

- Esmeralda Gomez from Douglas, Georgia who attends South Georgia State College pursuing a degree in Nursing.
- Blenda Hernandez from Hazlehurst, Georgia, who attends South Georgia State College pursuing a degree in Nursing.

*“I can honestly say that thanks to the Share Health scholarship I was able to complete my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. It was a great help financially in my last semester. I feel blessed to be an employee of this organization that values their employees and their goals to further their education.” - Esmeralda Gomez*

Photos of 2016-17 scholarship winners are included on the following page.

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Candler Boyett



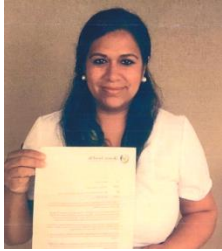
Kinsley White



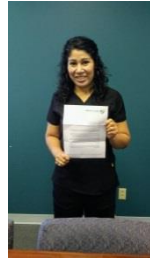
Satilla Howell



Alessandra Poblete



Esmeralda Gomez



Blenda Hernandez

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