



The quality of life in our community continues to be enriched with each passing year. We have become a diverse society with many different cultures that are willing to work together for the greater good, and for this I am truly grateful.

I am amazed at the energy of our people as they conduct their daily business, plan for the future, and most of all, find time for the passions of the heart. I continue to be inspired by life.

Last year was an extraordinary year for the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia. In fact, it proved to be a record setting year!

We increased our total asset value to \$17.4 million and added 27 additional funds in '06. In addition, the Foundation distributed over \$4.1 million to more than 197 local non-profit charities. These efforts alone brought significant assistance to those less fortunate.

With all successes, there are challenges that need to be met. I am pleased to report that we have an incredible board of directors that have always supported the Foundation, and believe as I do, that our best works are yet to be. We added several new board members this past year that will add to our strength and leadership for the future.

Just as our mission suggests, our organization attracts and manages charitable funds of private, non-profit, and corporate donors. We are able to address the most pressing needs of the citizens of the ten county areas that we serve. We are therefore positioned to play a vital role in the future of our community.

The Chamber of Commerce has initiated a new visioning project called "Partnership Gwinnett". This will prove to be an amazing stimulant for the health and vitality of our area for generations to come. I was pleased to be a part of the steering committee that worked on this exciting journey into the future of our area. I feel strongly that all of the "partners" of our powerful and diverse community have been involved as we crafted a plan for continued success.

Our future depends on a passionate and willing spirit from everyone. From all walks of life, religion, and culture, we must work together to achieve true success. The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia is definitely up to the challenge. We will continue to provide excellent service to our donors as well as continue to be a resource of knowledge as they fulfill their philanthropic desires.

It has been an honor for me to serve as your Director, and I look forward to yet another dynamic year.

May God richly bless us all!

Judy Waters  
Executive Director



Dear Friends,

It has been my honor to serve as president of the board of directors for the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia this year. I consider it a personal privilege to work with so many individuals that care so deeply for our community.

The Foundation is a vital element in the continued growth of our community and our accomplishments in 2006 position us for even greater service in the year to come.

This year, our goal was to enhance our investment strategy and bring awareness of the Foundation to new heights. We succeeded on both counts with record breaking achievements in several areas. Our assets increased to almost \$18 million which enabled our operations budget to run in the black for the entire year. We also were able to establish 27 new funds; along with granting more than \$4.1 million from our funds held at the Foundation to non-profit organizations in our community.

Also this year, we established a relationship with Montford and Associates to manage our funds as an independent consultant to our finance committee, which has proven to be quite successful.

Needless to say, the accomplishments of 2006 would not have been possible without the untiring efforts of Executive Director Judy Waters. Her commitment to the Foundation over the past two years has truly been inspiring. The board members, as well as our loyal donors, were also a vital part of the Foundation's success.

Our goal for 2007 is to continue to grow our assets with a target of \$25 million in our sights. We have already formed two significant partnerships, with the Gwinnett County Public School System Foundation and the Partnership Gwinnett initiative. From all indications, 2007 will be another fruitful year for the Foundation.

Thanks to everyone who continues to make the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia a great resource for our area. It is truly humbling to see so many people give their time, efforts and generosity to support this important cause.

Sincerely,

Bartow Morgan, Jr.  
2006-2007 Board President



### GIVING WITHIN YOUR REACH

The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia is committed to serving the people of Northeast Georgia. It is one of more than 600 community foundations in the United States, and is a permanent, flexible endowment established to benefit those in need. The Foundation is a way for individuals, families, businesses, foundations and other charitable organizations to make gifts or bequests for the support of nonprofit organizations.

Infant playground at the D. Scottt Hudgens, Jr. Early Education Center funded by the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia

### IN THE BEGINNING

The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia began operating as the Gwinnett Community Foundation, a nonprofit community foundation, on March 25, 1985. It was founded by a group of community minded citizens to receive and disburse charitable funds for an improved quality of life throughout Gwinnett County. After a capital campaign for initial seed money, the Foundation received a major boost in 1987, due to the efforts of the late Robert D. Fowler. Under his leadership, Fowler and the other owners of the Gwinnett Daily News generously offered a \$1 million challenge grant, which was matched by the community. These funds enabled a significant increase in grant awards and provided a solid base for future asset growth.