

2017 Strategic Initiatives



1. ECONOMIC VITALITY: A STRONG ECONOMY IS A KEY COMPONENT TO SOLVING MANY OF OUR CHALLENGES AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES. THE ATHENS FOUNDATION WILL FOCUS ON EFFORTS THAT BUILD ON OUR REGIONAL STRENGTHS, CREATE A VIBRANT COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE AND WORK (STOP THE BRAIN DRAIN), SUPPORT AN EDUCATED COMMUNITY.

2. THRIVING COMMUNITIES: VIBRANT COMMUNITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO CREATING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE CHALLENGES THAT ATHENS COUNTY FACES. THE ATHENS FOUNDATION WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS TO AID COMMUNITIES AS THEY BECOME MORE LIVABLE, MORE SELF-SUSTAINING, CREATE SPACES FOR DIVERSE VOICES TO COME TOGETHER.



3. INDIVIDUAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING: TO PARTICIPATE AS COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES MUST BE SECURE—ECONOMICALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY. THE ATHENS FOUNDATION WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT CREATE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES TO BECOME SECURE, SUCH AS SUPPORT OF FOOD SECURITY EFFORTS, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH INITIATIVES, SAFETY AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS.