

**The Coca-Cola Foundation Makes a Splash for Education and Youth Development This Summer**  
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***Foundation Awards \$2 Million in Grants to Sustainable Community Initiatives in Second Quarter***

School is out and students across the country are enjoying summer break, but The Coca-Cola Foundation isn't taking time off when it comes to education and youth development. The philanthropic arm of The Coca-Cola Company awarded more than \$2 million in grants to 20 organizations across the country during the second quarter, with 80 percent of the funds benefitting education and youth development programs. The other grants support programs dedicated to community; diversity and inclusion; active, healthy living; water stewardship; and community recycling.

This \$2 million in grants comes on the heels of The Coca-Cola Foundation's [\\$1 million grant for China study-abroad programs](#), which will send approximately 160 students from six U.S. colleges and universities to China to study abroad during the next four years. The grant supports the U.S. State Department's goal to strengthen ties between the U.S. and China, and President Barack Obama's vision to see 100,000 American students study abroad in China.

"At Coca-Cola, we believe education is one of the keys to socioeconomic development," said Lori George Billingsley, Vice President, Community Relations, Coca-Cola Refreshments. "We support education and youth development organizations that teach young people about the countless opportunities they have to better their communities. Most importantly, we support programs that truly empower youth to go out and create positive change."

Of the more than \$2 million recently allocated, more than \$1.6 million supports education and youth development programs; \$125,000 supports community programs; \$100,000 supports a diversity and inclusion program; \$165,000 supports active, healthy living initiatives; \$25,000 supports a water stewardship project; and \$20,000 aids community recycling efforts.

The recent grants are part of more than \$8 million that The Coca-Cola Foundation has awarded to 51 organizations across the United States in 2011.

Organizations receiving funding include:

**Education and Youth Development**

100 Black Men of Atlanta Inc., Atlanta, GA, \$50,000

100 Black Men of the Bay Area Inc., Oakland, CA, \$100,000

Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA, \$1 million (multi-year grant of \$250,000 annually through 2014)

Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, \$75,000

Girls Inc. of Central Alabama, Birmingham, AL, \$13,000

John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library Foundation Inc., Boston, MA, \$75,000

National Academy Foundation, New York, NY, \$25,000

Tavis Smiley Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, \$75,000

Teach for America Inc., New York, NY, \$50,000

Think Detroit Police Athletic League Inc., Detroit, MI, \$100,000

U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy Inc., Des Moines, IA, \$100,000

**Community**

Georgia Center for Nonprofits, Atlanta, GA, \$25,000

United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, \$100,000

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

National Organization on Disability, New York, NY, \$100,000

### **Active, Healthy Living**

Children's Hospital Boston, Boston, MA, \$30,000

Kids In Sports, Los Angeles, CA, \$30,000

Piedmont Park Conservancy, Atlanta, GA, \$30,000

Vive En Forma, Kildeer, IL, \$75,000

### **Water Stewardship**

Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Inc., Atlanta, GA, \$25,000

### **Community Recycling**

Piedmont Park Conservancy, Atlanta, GA, \$20,000

### **About The Coca-Cola Foundation**

Since its inception, The Coca-Cola Foundation has donated more than \$418 million to sustainable community initiatives across the globe. For more information about The Coca-Cola Foundation, please go to [http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation\\_coke.html](http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/citizenship/foundation_coke.html) .

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