

Celebrating 19 Years of Gathering, Growing and Giving

Winter 2014

# 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 K 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 cosponsor 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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## TEC MAKES 5-YEAR PLEDGE



TEC (Tractor & Equipment Company) based in Birmingham, Alabama, opened its doors in 1943 with a handful of people and more than a handful of determination.

The same can be said about the Foundation. We implement initiatives and provide grants to improve the quality of life for those living in and serving the Walker County area.

To help with this endeavor, TEC has pledged a donation of \$25,000 over the next five

According to Foundation President Paul Kennedy, "TEC has been a part of construction and mining for more than 70 years. We are thrilled to have them as a partner helping us "build" an even better Walker County."

Thank you TEC for your generosity!



# 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.

Share-A-Toy of Walker County, Inc.: In support of 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.



Mission of Hope Sneaker Giveaway



**Dream Team Soccer** 

#### 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.



Kid One Transport Jasper client Cornelio Martinez

## Community fund

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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.



Walker County Christian Chorus performing Messiah



West Jasper Elementary students plant seeds at Camp McDowell Farm School

# Bankhead House & Heritage Center

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

### Eddie Brown: A Work in Progress

Southerner, Artist, Author, Humorist, Actor, Teacher, and Father...all of these describe the man that is Eddie Brown. We were honored to have his collection representing a retrospective of Mr. Brown's career. It was an eclectic range of styles and mixed media on display from January until April.

As Eddie said, "I am a work in progress, even at my age!" Thus the collection has been a lifetime in the making, representing in some form all of the things he holds dear. From his childhood in Jasper and Smith Lake, his experiences at the University of Alabama, his love of landscapes to Mardi Gras. Eddie has a myriad of influences.



**Eddie Brown** 



Looking at Landscapes



Children's Workshop



Getting Ready



#### 2014 Exhibit Schedule MAY 6-JULY 25 Walker 24/7: A Day in the Life of Walker County Winter **Photography Contest Exhibit**

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

#### **AUGUST 12-DECEMBER 26** Football Fever in Walker County

A celebration of fall traditions: football, band, cheerleaders, and homecoming! From toy bowl to high school, "Friday night lights" comes alive!

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

# The Holiday Spirit

The Bankhead House & Heritage Center hosted a Holiday Open House to help everyone get in the Holiday spirit! The event was open to the public and admission was free.

Guests participated in Christmas carol sing-alongs, snacked on holiday treats and were entertained by local musicians and singers with the following mini concerts:

- String & Flute Ensemble: Violin, Cello and Flute featuring the Jessup Family and Pat Putman
- "Charles Dickens" Carolers featuring Jennifer Humphries, Nick Thomas, Cheri Russell, Eddie Brown, Leslie Cummings and Bill Young, Sr.
- Bevill State Community College Concert Choir



"Charles Dickens" Carolers



Jessup Family and Pat Putman



Storytelling



Bevill State Concert Choir



Fellowship and Fun

# Youth Leadership Walker County Awards Grants

Youth Leadership Walker County (YLWC) is a partnership between the Walker Area Community Foundation, The Chamber of Commerce of Walker County and Bevill State Community College. It offers high school juniors the opportunity to gain comprehensive knowledge of how a community works together from the local government to education to state government. Each year the Foundation gives YLWC a stipend of \$10,000 to award to nonprofits and school clubs through a competitive grant review process. Following are the grants awarded by YLWC at the most recent grant review:

Arc of Walker County: To purchase two AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) and to purchase new adult and child training mannequins.



Youth Leadership Walker County discusses grants.

**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.

# PROJECT CONNECT AND PROJECT COMMUNITY GIVE BACK

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.

Walker County Humane Society: To fund the spay and neuter program.

#### **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.



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Year	Grants Awarded	Gifts Received	Total Assets
2014	\$ 35,850	\$ 29,175	\$24,174,286
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	\$8,553,777	\$15,201,220	
5-year Average	\$1,710,755	\$3,040,244	

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# Jackson named new board chairman

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



Eddie Jackson and Jack Allen

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."

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