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### **More Than 300 People Participated in This Year's "On the Table" Events Sponsored by the Community Foundation of West Georgia**

More than 300 people participated in this year's "On the Table" events hosted by 35 people and organizations in Carroll, Haralson and Heard counties.

"On the Table" is a unique initiative of community engagement sponsored by the Community Foundation of West Georgia. The program's format features the gathering of community members of all ages, perspectives, and backgrounds for conversations in small groups. Participants have an opportunity to discuss things that they love about their community, as well as things that they wish could be better. Conversations were hosted in a number of locations, including homes, restaurants, places of worship, schools, libraries, offices, parks, and other community locations.

The Foundation made available \$10,000 for "conversation to action" grants of \$500 or \$1,000 in support of initiatives that result from the "On the Table" events.

Projects funded by these grants this year include:

- beautification project in Tallapoosa;
- foods for weekly backpack program at Carrollton Elementary School;
- books at Buchanan Elementary School;
- kits of microwavable items, can openers, bowls, plates for clients who need a hotel stay;
- video series highlighting local nonprofit organizations to educate and gain awareness;

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- washer and dryer, laundry detergent and bags for clients of the Community Christian Council in Tallapoosa;
- feasibility study for warm water therapy facility for people with mobility challenges;
- assistance for temporary warming centers and help with a permanent location;
- resource fairs to provide information regarding resources for clients of the West Georgia area;
- creation of community garden at New Canaan Baptist Church in Temple;
- expanded public training about fentanyl and opioids for motel personnel and others to provide free Narcan nasal spray and materials.

"These conversations are inspiring new ways to work together to make our communities stronger," Kim Jones, president of the Community Foundation, said. "On the Table is providing a setting for residents to collaboratively build and maintain strong, safe, and dynamic communities. Events like these have been replicated in more than 30 cities across the country."

For more information about On the Table or the Community Foundation of West Georgia, visit the Foundation's website at [cfwg.net](http://cfwg.net) or contact Cindy Sanders at (770) 832-1462 or [cindy@cfwg.net](mailto:cindy@cfwg.net).

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