

Celebrating 20 years



Walker Area Community Foundation is celebrating its 20th year!

In September of 1995, the Foundation received its first endowed gift and since then has experienced a 400% growth while investing \$15 million into our local nonprofits and economy.

Such is the realization of a dream that originated with John T. Oliver, Jr., Patrick Willingham, Larry Drummond, and George Mitnick. These men had a vision for the future and a passion for giving back. They were told the community was too small to support a community foundation, but they pressed forward proving the 'rule of thumb' wrong. They believed that if they invested well and made smart grantmaking decisions, the people of Walker County would support the foundation.

They were right. The number of people fed, clothed, housed and comforted; advances in social services and education have all been realized as a result of the action these men took 20 years ago as well as the support you continuously give today.

"Generation Walker", the community foundation's strategic plan, will lead us into our third decade. We are looking forward and positioning ourselves and our partners to shape and mold our future in a way that is beneficial to Walker County and its citizens.

- We have the potential to work together to align community leadership around a plan that was created by more than 500 participants in community meetings throughout our county.
- We will work with administrators at Beville State Community College, Jasper City and Walker County School Systems to do what we can to ready our students for kindergarten and eventually to have the skills necessary to find a career in Walker County.
- We fully realize the role good health plays into the success of everyone and will diligently work to increase health outcomes in Walker County.
- We honor our commitment to support nonprofit organizations in their quest to fulfill their missions and increase their capacity as an agent of change.

In this our 20th year, we look to the future while taking time to celebrate our accomplishments. Twenty years of giving to nonprofits; twenty years of connecting people with the causes that matter the most to them; and twenty years of strong investments that will enable this foundation to be around for all time, but most importantly, for all people.


Paul W. Kennedy
President

Celebrating 20 years 1995-2015



Founding of the Foundation in 1995



Opening of the Bankhead House and Heritage Center in 2010



Current office constructed in 2011



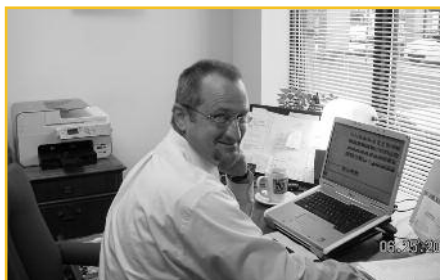
Annual Luncheon in 2014



The Torch is Passed from Carol Savage (Executive Director 2000-2007) to current President, Paul Kennedy



Volunteers at work in 2007



Office at CHS Building in 2008



Volunteers getting ready for the Annual Luncheon in 2008

FIRST GRANTS AWARDED IN 1997

Walker Area Community Foundation awarded \$289,300 in its first round of grants in 1997 to the following organizations:

Community Senior Life, Inc.
Daily Mountain Eagle Shoe Fund
Northwest Alabama Corrections for Youth, Inc.
(now Camp Mitnick)
Project People

Salvation Army
Walker County Arts Council
(now the Walker County Arts Alliance)
Walker County Christian Chorus

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.

Pins and Needles Exhibit featured the Antique Garments and Linens of Linda Burns

This exhibit included unique culturally significant textiles including dresses, laces, needlework and linens from the 1820s through the 1950s.



Linda Burns



2015 Exhibit Schedule

APRIL 14 - JULY 17

Walker County Artist Showcase

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: Aug 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: Nov 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

Thank you to our Exhibit Committee!

As you visit a heritage center or museum, do you ever wonder what it takes to make the exhibit you are viewing possible?

The responsibility for the content of an exhibition varies from place to place but at the Bankhead House & Heritage Center we have to review ideas, decide on a concept, figure out how we will get the items to display if we do not have them in our collection, while considering the overall story we want to tell. We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers on our Exhibit Committee working diligently to preserve the history of Walker County and the surrounding area while honoring

our present and inspiring the future of our communities.

A special thank you goes to our Exhibit Committee of Brenda Beard-Chairman, Pat Morrison and Carol Savage with assistance from Helen Morrison. They started working together in 2010 when the concept for our Heritage Center first began. Along with coordinating exhibits, they also conduct tours for schools and groups, collect artifacts and host events. It could be considered a full-time job and they give graciously of their time. Without their hard work, creativity and vision our exhibits would not be possible.

Thank you for giving back to your community!



Brenda Beard, Chairman



Pat Morrison



Carol Savage



**Come by the
Bankhead House
and meet
our new
Coordinator,
Barbara Brown
Medders.**

Project Community Gives Back

The Foundation has a group of 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 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 Foundation, as directed by the Board, matches dollar for dollar the money raised in order to have an even bigger impact in your community. **Project Community awarded \$14,150 to the following projects:**



Muscular Dystrophy

Equines Assisting Special Individuals (EASI): To purchase two portable Heater/AC units to be used for the office and volunteer area.

Mission of Hope: To purchase additional folding chairs and chair carts to seat clients and to provide easy chair storage.

Muscular Dystrophy Association: To support the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Health Care Services Program.

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center: To purchase infant-care supplies for mother and father graduates, and to advertise the educational parenting program offered at the center.

Sumiton Church of Good Food Bank Ministry: To purchase and provide more food and household items to low income families.

Walker County Arts Alliance: To help fund the In School Storytelling Program for 5th Grade classes in the Walker County School System.

Walker High School: To sponsor the Birmingham Contemporary Dance Company in a performance and to give the students access to the performing arts.



Walker County Arts Alliance

Youth Leadership Walker County Grants Awarded

A partnership between the Walker Area Community Foundation, The Chamber of Commerce of Walker County and Bevill State Community College, YLWC 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 2014-2015 school year:**

Backyard Blessings: To meet the needs of hungry school children in Walker County through a weekend backpack food program.



Hope House Church Loaves and Fish Food Truck

Curry High School Anchor Club: To provide each child from the Curry Elementary Head Start classes a trick or treat experience.

Daybreak: To build a website for The Daybreak Domestic Violence Program.

Equines Assisting Special Individuals (EASI): To purchase the necessary riding apparel and equipment required for competition as a means of developing a formal EASI Equestrian Team with the sole purpose of promoting the students in the show arena.

Hope House Church Loaves and Fish Food Truck: To assist a mobile food truck in traveling to all areas of the county and provide hot and healthy meals.

Mission of Hope: To purchase school supplies and offer a day of learning and fun for children of low-income families in our area.

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center: To purchase baby items for fifteen program graduates.

Walker County Community Action Agency: To provide an activity for the youth of Walker County through a basketball/volleyball summer program.



Curry High School Head Start Trick or Treat

Margaret Ann Addington

Abbie Sue Drummond
Betty and Jerry Lovett

Victor Gladstone Addington

Daphne and James Bradley
Abbie Sue Drummond
Le Jardin Garden Club
Betty and Jerry Lovett
Jane and Sam Murphy
Lucy and Bill Richardson
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

Clarence Samuel Akins

Jane and Sam Murphy

Kathleen Odom Aldridge

Karen and Steven "Chip" Globetti
PERC Engineering Co., Inc.

Jeannette McPhail Argo

Judy and Russell Hager
Jackson, Fikes, Hood & Brakefield

Jane Beaman Aycock

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Vicki and Michael Drummond
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Jeanette and Pete Smith
Betty Wright

Ronald Clyde Baxter

Beth and Rick Stukes

Nelda Bookout Bowen

Patsy and Dan Johnson
Shannon Johnson
Carol and Jim Redmill

The Honorable James Calhoun Brotherton

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Terry Simmons

Reba Mayhall Brown

Judy and Steve Hager
Alice Short

Melba Hitchcock Burgess

Jane and Sam Murphy

Jerry Cain Byars

Missy Black
Marion G. Crew
Dianne Drummond
Betty Jo Goldstein
Judy and Steve Hager
Brandy and Chad Hill
Debra and Travis Hudson
Patricia and Keith Lewis
Helen and James Morrison
Jane and Sam Murphy
Jimmie Carol Sherer
Alice Short
Betsy and Al Simmons
Terry Simmons
Marylyn and Dennis Warren

Robert Howell Carr

Alice Short
Betsy and Al Simmons
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

Perry "Buzz" Carr

Betsy and Al Simmons

Ruth Grimes Carr

Jane and Sam Murphy
Alice Short
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

William Tyler Collins

Valinda and Billy Collins

Paul Edward Colopy

Patricia and Keith Lewis

Robert Charles Cox

Jane and Sam Murphy

Charles (Buddy) Cross

Elizabeth and Shane Weber

Bert Ray Crump

Kimberly and John DeShazo

Carl Douglas Daughdrill

Jane and Alec Grant

Herman C. Davis

Martha and Samuel Self

Grant Alexander Denson

Sabrina Keating

Lawrence Clay Diehl

Pat and Gene Birdsong
Nan and Raymond Bishop
Pamela and Phillip Bradford
Kay Byars

Byars-Wright, Inc.

Sylvia and John Crump
Abbie Sue Drummond
Patrick Drummond
Judy and Russell Hager
Industrial Mining Supply, Inc.

Hilda and Jimmy Kiker
Terri and John Lyon
James Ann and Gary Martin

Alice and Roy Martin

Susan McKinney

Lisa and Eddie Miller

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Jeri and Bryce Nuss

Mark Nuss

Carol and Jim Redmill

Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Glenda and Roger Sandlin

Jimmie Carol Sherer

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Jeanette and Pete Smith

Denise and James Sparks

Betty and Bobby Underwood

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Mitsy and Greg Reed

Sharon Sides

Aline Stewart Drummond

Abbie Sue Drummond

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Beth and Rick Stukes

Donald David Drummond

Billie Ruth Drummond

Helen Sherer Drummond

Abbie Sue Drummond

E.A. (Larry) Drummond

Pat and Gene Birdsong

Anna L. Ensor

Abbie Sue Drummond
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Dell Hager Franklin

Anna Gainer

Judy and Steve Hager

Sandy and Chad Hill

Helen and James Morrison

Jane and Sam Murphy

Woodie and Louis Payne

Jimmie Carol Sherer

Alice Short

Betsy and Al Simmons

Elizabeth and Shane Weber

Margie Cleo Brock Franks

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Joe Gambrell

Betsy and Al Simmons

Onis Glenn, Jr.

PERC Engineering Co., Inc.

Julius Porter Gwin

Jerome Newmark

Franklin Delone Harris

Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Mary Lee "Susie" Headrick

Robbin and Anthony Allen
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Elbert Grady Hendrix

Cathy and Terry Gurganus

Jane and Sam Murphy

Alice Short

Jessie and Jack Hiller

William Humphries

Denise Carol Hobson

Patricia and Keith Lewis

Charles V. Hockenberry

Sara Clem

Eleanor Loraine Holman

Jeanette and Pete Smith

William Ralph Hudson

Robbie and Brack O'Rear

John Jefferson Humphries

William Humphries

Jane and Sam Murphy

Harvey Shillings Jackson

Lucy and Bill Richardson

Buddy Jones

Sara Clem

William (Bill) Jones, Jr.

Jerome Newmark

Jessie Dickerson Jordan

Jane and Sam Murphy

In Memory

DECEMBER 1, 2014 - APRIL 30, 2015

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Nellie Ruth Kilgore
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

D. Wayne Kiser
Jane and Sam Murphy

Mary Ann Knight
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Arvilla Wells Laird
Abbie Sue Drummond

Susan Bevill Livingston
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

John Whit Long
Terry Simmons

Sarah Jane Malagarie
Patricia and Keith Lewis

Paul "Buzz" Martin
William Humphries

Jo Carol Mayes
Beth and Rick Stukes

Lisa McAdams
Linda and Lawson Murphy

Margaret McCluney
William Humphries

Nora Johnson McCluskey
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

James Earl McNealey
Helen and James Morrison

Bobby Mitchell
Abbie Sue Drummond

Karen Z. Mitnick
Betty Jo Goldstein
Jane and Sam Murphy
Carol Savage
Martha and Samuel Self
Mary Savage Trautman

C.A. Naramore
Helen and James Morrison

Verdie Lee Nolen
Mary Frances Pike

Patsy Ray O'Rear
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson
Jimmie Carol Sherer

Rhonda Odom
Alice Short

Felton Ray Parnell
Lisa and Eddie Miller

John D. Petree, III
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

John D. Petree, Jr.
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

Sara Thompson Petree
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

William H. (Bud) Philpot
Lisa and Eddie Miller

Jane Baker Prestridge
Janet-Ingle and Steve Hulsey

Cathy Owen Pridgen
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Richard Rietveld
Patricia and Keith Lewis

Patricia Ann Robertson
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Mary Ellen Rowland
David Rowland

Lee Sanders
Judy and Steve Hager

Carolyn Bevill Sargent
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

Wayland Smith Sherer
Ann and Eddie Jackson
Jeanette and Pete Smith

David Walter Shipper
Jeanette and Pete Smith

A.R. Simmons
Betsy and Al Simmons

Marthalene Simmons
Betsy and Al Simmons

Romana Maria Simmons
Betsy and Al Simmons

Samuel Lee Smith
Carol Savage
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Katherine Jeanne Stough
Ginger Newmark Deason
Abbie Sue Drummond
Judy and Russell Hager
Patricia and Keith Lewis
Robbie and Brack O'Rear
Jeanette and Pete Smith

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Barbara and Howard Graham

Archie William Sullivan
Judy and Steve Hager

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Helen and James Morrison

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Jackson, Fikes, Hood & Brakefield
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson

James (Chip) Willingham
Robbin and Anthony Allen
Abbie Sue Drummond
Karen and Steven "Chip" Globetti

Lucille Caldwell Woods
Abbie Sue Drummond
Jeanette and Pete Smith

James Paul Yarbrough
Janet and Steve Hulsey

Hoyt and Iris Evelyn Young
Debbie and Joey Sanders

* - Deceased

WACF FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year	Grants Awarded	Gifts Received	Total Assets
2011	\$1,190,071	\$10,701,343	\$22,241,646
2012	\$3,626,636	\$ 2,868,415	\$23,366,184
2013	\$3,073,770	\$ 1,187,126	\$23,900,784
2014	\$1,288,045	\$ 632,234	\$23,971,032
Through March 2015	\$ 129,778	\$ 26,451	\$24,334,538
Total	\$ 9,308,300	\$15,415,569	
5-yr Average	\$ 1,861,660	\$ 3,083,114	

Carol Alexander
Charlotte and Ray Pugh

Brian Alexander
Charlotte and Ray Pugh

Anne and Jack Allen
Morgan and Matthew Allen

Robbin Reed Allen
Sudie and Robert Reed

Joyce Barton
Alice Short
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Brenda Beard
Cindy and Gary Rowland

Al Blanton
Brenda Beard

Danky Blanton
Brenda Beard

Marthanne and O.H. Brown
Barbara and W.F. Cobb
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Patsy Brown
Alice Short
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Benita and Eddie Bull
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Jean Byars
Sharon Sides

Kay Byars
Billie Ruth Drummond
Corky Hagen
Hazel Marlow
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Pam and Kevin Callahan
Edith Ann Crump

Gary Cowen
Eddie Miller

Callie Cross
Francis Cross

Abbie Sue Drummond
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Billie Ruth Drummond
Debbie and Joey Sanders
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Toni and John Drummond
Pat and Gene Birdsong
Debbie and Joey Sanders

Mark Drummond
Eddie Miller

Mary Denise Gilmore
Barbara and Howard Graham

Geraldine Gober
David Liddell

Corky Hagen
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Barbara and W.F. Cobb
Hager Oil Company Inc.
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Consensus Club

Walker, Lawson, and Catherine Haynes
Jane and Sam Murphy

Ann Jackson
Ashley Aaron
Susan Chandler
Freda Earnest
David Fields
Elliott Harris
John Holladay
Jana Jackson
Beth Kennedy
Martha LaCroix
Jean Lollar
Beckie Martin
Sandra Morgan
Monique Rector
Dawn Smith
Reuben Tackett

Max Judy
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Judy and Steve Hager
Sandy and Charles Sanders

Tyler Keene
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Kathryn O'Rear

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Betty McKinstry
Amber Lynne McKinstry

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Lisa and Eddie Miller

Walker Payne
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Jerald Sherer
Le Jardin Garden Club

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Vicki and Michael Drummond
Judy and Steve Hager

Jenny and Michael Short
Alice Short

Jeanette Smith
Judy Hager
Rebecca May

Jeanette and Pete Smith
Alice Short
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Women's Sunday School Class –
First United Methodist Church

Karsten Andrew Smith
Patsy and Dan Johnson
Shannon Johnson

Susan and Charlie Stephens
Sandy and Charles Sanders

Beth Stukes
Judy Hager

Beth and Rick Stukes
Billie Ruth Drummond
Lucy and Bill Richardson
Alice Short
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Karyn and Brent Uptain

Rick Stukes's 60th Birthday
Robbin Reed Allen
Judy and Steve Hager
Carol Savage

Judy Swann
Daisy and Billy Aldridge

Betty and Bobby Underwood
Billie Ruth Drummond
Hazel Marlow
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Meet our new
Administrative Coordinator
Alaina Pearce Hallmark



**Save
the
Date**



**Annual
Luncheon**

will be

**Wednesday,
August 26, 2015**

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