

2026 Scholarship Impact Report



598

Total scholarships



137

Individual & business contributors



\$1,918,161

Awarded in scholarships



42

Counties served



6500+

Hours served by students



Visiting nursing homes

Most popular service project



"Volunteering has shown me that nursing is more than a job—it is a calling to serve, care, and make a lasting difference."

Olivia, 9th grader



"I realized how fortunate I am and how important it is to give back. I believe everyone benefited not only from receiving food but also from knowing that their community cares about them."

Jabari, 10th grader



"This experience strengthened my desire to pursue a career in healthcare. I want to be the kind of professional who cares for the whole person, not just the diagnosis."

Yasmin, 11th grader



"Serving others makes me feel happy and warm inside. It makes my heart feel big. At first, I felt a little shy, but when I saw them smile, I felt proud and brave."

Easton, 2nd grader



IMPACT STORIES

Learning to Serve awards scholarships to students serving their communities all across the state. However, through designated funds from generous corporate partners such as CareSource and Georgia Farm Bureau, we are able to provide extra support for students in the following populations:

- **Fostering and adoptive families**
- **Learning differences such as autism, ADHD and dyslexia**
- **Medical emergencies (such as a cancer diagnosis in the family)**
- **Veterans and active military families**
- **Rural areas, farming families and businesses that support the agricultural industry**



In addition to his daily farm chores, Emmett serves his community by helping distribute Calhoun Cares Blue Cards. Invented by his grandfather, the cards provide low-income individuals the chance to buy items at-cost at participating local businesses. His mom says: "Farming comes with many unpredictable hardships that cause financial strain such as severe weather, livestock loss and the everyday rising costs of fuel, feed, grass seed and fertilizer. This scholarship gives us the security of knowing Emmett can go to the school where he's thriving no matter what."



Five of the six children in the Kirkpatrick family have been diagnosed with some type of dyslexia and require special schooling. After their father suffered from PTSD from two deployments with the Marines, the additional strain began to take its toll physically, emotionally, and financially. "I'll never be able to put into words what it has meant to have Learning to Serve come alongside us," said their mom, Tommi. "The genuine and practical support has reminded us that we are not alone, that people really do care."



Demaria was adopted during early elementary school after suffering severe trauma during her childhood. Her mom says, "Demaria was smart, but had lots of behavioral and emotional concerns that kept her from excelling in the classroom. We could not afford private school, but felt that was the environment she needed to excel. Receiving an LTS scholarship allowed us to enroll her in a private school and it has been the best decision. She is no longer teased for being adopted. Her grades are better and she is involved in sports, chorus and theater. She has her joy back."