

The Luc Cochran Foundation

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Donor Guide

How to give, where it goes, and what we promise in return.

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A practical guide for individuals, families, and businesses supporting the work of The Luc Cochran Foundation.

Why your gift matters

The Luc Cochran Foundation is a Clayton County-based 501(c)(3) public charity working across metro Atlanta at the intersection of technology, education, and opportunity. We were founded in 2024 on a simple idea: the barriers that keep families from getting ahead are usually practical, not personal. A student who cannot get help with algebra. A parent without a working laptop. A young adult who has never been coached through an interview. A household one bad week away from an empty pantry.

Every dollar contributed to TLCF is directed at removing one of those barriers. This guide explains exactly how to give, what happens to your gift, how we account for it, and what you can expect from us as a steward of your generosity.

Tax deductibility

The Luc Cochran Foundation Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity, EIN 99-1959689. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. We provide written acknowledgment for every gift of \$250 or more, and on request for any gift.

Where the money goes

TLCF operates lean. Gifts are pooled into program delivery unless you designate otherwise. The categories below describe how contributed funds are typically deployed across a program year.

Use of funds	What it pays for
Direct program delivery	Tutoring sessions, course licensing and platform costs, workshop materials, food purchase and transport, refurbished devices and connectivity.
Participant support	Transportation assistance, printing, testing fees, interview clothing, and small emergency needs that would otherwise end a participant's progress.
Volunteer and staff capability	Background screening, training, safety supplies, and the coordination time that keeps programs consistent.
Administration and compliance	Insurance, filings, accounting, records management, and the governance work required of a responsible charity.

Ways to give

One-time gift

Give online at luccares.org/donate using a card or digital wallet. Online gifts are the fastest way to fund immediate program needs and generate an instant email receipt.

Monthly giving

Recurring gifts are the most valuable support we receive. They let us commit to a tutoring schedule, a food distribution calendar, or a device pipeline months in advance instead of improvising month to month. A monthly gift can be started, changed, or cancelled at any time.

Monthly amount	Approximate annual effect
\$15 / month	Course access and learning materials for a Digital Foundations participant.
\$35 / month	A recurring block of one-on-one tutoring hours for one student.
\$75 / month	Household food support through Nourish Network distributions.
\$150 / month	Refurbished device plus connectivity support for a family.

Illustrative allocations, not restricted designations. Unrestricted gifts are applied where the need is greatest.

Check or mail

Make checks payable to **The Luc Cochran Foundation Inc.** and mail to 1560 Commercial Court, Suite H, Jonesboro, GA 30238. Include your email address if you would like an electronic receipt.

Employer matching gifts

Many employers match charitable contributions dollar for dollar. Submit your gift through your employer's matching portal using our legal name and EIN 99-1959689, and email hi@luccares.org so we can confirm the match and acknowledge both gifts.

Donor-advised funds, stock, and IRA distributions

We accept grants recommended from donor-advised funds, gifts of appreciated securities, and qualified charitable distributions from an IRA. Contact hi@luccares.org before initiating a transfer so we can provide delivery instructions and record the gift to the correct donor.

In-kind gifts

Devices, food, supplies, and professional services are welcomed within our gift acceptance standards. See the In-Kind Donation Guide for the current needs list, condition requirements, and valuation and receipting rules.

Sponsorship

Businesses and civic organizations can support a specific program, event, or distribution. Sponsorship benefits, recognition, and expectations are described in the Partnership & Sponsorship Packet.

What your gift does

The figures below are drawn from our most recent published reporting period. Full methodology and year-over-year comparisons appear in the Annual Impact Report at luccares.org/impact.

Measure	Result
Students served	1,084
Tutoring sessions delivered	9,780
Students showing academic improvement	68.4%
Youth matched with mentors	48
Mentorship hours	10,360
Pounds of food distributed	8,212
Individuals served through Nourish Network	3,524
Career-readiness graduates	362
Active volunteers	112
Volunteer hours contributed	18,480+

Behind each number is a person. We publish anonymized participant stories rather than identifying details, because protecting the privacy of the families we serve outranks the marketing value of their hardship. Read them at luccares.org/impact/stories.

Our promise to donors

TLCF adopts the principles of the Donor Bill of Rights. As a contributor you are entitled to:

- Know the mission of the organization, how it intends to use donated resources, and its capacity to use gifts effectively for their intended purposes.
- Know the identity of those serving on the governing board and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- Have access to the organization's most recent financial statements and IRS filings.
- Be assured your gift will be used for the purposes for which it was given.
- Receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition — or to decline recognition and remain anonymous.
- Be assured that information about your donation is handled with respect and confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- Expect that all relationships with individuals representing the organization will be professional.
- Be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees, or contracted solicitors.
- Have your name removed from any list the organization may share.
- Feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

Donor privacy

We do not sell, rent, or trade donor lists. Donor contact information is used to process gifts, issue receipts, and share program updates you have asked to receive. You may opt out of communications at any time by emailing hi@luccares.org. Our full privacy practices are published at luccares.org/privacy.

Anonymous giving

You may request that your gift be recorded without public recognition. We will still maintain the internal records required by law and by our auditors, but your name will not appear in any donor listing, report, signage, or social media post.

Gift processing, receipts, and refunds

Acknowledgment

Online gifts generate an immediate emailed receipt. Gifts of \$250 or more receive a written acknowledgment that includes the amount, the date, our legal name and EIN, and a statement of whether any goods or services were provided in exchange. Retain this acknowledgment for your tax records; the IRS requires it to substantiate a deduction.

Quid pro quo gifts

If you receive goods or services in return for a contribution — an event ticket or a meal, for example — we will state the fair market value of that benefit so you can determine the deductible portion of your gift.

Restricted gifts

You may restrict a gift to a specific program. We honor restrictions. If a restricted purpose becomes impossible or is fully funded, we will contact you to agree on an alternative use before redirecting the funds.

Errors and refunds

If a gift was made in error, duplicated, or processed for an incorrect amount, contact hi@luccares.org within 30 days and we will correct it. Refunds are returned to the original payment method.

Gifts we decline

TLCF reserves the right to decline any gift that would compromise our tax-exempt status, expose the organization to unacceptable liability or expense, conflict with our mission or nondiscrimination commitments, or come with conditions we cannot lawfully fulfill. Declinations are made by the Board or its designee and communicated in writing.

Fundraising on our behalf

Community members and businesses sometimes wish to organize a drive, benefit, or peer-to-peer campaign for TLCF. We welcome it, with a few requirements that protect both parties.

1. Request written approval in advance by emailing hi@luccares.org with the concept, dates, venue, and how funds will be collected and transferred.
2. Use of the TLCF name or logo requires prior written approval and adherence to our brand guidance.
3. Do not represent yourself as a TLCF employee, agent, or spokesperson, and do not state that TLCF endorses a product or company.
4. Do not solicit or collect participant information at the event.
5. Do not collect funds into a personal account. Use a TLCF-provided giving page or transmit gross proceeds with a written accounting within 30 days of the event.
6. TLCF cannot issue tax receipts to individuals who gave to a third-party organizer rather than directly to TLCF.
7. The organizer is responsible for permits, insurance, and compliance with applicable law.

Beware of misrepresentation

TLCF never solicits by unsolicited phone call demanding immediate payment, gift cards, or cryptocurrency. If a solicitation seems suspicious, stop and verify it by contacting us directly at hi@luccares.org or 833-TLCF-NOW (833-852-3669).

How to reach us

General	hi@luccares.org
Toll-free	833-TLCF-NOW (833-852-3669)
Local	770-678-1667
Office	1560 Commercial Court, Suite H, Jonesboro, GA 30238
Website	luccares.org
Programs	luccares.org/programs
Partnerships	luccares.org/partners
Donations	luccares.org/donate

Resource directory	luccares.org/resources
Digital Foundations course catalog	www.digitalfoundations.app

Office hours are by appointment. Program schedules vary by season; confirm current times before referring someone or visiting in person.

Verify our nonprofit status

The Luc Cochran Foundation Inc. is a Georgia nonprofit corporation and a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity, EIN 99-1959689. Our status and filings can be verified through the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search, the Georgia Secretary of State business search, and our Candid (GuideStar) profile.