

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



GEORGIA FOUNDATION FOR EARLY CARE + LEARNING

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# A MESSAGE FROM AMY M. JACOBS

Dear Colleagues and Supporters,

Welcome to the *2020 Annual Report* of the Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning. Herein you will find the Foundation's accomplishments, milestones, and financial performance in Fiscal Year 2020, a year that most of us will not soon forget.

As Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors, I thank all who championed our work, supported our goals, and helped fund our programs that supported early childhood care and education during our country's and state's unprecedented public health emergency.

Developed in conjunction with Carrie Ashbee, the Foundation's Executive Director, this report will be insightful, thorough, and encouraging to those of

you interested in and committed to quality services for Georgia's children, their families, and the early care and education industry. Together, we have made and can continue to make a difference in the lives of Georgia's citizens, young and old.

The Foundation is proud of what we... with your help...have accomplished this past year, and more importantly, we look forward to a continued partnership with you to enhance the well-being of our state's children and families for years to come.

**AMY M. JACOBS**

*Chair of the Board of Directors*



## WHO WE ARE

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The Georgia Foundation for Early Care and Learning is an independent 501(c)3 that supports the efforts of the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL). In 2017, the Georgia General Assembly passed legislation allowing the nonprofit to form. Shortly after Governor Nathan Deal signed the legislation into law, the nonprofit was formed and began making strategic investments to improve and expand high-quality education.

## OUR MISSION

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To support access to high quality early childhood education to Georgia's youngest learners and their families, providers, and teachers through established strategic investments, collaborations and partnerships in order to drive Georgia's current and future workforce.

## OUR VISION

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To provide the best beginnings possible for all of Georgia's children.

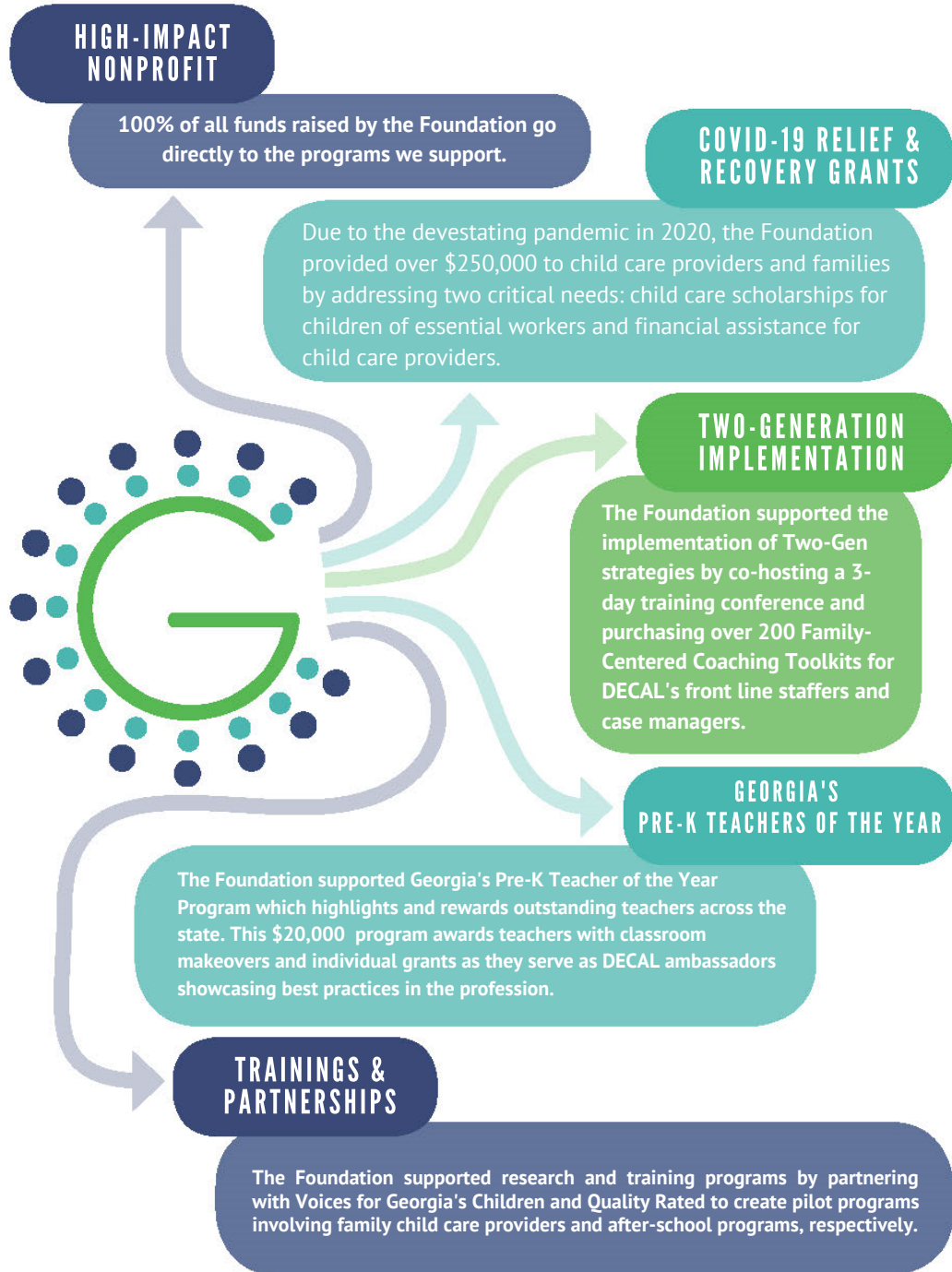
## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

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Research has shown that every dollar invested in high-quality early education saves, on average, \$13 later in reduced crimes rates, lower demand for social services, and increased tax revenues. Investing in early childhood education is vital to the success and stability of individuals and our community.

# OUR STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

The Georgia Foundation for Early Care + Learning's mission is to **support access to high quality early childhood education** to Georgia's youngest learners and their families, providers, and teachers through **established strategic investments, collaborations and partnerships** in order to **drive Georgia's current and future workforce**.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Georgia Foundation for Early Care and Learning Statement of Activity

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

	<u>Total</u>
<b>Nonprofit Revenues</b>	
Contributions and Grants	\$ 297,551.16
<b>Total Nonprofit Revenues</b>	<u>297,551.16</u>
<b>Expenses and Grants</b>	
<b>Awards and Grants</b>	
2019 Quality Rated / United Way Grant	436,031.57
Family Centered Coaching Grant	7,478.05
Family Child Care Rating Scale Grants	1,000.00
Pre-K Teacher of the Year Program	19,391.15
School-Age Research Project Grant	14,100.00
<b>Total Awards and Grants</b>	<u>478,000.77</u>
Bank Charges & Fees	247.20
Office Expenses	220.33
Promotional Expenses	3,044.55
Charitable Donations	300.00
Consultants and Contract Services	531.25
Postage Expenses	105.60
<b>Total Expenses and Grants</b>	<u>482,449.70</u>
<b>Changes in Net Position</b>	(184,898.54)
<b>Net Position (Restated) July 1, 2019</b>	<u>461,480.91</u>
<b>Net Position June 30, 2020</b>	<u>\$ 276,582.37</u>

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

UNITED WAY OF GREATER ATLANTA | \$250,000

THE NASERIAN FOUNDATION | \$20,000

GEORGIA TENNIS FOUNDATION | \$18,000

CHICAGO JOBS COUNCIL | \$7,550

VOICES FOR GEORGIA'S CHILDREN | \$5,000

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR GREATER ATLANTA | \$1,000

AMERICA'S CHARITIES | \$752.95

FACEBOOK | \$335.00

AMAZON SMILE | \$12.15

DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CARE AND LEARNING | \$16,671.49



## A MESSAGE FROM CARRIE ASHBEE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect back on State Fiscal Year 2020, ending on June 30, some might find it difficult to recall anything that happened before the public health crisis. Life as we knew it completely changed around the world in March of 2020 and we all have been left to cope with the aftermath of this pandemic.

The Foundation had to adjust like every other nonprofit, business, school or family. Several new programs had to be put on hold such as the Statewide Infant-Toddler Teacher Initiative conference or the inaugural Georgia Early Childhood Educator of the Year Program. However, the year of the pandemic is far from lost. In fact, there are many bright spots found throughout the entire year!

The Foundation partnered with several Georgia nonprofits such as Voices for

Georgia's Children, Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, Joseph P. Whitehead Foundation, Learn4Life, Naserian Foundation, United Way of Greater Atlanta, Chicago Jobs Council, and Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. With these partnerships, we were able to support afterschool research, Quality Rated trainings in family child care homes, Two-Generation work through Family-Centered Coaching trainings and toolkits, and the annual Pre-K Teacher of the Year Program to name a few.

With SFY 2020 now in our rear view mirror, we stand inspired by the achievements of all involved and look forward to the bright beginnings for the children of Georgia, their families and educators.

  
**CARRIE ASHBEE**

*Executive Director*

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