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?
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.

Single earner households tend to be more isolated culturally and economically.

33% of families in Carroll County are single parent families.
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.

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

2017 - Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
#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 AFOAT.

- ST. MARGARET'S
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
- BOWDON CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
- FOOD PANTRIES
- COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS
- RAPHA CLINIC
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK AS LADDERS PROVIDE THE TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY.
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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