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Year in Review

2023



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Wiregrass Foundation



Dothan Opera House from Main St.

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Wiregrass Foundation



Welcome to the Wiregrass Foundation's year in review. Throughout the past year, the Foundation has dedicated its efforts to making a lasting impact on the Wiregrass region. This report offers a glimpse into the Foundation's accomplishments, partnerships, and the collective strides taken toward building a stronger, more vibrant community.





Wiregrass Innovation Center Interior

Mission and Vision

Mission

“To energize the spirit and potential of our local community through charitable investments that will have significant, measurable impact on our health, education, and quality of life.”

Vision

- **F**unding through charitable investments
- **O**rganizational investments enhancing our charitable impact
- **R**elationships in the community to invest strategically



Grant Review for 2023



Grant dollars
awarded in 2023

\$33.7
Million



Grant dollars
distributed in 2023

\$3.8
Million



Direct Charitable
investments in 2023

\$355,874



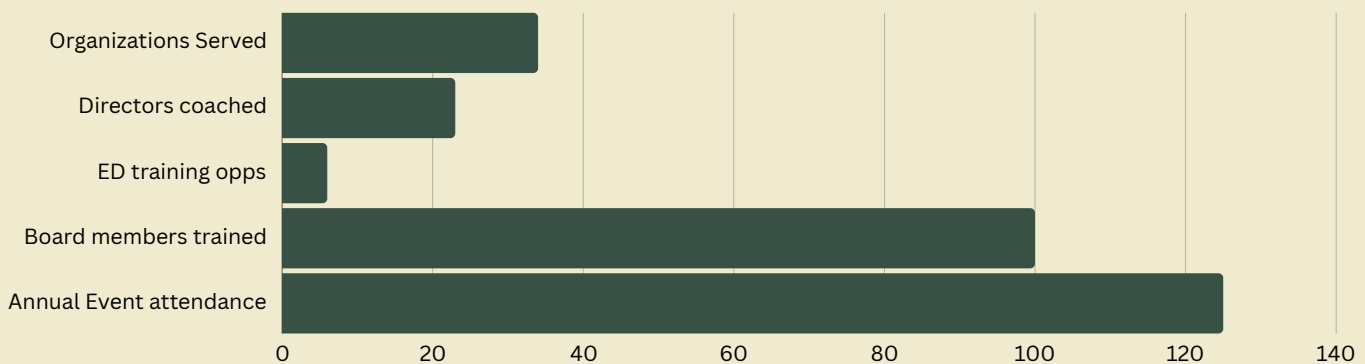
Total grants plus
Direct Charitables

\$4.2
Million

CapCONNECT



Capacity building is essential for nonprofits as it empowers them to operate more efficiently and sustainably. By investing in organizational skills and infrastructure, nonprofits can enhance their ability to address complex challenges and fulfill their missions. Additionally, capacity building fosters resilience, enabling nonprofits to adapt to changing environments and maximize their impact on the communities they serve.



- **40** organizations were served through the various CapCONNECT programs
- **23** Executive Directors participated in coaching
- **7** training opportunities for Executive Directors including “lunch and learns“ and other programming
- **99** nonprofit board members attended the BoardCONNECT training event
- **142** nonprofit staff, directors, and board members attended the annual kickoff event.



BoardCONNECT Training Event

Dothan Alumni Cohort



The Dothan Alumni Cohort gathers young adults connected to Dothan, encouraging them to contribute their knowledge to address current community challenges. The weekend event facilitates active engagement, discussion, and networking among participants, aiming to foster connections and collaboration. The cohort not only focuses on current issues but also provides an opportunity for participants to learn about Dothan's history and future development.

THE DOTHAN ALUMNI COHORT WEEKENDS WERE COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 18** Attendees from outside of the Dothan area
- 20** Local Advisory Board Members from the Dothan area
- 12** Cities represented
- 5** States represented



Dothan Alumni Cohort Presentations

Downtown City Center



1 Opera House

The Opera House renovation and addition has begun and is scheduled for completion in the first half of 2025.

2 Events Plaza

The Events Plaza and Porter Park connection has begun and is scheduled for completion in the first half of 2025.



Downtown City Center



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Innovation Center

The final design work of the Wiregrass Innovation Center is wrapping up with a ground-breaking scheduled for May 6, 2024.

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Cultural Center and Arena

Market studies are wrapping up and design is set to begin in the fall of 2024 with ground-breaking in Q4 of 2025.





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