

Celebrating 21 Years of Gathering, Growing and Giving

Spring 2016

## **Community Foundation Awards Fall Grants**

The Walker Area Community Foundation received \$439,860 in grant requests last fall. The unrestricted dollars in the Community Fund along with our Component Funds made it possible for us to invest \$294,880 in grants to nonprofit organizations meeting the needs of Walker County residents. Additional grants awarded by our Component Funds outside of the normal grant cycle totaled \$43,900.

**Alabama Kiwanis Foundation** will provide books to 221 at-risk children during the 2015-16 school year. - LDF

Approximately 100 nights of lodging provided by the **American Cancer Society** will help cancer patients gain access to potentially life-saving treatment. - LDF



Birmingham Children's Theatre Tuxedo Junction Performance

Trained volunteers will be provided for canvassing neighborhoods and social media awareness of the **American Red Cross's Home Fire Campaign** in Walker County through partnerships with local fire departments. - CF

Twenty scholarships will be distributed for clients of the **Arc of Walker County** to participate in one of Equines Assisting Special Individuals' programs. – LSF Support will be provided for various programs of the **Arthritis Foundation** that help constituents take control of arthritis and improve the quality of life for those living with arthritis. - CF

**Backyard Blessings** will continue their operations and provide food for children during the 2015-16 school year. - LSF

Collaborating with the Walker County Arts Alliance, **Birmingham Children's Theatre** will provide three performances and an interactive and hands-on program for students, parents, and teachers. - CF

The roof of the Dining Hall at **Camp O'Rear** will be replaced and an HVAC system will be installed by the Black Warrior Council in order to continue to serve the community. - LDF

**C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation's** local fishing event at Smith Lake will be supported and held with professional fishermen for special needs individuals. - LSF

Three Walker County children who are currently living in foster care were sponsored and attended **Camp McDowell** during the summer of 2015. - JFF

The **Carl Elliott Regional Library** received a grant to construct a new room as well as update materials and furniture. - BF, CF

**Christian's Place Mission** will purchase more food in order to continue to serve the growing needs in the Nauvoo area. -CF

Scholarships will be provided for the **City of Jasper's Dream Team** for flag football and soccer and Jasper Aquanauts – special needs swimming. - LSF

New materials and supplies will be provided for **Community Grief Support Service's** on-going spousal loss grief support group held in Sumiton. - CF

Daily Mountain Eagle's Christmas Shoe Fund was supported. - LSF

The design professional and facilitator fees will be covered for **Design Alabama, Inc.'s** regional design charrette called Connect-Livity. The intensive planning session will boost tourism and economic growth. - CF

Materials will be provided for participants in **Dilworth Church of God's Journey of Life/Celebrate Recovery**, a 12-step recovery program to improve the lives of individuals and families who suffer from substance abuse and its effects. - CF

A horse will be sponsored for a year at **Equines Assisting Special Individuals**. – LSF

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Mission of Hope Christmas Toy, Coat, and Shoe Giveaway

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Emergency funds provided to **Family Resource Center of Northwest Alabama, Inc. (Daybreak)** will be used for client medical or pharmacy needs. -RFF

**First Baptist Church of Jasper's** Wellness Center which incorporates Divorce Care, Grief Share, and Celebrate Recovery will be supported. - BDTF

Women from Walker County who reside at **FOCUS On Recovery**, a longterm recovery center located in Birmingham, will be provided job readiness skills. - CF

Critical repairs of existing owneroccupied homes for elderly residents of Walker County will be implemented by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham. - CF

**Impact Alabama's FocusFirst**, a hightech vision care initiative for young children, will be conducted for an estimated 500 children at Head Starts and lower-income daycare sites. - CF

Funds were provided to the Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc. to support the general operations. - RFF

**Kid One Transport System, Inc.** will continue to provide round-trip transportation to medical appointments for Walker County children and expectant mothers. - LDF, LSF

Service projects, leadership activities, transportation, and supplies will be coordinated for **Maddox Middle School's Girl Strong and JUMP** leadership programs. - LDF, LSF, RFF



Sight Savers Americas Head to Toe Health Screenings

Maranatha Baptist Church's Children's Ministry received funds for general operations. - LSF

Thanksgiving turkeys and other food was purchased for **Mission of Hope's** November food giveaway and Thanksgiving meal. The Christmas Toy, Coat, and Shoe giveaway for the children served received funds as well. - BF, CF

Two children from Walker County will be sent to **Muscular Dystrophy Association's 2016 Summer Camp**, a cost-free service for families providing an opportunity for children to build selfconfidence, gain independence, and grow friendships. - RFF

An integrative software program called My Strength will be purchased by the **Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center** to provide their clients with support between sessions by allowing them to record their thoughts, set goals, and read inspirational lessons. - CF

Supplies will be purchased by **Positive Maturity, Inc.** to provide residents of Walker County, ages 55 and older, with a safety program called Yellow Dot, a Health Education Program, and a Socialization/Education Quilting Program. - CF

**Public Radio WBHM 90.3FM's** awardwinning news and entertainment programming will continue to be provided in an effort to build a better broadcast service for North Central Alabama. - BF

**Rescuers United For Furbabies** (**RUFF**) will reduce the feral cat populations in Walker County through a spay and neuter program partnership with the Animal Hospital. - CF

Funds were provided to support **The Salvation Army's Angel Tree**, and to purchase and distribute backpacks and school supplies for children in need. -LSF

The Sanctuary Church of God's Food Bank Ministry's regular food bank distribution of groceries and soup kitchen ministries will be expanded to the surrounding community. - RFF

Four new handheld radios will be purchased for the **Saragossa Volunteer Fire Department** to be used for communication while on a scene of an emergency call. - MCF

During the 2015-16 school year, vision screenings will be conducted at Maddox Middle and Memorial Park Elementary through **Sight Savers America's Vision Check** program, and head-to-toe health screenings will be conducted at West Jasper Elementary and T.R. Simmons Elementary through their KidCheck Plus program. - CF



Success By Six

**United Way of Central Alabama** will continue to improve lives and community conditions through their 80 partner agencies and programs focusing on education, financial stability, health, and access to services. - BF

Early learning will be provided for 288 children in 16 Walker County Pre-K classrooms through **United Way of Central Alabama's Success by 6 program** including expert technical assistance, assessment, improved learning environments, and educator training on effective teaching techniques. - LDF, RFF

University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Theatre provided nine free touring performances

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# Bankhead House & Heritage Center

Open to the public Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Admission is free.

### A Walk Through Walker County

Featured the collection of local historian, Pat Morrison

#### Bv Brenda Beard

Pat Morrison is a "Man for All Seasons." He is an educator, an author, an outstanding church and community leader, a devoted family member and friend. As visitors viewed this collection they understood that he is dedicated to preserving the heritage of Walker County and surrounding areas.

Pat's interest in collecting items from the past began as a young child with influence from his father and brother. It wasn't until the 1980s that Pat began his renowned postcard collection which now numbers over 35,000. The collection continues to this day and resulted in his book entitled Postcard History Series,

Walker County Alabama. He also authored Walker County High School Athletics 1920-2000.

This exhibit provided a link to generations past, and all items in the collection are considered priceless because they were important to the development of our area. These items are part of our natural and man-made heritage.

It is often stated that to understand our present and future, we must honor and understand our past. His collection aids in this understanding. We are exposed to the hardships and strengths of our forefathers dating back to the 19th century.

By nurturing a sense of community, Pat Morrison's collection has fulfilled a major goal in the mission statement of the WACF and the Bankhead House & Heritage Center. His collections are preparing our youth for the future and are giving our senior citizens a feeling of respect for the accomplishments of not only themselves but also their forefathers.



A Walk Through Walker County by Pat Morrison



**Cub Scouts** 



JUNE 21 - SEPTEMBER 30 Call of the Wild: Presenting the collection of Dennis Campbell

Opening Reception: June 21, 5-7 p.m.

A Sipsey native and life long resident of Sumiton, Campbell is a world renowned and award winning big game hunter. The exhibit features animals from North America and all over the world.

#### **JULY 3 - JULY 10** TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR WALKER 24/7: A Day in the Life of Walker County "Summer" Photography Contest

Take part in capturing a moment in time of Walker County residents, activities, work, and events in daily life. Photographs will be on display in October-December. For details go to www.wacf.org/ Bankhead House & Heritage Center/Walker 24/7 Photography Contest.

#### **OCTOBER 18 - DECEMBER 30** WALKER 24/7:

A Day in the Life of Walker County "Summer" Photography Contest Exhibit

Opening Reception: October 18, 5-7 p.m. A time capsule in photographs depicting a day in the life of Walker County residents during the month of July. The exhibit will feature winners and selected photographs from six categories.

#### **DECEMBER 16 - JANUARY 3** TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR WALKER 24/7: A Day in the Life of Walker County

"Holiday" Photography Contest

Take part in capturing a moment in time of Walker County residents, activities, work, and events in daily life. Photographs will be on display in 2017. For details go to www.wacf.org/Bankhead House & Heritage Center/Walker 24/7 Photography Contest.

Group tours are available upon request. For more information, call (205) 302-0001



Pat Morrison

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### **Project Community Gives Back**

The Foundation has two groups of young philanthropists dedicated to contributing their time, talent and combined resources to have a large funding impact on a nonprofit or an organization's community initiative.

Members of **Project Community** who are 25-35 years old contribute \$150 over the course of a year, and members who are 35-55 years old 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 grants were awarded by both groups:

**Backyard Blessings:** To expand the current backpack food program by serving Valley School.



**Backyard Blessings** 

#### Downtown Jasper Business Association:

To implement the streetscape plan on the Courthouse Square and those surrounding blocks with trees, green space, and lighting

**Equines Assisting Special Individuals:** To purchase a muck spreader. **Mission of Hope:** To purchase grocery carts for the purpose of transporting food and other donations.

**Pregnancy Test and Resource Center:** To purchase a new laptop for daily use in center operations, as well as an iPad that would be used in pregnancy and parenting education.

Walker County Humane Society: To decrease the number of stray cats and dogs by contacting pet owners when they place ads in the newspaper for unwanted litters and offering free spaying services to stop the addition of more unwanted litters.

If you would like to be a part of Project Community, contact Cristy Moody at 205-302-0001 or cmoody@wacf.org.

### **YLWC Learns About Philanthropy and Giving**

Youth Leadership Walker County, a partnership between Walker Area Community Foundation, The Chamber of Commerce of Walker County and Bevill State Community College, offers high school juniors the opportunity to gain comprehensive knowledge of how a community works.

Each year, the Foundation gives Youth Leadership Walker County \$10,000 to award to nonprofits and school clubs through a competitive grant review process. The following received grants for the 2015-2016 school year:



Equines Assisting Special Individuals

**Downtown Jasper Business Association, Millennials Invade Downtown Jasper:** To host a youth-oriented night to include merchandise discounts, food trucks, a band performance, and an outdoor movie geared toward teens and twentyyear-olds.

**Curry High School Anchor Club Anchor Angels:** To confidentially provide food every weekend for ten students currently attending Curry High School who are identified as impoverished.

Equines Assisting Special Individuals, Gallop Program: To invite twenty foster care participants with the experience of up-close and personal one-on-one introductions to the therapeutic horses.

Habitat for Humanity, Habitat Youth BUILD: To combine the Home Repair Program and Habitat Youth BUILD in order to engage local youth in hands-on construction tasks and provide critical home repairs to eligible low and moderate income homeowners.

**Oakman High School SGA, Cancer and Military Care Packages:** To assemble at least 75 care packages for patients receiving cancer treatments at the Walker



Habitat for Humanity Youth Build

Baptist Cancer Center and for Walker County community members serving in the military.

**Rescuers United For Furbabies, Help Me Heal Project:** To provide medical treatment for 25 rescued animals with broken bones or minor injuries.

Walker County Coalition for the Homeless, Emergency Temporary Housing: To provide emergency temporary shelter in local motels for periods of one day and up to two weeks for individuals and families who do not have stable housing.

In Memory MARCH 1, 2016 - APRIL 30, 2016

Patricia Ann Birdsong Julie and Gary Cowen

**George Stephen Byars** Missie Hudson

Delora Carter Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Joe S. Deavours Jane and Sam Murphy Elizabeth and Shane Weber

Talma Temple DeLong Jane and Sam Murphy

James Lowell Fowler Missie Hudson

Walter Bankhead Grant Anne and Jack Allen The Arc of Walker County Kay Byars Barbara and Frank Cobb Lee and Stan Eggers Corky Hagen Judy and Steve Hager Ann and Eddie Jackson **Fave Jenkins** Beth and Paul Kennedy Linda and Robert Maddox Judy and Gerson May Jane and Sam Murphy Kathryn O'Rear **Debbie and Joey Sanders** Carol Savage Holly Trawick Elizabeth and Shane Weber

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Laura Payne Stewart Jane and Sam Murphy

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Carolyn Linda Birrittieri Topping Lynn and Jerry Mosley

Paschal Guy "Pat" Upton Missie Hudson Elizabeth and Shane Weber

James Andrew Wear Missie Hudson

Kay Catrino Wilson Barbara Cobb



MARCH 1, 2016 - APRIL 30, 2016

Abbie Drummond Corky Hagen

Vicki and Michael Drummond Corky Hagen

Kristine and Joe Holley - 50th Anniversary Jeanette and Pete Smith

June and Bill Hudson Missie Hudson

Mimi Hudson Missie Hudson

Ann Jackson Consensus Club

Sarah and Carl Kennedy Leigh Ann and Rafi Rotter

Susan and Bud Long Corky Hagen

**Betty and Jerry Lovett** Corky Hagen

Helen Moses – Birthday Kay Byars

Steve Ostaseski Crescent Junior Study Club

Jeanette and Pete Smith Corky Hagen

Betty and \*Bobby Underwood Corky Hagen

Bobby Underwood – Birthday Kay Byars

### WACF Holds First Walker County Nonprofit Academy

Walker Area Community Foundation, in conjunction with its Supporting Nonprofits Committee, hosted the Walker County Nonprofit Academy for area organizations and churches in February 2016 at Bevill State Community College-Walker College Campus.

The goal was to offer a broad range of training opportunities for established organizations and those just getting started. The entire day was a huge success with over 125 attendees.

Sessions offered and presenters were:

#### **Board Development**

- Strategic Planning: Navigating the Path Forward for Your Nonprofit -Taylor Cooper, Clarus Consulting Group
- Transformational Leadership for Boards - Margaret Ann Purcell, University of Alabama
- Current Legal Environment for Nonprofits - Anne Hornsby, University of Alabama

#### "I could have listened and learned for hours!"

#### Finance

- Current and Proposed Regulatory Changes: Employee Classification, Overtime and Sales Tax
- Accounting and Reporting: Financial Statements, Compilation, Review and Audits
- Compliance: 990 Compliance and Transparency, Lobbying/Advocacy -Lewis Jones and Max Campbell, Haynes Downard

"Fantastic! Very informative."

#### Fundraising

- The Grants Game Margaret Ann Purcell, University of Alabama
- ADECA and State Funding: Making it Work for You - Representatives from



ADECA and Senator Greg Reed's office

• Corporate Funding in Walker County - A Panel Discussion with Kevin Callahan, Honda of Jasper; Haig Wright, Byars Wright, Inc; Bob Nolen, Pinnacle Bank; Bert Hendrix, First Bank of Jasper; Beth Stukes, Drummond Company, Inc.; and Scott Crump, Scott Crump Toyota

#### Marketing

- Branding Your Nonprofit Francis Hare, Hare Communications
- Nonprofit Marketing 101 Francis Hare, Hare Communications
- Nonprofit Public and Community Relations - Peritus Public Relations

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#### "All information was wonderful!"

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#### Nonprofit Management

- Budgeting Essentials for Non-Financial Professionals - United Way of Central Alabama
- From Concept to Action: Development of Walker County Lake
  Panel Discussion
- Web-Based Tools for Nonprofits -United Way of Central Alabama

#### Nonprofit 101

In this track, each session built on the last to provide broad solutions to common struggles and pitfalls for emerging nonprofits, new board members, and their leaders. Areas covered included risk assessments and insurance needs, common legal issues,

### "Awesome workshop – inspiring!"

employees vs. contract labor, IRS filing requirements, audit requirements, marketing, fundraising, social media, and developing a working volunteer base and a strong Board of Directors.

**The Academy** ended with a keynote address by Dr. John Dorsey at the closing luncheon. He is the Executive Director of Project Horseshoe Farm which was founded on the idea that we must come together as communities

"Nonprofit Academy is

a wonderful idea to help those in Walker County be more knowledgeable and compliant. I hope it continues and expands!"

and use our strengths to meet the needs of our children, seniors, and adults with mental illness. His success story was an inspiration.

We strongly encourage all nonprofits and their board members to attend this training session in 2017.

Check www.wacf.org and our Facebook group later this year for the 2017 dates!

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at the Cordova Health and Rehabilitation Center, T. R. Simmons Elementary School, Carbon Hill Elementary and Junior High Schools, Oakman Elementary and Middle Schools, Lupton Junior High School, and Dora High School. - CF

Collaborating with the Health Action Partnership, the **University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing** will be investigating the effectiveness of a health promotion model by engaging residents of Walker County to improve health in their community, to provide health education information, and to train health promoters. - CF

Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Service's primary repeater, which was damaged by lightning, will be repaired in order to continue to provide emergency communications during times of severe weather or other disasters. - CF

The Walker County Children's Advocacy Center will continue to provide services, add free confidential group



Walker County Christian Chorus: The Messiah

counseling for adult survivors of abuse, and increase community education and professional community training. - BF, CF, LDF

Performance costs will be covered for the members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra for the annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" with the **Walker County Christian Chorus** in December 2015 in Jasper. - BF, CF

Equipment necessary for existing archery programs will be replaced by the **Walker County School System** and financial assistance will be available for schools that want to start a program this year. - CF

Wild South's Helping Hands volunteer activities in the Bankhead National Forest, which includes their Volunteer Wilderness Rangers who in the Sipsey Wilderness, will be supported to educate wilderness visitors about Leave No Trace and the National Wilderness Preservation System. - CF

Winston County Arts Council's art program at Lynn Elementary and Lynn High School will be continued and expanded to a total of six schools in Walker and Winston Counties in 2016. - CF

#### **KEY FOR FUNDS:**

BF	Bankhead Fund		
BDTF	Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund		
CF	Community Fund		
JFF	Jackson Family Fund		
LDF	Larry Drummond Fund		
MCF	Matthew Crump Fund		
RFF	Reed Family Fund		
LSF	Samuel Lee Smith Advised Fund		

### SAVE THE DATE! Annual Luncheon is Wednesday, August 24th!

WACF FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
Year	Grants Awarded	Gifts Received	Total Assets	
2016	\$ 266,070	\$ 150,226	\$23,942,343	
2015	\$1,015,748	\$ 1,317,305	\$23,697,848	
2014	\$1,288,045	\$ 632,234	\$23,971,032	
2013	\$3,073,770	\$ 1,187,126	\$23,900,784	
2012	\$3,626,636	\$ 2,868,415	\$23,366,184	
2011	\$1,190,071	\$10,701,343	\$22,241,646	
Total	\$10,460,340	\$16,856,649		
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### Walker County Proud...We Can Do That

In 2014, Walker County area residents tasked community leaders, during the course of eight meetings held across the county, with the development of a longterm strategic plan for the community. The resulting Plan for Walker County identified Seven Priorities for its future ranging from Job Creation and Community Development to a new Brand and Image for Walker County.

Behind the scenes, the Leadership Team for the Plan for Walker County has been hard at work on all seven of those Priorities. The team's members include representatives from each of the municipalities, as well as the following organizations: The Chamber of Commerce, Jasper Industrial Development Board, Walker County Economic Development Authority, Walker County Commission, Walker County and Jasper City School Systems, Walker Area Community Foundation and several dedicated community members.

With the help of the Branding and Imaging Committee, the first step of the Leadership



Proud supporter of Walker County

Team's ongoing efforts is now complete: The Walker County brand, which premiered on April 30th during the first Walker County Day — a celebration of all things Walker County. The new brand is...Walker County We Can Do That.

The Foundation fully supports this brand that we feel genuinely reflects the spirit of our community

and one which we are very much hoping our citizens will embrace, moving forward. The driving force behind Walker County is the community itself, and it always will be. We're confident the new brand effectively projects the energy, the passion, and the genuine sense of shared commitment that's gone into Walker County's plans for the future.

To learn more and be a part of great things to come, visit:

- Website: www.walkercountycan.org
- Facebook: Walker County Can
- Twitter: @walkercountycan
- Instagram: @walkercountycan

### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Join the Walker Area Community Foundation Group *and* the Bankhead House & Heritage Center Group on **Facebook** for the latest news on upcoming events.

Housekeeping: If you would rather not receive the newsletter, please contact the Foundation.

**Question:** Would you be interested in receiving an electronic newsletter? If so, please email us at info@wacf.org.

