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Celebrating 21 Years of Gathering, Growing and Giving

Summer/Fall 2016

Foundation Awards Spring Grants

Walker Area Community Foundation and its funds awarded \$681,566 in grants to the following nonprofits earlier this year.

Alabama Possible received a grant for conducting the Poverty Simulation for Youth Leadership Walker County. CF

Alzheimer's of Central Alabama to assist local low-income families with elder care products. CF

ARC of Walker County to upgrade their children's center, enhance children's programs, and make emergency repairs to their septic system. LSF, CF

Backyard Blessings to continue their Weekend Backpack Program, providing meals for needy students in Walker County. CF, LDF, LSF

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham to recruit, screen, and match 20 new children in Walker County. CF

Birmingham Zoo to purchase equipment for the Zoo's animal health center which will improve the standard of care for the Zoo's animal collection. BE

Funds to the **Boy Scouts of America Black Warrior Council** covered Summer
Camp scholarships and fall registration for scouts. LSF

C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation hosted a fishing event at Smith Lake will be supported and held with professional fishermen for local special needs individuals. LSF

Camp Cool in collaboration with Camp McDowell provided a summer camp experience for local children who have spina bifida and cerebral palsy. BF

Camp McDowell received funding support for their Farm School. BF



Cast for Kids Foundation

Capstone Rural Health Center provided Back2School Supplies for children in need. LSF

Carl Elliott Regional Library for their Summer Reading Program. LSF

City of Cordova to complete phases one and two of Cordova's replacement Fire Station. DTS, MF

Scholarships were provided for the **City of Jasper Dream Team Flag Football** program. LSF

In support of public transportation, the Foundation awarded a grant to **ClasTran**.

Daily Mountain Eagle Christmas Shoe Fund for their Christmas shoe and coat project. LSF

Funding for the **Downtown Jasper Business Association, (Jasper Main Street)**, to revitalize Downtown Jasper through design, organization, promotion, and economic vitality. CF, LDF, BF

Empire Volunteer Fire Department to replace their roll-up doors which do not open or close correctly. CF, RF

Funding for **Equines Assisting Special Individuals (EASI)** to support the EASI Gallop, Healthy Pastures; sponsor a horse and for their Strides Programs. LSF, CF

Support for the **Girls Incorporated Summer Enrichment Program** provided scholarships for girls to participate in sixweeks of activities including reading and math skills enhancement. LSF, CF, BF

Dream music for special needs children, and support of the Secret Pantry will be provided by the **Health Action Partnership**. RF, LSF

Health Action Partnership received funding to partner with the City of Jasper to upgrade a launch location for kayaks and canoes off of Walston Bridge Road. CF

Funding for **Healthy Eating Active Living Inc. (HEAL)** allows for curriculum development for healthy eating programs in area middle and high schools. CF

Hope House Church purchased commercial refrigerators and freezers to support their feeding ministry. RF

Funding will allow the **Jasper Area Family Services Center** to extend Project Vision, which provides case management and assistance families in an effort to break the cycle of poverty. CF, LDF, RF

Jasper Parks and Recreation Dream Team softball scholarships were funded. LSF

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Camp COOL

Community Foundation Awards Spring Grants

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Kid One Transport System to continue their transportation service for Walker County children and pregnant mothers to medical appointments. LSF

The Literacy Council of Central Alabama will continue the Cradle to Grave Literacy Program and Children's Spring Programs which strive to combat the socioeconomic strain of illiteracy in Walker County. LSF, CF

Magic Moments provided a dream experience of their choice for a critically ill Walker Area Teen. This is the only wishgranting organization dedicated to children in the State of Alabama. CF

Memorial Park Natatorium received funding for time clock repairs as well as for special needs children's swimming activities. LSF

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging provided free transportation for Walker County Senior Center Seniors to the Blooming Benefit Day/Older American Month Picnic Event. Funding will also enable the Walker County Senior Center Seniors free transportation to access an outing within Walker County. CF

Mission of Hope upgraded their client grocery carts to ensure safety and ease of use. CF



Girls Inc.

Funding for **Parrish Elementary School** allowed all 5th and 6th grade students to take an educational learning trip to Washington DC. BF

Pregnancy Testing and Resource Center to implement a technology upgrade

which will increase efficiency and allow more opportunities for outreach. CF

The Salvation Army to expand their food pantry which will allow them to significantly increase access to healthy and nutritious food for low-income, poverty-stricken individuals in Walker County. LDF

The Sumiton Church of God Food Bank Ministry to increase the number of families who receive food through the Feed Walker County initiative. CF

Sumiton Middle School to purchase furniture, new books, a projector and screen for their library. CF

TriCounty Agency for Intellectual Disabilities funded their summer program for children and young adults age 3 to 21 with intellectual and developmental disabilities. LSF, CF, RF

Funding allows the **United Way of Central Alabama** to bring the Healthy Communities Initiative to Walker County with its support of the Health Action Partnership. This program encourages more physical activity and healthy eating to improve overall health. CF

Walker County Arts Alliance works to promote the Arts in Walker County through partnerships with Athletic Arts Center, Maranatha Art Project, and the Downtown Jasper Business Association. LSF, CF, BF

The Walker County Children's Advocacy Center to purchase a security system for their facility. LSF

Through this funding, the **Walker County Coalition for the Homeless** provides emergency shelter, temporary housing, and rehousing assistance to local families who are homeless, or about to be homeless. RF, CF

This grant to the **Walker County Commission** supports the building of the Walker County Lake Trails. HAP

With this funding, Walker County Department of Human Resources assists

children, families and elderly with meeting needs that are not adequately funded through federal and state funded welfare programs. This funding will be used to supplement services so that children, families and elderly adults are supported and promoted toward the goal of social success and self-sufficiency. BF

Walker County Humane Society to reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs born daily in Jasper and Walker County through the "Fix the Momma, Spay and Neuter Program." CF



Walker County Arts Alliance & Maranatha Arts Project

West Jasper Elementary School, in conjunction with their Community Garden Project, sent 15 kids to a two-day camp at Camp McDowell Farm School. JFF

Funds provided to the **Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)** to sponsor two children with asthma to attend Camp WheezeAway. LSF

Your Town Alabama, an initiative to expose community decision makers to asset-based planning techniques. These techniques focus on identifying what is right within a community and build on these unique community assets. Workshop fees were covered for seven people from Walker County to attend the Your Town Workshop. 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



Jack Allen

Cathy and Terry Gurganus Beth and Rick Stukes

Robbin Reed Allen

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Brenda Beard - Birthday

Camille and Fred Bush

Betty Bull

Benita and Ed Bull

Kay Byars - Birthday

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Montae Cain - Birthday

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Edith Ann Crump - Birthday

Ann Cook

Abbie Drummond

Jeanette Smith

Billie Ruth Drummond – Birthday

Kay Byars

Betty Jo Goldstein – Birthday

Kay Byars

Mary Dean Gray - Birthday

Kay Byars

Judy Hager – Birthday

Jeanette Smith

Paul Kennedy

Carol Savage

Lindsey and Greg Kilgore

Jerome Newmark

Charlotte and T.J. Langley – 50th Anniversary

Carol and Jimmie Alexander

Betsy Underwood McAtee

Holly and Hugh Smith

John T. Oliver, Jr. - Birthday

Debbie and Rickey Daniel

Carol Savage

Jeanette Smith

Anne and Al Shumaker - 50th Anniversary

Judy and Gerson May

Jeanette Smith

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pete Smith - Birthday

Kay Byars

Kathy, Jerry, Erin, and John Byars

Ann Stanfield - Birthday

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Beth Stukes

Kathy and James Emison

Jeanette Smith

Betty Underwood

Holly and Hugh Smith

Betty Underwood- Birthday

Kay Byars

Buddy Underwood

Holly and Hugh Smith

* - Deceased

Year	Grants Awarded	Gifts Received	Total Assets
2016	\$ 693,432	\$ 360,504	\$24,406,497
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	\$11,515,152	\$17,482,088	
5-yr Average	\$ 2,303,030	\$ 3,496,418	

In Memory

Hilda and Jimmy Kiker Sandra and Jimmy Lee Sue and Travis Lett Betty and Jerry Lovett Terri and John Lyon Kelsey Lyon Linda and Bob Maddox Libbo and Gwaltney McCollum Lisa and Eddie Miller Helen and Bill Moses Musgrove Women's Golf Association Blossom and Randy Nelson Kathryn O'Rear Barbara and John Oliver Kim and Ham Poyner Professional Management of Alabama Adrienne and Bob Reed, Jr. Sudie and Bob Reed Mitsy and Greg Reed Celeste Hooks Reese & Family Kathleen and Harris Rhodes

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Billie Sherer
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Southern Classic Food Group, LLC
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Marylyn and Dennis Warren
Pinkie and Frank Watts
Elizabeth Weber
John Welch

Paschal Guy "Pat" Upton Lisa and John Crump

Carlos Waid Robbin and Anthony Allen Sudie and Bob Reed, Sr.

Inez Wilson
Debbie and Joey Sanders

New Faces at the Foundation

We are pleased to announce two new members of the Foundation team.

As Sue Lett leaves her position in accounting to plan for the next phase of her life upon retirement, we welcome **Debbie Daniel**.

Debbie graduated from Walker High School and Walker State Technical College (now Bevill State Community College). After graduation, she began working at First Bank of Jasper. She attended Alabama Banking School at the University of South Alabama in Mobile and graduated in 2008 as Valedictorian of her class. She is Assistant Vice President and Executive Assistant to the President at First Bank of Jasper where she has worked for 37 years.

Debbie and her husband of 29 years, Rickey Daniel, reside in Jasper. They have two daughters, Taylor Powell (25) and Alison Brooke Daniel (15). Taylor and her husband, Houston Powell, are educators



Debbie Daniel



Pam Fikes

in Walker County and Ali is a Freshman at Walker High School.

Pam Fikes is our new Administrative Coordinator. Pam joins us from American Red Cross where she was Executive Director. She retired in 2010 as Employment Security Manager with the Department of Labor.

Originally from Jasper, Pam is a graduate of Walker High School and Walker College (now Bevill State Community College). She holds a B.S. degree in Emergency Management and Homeland Security and a Masters Certificate in Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University.

She has been married to her husband, Maxwell, for 36 years and they have two daughters Amanda (Steve) Wingler and Amy (Tyler) Edwards along with one grandson James Maxwell Edwards.

NEXT GENERATION PHILANTHROPY

Youth Leadership Walker County Class of 2016-2017

Youth Leadership Walker County, a partnership of the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, Bevill State Community College and the Walker Area Community Foundation, recently announced its Class of 2016-2017.

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:

BLUE TEAM Leader: Linda Lewis

Tyler Banks
Graham DeLoach
Madi Drew
Christian Hutchison
Adrien Ross
Maggie Sides
Jordyn Smith
Sarah Trotter

RED TEAM Leader: Laura Markus

Zac Bozeman
Patrick Dutton
Bailey Isbell
Savannah Keeton
Thornton Muncher
Madison Pavlovec
Kensley Sandlin
Connor Woods

YELLOW TEAM Leader: Jake Sanders

Ella Cannon Gracie Hartley Russell Jean Dixie Lauderdale

Dixie Lauderdale



Ethan Lay Connor Martin Mason Myrick Katie Wyers GREEN TEAM

GREEN TEAM Leader: Matt Woods

Will Allen Emily Bradford Tyler Dillard Elizabeth Drummond Caleb Ferguson Reid Humphries Kassidy Kiker Anna McDonald

ORANGE TEAM Leader: Jonathan Holladay

Madison Bryant Chase Cross Caleb Danner Samantha Gregory Emma Grace Guin Hunter Jenkins Jake Myers Malana Rigsby Haley Pettit

ALL TEAMS: Cristy Moody



Working Together

Bankhead House & Heritage Center

Open to the public Tuesday-Friday from 10 am-4 pm; Third Saturday of each month from 10 am-2 pm. Admission is free.



2017 Exhibit Schedule

FEBRUARY 14 - JUNE 9

Celebrating our Communities: Chapter 1

Opening Reception: February 14, 2-4 p.m.

Featuring artifacts from Carbon Hill, Eldridge,
Kansas, Nauvoo, and Townley.

Culturally significant items representing our rich history from these Walker County communities.

JUNE 27 - SEPTEMBER 29

As an Artist Sees It

Opening Reception: June 27, 2-4 p.m.

A presentation of art by the Winston County Arts
Council featuring all mediums of art forms from
pottery to watercolor.

OCTOBER 17 - DECEMBER 29 WALKER 24/7:

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

Opening Reception: October 17, 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.

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



Ostella Murray Akins Hilda and Jimmy Kiker

William Frank Banks
Crowne Partners
Dianne Lollar

Charles LaDieu Banks Sara Clem Abbie Drummond

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Dianne Lollar
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Amy and Robert Swann

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William M. "Lefty" Canoles
Jeanette Smith

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Walker County High School
Class of 1963

Billie Faye Corbin Wilma Moore

Ernest Lacey Crump Lisa and John Crump

Lawrence Henry Davis, Jr. Betty and Jerry Lovett

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Jane Pounds

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Shillings Jackson, Jr.
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Nell Reed Jackson

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Jerald Mitchell Sherer

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