

*Celebrating 60 Years
of Service & Community Impact*



THE GATSBY ROYALE

A CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority Inc.
Gala and Games

📍 Old Medical College
598 Telfair St, Augusta, GA 30901

📅 May 15, 2026

🕒 Doors Open:- 5:30 PM

Event: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Message from the Board Chair

For over 60 years, Community Action has stood as a steady force in the CSRA—guiding, supporting, and strengthening our communities. As a long-serving Board member and current Chair, I have witnessed the impact of this work across generations. Our role is one of stewardship—ensuring that the mission remains strong, the organization remains accountable, and the work continues to meet the needs of those we serve.

But stewardship is not the responsibility of the Board alone. It belongs to all of us.

Tonight, I am asking you to take part in this work. Learn about what we do. Share it. Volunteer your time. If you have resources—invest them. If you have influence—use it. If you have a business or organization, partner with us. Because this work only continues when people choose to be part of it.

The impact we celebrate is not just in numbers, but in lives—individuals gaining stability, families moving forward, and communities growing stronger together. And like a diamond, this work is forged through commitment—shaped by those willing to step forward, stand together, and help it shine.

In Service,

I. Angel Little
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Message from the Executive Director

For over 60 years, CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. has served as a catalyst for change across our communities—working alongside individuals and families to create pathways toward stability, opportunity, and self-sufficiency. Founded as part of the national Community Action movement established through the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, our work is rooted in a shared commitment to addressing the causes and conditions of poverty while strengthening the communities we serve.

Guided by our mission to leverage resources, empower people, and advocate to alleviate poverty, we deliver a range of programs and services that support housing stability, energy assistance, early childhood education, family development, and economic mobility. Through strong partnerships and community engagement, we connect people to the tools, knowledge, and opportunities they need to build brighter futures—helping individuals, families, and communities not only meet immediate needs, but move forward with purpose.

To learn more, get involved, or make a contribution, please visit www.csraeo.org or scan the QR code on the back of this booklet.

Mary P. Hanson

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.

FY2025 Impact at a Glance

Who We Are

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. is a private, nonprofit Community Action Agency serving communities across the Central Savannah River Area. Established in 1966 as part of the national Community Action movement, we work to address the causes and conditions of poverty by connecting people to resources, opportunities, and support systems that promote long term stability.

Our Reach

- 9,000 + Individuals Served
- Services delivered across 13 core service delivery area counties;
- 23 counties for SSVF.

Resources Leveraged

- 9,000 + Individuals Served
- Over \$11M invested in Communities
- Federal, state, local, and private partnerships aligned to support community needs
- 180+ Collaboration across public, private, nonprofit, and faith-based sectors

Key Outcomes

- **86 homeless/at risk households** obtained safe, affordable housing
- **146 households** avoided eviction; **30 avoided** foreclosure
- **8,858 individuals** maintained utilities
- **587 households** achieved goals/outcomes on their plan
- **618 households** obtained schools supplies in support of school readiness.

*Behind every number is a story of resilience,
progress, and possibility.*

Our Work Focuses On:

Housing Stability, Weatherization & Utility Assistance

Helping households obtain and maintain safe, stable housing. Ensuring households maintain essential services and improve energy efficiency.

Veteran Services (SSVF Program)

Providing housing stability and supportive services to Veterans and their families, helping them maintain long-term stability.

Homeownership (HOPE Program)

Supporting households on the path to homeownership through education, counseling, and resources that make owning a home an achievable and sustainable goal.

Senior Nutrition & Wellness

Promoting the health and well-being of older adults through access to nutritious meals, supportive services, and opportunities for connection and community engagement.

Economic Mobility & Financial Well-Being

Providing tools, resources, and guidance to increase income, reduce debt, and build financial stability.

Where We Serve

Serving communities across the CSRA region in Georgia including: Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Wilkes.

How Impact Happens

- Meeting immediate needs while building long-term stability
- Partnering across sectors to expand opportunity
- Addressing both individual barriers and systemic challenges
- Data-informed decision-making and continuous improvement

Creating pathways—not just out of crisis, but toward lasting opportunity.



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Best Wishes to the CSRA

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on its **60th** *anniversary celebration*



*Praying you can continue to make a positive impact
on our community for 60+ more years!*



Marion E. Barnes, past EOA Board Chair

Partner of the Year:

*Thomson-McDuffie Senior Center
(Stephanie Walker & Angela Markley)*

The Thomson-McDuffie Senior Center is recognized for its exceptional partnership in delivering senior nutrition and wellness services with compassion, dignity, and a true sense of community. The Center creates a welcoming, family-like environment—where seniors are not only supported, but truly belong.

Humanitarian of the Year:

Betsy Teasley

For her unwavering dedication to improving the lives of older adults and vulnerable populations in the CSRA, Betsy demonstrates compassion, integrity, a deep commitment to service and fosters a spirit of cooperation and shared purpose.

Volunteer of the Year:

Jimmy Jones

For his consistency, dedication, and versatility, and especially for the warmth, positivity, and heartfelt connection with those he serves through his volunteer work at the Burke County Senior Center.

EVENING PROGRAM

The Gatsby Royale: An Evening of Impact

5:30 PM: Prelude: The Evening Begins

Heavy hors d'oeuvres & refreshments available as guests arrive

6:00 PM: Invocation & Opening Welcome

Patricia A. Johnson, Evening Hostess

Mary P. Harrison, Executive Director

I. Angel Little, Board Chair

Senator Harold V. Jones II - Proclamation

6:15 PM: Our Story in Motion

A brief look at our mission and impact

6:25 PM: Honoring Impact

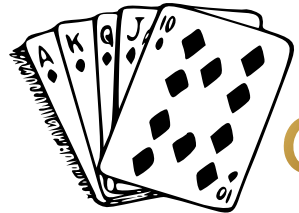
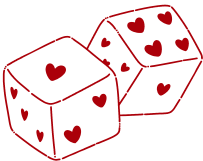
Awards Presentation - NCAM Awards Committee

6:45 PM: The Gatsby Promenade

Models lead the way!

7:00 PM: The Gatsby Royale

An evening of music, energy & play



***Celebrate the impact.
Be part of what comes next.***

Client of the Year:

Ophelia Burton

Ms. Burton. received services through the Weatherization Assistance Program, working closely with staff and maintaining timely, thoughtful communication throughout the process. She generously opened her home for a program video and shared her experience in an interview with WRDW News 12, highlighting how weatherization improvements can lower utility costs and ease household budgets. Her willingness to share reflects a genuine spirit of cooperation and a desire to help others access needed services.

Above and Beyond:

Mary P. Harrison

Mary Harrison exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond in service to the mission of Community Action. A true servant leader, she leads with integrity, presence, and perseverance—supporting staff, strengthening programs, and guiding the agency's direction. She leads by example, volunteering alongside staff at events like Feast Before the Feast—helping plan, organize, set up, cook, and clean—demonstrating a hands on commitment to both community and team. Her unwavering dedication, investment in people, and focus on mission above self set her apart as a leader who consistently elevates the work of the agency.



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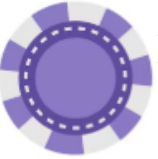


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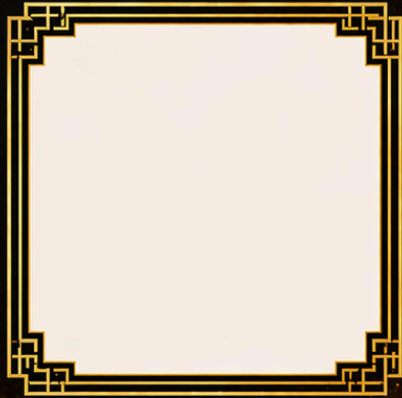
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