

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WEST GEORGIA

SAFETY NETS AND **LADDERS**

CHANGING THE TRAJECTORY OF
OUR COMMUNITY



CONSIDER THE NUMBERS

POVERTY AFFECTS ALL
SEGMENTS OF OUR
COMMUNITY.



**CARROLL
COUNTY'S
POVERTY RATE IS
21%**



**THIS
TRANSLATES TO
23,700 PEOPLE
LIVING IN
POVERTY**



**1/3 OF THOSE
ARE CHILDREN**

WHERE YOU ARE BORN DOES DETERMINE WHERE YOU END UP

WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT,
ACCORDING TO RESEARCH BY
THE PEW FOUNDATION -
STATISTICS TELLS US THAT
PLACE MATTERS.

In Georgia, only 6.4% of people
born in the bottom fifth of the
economic ladder rose to the top
fifth.

**WHAT ARE THE 5
PRIMARY FACTORS THAT
DETERMINE IF YOU STAY
AT THE BOTTOM?**

#1

SCHOOL QUALITY

OFTEN TIMES THERE
ARE CONCENTRATIONS
OF POVERTY WITHIN
CERTAIN SCHOOLS.



#2

**RESIDENTIAL
SEGREGATION**

LIVING IN A POOR
NEIGHBORHOOD
AMPLIFIES THE EFFECTS OF
GROWING UP POOR.





#3

FAMILY STRUCTURE

SINGLE EARNER HOUSEHOLDS
TEND TO BE MORE ISOLATED
CULTURALLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

33%

OF FAMILIES IN CARROLL
COUNTY ARE SINGLE
PARENT FAMILIES

#4

INCOME INEQUALITY

For a single parent with two children to move out of the poverty level, they have to raise their hourly pay from as low as minimum wage (\$7.25/hour) up to at least \$26.71/hour.



LIVING WAGE CALCULATION FOR CARROLL COUNTY GEORGIA

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an **individual** most earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year). All values are **per adult in a family** unless otherwise noted. The state minimum wage is the same for all individuals, regardless of how many dependents they may have. The poverty rate is typically quoted as gross annual income. We have converted it to an hourly wage for the sake of comparison.

Hourly Wages	1 Adult	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	1 Adult 3 Children	2 Adults (1 Working)	2 Adults (1 Working) 1 Child	2 Adults (1 Working) 2 Children	2 Adults (1 Working) 3 Children	2 Adults (1 Working) Part-Time) 1 Child*	2 Adults	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 2 Children	2 Adults 3 Children
Living Wage	\$11.36	\$22.43	\$26.71	\$33.33	\$18.05	\$21.68	\$24.12	\$27.22	\$24.80	\$9.03	\$12.40	\$14.64	\$17.21
Poverty Wage	\$5.00	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$13.00		\$3.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Minumum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25		\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25	\$7.25

Documentation for families with an adult working part-time is available separately.

#4 SOCIAL CAPITAL

Oftentimes poverty equals social isolation. Personal networks and connections are critical to upward mobility.



**HOW DO WE
RE-ENGINEER THE
SYSTEMS TO CHANGE
THE OUTCOMES?**

SAFETY NETS

THE SAFETY NETS PROVIDED BY
OUR COMMUNITY ARE VITAL
TO KEEPING FAMILIES AFLOAT.

- ✓ **ST. MARGARET'S**
- ✓ **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
- ✓ **BOWDON CHRISTIAN
MINISTRIES**
- ✓ **FOOD PANTRIES**
- ✓ **COMMUNITIES IN
SCHOOLS**
- ✓ **RAPHA CLINIC**

LADDERS

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK AS LADDERS PROVIDE THE TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY.

- ✓ **FIRST FOUNDATION**
- ✓ **LIFT**
- ✓ **CIRCLES OF WEST GEORGIA**

LET'S HELP CARROLL COUNTY FAMILIES AND CHILDREN **DEFY** THE STATISTICS!

MAY WE ALL WORK TOGETHER SO THAT BEING BORN HERE MEANS
THAT YOU WILL HAVE EVERY CHANCE TO RISE TO THE TOP NO
MATTER WHERE YOU START.



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