



# Bennett Thrasher Foundation

## Annual Report 2022-2024



# To Our Supporters



I am pleased to present to our associates, clients and friends the **Bennett Thrasher Foundation (BT Foundation) FY 2022-2024 Annual Report** with our associates, clients, and community partners.

The Foundation's mission is simple: to give back to the communities where we live and work. Funded by 0.5% of Bennett Thrasher LLP's annual gross revenue — along with generous associate contributions — the Foundation continues to make a meaningful impact through grants and volunteer initiatives. Since its inception, we've awarded over \$4.3 million in grants to nonprofits, including \$692,750 in 2024 alone, supporting a wide range of organizations that align with our values.

Fostering a culture of service remains a top priority. In 2024, more than 80 associates volunteered over 800 hours across 35+ organizations in Georgia, Texas, and Colorado. The Foundation plays a vital role in shaping our firm's culture and community impact. We're excited to build on this momentum in 2025 and continue creating lasting change — together.

**- Courtney O'Connor, BT Foundation President**

Established in 2003, The Bennett Thrasher Foundation was created by Bennett Thrasher's partners to provide the resources for all associates and partners to give their talents, gifts and service to charitable organizations fostering the long-term development and success of our community. Led and managed by an elected board of Bennett Thrasher associates, the Foundation plays a vital role in identifying and evaluating charitable organizations to support through volunteer engagement and financial grants. We are proud of the Foundations' growth over the past 20 years and we look forward to the relationships we continue to build and create with our associates and our community.

Additionally in 2024, the Bennett Thrasher Educational Foundation proudly awarded \$150,000 in scholarships to more than 60 of Georgia's best and brightest accounting students across the state. These scholarships reflect our continued commitment to supporting the next generation of accounting professionals and strengthening the future of our industry.

As of December 31, 2024, the Foundation's fund balance stood at \$286,944.38, ensuring that we remain well-positioned to continue empowering students through financial support and educational opportunities in the years ahead.

**- Ken Thrasher, BT Foundation Board Co-Founder**

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# Introduction



*Through the Bennett Thrasher Foundation, Bennett Thrasher's partners and associates give their talents, gifts and service to charitable organizations fostering the long-term development and success of individuals in our local communities across Atlanta, Dallas, and Denver.*

**- Bennett Thrasher Foundation Mission Statement**

Fostering a culture of service has always been central to the BT Foundation's mission. Every Bennett Thrasher associate receives 16 hours of paid volunteer time annually, encouraging them to support causes they care about. The Foundation's Service Committee continues to coordinate volunteer opportunities throughout the year to help employees connect with and uplift their communities.

The Foundation also reviews and awards monetary grants to eligible nonprofit organizations, primarily submitted by BT associates. These applications are reviewed by the Grants Committee and approved by the Foundation Board based on mission alignment, proposed impact, and available funding. As Bennett Thrasher expands into new markets — including Dallas and Denver — so does the reach of the Foundation, bringing new opportunities to give back and support the local communities where we live and work.

*The Bennett Thrasher Foundation is a Private Foundation and is tax-exempt under Title 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

## Our FY2022-2024 Grant Recipients - Receiving a total of \$1,611,192

Listed on the following pages, in alphabetical order, are the names of the non-profit organizations the Bennett Thrasher Foundation awarded grants from FY2022-2024.

FY2022 = \$548,692

FY2023 = \$359,750

FY2024 = \$692,750

Organization Name	
ALS United of Georgia	Decatur Education Foundation
ArtsBridge Foundation	Della Showers Ministry
ArtsNow, Inc.	Down Syndrome Association of Atlanta
Atlanta Center For Self Sufficiency (Samaritan House Atlanta)	Essential2Life
Atlanta Habitat for Humanity	Feel Beautiful Today
Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS)	Fix Georgia Pets
Atlanta Union Mission	First Descents
Atlanta Youth Academy	Focused Community Strategies
Automotive Training Center	Foster Care Support Foundation
Balanced Motion	Free Mom Hugs
BLOOM Our Youth	Georgia Center for Deaf/Hard of Hearing (GCDHH)
Blue Heron Nature Preserve	Georgia Music Foundation
Blueprint 58, Inc.	Gift of Adoption - Georgia
Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta	Goodie Nation, Inc.
Caron Treatment Center	Gwinnett Humane Society
Camp Kudzu	Habitat For Humanity (Atlanta, NW Metro)
Camp Southern Ground	Ignite Hope
Camp Twin Lakes	Intentionally Pretty, Inc.
Chanda Center for Health (formally the Chanda Plan Foundation)	International Community School
Chastain Horse Park	International Women's House
Chris 180 (fka CHRIS Kids)	Intown Collaborative Ministries
Clubhouse Atlanta, Inc.	Jason Cunningham Charitable Foundation
Cobb Community Foundation	Jeffrey Campbell Evans Foundation
Communities In Schools	Kate's Club
Concrete Jungle	Keystone Village Inc.
Crossroads Community Ministries (Clyde's Kitchen	KSU - CARE Services & Student Service

# Our FY2022-2024 Grant Recipients - Receiving a total of \$1,611,192 (continued...)



Organization Name	
Leadership Ministries Foundation	Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse
Leadership Perimeter	Snow City Arts
Lifeline	Special Olympics - GA
LiveSafe Resources, Inc.	Steer Smart, Inc.
Logan Wilkes Foundation	Susan G. Komen for the Cure - Atlanta
Love Thy Neighbor in Service, Inc.	Teach One to Lead One - Metro Atlanta
Lutzie 43 Foundation, Inc.	The Atlanta Boy Choir
Make A Wish Foundation of Georgia (aka Make-A-Wish Georgia)	The Black Collegiate Gaming Association Foundation
Men Stopping Violence, Inc.	The Breast Cancer Fundraiser ("THE BCF")
Most Valuable Kids	The Center for Black Women's Wellness, Inc.
Nana Grants	The Center for Family Resources
National Association of Black Accountants (NABA)	The Creatives Project
National Black Arts Festival, Inc.	The Joseph Sams School
Never Alone, Inc.	The Kyle Pease Foundation
Nic's Kicks	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
No Longer Bound	The Logan Wilkes Foundation
Nobis Works (Tommy Nobis Center)	The Women's Entrepreneurial Opportunity Project, Inc. (WEOP)
Odyssey Atlanta	The Woodruff Arts Center
Open Door Christian Church, Inc.	Thrive Academy Atlanta
Philippine American Society of Colorado (PASCO)	Veritas School of Social Sciences
Pebble Tossers, Inc.	Vision Atlanta - Camp Grace
Pennies with Purpose	Voices of Note, Inc.
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church	VOX Teen Communications
Ramah Darom, Inc.	Who We Play For
Reaching Early Creatives, Inc.	WINGS for Kids
Refuge Coffee	Wylde Center, Inc.
Rocky Mountain Rett Association	Xceleader
Sandy Springs Conservancy, Inc.	Zoo Atlanta
Sandy Springs Mission	

# FY 2022 Financial Position

## Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2022

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Charles Schwab (x5455)	7,738.39
Synovus (x9493)	119,263.02
Synovus (x9622)	15,000.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 142,001.41</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Charles Schwab (x5455) - Investments	279,725.52
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 279,725.52</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 421,726.93</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 421,726.93</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	5,000.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	50,541.82
Restricted Net Assets	302,463.91
Net Income	63,721.20
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 416,726.93</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 421,726.93</b>



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# FY 2023 Financial Position

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## Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2023

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Charles Schwab (x5455)	747.49
Synovus (x9493)	228,004.08
Synovus (x9622)	15,000.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 243,751.57</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Charles Schwab (x5455) - Investments	297,416.54
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 297,416.54</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 541,168.11</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 541,168.11</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	108,562.90
Restricted Net Assets	313,164.03
Net Income	119,441.18
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 541,168.11</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 541,168.11</b>



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# FY 2024 Financial Position

## Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2024

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Charles Schwab (x5455)	1,644.39
Synovus (x9493)	78,368.39
Synovus (x9622)	1,000.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 81,012.78</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Charles Schwab (x5455) - Investments	301,863.36
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 301,863.36</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 382,876.14</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 382,876.14</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	0.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	237,349.08
Restricted Net Assets	304,507.75
Net Income	-158,980.69
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 382,876.14</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 382,876.14</b>



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# Grant Spotlight

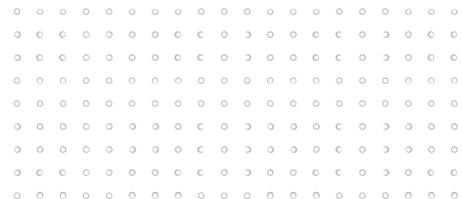
## Intentionally PRETTY

[www.intentionallypretty.org](http://www.intentionallypretty.org)

Intentionally PRETTY is a 501 c3 organization and serves as the non-profit leg of My TRUE Beauty LLC. Intentionally PRETTY was officially formed in 2020 during the height of the pandemic to carry on the philanthropic works that My TRUE Beauty began in 2017. The organization helps individuals succeed in alternative careers, provide support to cancer survivors, and improve financial literacy in underserved communities.

The BT Foundation is pleased to continue to help individuals succeed in alternative careers, provide support to cancer survivors, and improve financial literacy in the underserved communities of Atlanta. We are excited to expand our reach in improving overall wellness in our communities.

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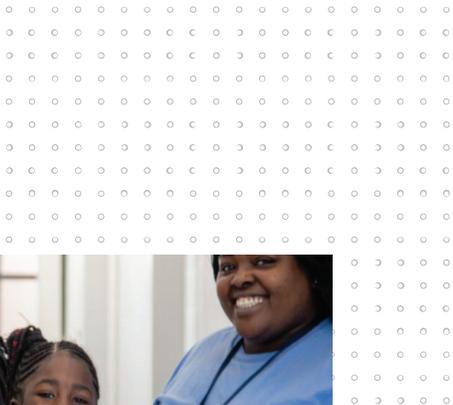


# Grant Spotlight

## Wings for Kids [www.wingsforkids.org](http://www.wingsforkids.org)

WINGS for Kids is a nonprofit organization dedicated to equipping children with essential social emotional learning (SEL) skills to help them succeed in school and life. Through innovative afterschool programs, WINGS creates nurturing environments where kids learn to manage emotions, build healthy relationships, and develop resilience. Beyond direct programming, WINGS supports educators and communities by offering professional development workshops, an on-demand digital platform, and SEL resources tailored for both in-school and out-of-school settings. Since its founding in 1996, WINGS has reached over 4.8 million students.

The BT Foundation has worked to fund expanded services in the WINGS Atlanta programs.



# Grant Spotlight

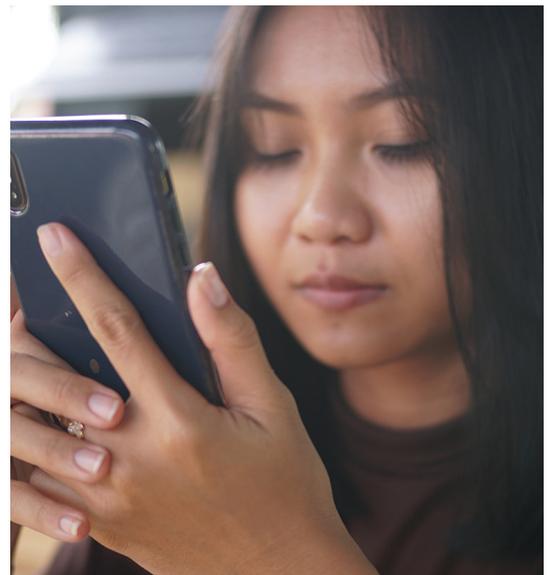
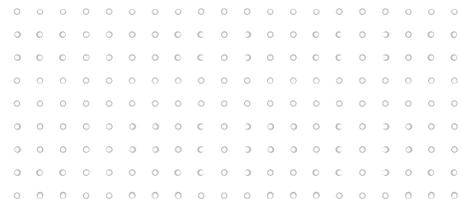
## Teach One to Lead One

<https://t1l1.org/>

Teach One to Lead One® (T1L1) is a nonprofit mentoring program that helps at-risk students build character and leadership skills through a structured curriculum based on Universal Principles like respect and integrity. Working with schools and youth organizations, certified mentors deliver both in-person and digital programs — including the Mobile Mentor app — to support student growth in behavior, academics, and attendance. Since 1996, T1L1 has reached over 30,000 students across eight U.S. chapters.



BT Foundation funding allowed 50 students to complete the T1L1 program, including 14 weeks of sessions, a service project to improve their own community and a graduation ceremonial to recognize and celebrate students.



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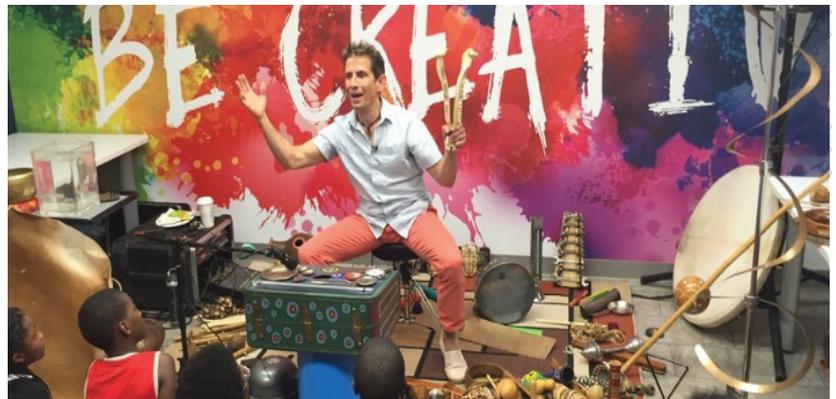
## Georgia Music Foundation

[www.georgiamusicfoundation.org](http://www.georgiamusicfoundation.org)

The Georgia Music Foundation, founded in 1994, supports music education, preservation, and outreach across the state. Through its grant program, it has awarded over \$800,000 to schools and nonprofits — especially in rural and underserved areas — for instruments, instruction, and programming. The Foundation also provides emergency relief to musicians and promotes music education as a path to workforce development, helping preserve Georgia’s rich musical heritage.



The BT Foundation supported the Georgia Music Foundation’s annual Georgia Music Grant program, helping fund music education, preservation, and outreach projects that make a meaningful impact on schools and communities across the state.



# Grant Spotlight

## Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

[www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), founded in 1949, is a leading nonprofit focused on curing blood cancers and improving the lives of patients and their families. With over \$1.7 billion invested in research, LLS also provides financial support, education, and access to clinical trials.

The BT Foundation supported the Bierenbaum Family Immunotherapy Fund, which uses donations and grants to advance treatments and potential cures for blood cancers. Research has shown that CAR T-cell therapy — an approach that uses antibodies to activate white blood cells — holds significant promise in fighting cancer. Leading this effort is Dr. Harry E. Gruber, a pioneer in the field with a strong track record of identifying and funding the most promising research initiatives.



# Grant Spotlight

## Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta

<https://bgcma.org>

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta (BGCMA) empowers nearly 8,000 youth each year through safe, supportive programs focused on academics, healthy living, and leadership. With 26 Clubs across 11 counties and a 160-acre residential Camp Kiwanis, BGCMA provides enriching experiences outside of school hours, helping young people reach their full potential and become future community leaders.



The BT Foundation supported the Mimms Boys & Girls Club — providing high quality youth development programming under three pillars, including Academic Success, Character and Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles. Year-round programming is offered after school and during the summer primarily serving low-income youth and their families.



# Grant Spotlight

## Make a Wish Foundation of Georgia

<https://wish.org/georgia>

Make-A-Wish Georgia, established in 1995 and headquartered in Atlanta, is the local chapter of the global Make-A-Wish Foundation, dedicated to granting life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. With more than 400 volunteers active across the state, their impact is built on inclusive, transparent financial stewardship and fueled by a community-driven network of donors, corporate sponsors, and events like the annual Wish Ball and Walk for Wishes 5K.

Currently, 153 children in Metro Atlanta are waiting for a life-changing wish through Make-A-Wish Georgia. With a grant of \$10,000, the BT Foundation helped bring joy and hope to these children by funding wishes such as college tuition, music therapy donations, or trips to destinations like Disney, Hawaii, and Alaska.



# Grant Spotlight

## NABA, Inc.

<https://nabainc.org>

The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) is a nonprofit dedicated to advancing Black professionals in accounting, finance, and business. With over 22,000 members nationwide, NABA provides programs like scholarships, leadership development, and the Accounting Career Awareness Program to support career growth and promote diversity in the industry. Since 1969, it has worked to close the opportunity gap and foster an inclusive business community.

The BT Foundation donation was directed as a general gift in support of the NABA National Scholarship Program, helping to empower future generations through education and the important work being done by NABA.



# Grant Spotlight

## Rocky Mountain Rett Association

<https://www.rmrett.org>

The Rocky Mountain Rett Association (RMRA) supports children and families affected by Rett Syndrome through advocacy, education, and access to care. Serving the Rocky Mountain region, RMRA partners with Children's Hospital Colorado to provide coordinated specialist care at its Rett Clinic. The organization also raises funds for research and relies on volunteers and donations to sustain its mission and services.



The BT Foundation grant helped support the 2024 Spring fundraising event, Risers4Rett. Proceeds from the event go directly toward supporting families with children affected by Rett Syndrome.





*The meaning of life is to find your gift.  
The purpose of life is to give it away.*

**- Pablo Picasso**

As Bennett Thrasher continues to grow, so does the impact of the BT Foundation. In 2024, we proudly expanded our reach beyond Atlanta with new opportunities to engage in the Dallas and Denver markets — opening the door for more associates to get involved and for the Foundation to support a broader range of causes. Building on the momentum of past years, our goal is to increase both the number of grants awarded and the total funding distributed in the coming year. This ambition is fueled by the generosity of our associates and the meaningful partnerships we've built with nonprofit organizations in each of the communities we serve.

Volunteerism remains at the heart of the Foundation's mission. We remain committed to creating hands-on opportunities for associates to give back — whether through local volunteer days, regional efforts, or individual initiatives. We're excited to explore new ways for employees in Atlanta, Dallas, and Denver to connect with their communities and make a difference.

No matter where our associates are located, the BT Foundation's mission stays the same: to support and uplift the communities around us through time, talent, and resources.

# Board of Directors

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