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Dear Counselors & Principals –

Exciting news alert! Have you heard about the Community Service Team (CST)? If not, you're in for a treat as we gear up for the 2026-2027 school year.

Back in 2015, we launched this incredible initiative that brought together high school students from public, private, and homeschool programs in Coweta. Now, we're thrilled to announce that applications are open for the upcoming academic year.

CST is driven by two remarkable leaders: Dr. Tonya Whitlock, Vice President for Enrollment Management at Southern Crescent Technical College, who has a heart for community engagement and student success, and Hap Hines, a dedicated CCF Board Member deeply involved in enhancing the Coweta community.

Students meet monthly to learn about local nonprofit agencies, participate in site visits, then have the opportunity to award a \$500 grant to one of the nonprofits they have learned about.

In addition, CST offers a world of opportunities, such as:

- Build awareness among high school students.
- Collaborating with local nonprofit organizations to create meaningful change.
- Developing leadership skills that pave the way for junior auxiliary board roles in their senior year.
- Infusing fresh perspectives and energy into local nonprofits, fostering innovation.
- Selecting a deserving local nonprofit for a grant supporting a special project.

But wait, there's even more! CST can open doors to significant achievements. Exceptional participants might find themselves invited to serve on the Board of Directors for nonprofits. Plus, here's a cherry on top: *a standout individual will be awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Caring Communities Foundation.*

Ready to dive in? Feel free to check out the enclosed application or conveniently apply online through this link: [student application](#)

We kindly request your support in spreading the word, making announcements, and ensuring your students don't miss out.

Any questions or assistance needed? We're here to help. Reach us at 770-253-1833 or drop us an email at ldavis@caringcommunitiesfoundation.org.

A heartfelt thank you for partnering with us on this exciting journey!

High School Community Service Team

I. Qualifications

All information submitted will be held strictly confidential.

Qualifications

- A. Live in Coweta County
- B. GPA of 2.5 or higher
- C. Desire for community service
- D. Be able to commit to meeting dates
- E. Be willing to work with students from other public and private high schools.

II. Opportunities and Scholarship

- A. By selection of the Caring Communities Foundation Board a member is able to apply for a \$500 one-time scholarship to be awarded directly to the pre or post-secondary institution to which they have been accepted

III. Procedure

- A. Complete application in its entirety (all applications and essays should be completed by the student only).
- B. Provide 2 Letters of Reference. Choose from teachers, counselors, ministers, employers, etc. (This letter should speak to academic ability, community service and extracurricular activities.)
- C. Complete application before August 31st.
- D. **If any of the above are not submitted, the application will NOT be considered.**