



Gathering ♦ Growing ♦ Giving
WALKER AREA
 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Celebrating 19 Years of Gathering, Growing and Giving

Fall 2014

THEY DID IT AGAIN!

\$45,000 from the Byars-Wright team and the Chubb Charity Challenge

In 2012, they won \$50,000; in 2013, the Foundation received \$1,050; and, now, they've done it again by winning \$45,000 in the Chubb Charity Challenge Golf Tournament. That is a total donation of \$96,050 to the Walker Area Community Foundation. THANK YOU!

The Byars-Wright team of Haig Wright II, Haig Wright III, Patrick Drummond, John Lyon, and Ty Czeschin won the regional tournament and went on to play in the national tournament this past October at Kiawah Island. The Chubb Charity Challenge brings together insurance agents, brokers and customers throughout the United States and Canada each year to raise money for charity. This year marked the 15th anniversary of the tournament and since its



Pictured (left to right) Haig Wright III, Ty Czeschin, Patrick Drummond, Haig Wright, John Lyon

creation, this series of golf tournaments has raised nearly \$11 million for charity.

This team of gracious men selected WACF as their charity of choice and due to their fantastic play our community will benefit from their donation. We appreciate each of them and are so very proud of their talents and their dedication to the Foundation.

To quote Haig Wright, "Chubb Insurance Company is to be commended for their philanthropy and ability to host a world class event. About \$1,000,000 was given away to worthy charities across our nation and Canada. We will be delivering \$45,000 to a Foundation that is near and dear to our hearts."

Ready to Serve

Introducing our two newest Board members, Doug Warren and Robbin Reed Allen



Doug Warren

Replacing Pat Willingham on our Board of Directors, Doug Warren holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Auburn University, and received his MBA from the University of Alabama. In 2009, Doug became President/CEO of Community Health Systems, Inc., and all of its for-profit and not-for-profit affiliates.

Doug serves on many boards and executive committees including Vision Bancshares and Vision Bank and the Medical Clinic Board for the city of Orange Beach. He has previously served on the board of the Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce and as the Governor's appointee to the State of Alabama Licensure Advisory Board for healthcare facilities. He is a graduate of Leadership Alabama and a member of several other professional and civic organizations.



Robbin Reed Allen

Robbin Reed Allen has the distinct privilege of holding the chair held by Mr. John T. Oliver, Jr. for the past nineteen years. In January 2015, Mr. Oliver will move to Emeritus status and will continue to attend board meetings and share his thoughts with the Foundation board and staff.

Robbin graduated from Walker High School, attended Walker College, and graduated from the National Center for Paralegal Studies in Atlanta, GA. She is now the Corporate Paralegal, Secretary and Treasurer of Reed Energy, LLC.

She is a graduate of Leadership Walker County and the Alabama Master Gardner program. She is a current member or has previously served as a member of American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club of Central Alabama, Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, Jasper Business and Professional Women, Jasper Area Family Service Center, St. Mary's Episcopal Church Vestry, and Episcopal Church Women's Board.

With their experience and leadership, both Doug and Robbin are ready and willing to serve our community.

GENERATION WALKER

FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

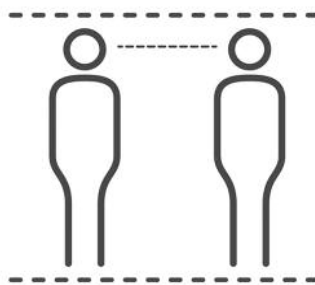
An Initiative of Walker Area Community Foundation

The Board and Staff of the Community Foundation believe that we need to insure that the faith and trust which you place in us is well deserved. Because of our responsibility to you and because it was a smart thing to do, we asked Clarus Consulting to help us formulate a multi-year strategic plan to impact our community. Our goal was to go in to the community and without asking for money, ask for ideas, something of great value to Walker County.

The Foundation sought broad participation in its strategic planning process, and is grateful to the nearly 150 participating community members representing diverse backgrounds, professions, perspectives and areas of expertise. The result, Generation Walker, is a plan that identifies four external priorities for the Foundation to focus on in collaboration with leaders and citizens across the county.

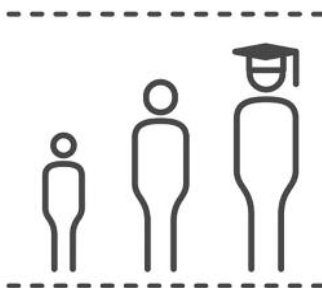
The Walker Area Community Foundation is and always will be a grant-making organization. We will always remain true to our core principal of supporting the charitable needs of the community, even as we support this community-based strategic plan.

The process was financed through private funds and did not come out of our Community Fund which is the foundation's unrestricted grantmaking fund. This plan will allow us to promote positive change for our common future, support the education of our young people and better our own health. We are proud of this plan and hope you will be as well.



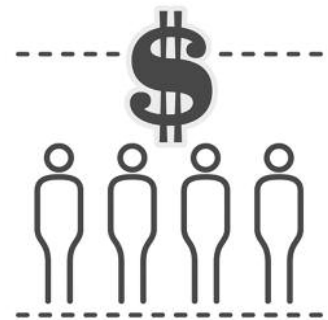
Alignment and Visioning Goal:

Provide a framework of support to facilitate the building of strong, unified leadership and development of a county-wide common vision by bringing local leaders together and holding community meetings for input.



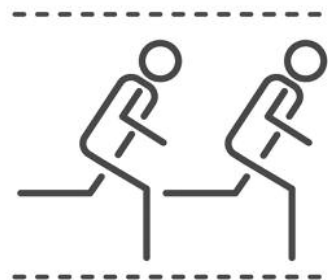
Strengthen Education Goal:

Promote quality of life and employment opportunities in Walker County by building a strong education system that provides students and parents with tools for success and encourages each child from Pre-K to career.



Support Nonprofits Goal:

Support nonprofits in Walker County through Foundation grants and capacity building initiatives in order to increase their ability to carry out their mission and allow the foundation to also focus grant funding on sustainable initiatives.



Promote Healthy Lifestyles and Recreation Goal:

Improve health outcome trends for Walker County by creating more opportunities for healthy living.

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.

Football Fever Exhibit

The Bankhead House and Heritage Center proudly presented "Football Fever," an exhibit not only to honor the game of football in Walker County, but also the activities that make a game memorable. The football game experience includes the sound of a marching band coming in with majorettes ahead of them, cheerleaders on the sidelines and homecoming festivities with the queen on her float leading the parade.

From its beginnings in Walker County

in 1920, football would not be the popular sport that it is today without these participants.

Football and its accompanying activities continue to provide a sense of community spirit.



2015 Exhibit Schedule

JANUARY 13 - MARCH 27 Pins and Needles

Featuring Linda Burns' Antique Garments and Linens. Unique, culturally significant textiles including dresses, laces, needlework, and linens from the 1820s through the 1950s.

APRIL 17 - APRIL 26 TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR WALKER 24/7:

A Day in the Life of Walker County "Spring" 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 August.

APRIL 14 - JULY 17

Walker County Artist Showcase

Opening Reception: April 14 from 5-7 p.m.

A diverse representation of varied art mediums. Don't miss the work of these talented artists.

AUGUST 4 - OCTOBER 16 WALKER 24/7:

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

Opening Reception: August 4 from 5-7 p.m.

A time capsule in photographs depicting a day in the life of Walker County residents during the month of April. The exhibit will feature winners and selected photographs from six categories.

NOVEMBER 3 - JANUARY 1

Helen Keller Art Show of Alabama

Opening Reception: November 3 from 2-4 p.m.

A state-wide exhibit of artwork by children and youth with visual impairments will be on exhibit at selected sites throughout Alabama. Come experience this unique collection with emphasis on creativity, color, and tactile media.

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



NEXT GENERATION PHILANTHROPY

Youth Leadership Walker County Class of 2014-2015

Youth Leadership Walker County, a partnership of the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, Bevill State Community College and Walker Area Community Foundation, recently announced its Class of 2014-2015. The following students were chosen based on an application process and will learn valuable leadership skills inspiring them to cultivate an ongoing involvement with their community. Participants will learn about Walker County by engaging in a series of active workshops on a variety of leadership topics, gaining experience in community service and learning how to work in groups.

Congratulations to our newest class!

Jacob AdamsWalker High School
 Anna Blackwell.....Walker High School

Collin BowenSumiton Christian School
 Charity BradfordCordova High School
 Abby Burton.....Curry High School
 Jenny Crapps.....Dora High School
 Callie Cross.....Walker High School
 Madison Cuomo.....Walker High School
 Lexie Dillard.....Walker High School
 Kourtnei Douglas.....Walker High School
 Landi EarnestCurry High School
 Caroline Gann.....Carbon Hill High School
 Anna Leigh Gibson.....Curry High School
 Tate GilbreathCurry High School
 Emily GodwinSumiton Christian School
 Laci GurganusOakman High School
 Abbi HallmanWalker High School
 Ashton HanksWalker High School
 Anna Claire Harris.....Walker High School
 Kaylee Horton.....Curry High School
 Keila LawrenceWalker High School

Patrick Lay.....Walker High School
 Jake Marshall.....Dora High School
 Eli MatthewsWalker High School
 Kirsten McGrawWalker High School
 Caitlyn Muncher.....Walker High School
 Destiny Mustgrove.....Curry High School
 Michael Myrick.....Walker High School
 Katy NeillDora High School
 Katherine Nicholson.....Walker High School
 Taylor RoweCurry High School
 Noah Runyan.....Walker High School
 Bonnie Sanders.....Walker High School
 Dayton SmelleyDora High School
 Annalee StephensWalker High School
 Matthew Tatum.....Walker High School
 Carleigh TaylorWalker High School
 Chase ThompsonWalker High School
 Abby TittleCarbon Hill High School
 Chase Williams.....Walker High School
 Sara Woodley.....Walker High School



YLWC Team Building



YLWC Problem Solving

Project Connect & Project Community

"My vision for Walker County would be a place where our children and grandchildren can return from college with great employment opportunities, excellent schools and recreation venues." Could that be your vision for Walker County, also?

Participation in Project Community gives young adults the opportunity to make change in our community by funding nonprofits who are working to create cultural events, foster learning for children, and offer an opportunity for healthy living.

Project Community and Project Connect are now combined into ONE giving society for those ages 25-55 which includes two levels of giving. If you are between the ages of 25-35 the commitment is \$150 over the course of a year. If you are between the ages of 36-55 the commitment is \$250. The society



will keep the name Project Community. Each year donors to the group get to decide who should receive the grant money donated by the members. Their cumulative donations are matched dollar for dollar by the Community Fund of the Walker Area Community Foundation.

The group meets throughout the year during networking events for the opportunity to make new friends and see old friends. Get involved in your community and join a group working together to create

a place where people love to be and are proud to live! You CAN make a difference!

For more information visit our website at www.wacf.org/NextGenerationPhilanthropy or call Cristy Moody, Director of Operations at 205-302-0001.

In Memory

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Prima Adams

Jean Byars

Roy Gene Aldridge

J.H. Graham, Inc.
Mary Jo and Paul Gunter

Leroy Anthony

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Doloros Argent

Sue Spain

Jimmy Brotherton

Brenda and Al McAdams

Reba Mayhall Brown

Sylvia and John Crump
Jenny and John Short
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Enoree Browning

Karen and Chip Globetti

Jackie Busby

Robbin and Anthony Allen

G. L. Byars

Billie Ruth Drummond

Jerry Byars

413th Flight Test Squadron
514th Flight Test Squadron
Carol and Jimmie Alexander
Robbin and Anthony Allen
Sally and Robert Ashurst
Harold Beasley
Pat and William Birdsong
Bart Black
Jean Byars
Consensus Club
Lisa and John Crump
Sylvia and John Crump
Josephine Davis
Emily and Lawrence Diehl
Abbie Drummond
Beverly Drummond
Billie Ruth Drummond
Vicki and Michael Drummond
Silvia Drummond
Gayle and Joseph Fine
Anna and Hugh Gainer
Jane and Alec Grant
Mary Dean Gray
Corky Hagen
Clarkie Hall
Deb and Dwight Hicks
Sharon and David Hogg
Mimi Hudson
Beth and Paul Kennedy
Janis and Don Kilgore

Kilgore Realty Co, Inc.

Jean Lee

Sandra and Jimmy Lee

Gregory Logan

Terri and John Lyon

Judy and Gerson May

Rebecca May

Cindy and David McDonald

Lisa and Eddie Miller

Helen and William Moses

Lynn and Jerry Mosley

Blossom and Randy Nelson

Robert Nolen

Robbie and Brack O'Rear

Barbara and John Oliver

Anne and Sam Oliver

Jane Pounds

Nancy and John Poynor

Carol and Jimmy Redmill

Adrienne and Bob Reed

Sudie and Robert Reed

Reliance Financial Group

Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Karen and Jay Saul

Carol Savage

Jenny and John Short

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Beth and Rick Stukes

Judy Swann

Betty and Bobby Underwood

Sue and Herbert Underwood

Wedel and Associates Financial
Services, Inc.

Wednesday Morning Golf Group

Phyllis and Philip Woods

Ruthie Carr

Corky Hagen

Brenda and Al McAdams

Barbara and John Oliver

Henry Neil Coleman

Sylvia and John Crump

Abbie Drummond

Brenda and Al McAdams

Lisa and Eddie Miller

Jenny and John Short

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Janet Coons

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Charles Cox

Robbin and Anthony Allen

Terri and John Lyon

Doug Daughdrill

Brenda and Al McAdams

Adrienne and Bob Reed

Herman Davis

Robbin and Anthony Allen

Patsy and Dan Johnson

Bessie Dowdey

Sylvia and John Crump

Abbie Drummond

Terri and John Lyon

Brenda and Al McAdams

Regina and James Passage

Gayle and Randy Tate

Annetta and Charles Waller

Don Drummond

Billie Ruth Drummond

Larry Drummond

Luajuana and Bradley Brasfield

Dana Weaver Ellis

Brenda and Al McAdams

Dell Franklin

Daphne and James Bradley

Martha and Jeff Butts

Abbie Drummond

Lee and Stan Eggers

Pat Ferrell

Mimi Hudson

Terri and John Lyon

Rebecca May

Catherine Murphy

Musgrove Women's

Golf Association

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Sudie and Robert Reed

Vera Gaston

Robbin and Anthony Allen

Doris Gay

Patsy and Dan Johnson

Frances Green

Sylvia and John Crump

Abbie Drummond

Linda and Robert Maddox

Brenda and Al McAdams

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Hedra Guthrie

Robbin and Anthony Allen

Trent Harbison

Hunter's Chapel

Holy Church of Christ

Richard Headrick

Robbin and Anthony Allen

Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Grady Hendrix

Brenda Beard

In Memory

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Karen and Jack Cross
Mimi Hudson
Patsy and Dan Johnson
Brenda and Al McAdams

Chuck Hockenberry
Robbin and Anthony Allen
Corky Hagen
Lynn and Jerry Mosley
Sudie and Robert Reed
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

John Jefferson Humphries
Ann and Eddie Jackson
Susan and Jimmie Vann

Jessie Dickerson Jordan
Kay Byars
Abbie Drummond
Chip Graham
Howard Graham
Annette and Joe Kelley
Lynn and Jerry Mosley
Sudie and Robert Reed
Carol Savage

Wayne Kiser
Beth and Paul Kennedy

Charles Kitchens
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Joseph Lynn Leberte
Brenda and Al McAdams

Claire Alexandria Lee
Kay Byars
Barbara Walker

Jean Matthews Lee
Kay Byars

William May
Robbin and Anthony Allen

Karen Mitnick
Brenda and Al McAdams

Thomas Oliver Mosley
Abbie Drummond
Sylvia and John Crump
Brenda and Al McAdams

Eunice and Dan Murphy
Carol and Jimmy Redmill

C. A. Naramore
Robbin and Anthony Allen
Lisa and Eddie Miller
Adrienne and Bob Reed
Sudie and Robert Reed
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Anita Alexander Pate
Luajuana and Bradley Brasfield

Mary Lou Payne
Robbin and Anthony Allen

William Philpot
Kay Byars
Lee and Stan Eggers
Patsy and Dan Johnson

Jacqueline and James Pierce
Carol and Jimmy Redmill

James Redmill
Carol and Jimmy Redmill

Mildred Rumpfelt
Sue Spain

Imo Sanders
Brenda and Al McAdams

Lee Sanders
Robbin and Anthony Allen
Corky Hagen
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Winfred Sandlin
Brenda and Al McAdams

Doris Sherer
Kay Byars
Abbie Drummond
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Christine Shubert
Martha and Jeff Butts
Kay Byars
Karen and Steven Globetti
Sabrina Keating
Brenda and Al McAdams
Deborah and Dwight Moody
Debbie and Joey Sanders
Carol Savage

Thomas Shurbitt
Jean Williams

Jane Smith
Peggy Holderfield

Sherri Smith
Brandy and Chad Hill

Wayne Smith
Sara Clem
Sylvia Crump
Sabrina Keating
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Virginia Stafford
Robbin and Anthony Allen

Sandra and Jimmy Lee
Robbie and Brack O'Rear
Sudie and Robert Reed

The Honorable Lee Swann
Alabama Power
Corporate Security
Robyn Beidelman
Joette and Stephen Brown
Kay Byars
Jennifer Caldwell
Camille Crocker
Sylvia and John Crump
Abbie Drummond
Laura Dunne
Patsy and Dan Johnson
Shannon Johnson
Brenda and Al McAdams
Jane McLeod
Lisa and Eddie Miller
Helen and James Morrison
Helen and William Moses
Resa Nelson
Robbie and Brack O'Rear
Suzanne Page
Sherrie and Keith Pike
Mary Frances Pike
Cathy Rawls
Debbie and Joey Sanders
Marie and Winfred Sandlin
Carol Savage
Kristi and Thomas Selden
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Amy and Robert Swann
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Linda and John Word

Scott Thompson
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Barbara Drummond Thorne
Lora and Edward Hubbard

John Thornton
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Brenda Eads Tucker
Chip Graham
Howard Graham

Frankye Underwood
Robbin and Anthony Allen
Mimi Hudson
Adrienne and Bob Reed

Wanda Williams
Robbin and Anthony Allen

Royce Winborne
Karen and Steve Globetti

* - Deceased

In Honor

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Carol and Jim Alexander

Luajuana and Bradley Brasfield

Ansley and Hunter Allen

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Megan and Jud Allen

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Robbin Reed Allen

Beth and Paul Kennedy
Jessica Sanders

Babs Anderson

Lora and Edward Hubbard

Brenda Beard

Camille and Fred Bush
Rebecca May

Candy Craig

Jessica Sanders

Abbie Drummond

Brenda and Al McAdams

Billie Ruth Drummond

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Garry Neil Drummond

Eddie Miller

Patrick Drummond

Lisa and Eddie Miller

Scott Drummond

Lisa and Eddie Miller

Margaret and Jerry Guthrie

Nan and Fred Nichols

Judy Hager's Birthday

Jeanette Smith

June and Bill Hudson

Mimi Hudson

Bettye and Dickie Freeman

Betty and Jerry Lovett

Terri, John, Hank, and Kelsey Lyon

Brenda and Al McAdams

Maria McClung

Jessica Sanders

Mitzi McDaniel

Jessica Sanders

Karen Nelms

Jessica Sanders

Jane Pounds

Kay Byars

Carol Savage

Patsy and James Reed

Teresa Sherer

Jessica Sanders

Jeanette Smith

Brenda and Al McAdams

Anne Stanfield's Birthday

Jeanette Smith

Beth and Rick Stukes

Mary Kathryn and James Emison
Brenda and Al McAdams

Judy Swann

Patsy and Dan Johnson

Robert Swann

Patsy and Dan Johnson

Betty and Bobby Underwood

Lisa and Eddie Miller

Betty Wright's Birthday

Kay Byars

WACF FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year	Grants Awarded	Gifts Received	Total Assets
Through October			
2014	\$1,250,567	\$ 194,060	\$23,665,488
2013	\$3,073,770	\$ 1,187,126	\$23,976,770
2012	\$3,626,636	\$ 2,868,415	\$23,366,184
2011	\$1,190,071	\$10,228,804	\$22,241,646
2010	\$ 627,450	\$ 887,700	\$13,385,864
Total Grants	\$ 9,768,494	\$15,366,105	
5-yr Average	\$ 1,953,699	\$ 3,073,221	

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Connecting Non-Profits

PARRISH STORM SHELTER FUNDED

The Walker Area Community Foundation (WACF) was very busy after the April 2011 tornadoes as a fiscal agent for the Walker County Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC). In the years after the storm we collected and disbursed funds to assist individuals and families to become "safe, sanitary, and secure." Our very successful partnership resulted in more than 121 homeowners receiving assistance from faith-based volunteers and the LTRC to get their lives back on track.

Once that stage of the recovery effort was completed, it was time to focus on preparedness for the inevitable next event. In partnership with Walker County E911 and the Walker County Commission, we learned of 21 community shelters that had been approved for funding. The cost-share for these state and federally funded shelters was 75:25, meaning that for a \$100,000 shelter the local applicant would have to come up with \$25,000 in matching funds. Through a grant from WACF

to the Walker County Commission, the Foundation was able to provide nearly 80% of the local match requirement leaving around \$5,000 to be provided by each community. Walker County E911 is serving as the project manager. We are continuing to look for funding for the balance of the shelters.

The Parrish Shelter (pictured) is the first of at least five shelters that are being installed through this partnership.



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