

2020 - 2021

Georgia FFA Foundation Annual Report



Because of you, we are
Georgia FFA.



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Our Mission

At the Georgia FFA Foundation, our mission is to strive to ensure that the work that we do allows our members to live out the FFA mission and to achieve it with their fullest potential.

"To make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education."

The Georgia FFA Foundation ensures the success of the Georgia Agricultural Education Program by:

Supporting local FFA Chapters and Members

Supporting the Work of the Georgia FFA Association

Providing Funding and Recognition to Georgia FFA Members

To those that support us, we thank you!

Dear Friends of Georgia FFA,

This has been a year that many of us will never forget. We can all reflect back to March of 2020 as our lives changed. We all had to adjust to a “new normal” of working from home, helping our children with schoolwork, figuring out technology, juggling many roles, missing milestone moments, and facing the unknown. In many ways, we all were apart from each other but in many ways, we were still together. We found ways to make it work, to stay connected, and to be together just distantly.

When it came time to come together, our FFA members, Agricultural Educators, FFA Advisors, donors, and supporters of Georgia FFA answered the call of need. Georgia FFA hit the ground running to help people in their communities during the global pandemic. By donating plants from their FFA Chapter’s greenhouse to local nursing homes, learning to sew to make and donate masks for local health care workers, reading books through Facebook Live to help share a story about agriculture, and donating supplies to families in the communities to build birdhouses, our FFA members, chapters, and advisors answered the call of need by Living to Serve.

To help ensure the success of Georgia’s 73,000 FFA members, the Georgia FFA Foundation relies on donations from donors and supporters. It is our honor and duty at the Georgia FFA Foundation to ensure that each Georgia FFA member knows that we are diligently working for them with your help. Because of you and your support, our members are able to dream, believe, and achieve. Because of you, our members were able to live out this year’s theme to the fullest, Limitless.

You answered the call of need as well for our members through your generous donations. Because of you, we were able to raise \$1,560,699.45 for Georgia FFA. This year, we are able to celebrate being a Million Dollar Foundation for the fourth year in a row. None of this could be possible without your support.

Because of your faith in our members, we were able to provide funding for over 200 Career and Leadership Award Programs, award over 100 scholarship opportunities, and provide support to over 350 Georgia FFA Chapters. It has been a great year for Georgia FFA and we look forward to celebrating you and our work throughout our Annual Report. We sincerely thank you for believing in Georgia FFA. With each gift that is given, know you truly are making a difference in over 73,000 lives. The future of Georgia is in good hands because of you.

Forever Blue and Gold,

The Georgia FFA Foundation Team



Katrina Jones
Executive Director



Ashton Lovett
Events Coordinator



Hillery Culpepper
Assistant Director of Development

Support Georgia Agriculture



The image on the Left - State Commodities by Elaine Burge

This print was the first design to be featured on our Support Georgia Agriculture shirts.

What started as an idea of selling a few t-shirts online as a fundraiser evolved into a brand, a partnership, and advocacy for Georgia Agriculture. In July of 2020, Chapman Trading Company reached out to the Georgia FFA Foundation with an idea of hosting an online t-shirt fundraiser as a way to help raise funds for our 73,000 Georgia FFA members during the trying months on COVID-19. With artwork created by a local Georgia artist, Elaine Burge, and Chapman Trading Company ready to go to work for our members, our first online fundraiser kicked off and within two weeks, our Support Georgia Agriculture shirts raised over \$13,000!

Over the past few months, we have opened several online stores to sell our Support Georgia Agriculture products. We have released designs, created by Elaine Burge, that features cotton, peanuts, blueberries, watermelons, Vidalia onions, peaches, and the most popular design, the State Commodities. Each of these individual commodities can be found in Georgia but people all over the nation are supporting. We finished 2020 by raising over \$23,000 for our members through this fundraiser.

The new year brought new opportunities for Chapman Trading Company, the Georgia FFA Foundation, and Support Georgia Agriculture. Now, we are selling more than just t-shirts. We offer a wide variety of products for our supporters that ranges from hats, sweatshirts, stickers, to even cornhole boards. Because of you, our supporters, we have raised over \$37,000 to support our Georgia FFA members and 100% of the proceeds raised were used to fund Award Program needs.

When you purchase a Support Georgia Agriculture product, you are supporting American farmers, local businesses, and over 73,000 Georgia FFA members. We are selling more than t-shirts.

We are making a difference and impact when we Support Georgia Agriculture.



Thank you to Zeke Chapman and his team at Chapman Trading Company for their support of the Blue & Gold!

Blue & Gold Gala

The 14th Annual Blue & Gold Gala was a successful fundraising event for our 73,000 Georgia FFA members. This year, the format was different as it was a virtual event for the first time ever. However, it was a record-breaking year for Georgia's FFA Foundation's largest fundraising event. Friends and supporters of Georgia FFA and Agricultural Education came together, virtually, for a night dedicated to supporting the efforts of the Georgia FFA Foundation and those that wear the Blue & Gold.

This year, we share with excitement that the Georgia FFA Foundation raised \$206,720.72 for our Georgia FFA members. This was made possible through your support. During our Virtual Gala, we offered over 80 Silent Auction items and 5 Live Auction items that ranged from a 2021 F-150 to the most adorable puppy you had ever seen. Supporters from around the state generously donated each item that was featured in our Silent and Live Auctions. We had over 1,000 people watch our event with us as we live-streamed from the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia.

100% of funds raised from the Blue & Gold Gala support our members. Through our largest fundraising event, we are able to fund Career and Leadership Development Events and scholarship opportunities. Thank you for believing in our members and for making this year's Gala a record-breaking event.



Blue & Gold
GALA



"I believe in the future of agriculture"

Save the Date:
Friday, March 4th, 2022
15th Annual Blue & Gold Gala

Shoot for Blue Aim for Gold Sporting Clays Tournament

This year's tournament was a BANG as our sponsors, donors, and competitors had a day filled with fun competition as we raised funds for our members. We celebrated our 6th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament on Friday, September 11th at Meadows Gun Club in Forsyth, Georgia.

With 30 teams competing, we were able to successfully raise over \$17,789.45. Each year, we see more participation as this event continues to grow and this was our largest Sporting Clays Tournament to date.

"This is a wonderful way to bring our agricultural industry leaders and representatives together to support Georgia FFA Members. The 2020 - 2021 Georgia State Officer team gave remarks the morning of our event, and they did an outstanding job representing the 73,000 Georgia FFA members across our state."

- Ashton Louett, Georgia FFA Foundation, Events Coordinator



Competitors compete on a four-person team while aiming to shoot for the Top Three Highest Shooting Teams and the Highest Individual Shooter as they will receive cash prizes and awards.

Save the Date:

Friday, September 10th, 2021

Location - Meadows Gun Club - Forsyth, GA
7th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament



2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Ten Star (\$100,000+)

John Deere
YANMAR

Seven Star (\$55,000 - \$69,999)

Georgia's Ford Dealers

Six Star (\$40,000 - \$54,999)

Grover Crosby Trust

Five Star (\$25,000 - \$39,999)

Chantal & Tommy Bagwell Foundation
Georgia's Electric Membership Cooperatives
Support Georgia Agriculture Store

Four Star (\$20,000 - \$24,999)

Kubota

Three Star (\$15,000 - \$19,999)

Georgia's Ag Tag Sales
Sun South

Two Star (\$10,000 - \$14,999)

Farm Credit Associations of Georgia
Georgia Development Authority
Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center

2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Two Star (\$10,000 - \$14,999) Continued

Lasseter Tractor Company
National FFA Organization
The Hart Family Foundation, Inc.
The Schimmel Family Foundation

One Star (\$6,000 - \$9,999)

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Georgia Association of Conservation Districts
Georgia Cotton Commission
Georgia Farm Bureau
Georgia FFA Alumni Association
Georgia Poultry Equipment Company/Hog Slat, Inc.
Georgia Veterinary Medical Association
Swainsboro-Emanuel Co. Chamber of Commerce
Vantage Southeast

Gold (\$3,000 - \$5,999)

Blalock Machinery/Exmark
Carry-On Trailers
Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D Council
Covington/Newton County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Darling Ingredients
Flint Equipment Company
Georgia Agribusiness Council
Georgia Forestry Foundation
Georgia Poultry Federation

2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Gold (\$3,000 - \$5,999) Continued

Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
 Georgia Young Farmers Association
 Georgia's Rural Center
 LUXE Painted Portraits
 National FFA Foundation
 Oglethorpe Power Corporation
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 Synovus
 The Harley Langdale, Jr. Foundation, Inc.
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 Yesterday's & Tomorrow's Florist

Silver (\$1,000 - \$2,999)

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 AgGeorgia Farm Credit
 AgSouth Farm Credit
 Birdsong Peanuts
 Cargill, Inc.
 Color Burst
 County Farm Plant Company, Inc.
 Dawson Adams Photography
 F&W Forestry Services
 Fieldale Farms Corporation
 Georgia Agricultural Education Staff

2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Silver (\$1,000 - \$2,999) Continued

Georgia Cooperative Council
Georgia Crop Improvement Association
Georgia Dairy Youth Foundation
Georgia Equine Commodity Commission
Georgia Federal-State Inspection Service
Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
Georgia Milk Producers
Georgia Peanut Commission
Georgia Pecan Commission
Georgia Plant Food Educational Society, Inc.
Georgia Pork Producers Association
Georgia Power
Georgia Soybean Commodity Commission
Georgia's Urban Ag Council
Godfrey's Feed
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Howington, Inc.
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Mar-Jac Poultry, Inc.
NG Turf
Nutrien Ag Solutions
One Less Thing
Peach State Federal Credit Union

2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Silver (\$1,000 - \$2,999) Continued

Pennington Seed, Inc.
Rabobank
Recteq Grills
Southern Orchard Management
Southern Rivers Energy
The Peanut Institute
The Thomas T. & Bernice F. Irvin Foundation
Tidewater
TJS Deemer Dana LLP
Triangle Chemical Company
UGA CAES

Bronze (Up to \$999)

All The Fixin's
AmazonSmile
Anderson's General Store
Atlas Manufacturing, Inc.
Baconton Charter FFA Chapter
Berrien County Middle FFA
Brown Implement, Trent Williams
Candace & Kids Soap Company
Chapman Trading Company
Charlotte Detienne Photography
Citizens Bank of Swainsboro
Clay & Water Jewelry Co.

2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Bronze (Up To \$999) Continued

Clay Anderson Farms
Colie Middle FFA Chapter
Colquitt County FFA Chapter
District II Retired Agriculture Teachers
Dixieland Delight Boer Goats
Dixon Gin Company, Inc.
Double R Gundogs
Durden Banking Company, Inc.
Edges Aquatic Services LLC
Effingham County Young Farmers Association
Ellis Brothers Pecans
Emanuel Peanut & Grain
Facebook Payments
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Flint River Soil & Water Conservation District
Franklin Trailers, Inc.
Funston Gin Company, Inc.
Georgia Museum of Agriculture
Glenn Heard Farms
Go Energy Financial
Gold Tech
Grandy Creek Timber Company
Greg K. Wright, Inc.
H.E.A. Federal Credit Union Staff & Board of Directors
Heritage Acres

2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Bronze (Up To \$999) Continued

High Plains Journal
Houston County High School FFA Chapter
Irwin County High FFA Chapter
Jaemor Farms
K&P Pyle Partnership
Kenny McClure Farms
Landmark Landscapes
Lane's Southern Orchards
Lewis Farms Nursery LLC
McCorkle Nurseries
Meadows Gun Club
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Pleasant Acres Show Cattle
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S&T Green Gate Farm, LLC
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Sellers Feed & Seed

2020 - 2021 Corporate Donors

Bronze (Up To \$999) Continued

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Smart Lighting Solutions
Smith Family Farm Equipment, LLC
Southern Drawl Cotton
Specialty Sales Company
Striplings General Store
Sumter County FFA Chapter
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Wren's Southern Ladies & Gents



2020 - 2021 Individual Donors

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Gina Skinner

2020 - 2021 Individual Donors

Platinum (\$500 - \$999) Continued

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2020 - 2021 Individual Donors

Gold (\$250 - \$499) Continued

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2020 - 2021 Individual Donors

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2020 - 2021 Individual Donors

Bronze (\$50 - \$149) Continued

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Bronze (\$50 - \$149) Continued

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