

# GREY MATTERS

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2018 has been a year of firsts.

Our first new year without Rob to ring it in with us.

Our first birthdays and anniversaries celebrated since he went to heaven.

March brought us our first Grey Matters Dinner without Rob's physical presence, but his spiritual presence surely filled the room as Inky Johnson spoke of how useless it is to gain the whole world if you lose your soul. We were blessed by Inky's passion for Christ and for living life without excuses, no matter what you are handed.

Thanks to so many generous contributions by you all and our community, 2018 has been a record setting giving year for Can't Never Could. Our March Dinner raised over \$45,000 and many of you gave from your hearts in memory of Rob. We are so very grateful! Although we've kept a low profile, CNC has continued to be blessed with the ability to help those who are battling adversity on a daily basis. The need in Coweta County alone is great. We serve many areas but 90% of our grants are given to local citizens.

This is the reason we created Can't Never Could in addition to our desire for Christ to receive all the credit and glory for the gifts we gratefully give. Rob's legacy of courage and faith continues to live on - since the inception of Can't Never Could, Inc. \$189,335.05 has been awarded in grants and scholarships and this was through Christ's love in your hearts.

We would be lying if we said we didn't miss Rob terribly. His absence is felt every single day. But his memory lives on through the works he began and through the love and support of each of you. For this, we are incredibly blessed and humbled. As 2019 approaches, our work continues. It is our constant desire to give those who are suffering both financial aid and, most importantly, the hope of Jesus Christ in each of their unique circumstances.

May the coming year bring these blessings through your generous support and love.

With Sincere Thanks,  
The Estes Family  
Christi, Robert and Sara Ashley

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## Last Year's Events & Accomplishments

The fifth annual Can't Never Could (CNC) dinner fundraiser was held at the Newnan Centre on March 12, 2018. Keynote speaker Inquoris "Inky" Johnson inspired more than 350 guests as he shared his testimony of faith after tragedy.

Johnson, who holds a master's degree in sports psychology, emerged as a "refugee of poverty and violence" growing up in Atlanta. While in college, he played for the Tennessee Volunteers and suffered a life-threatening injury during a routine tackle. Though the injury caused paralysis to his right arm combined with daily pain and constant physical challenges, Inky Johnson looks in the face of defeat and asks, "Am I really failing, or is God prevailing?" His relentless determination led him to a life of mentoring athletes and underprivileged youth.

The 2018 fundraiser yielded \$45,183 before expenses. These funds will be utilized in 2019 to allow the nonprofit to award seven high school scholarships, provide two scholarships to Squirrel Hollow at the Bedford School, provide summer camp scholarships and bibles for participants in Coweta County FCA and grant awards that will impact at least 50-60 different families.



“ I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.”  
— PHILIPPIANS 4:13

### Donate Today!

We are always thankful for your donations that continue to support so many in need. As the end of 2018 approaches, please remember Can't Never Could. You can give in many ways:



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Through the Give tab on our website,  
[www.cantnevercouldinc.com](http://www.cantnevercouldinc.com).



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**HAVING DINNER**  
By purchasing tickets to our upcoming March Dinner on our website at [www.cantnevercouldinc.com](http://www.cantnevercouldinc.com).

# CNC Heroes- Meet Two of our Recipients



## MELINDA PRATHER

Melinda Prather has had a difficult time in the last 22 months. Her husband of more than 40 years passed in February 2017 from heart failure. Exactly a year later in February 2018, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

She found a cyst on her right breast, but wasn't too alarmed as she had had fibrocystic breast tissue in the past. "I thought it was just another cyst, coming and going like they usually do," she said, adding, "The doctor couldn't detect it in the exam. I had to show him where it was."

Melinda was diagnosed in Columbus, Georgia, and treated at Piedmont Newnan. Genetic testing revealed that she was at risk for future breast cancer, so the decision was made for a bilateral double mastectomy. She had chemo every three weeks for six rounds.

While in treatment, the part time postal worker was having problems with the very basics such as utility bills. "I couldn't afford to pay my utilities, and Can't Never Could helped with paying those. They also helped tremendously by keeping me comfortable through the fear. I thought I would be devastated, but because of their support I was able to handle everything better.

Melinda is now on medication by injection every three weeks until June 2019. She will have reconstructive surgery in December.



## CARLENE LEWIS

For Carlene Lewis, June 20, 2018 everything changed. And for Carlene Lewis, it's all about support.

At age 40, with five children ranging from age 23 to six years old, she was devastated to learn she had Stage 3 breast cancer. "I had a lump in my breast and when they called after the biopsy, I immediately thought I was going to die. Who would take care of my children?"

She is very thankful for the help of Can't Never Could, as the foundation assisted her by paying her car payments. "The support has really helped me tremendously. That was one thing I didn't have to think about. When you don't have the stress of finances you are able to focus on getting better." Having some normalcy amidst her storm is also helping her to navigate her cancer treatment. "I am actually able to just be myself. The doctors and staff at Piedmont Newnan are amazing. Nurse Care Manager Stephanie Martin and Oncology Social Worker Brianna Barnett have helped me so much." Carlene said something just told her to be treated at Piedmont Newnan, even though it's 120 miles round trip. "I'm grateful for their care," she stated.

With the lump removed, Carlene is currently undergoing chemo. She will start radiation after the ten rounds are complete. "I didn't know chemo would kick me like it did," she said. "But now I know when my down days are going to be, and what they are like." Carlene has revised her diet and is getting healthier. "I have cut back on everything, I'm juicing and avoiding sugar, just doing what I can to improve my health."

## 2018 Grants & Scholarships Awards

(through September 30th, 2018)



Newnan High School College Scholarship Recipients

### 41 grants

Can't Never Could, Inc. has provided **41 grants totaling over \$36,010.00** to help individuals and families battling illness.

### \$6,000

**Six \$1,000 college scholarships** were awarded to Coweta County High School seniors whose families are facing financial challenges due to cancer or a brain illness.

### \$25,000 grant

Fulfillment of a **\$25,000 grant to Piedmont Newnan Cancer Center** to enhance their massage therapy services.

### \$2,500

**\$2,500 to Coweta County Fellowship of Christian Athletes** for summer camp and bible distribution.

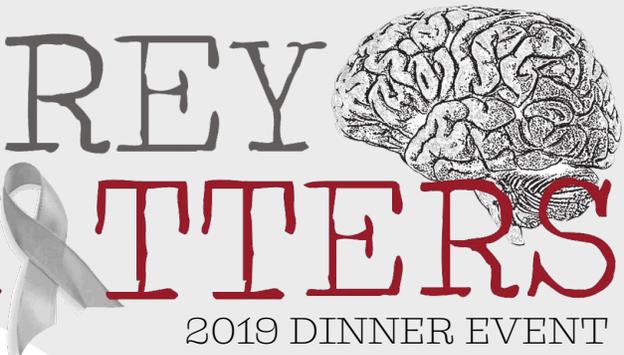
### \$4,300

Two scholarships totaling **\$4,300 for students with learning disabilities** to attend Squirrel Hollow Camp at The Bedford School.

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2019 DINNER EVENT



**MARCH 4, 2019**

Retired Army Staff Sergeant Bobby Henline is keynote speaker for Can't Never Could Dinner on March 4, 2019

Can't Never Could is pleased to announce that Bobby Henline, aka the "Well-Done Comedian" will be the speaker for CNC's dinner fundraiser on Monday, March 4, 2019. The event will be held at The Newnan Centre and tickets will be \$75 and will include dinner.

Retired Army Staff Sergeant Bobby Henline last served with the 82nd Airborne Division. It was during his thirteenth year of service and fourth tour in Iraq when an IED exploded beneath his Humvee. He stumbled from the wreck, a "human torch" and was extinguished by a fellow soldier. Bobby suffered burns covering almost 40% of his body. His injuries included fractured facial bones and his head was burned to the skull. He was put into a medically induced coma for two weeks and flown home.

The upbeat, positive and humorous Bobby kept the spirits up of his nurses and fellow patients as he relied on humor to get him through each day. Singing to his occupational therapist caused her to challenge him to go to an open mic night. He promised on a pinky swear. Little did he know, that promise would lead him to his comedy career.

Comedy helps Bobby to keep his PTSD and Anxiety at bay and also allows him to share his story of healing with others in a positive, funny and inspirational way. Among the venues he has performed are Brad Garrett's Comedy Club, Las Vegas; Laugh Factory, Chicago; and Hollywood Improv, Los Angeles.

Bobby's experiences have been featured in documentaries as well as CNN, PBS KET, NPR, Today.com and Time.com, Time Magazine People Magazine, The Huffington Post, Guideposts, Readers Digest and various other television, radio and podcasts around the world.

He also models, writes poetry and is a songwriter. Bobby co-founded Bravo748 Military and Combat Speakers Bureau in 2016. The organization invests in Veterans who are speakers and entertainers with a mission of giving back to their communities through their experience, training, stories, comedy, music and more.

We look forward to another night of fun and faith, all to raise funds so desperately needed by those battling cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Tickets are available for purchase on our website at [www.cantnevercouldinc.com](http://www.cantnevercouldinc.com). Ticket sales are limited and, as always, we expect the night to be a sell-out. We hope to see you there!



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