



Be The Change. Volunteer.

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Our Vision

Hands On Georgia is a statewide network that supports innovative volunteer solutions to meet Georgia's critical community needs.

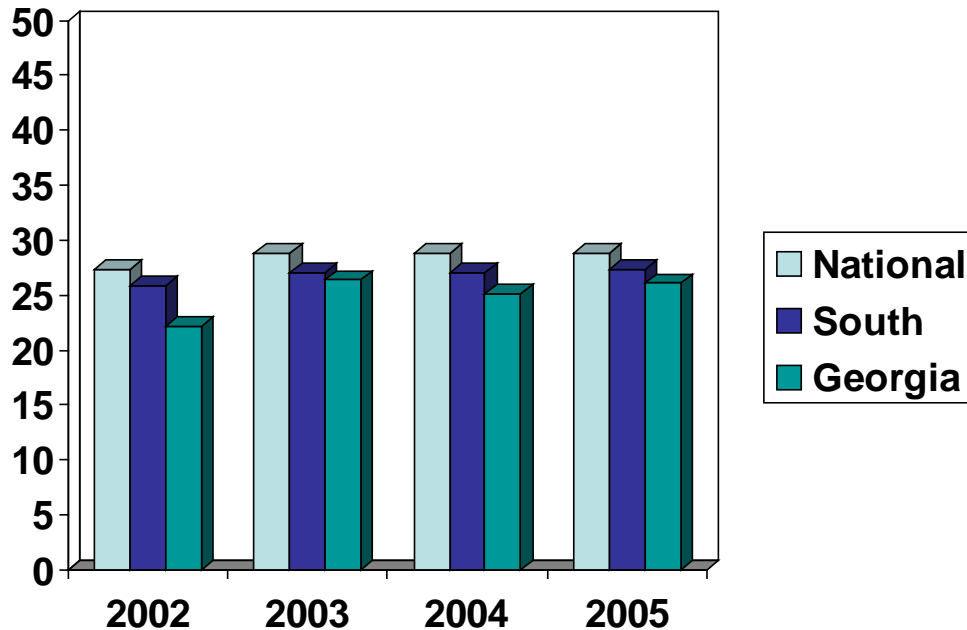
Premier Statewide Volunteer Organization



- In November 2004 Governor Sonny Perdue launched Hands On Georgia as a resource to communities across the state
- The first five Hands On Georgia affiliates were located in Atlanta, Columbus, Macon and Hall and Thomas Counties.

The Need

The need for citizen involvement in Georgia is significant.



- Georgia was ranked 41st in the nation for volunteering rates
- 35th for median hours spent on volunteer activities
- 32nd in Senior Volunteering rates
- 46th among Baby Boomers
- 39th with Young Adults
- Georgia ranked **last** in College Student volunteering
- The rate of volunteering in Georgia was lower than the 3-year rate for the South overall.

2004 – 2005

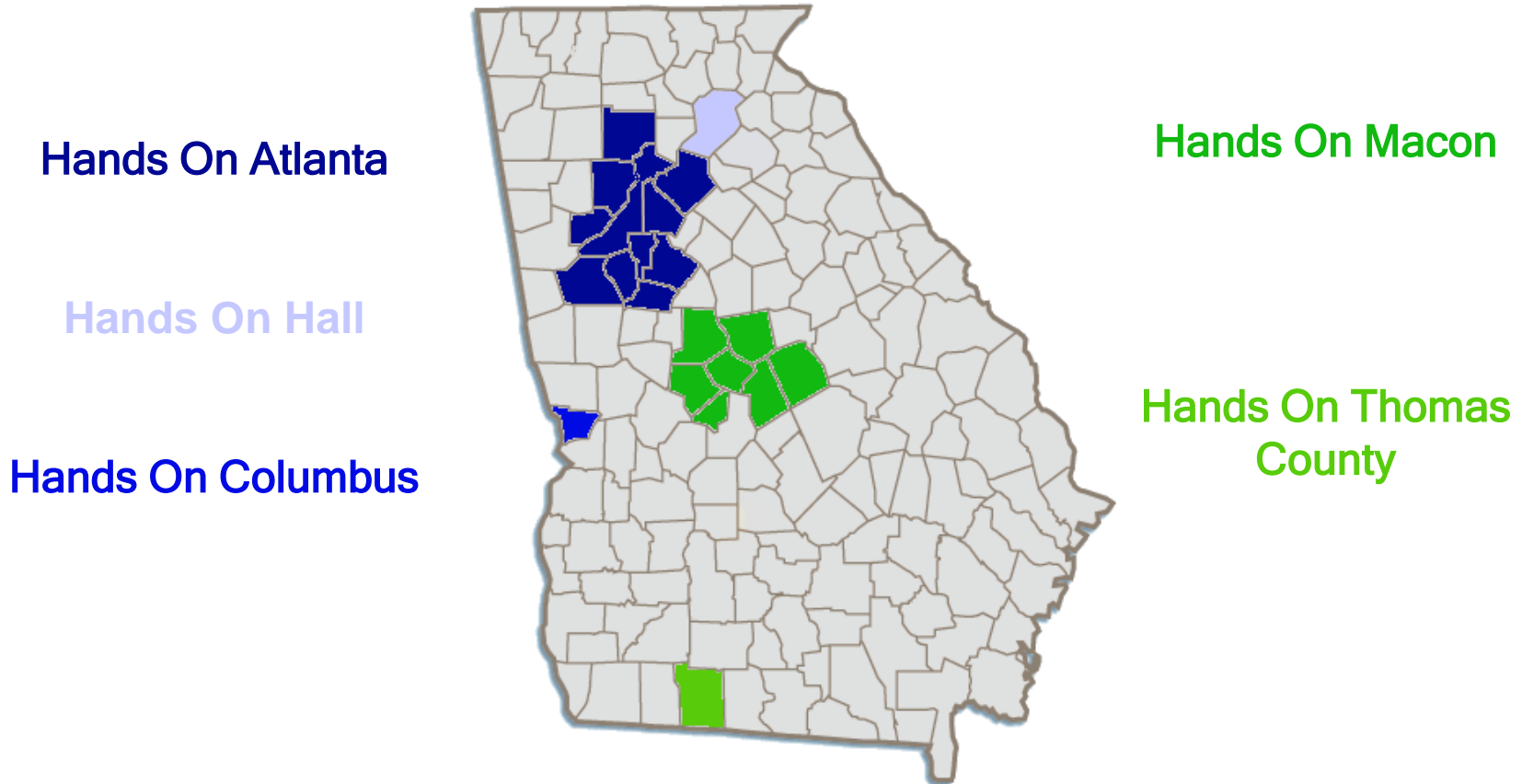
Fiscal Year One

Georgia welcomes a new organization committed to volunteer service

- Hands On Georgia begins a three-year incubation period within Hands On Network, a international network of affiliates located in major metropolitan areas.
- Secured funding totaling \$1.5 million from three founding sponsors:
 - The Coca-Cola Company
 - The Home Depot
 - The Robert W. Woodruff Foundation
- Governor and Mrs. Perdue, along with Ambassador and Mrs. Andrew Young agree to serve as the organization's Honorary Chairs.
- General Assembly appropriates \$100,000 in Hands On Georgia State Challenge Grants
- Launched first Hands On Georgia Week in the five charter affiliate cities with 780 volunteers who performed 3,500 hours of service



In 2004 Hands On Georgia Started with 5 affiliates



Volunteering and Civic Engagement Takes Hold in Georgia

- Hands On Georgia Week grows significantly with 152 out of 159 counties in Georgia - engaged.
- 25,000 volunteers completed 110,000 hours of service.
- Awarded federal AmeriCorps grant of nearly \$500,000 over three years.
- Wal-Mart donates \$250,000 and AT&T donates an additional \$50,000.
- General Assembly appropriates \$200,000 in Hands On Georgia State Challenge Grants awarded in two rounds during the fiscal year to 23 communities.
- During the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, 10 HOGA affiliates perform service.
Hands On Georgia expands to 12 affiliates across the state.



2006 – 2007

Fiscal Year Three

Hands On Georgia Promotes the Power of Service

- Governor Perdue and General Assembly again fund \$200,000 for State Challenge Grants for distribution in 2007 – 2008
- Commitments from all 159 counties during Hands On Georgia Week
- Presenting Sponsor of the Georgia Summit on Volunteerism – a gathering of volunteer leaders from around the state
- Presented the first Georgia Volunteer of the Year Award
- Affiliate total now stands at 19.



Current Affiliates

**Hands On
Adairsville**

Hands On Athens

Hands On Atlanta

Hands On
Coastal Georgia

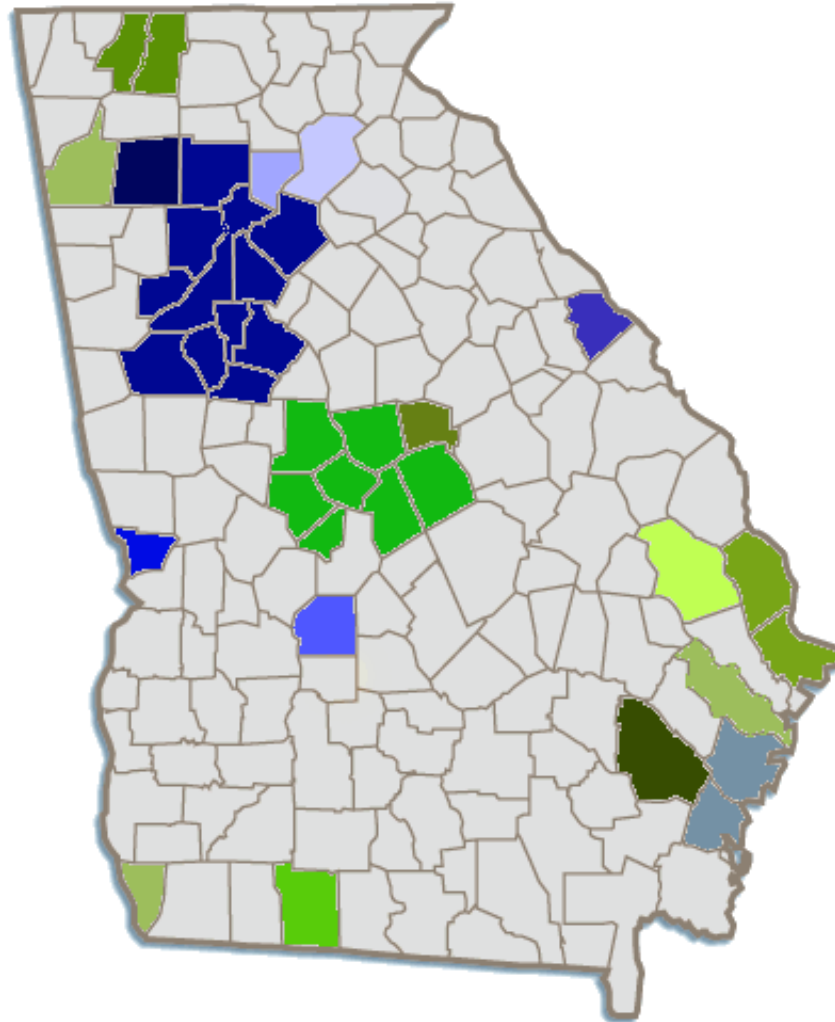
**Hands On
Columbus**

Hands On Dooly
County

Hands On Forsyth

Hands On Hall

Hands On Harlem



Hands On Liberty County

Hands On Macon

Hands On Milledgeville

Hands On Newton

Hands On Northwest Georgia

Hands On Ogeechee

Hands On Rome/Floyd County

Hands On Savannah

Hands On Wayne County

Hands On Thomas County

Sponsors



The Robert W.
Woodruff
Foundation



The Bradley Turner
Foundation



HOGA Week Sponsors



**Florence C. & Harry L.
English Memorial Fund**

