Jackson family fund established

It is our honor to share with you the addition of the Jackson Family Fund. Founded with the belief that orphans and foster children should be afforded the privilege of attending programs like Camp McDowell, Nell Jackson along with, Ann and Eddie Jackson and Janet and Eddie Faught created this fund to provide educational enrichment experiences. The donation reflects a passion for children without parents and to support the ministry of the Episcopal Church for the same. This fund will strive to find and assist children from Walker County and then from other counties to attend similar life changing sessions.

Community Fund Every Dollar Counts

The Community Fund awarded more than $250,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations benefitting Walker County residents last fall. Please see the list below of the nonprofits and the projects they are implementing in our community.

American Cancer Society Hope Lodge: This funding will provide approx. 200 nights of lodging to help Walker County cancer patients access potentially life-saving treatment.

Camp McDowell: In support of the Alabama Folk School and the McDowell Farm School.

Christian’s Place Mission: To purchase food for the Food Bank which serves the Nauvoo area.

Concerned Citizens For Our Youth, Inc.: For the purchase of furniture for the Beacon House.

Daybreak: To renovate a bathroom at the Daybreak shelter.

Dilworth Church of God: In support of their Celebrate Recovery/Journey of Life program.

EASI (Equines Assisting Special Individuals): For the purchase of a portable storage building.

Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama: To support the Leadership and ToGetHerThere initiatives for the local Girl Scout chapter.

Habitat for Humanity, Greater Birmingham: To repair the homes of eight Walker County families.

HEAL, Inc.: Will work with seven P.E. classrooms in the Walker County School System and Jasper City Schools to aid in reversing rising childhood obesity.

Hope Clinic: For general operating funds.

Hope for Women: Maintenance and fuel costs for two vans used to transport clients on a daily basis.

IMPACT: To fund FocusFirst which provides free vision screening to children, ages six months to five years, in Head Start programs and lower-income daycares.

Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.: To assist with funding of The Walker County Fatherhood Initiative Program.

Kid One Transport: To aid in providing transportation to the doctor for children and expectant mothers in the Walker county area.

Mission of Hope: To assist with funding the Thanksgiving program with music and craft projects and their Christmas toy giveaway.

Pilot Club of Jasper: To assist with the establishment of a county-wide prom for special needs students in all Walker County Schools and Jasper City Schools.

Red Mountain Theatre Company: To co-sponsor the performance of Letter from a Birmingham Jail in Walker County.

Share-A-Toy of Walker County, Inc.: To provide toys for Walker County children at Christmas.

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Funds award grants to nonprofits

THE BANKHEAD FUND
The Bankhead Fund was started by Walter Will Bankhead and has a long history of providing general philanthropic dollars to our nonprofits.

American Red Cross: To support disaster relief services.
Camp McDowell: To invest in the development of the McDowell Farm School.
Christian’s Place Mission: For operating funds which will help feed and clothe people in and around the Nauvoo area.
Hope for Women: To replace the HVAC Unit and other repairs at the shelter.
Maplesville Toys for Kids: To support the Toys for Kids program.
Mission of Hope: In support of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday programs and winter blanket giveaway.
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Share-A-Toy of Walker County, Inc.: To support the annual toy giveaway.
UAB School of Nursing: In support of the No Show Ball which provides financial assistance to a deserving nursing student.
United Way of Central Alabama, Inc.: For ongoing operating support for programming in Walker County.
Walker County Christian Chorus: Operating support of The Messiah production.

SAMUEL LEE SMITH ADVISED FUND
The Samuel Lee Smith Advised Fund helps children and youth live their lives to the fullest by making grants to encourage strong health, athletics, scouting, religion, and the arts.

Backyard Blessings: For ongoing operating support to combat childhood hunger on the weekends through a Friday backpack food program.
Bankhead Middle School: For the purchase of Archery equipment.
Boy Scouts of America, Black Warrior Council: To assist with registration fees within the Mountain District of the Black Warrior Council.
City of Jasper: To purchase soccer equipment for the Dream Team.
City of Jasper: To cover Dream Team soccer registration fees for participants.
City of Jasper/Memorial Park Natatorium: To assist with the swim program for students with special needs from North Highlands School, Maddox Middle School, and Walker High School.
Daily Mountain Eagle Christmas Shoe Fund: To support the annual holiday giveaway.
EASI (Equines Assisting Special Individuals): For the sponsorship of a therapy horse named Nick.
EASI (Equines Assisting Special Individuals): To support funding of general operating needs.
First Church of the Nazarene: Scholarships for Dream Team flag football registration.
Kid One Transport: To provide funding to transport children and expectant mothers to necessary health care services.
Share-A-Toy of Walker County, Inc.: To support the toy giveaway.

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Sight Savers America: To meet the eye care needs of 240 children in Jasper City Schools.
Smith Lake Task Force: To help purchase an underwater communication device for divers conducting search and rescue missions.
UAB Dept. of Theater: To bring the UAB Touring Theater Troupe to 12 schools in Walker County.
United Way of Central Alabama, Inc.: To fund the Success By 6 Program in Walker County schools.
Walker County ARES: To purchase and modify an enclosed trailer for storage.
Walker County Arts Alliance: To assist with funding administrative coordinator position.
Walker County Board of Education: To purchase archery equipment for the physical education programs in four schools.
Walker County Christian Chorus: For the admission free production of Handel’s Messiah.
Wild South: To continue their successful Helping Hands Project in Alabama’s Bankhead National Forest.
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**Arc of Walker County**: To purchase two AED’s (Automated External Defibrillator) and to purchase new adult and child training mannequins.

**Backyard Blessings**: To provide bags of food that students take home from school on weekends.

**Curry High School**: To support a Halloween Program at Curry and a Christmas program at Valley Elementary School.

**Mission of Hope**: To provide school supplies and a day of fun and learning for 100 children.

**Oakman High School**: To purchase winter clothing and gifts for needy families at Christmas.

**Pregnancy Test and Resource Center**: To purchase curriculum materials.

**Walker County Arts Alliance**: To provide a music instructor for the Jasper City Schools 21st Century summer program.

**Walker County Community Action Agency**: To support the Summer Youth Basketball and Volleyball programs.

**Walker County Humane Society**: To purchase pet food for low-income families.

The Foundation has two groups of adult philanthropists dedicated to contributing their time, talent and combined resources to have a large funding impact on a nonprofit or community initiative. Members of Project Community are 25-35 years old and contribute $150 over the course of a year. Members of Project Connect are 35-55 years old and donate $250 over the course of a year. The Board of Directors for the Foundation matches dollar for dollar the money raised in order to have an even bigger impact in your community. The following are the grants awarded by both groups:

**PROJECT COMMUNITY**

**EASI (Equines Assisting Special Individuals)**: To update technology and mobile working devices.

**Pregnancy Test and Resource Center**: To assist with purchasing medical supplies and training for a Nurse Manager.

**Walker County Arts Alliance**: To fund an admission-free, open to the public evening concert at Art in the Park.

**PROJECT CONNECT**

**EASI (Equines Assisting Special Individuals)**: To purchase new fly masks, turnout blankets, leather halters and nine sets of grooming tools.

**Mission of Hope**: To help start a Job Readiness Class for the community.

**Walker County Arts Alliance**: To fund the In-School Music Program for 2nd grade classes in the Walker County School System.

**Walker County Coalition for the Homeless**: To assist with temporary, transitional shelter and incidental needs.

**Walker County Humane Society**: To assist with costs associated with the removal and care of abused and neglected horses.
In Memory

OCTOBER 1, 2013 - FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Billie Jo and Gilbert Abernathy
Kelli and Jason Adkins
Margaret Addington
Jane and Sam Murphy
Alice Short
Edward Ames
Judy and Steve Hager
Sabrina Keating
Le Jardin Garden Club
Jane and Sam Murphy
Jimmy Barker
Lucretia and Frank Fountain
Florine Bedford
Judy and Steve Hager
Jane and Sam Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bedford
Alice Short
Ralph Bevill
Patsy Barnes Brown
Charlie Brakefield
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Robert “Bob” Huss Brown
Patsy Barnes Brown
John and Jean Brown
Martha and Sammy Self
Lillie Buchstane
Betty Jo Goldstein
Bob Carr, Jr.
Patsy Barnes Brown
Glen R. Clem
Betsy and Al Simmons
Jonathan Crider
Carol Savage
Bert Crump
Kim and John DeShazo
Matthew Crump
Kim and John DeShazo
Buddy Cross
Martha and Sammy Self
Betsy and Al Simmons
Herman Davis
Carol and Jim Alexander
Anne and Jack Allen
Lee and Stan Eggers
Karen and Chip Globetti
June and Bill Hudson
Jasper Area Family Services Center
Patsy and Dan Johnson
Beth and Paul Kennedy
Sandra and Jimmy Lee
Libbo and Gwaltney McCollum
HeLEN and Fat Morrison
Barbara and John T. Oliver Jr.
Sudie and Robert Reed
Carol Savage
Beth and Rick Stokes
Teachers at Maddox Middle School
Sadie L. Thomas
Susie and Jimmie Vann
Philip Westbrook

David E. Dean Jr.
Le Jardin Garden Club
George Deavours
Patsy Barnes Brown
Rebecca May
Jeri and Bryce Nuss
Robbie and Brack O’Rear
Alice Short
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Donald Drummond
Billie Ruth Drummond
Beth and Paul Kennedy
Larry Drummond
Patsy and Dan Johnson
Beth and Paul Kennedy
Alice Short
Lucy and Steve Weinstein
Billy Elkins
Martha and Sammy Self
Bill Frey
Le Jardin Garden Club
Betsy and Al Simmons
Erin Sanders Galloway
Catherine Self Ingle
D. Joe Gambrell
Euna Mae Gambrell
James Goodwin
First Bank of Jasper
Jackie Nicole Grace
Patsy Barnes Brown
Sis and Bill Grant
Jane and Alec Grant
Marie and Carey Gwin
Charla and Adrian Gwin
Carrie Nichols Hamilton
Patsy Barnes Brown
Inez and Ned Hamner
Martha and Sammy Self
Don Henry
Kay and Jerry Byars
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Louise Crew Henry
Patsy Barnes Brown
Chuck Hice
Mary Frances Pike
Sherri and Keith Pike
O. C. Holloway
Debbie and Bert Hendrix
Harvey Jackson
Bradford and John Bankhead V
Jane and Alec Grant
Jane and Sam Murphy
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Jim Key
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Elizabeth and Shane Weber
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Mary Ellen Poole
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Bob Press
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Romana Simmons
Alice Short

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Peggy Holderfield
Lee Smith
Samantha and Carl Elliott III
Patsy and Dan Johnson

Carol Savage
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Glendota Capps Swann (Dodie)
Patsy Barnes Brown
Barbara Thorne
Mary Kathryn and James Emison
Lora and Edward Hubbard

Beth and Paul Kennedy
Karyn and Brent Uptain
Evelyn Vague
Patsy Barnes Brown
Euna Mae Gambrill
Evelyn and Hoyt Young
Staff of Young Jewelers

Kristi, Brian, and Reed Alexander
Carol and Jim Alexander

James Barton
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Joyce Barton
Alice Short
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Brenda Beard
Margaret McPoland

Lori and Alan Beasley
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Mary Wood and David Beasley
Mary Beth and Brandon Loomis

Mrs. and Mr. Bobby Behel
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Women’s Sunday School Class
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Amie, John, Maggie, & Abbie Hardin
Carol and Jim Alexander

Kristine and Joe Holley
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Ginger and Phillip Horton
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Mimi Hudson
Consensus Club
June and Bill Hudson
Carol Savage

Missie Hudson
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Susan Imbrulia
Jeanette and Pete Smith

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Johnna and Alan Johnson
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Frances and Max Judy
Sandra and Charles Sanders

Sabrina Keating
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Tyler Keene
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Mrs. J. W. Long
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Jeanette Smith

William (Bud) and Susan Long
Jeanette and Pete Smith

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Walker Payne

Betty and Jerry Lovett
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Terri Lyon
Sylvia Crump
In Honor...

Hazel Marlow
Kay and Jerry Byars
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Becky May’s 95th Birthday
Debbie and Albert Labovitz

Rebecca May
Betty Jo Goldstein
Judy and Steve Hager
Judy and Gerson May
Marlene Schwartz

Ann and Travis Mayhall
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Margaret McPoland
Cindy and Gary Rowland

Lisa and Eddie Miller
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Cristy Moody
Carol Savage

Helen and Colonel William Moses
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Martha and Sammy Self

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Barbara and John Oliver, Jr.
Ann and Howard Oliver

John T. Oliver, Jr.
John T. Oliver III

Georgia and Tommy Paschall
Kay and Jerry Byars

Margaret Parks
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Walker Payne
Abby and John Murphy

Bettye Pennington
Carol and Jim Alexander

Jane Pounds
Kay and Jerry Byars

Carol and Wilmer Poynor
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Charlotte and Ray Pugh
Carol and Jim Alexander

Jerry Reddick
Beth and Adam Richardson

Bobbie Salter
Carol and Jim Alexander

Bill and Paula Sanders
Martha and Sammy Self

Carol Savage
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Doris Shaneyfelt
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Betty and Bobby Underwood

Jenny and Mike Short
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Carla and Tommy Simmons
Kay and Jerry Byars

John G. Simmons
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Daisy and Billy Aldridge
Sylvia Crump
First United Methodist Church
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Holly and Hugh Smith
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Jennifer Smith
Samantha and Carl Elliott III
The Smith Family

Dr. Vera Soong
Daisy and Billy Aldridge

Becki and Dr. John Stallsmith
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Anne Stanfield
Kay and Jerry Byars
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Susan and Charlie Stephens
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Betty and Bobby Underwood’s
Anniversary
Kay and Jerry Byars

Walker Physicians
Daphne and James Bradley
Janet and Roger Wilson
Carol and Jim Alexander

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The start of 2014 signified a transition of leadership for the Foundation Board of Directors. After three and a half years of service Jack Allen, President of First Bank of Jasper completed his commitment and Eddie Jackson, Partner of Jackson, Fikes, Hood & Brakefield was appointed as Chairman.

In Allen’s parting thoughts as chairman, he stated “It was the greatest honor I’ve had professionally to serve as Chairman, especially to be able to follow in the steps of Mr. John T. Oliver, Jr., with whom I have had the pleasure of working for 35 years and who has done so much for our entire community. What he and a small group of people started with a $6,000,000 gift has now grown to over $25,000,000 and will benefit our community forever and ever.”

Jackson looks forward to his time of service and said, “I have never been more energized nor more inspired about the opportunities for quality growth in this community and the role the Foundation can play in making these good things happen.”