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# Annual Report—FY16

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

# **Bridging into Our Second Decade: Building on our Strengths**



# **FY16 Project Highlights**

## Bridging the School-to-Opportunity Pipeline

### Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) PBIS Muscogee County & Bibb County School Districts

Georgia Appleseed's Columbus office participated in the training of PBIS coaches for the entire district, conducted by Georgia Department of Education. The Columbus office provided a session on community involvement.

Georgia Appleseed also engaged with the Bibb PBIS District team on preparations for the end of year surveys and summer training for new schools, on the way to 100% district implementation planned for the following school year.

### "Keeping Kids in Class Toolkit"

Georgia Appleseed's online resource, the "Keeping Kids in Class Toolkit," continued to be a vital component of training for the PBIS coordinators, as the Toolkit allows them, as well as parents and other advocates, to easily see Out-of-School Suspension data including potential disproportionality based on age, race and gender. The Toolkit houses 10 years of data from the Georgia Department of Education. See more online at www. GaAppleseed.org/toolkit.

### **Georgia Education Climate Coalition (GECC)**

Going hand-in-hand with the Georgia Climate Star Rating of our state's public schools, launch of this Coalition included convening of dozens of local nonprofit representatives and education experts, with the ultimate goal of improving a school's "climate" (or culture) to be a positive influence, and therefore increase success and wellbeing of the students, faculty and administration. "Good Thinking Atlanta" created the "ALL IN" campaign for GECC, a branded campaign for this initiative that will help communities around the state be "all in" for positive school environments that keep kids in class and out of juvenile court. See more online at: gaeducation climate.org.

### Student Code of Conduct Review

To institute effective and fair student discipline, Georgia Appleseed offered to review the "Student Code of Conduct" for several school districts. Revised student codes of conduct support the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework that Georgia Appleseed contends is the most effective and systemic strategy for dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline and replacing it with the School to Opportunity Pipeline.

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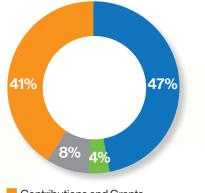
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## FY16 Financial Snapshot\*\*

Revenues	and	Supp	ort
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\$707,056
812,616
64,958
133,042
\$1,717,672



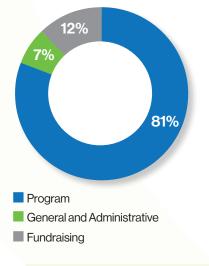
- Contributions and Grants
- Contributed Services
- Contributed Facilities
- Fundraising and Special Events

### **Expenses**

Program	\$1,528,357
General and Administrative	132,695
Fundraising	232,834
Total Expenses	\$1,893,886

Decreased Total Net Assets





### **Student Representation in School Discipline Tribunals**

In February 2016, the YPC held its first training outside of metro Atlanta, presenting a CLE opportunity in Savannah. Total, more than 130 attorneys have been trained to represent children in foster care going through these hearings. An active effort was also made to train DFCS case workers on this available service.

## **Bridging Relationships between Community and Police**

### Race, Law Enforcement & The Law

The January 2016 publication of **"SEEKING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: Fostering Crucial Conversations about Race, Law Enforcement and the Law"** was publicly debuted at a Symposium at Georgia State University School of Law and hosted by the Atlanta Bar Association, attended by hundreds of members of the legal and law enforcement community. The publication and interview of the report's primary author, Rob Rhodes, graced several publications and media interviews.

Convening meetings to discuss the report and its recommendations, with concerned community members and officers of the law, were held in the metro Atlanta area included collaborations with City of Atlanta's Police Department, Georgia Gwinnett College (Lawrenceville) and City of Hiram, Georgia.

## **Organizational Updates**

### **Bridging a Path out of Poverty: Heirs Property**

Georgia Appleseed continued to incubate the **Georgia Heirs Property Law Center** (GHPLC), the first of its kind in Georgia focused on the legal representation of low and moderate income owners of heirs property. In addition to GHPLC Director Skipper StipeMaas, Georgia Appleseed also hired Veronica McClendon and Claude Davis to round out the initial staff in preparation for the GHPLC's launch as an independent organization in FY17.

### Bridging Humbleness with Recognition: Awarding Pro Bono Success

2016 Good Apple Awards Honorees included the law firm of **Nelson Mullins** for its extensive pro bono efforts as lead law firm on the Race, Law Enforcement & The Law Project. Also, **Elizabeth V. Tanis** of King & Spalding, a founding Board Director, was recognized for her years of dedication to the organization. The Young Professionals Council (YPC) Student Tribunal Team leaders, **Alison Ballard, Eric Fisher, Craig Friedman** and **Rachel Platt**, were recognized for their service on this important project.

\*\*Important Financial Note: Georgia Appleseed experienced a decrease in its total net assets in FY16, in large part due to the impact of accrual accounting protocols. Significant grants restricted to the incubation of the Georgia Heirs Property Law Center (GHPLC) were received and recognized in FY15, but were not expended until FY16, thus resulting in the decrease in FY16 net assets. This was so even though all expenditures in FY16 were paid with restricted funding previously raised.

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### Supporters (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) Including Restricted Grant Awards, Cy Pres, and Individual Donors

### \$100,000+

Georgia Bar Foundation/Bank of America Funding (subgrantee of Atlanta Legal Aid Society)

Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation

The Sapelo Foundation

### \$50,000-\$99,999

The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation Columbus Office of Crime Prevention Fulton County Dept. of Housing & Community Development Community Service Program (CSP)

### \$25,000-\$49,999

The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP Georgia Power Foundation, Inc. Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP King & Spalding LLP Zeist Foundation

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