

Be Exceptional!

THE EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION OF ATLANTA

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2021

2020 WAS IN SOME WAYS A VERY GOOD YEAR

As we happily move into 2021 we want to first take a moment to thank all our supporters, especially those who made a financial investment in 2020. Because of the support of our donors, we were able to make great strides last year, including:

- Providing 560 hours of programming for each participant
- Maintaining connections with participants via Zoom during shutdown
- Re-opening as scheduled in August following the pandemic closure
- Participants delivered 280 meals to homebound seniors
- Participants enjoyed weekly music therapy with licensed therapists
- Participants volunteered 30 hours at Lettum Eat to prep over 15,000 boxes for delivery to the food insecure
- Participants joined in monthly Singalongs for elderly with Alzheimer's
- Participants visited 44 homebound seniors with Christmas carols
- Participants made clay sculptures which were displayed at a gallery in NYC
- Participants painted 75 river rocks with positive messages to leave on park walkways to delight finders
- Purchasing a 15-passenger van
- Launching our new website
- Welcoming three participants directly from public school without any delay
- Growing our number of families served by 50% over last year

2021 VISIONING

Starting the New Year off right with some visioning exercises. Participants created their own vision boards. They did a great job capturing themselves in words and pictures on canvas.



UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES

We did a different kind of scavenger hunt this month. After a quick lesson on perspective, teams had to take pictures to illustrate different perspectives. Once again they amazed us with their creativity and ability to grasp concepts.



POURING OUT FRIENDS



**SPIDER MAN CLIMBING
A WALL**

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE 2021-DERFUL!

Everybody makes New Year's Resolutions. But we are serious about our fitness. Participants can choose to do yoga with Molly or circuits with Asia. Our new peddlers were donated by a EFAtI supporter who wants us all to be our best selves.



B.I.N.G.O.

Joseph's sister Emmaline and her boyfriend Colton not only brought cake and balloons for Joseph's birthday, but they also played Bingo with the members, complete with prizes. What a great way for Exceptional Siblings to celebrate with our members' friends!



BRINGING JOY TO HOMEBOUND SENIORS

Our participants bring smiles to those who aren't getting a lot of attention and love right now. Going out with the music therapists of Metro Music Therapy to sing to homebound seniors in our community is good medicine for all of us.



TIME TO GET YOUR GOLF GAME ON!

EFAtI is holding our first annual golf tournament, Putt for a Purpose! Sponsors and players can come together for a day of fun. Together we hope to raise funds to help us with another first, our first Exceptional Summer Program! If you are a golfer or just an Exceptional Enthusiast, we hope you'll join us. Head over to our website for more information and to register:

<https://www.efatl.org/get-involved/2021-golf-tournament>



GET READY FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER!

We are happy to announce our first Exceptional Summer Program, four weeks of Exceptional fun with all your Exceptional friends, ages 16 and up. You may attend one week or up to four weeks, Mondays through Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. The dates are: June 7-10, June 14-17, June 21-24, and June 28-July 1.

For more information call 770.504.6053, email us at info@efatl.org or head over to the website <https://www.efatl.org/summer-2021> to complete an inquiry form.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Introducing our new Board of Directors Executive Committee:

President, Craig Camuso (CSX Transportation)

Vice President, Marian Mason (US Tech Solutions)

Secretary, Ryan Miller (Brasfield & Gorrie)

Treasurer, John Dickson (Henssler CPAs & Advisers, LLC)

Appointed, Chris Carter (Vantage Realty Partners)

We appreciate the dedication of each of these individuals to our mission, and their willingness to give of their time and talents to make this world a better place.

Pictured here, some of the participants visited Craig at the Capitol last year for GDCC Advocacy Day.



WE NOW HAVE PAYPAL TO MAKE DONATING EASIER!

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Our arrangement with PayPal also enrolls us in the PayPal Giving Fund. EFAtl donors can support us on PayPal partners' platforms, including PayPal, eBay, GoFundMe, Humble Bundle, Airbnb, Nextdoor, ShoppingGivces, and Zakatify.



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