



Our Foundation Is Successful Because We All Come Together To Make A Difference.

If you do a little research, you will learn it takes a population of at least 100,000 to build a successful Community Foundation. The Walker County area has proved the research wrong. Over the last 21 years, we have received more than \$28 million in gifts and granted out almost \$17 million to nonprofits serving our community. Simple math says we should only have \$11 million left in assets. Again, reality outperforms the "should be". Today, the total assets of your community foundation exceed \$24 million!

Our foundation is successful because we all come together to make a difference. It would not work with just a staff, just a board, or just individual donors. It takes us all working together. It's the very definition of synergy: the creation of a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. Synergy is not a word we use every day, but what a great word and concept! We can and do so much more TOGETHER than we can alone.

Today, we have the opportunity to influence the quality of life for our community and our state. The philanthropy we engage in is more than just money, it's

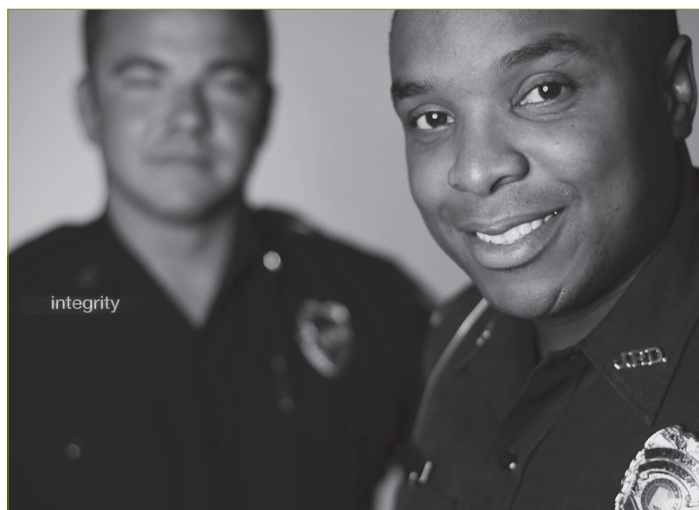


WALKER AREA Community Foundation

RESPONSIBLE GIVING RESULTS

"us". All of us, giving at the level we can to the things we care about. This Foundation is a collective of people's hopes, their dreams, and their aspirations to build a better community. The conversations, learning, risk-taking, experiments and love that people bring to our table create real community answers to our greatest needs.

We can shape the future of Walker County, together. That's the real story of the foundation, by investing in this generation we invest in tomorrow's promise.



"The photographer said stand behind Cory like, 'I've got your back'. Ok, that's easy, that's what we do. Walker County is lucky. Through the work they do, the Foundation has our back as well." **Matt Dozier, Jasper Police Officer**



"I am a volunteer for the Foundation. I help interview the nonprofits who apply for a grant to learn their story and make grants through our family fund. The thing I love most is seeing those nonprofit leaders in Walmart or the grocery store. I know I would have never met them if not for my work with the foundation."

Emelil Humphries

Promote Healthy Lifestyles And Recreation Through The Health Action Partnership

Over the last 3 years, Elyse Peters has been tasked with leading the Walker County Health Action Partnership. In past years, Walker County consistently ranked at 66th or 67th in health outcomes in the state of Alabama. Under Elyse's leadership, our numbers have jumped from 67th to 58th. This is a great win for our community as we move the needle on creating an environment of health for our residents.

Let's Communicate Elyse enlisted the help of Joette Kelley Brown and Alicia Kelley Stewart, both of Ridgeview and Ridgewood Health Services, to lead the Coordinated Care Priority Group. As the name implies, care coordination is a process through which teams of healthcare professionals work together to ensure that their patients' health needs are being met. What does that really mean? It means that the right care is being delivered in the right place ... at the right time ... by the right person. Again, community partnership at work!

A Call for Kayaks One of the great things about Walker County is its abundance of natural resources, and we want to make sure people know how to access them. Thanks to the leadership of Jenny Short and the Livable Communities priority group, many of you may have noticed that access points are now available to our creeks and rivers as you drive down Walker County roads. To all of our kayak and canoe lovers out there, use these signs to know where you can access our local waterways.

Walker County Lake Walker County Lake is also becoming a hub of recreational activity. With an extended walking track and an archery park in the works, the County Lake is THE local place to go for fishing, boating, birding and exercise.



Supporting Nonprofits

Nonprofit Council The core principle of this Foundation is to support nonprofit organizations in carrying out their mission through funding, training and support. The Walker County Nonprofit Council was formed to offer nonprofit organizations in our area the chance to get together and network and to learn about topics that can strengthen their operations — such as fundraising and volunteer management. We work to ensure that staff and board members of each organization have the tools, and support, they need to be successful.

Walker County Nonprofit Training Academy The Walker County Nonprofit Training Academy offers training sessions for nonprofit leaders to learn how to operate their organizations as efficiently and as effectively as possible. Training sessions offer information about board development, finance, fundraising, marketing, nonprofit management, networking, social media, and grant writing. We are dedicated to providing quality training, close to home, with instructors who are highly trained in their fields.



NONPROFIT COUNCIL
of Walker County

Strengthening Education

It's constantly discussed in board rooms, meeting rooms and restaurants across our community that we need more jobs in Walker County. In order to bring in more jobs, we need a vibrant workforce ready for any skilled opportunity that comes our way. While job creation is not really this foundation's area of focus, education certainly is.

Career Coach Shawna McCullar is the Career Coach for both the Walker County and Jasper City school systems. She alone can say that she touches the lives of every single 9th grade student in our community each year. This made her the natural person to lead us in developing a strong marketing plan to educate parents and students on the benefits of career and technical education.

Technical Education Many parents continue to believe that in order to be successful, you must attend a four year institution. While this is the correct route for some, it is not right for all. Your foundation brought the school systems together to create brochures explaining the different pathways that technical education offers to career opportunities.

Pathway to Success We believe these materials, including brochures and posters, will help parents and students chart a course for the future that will provide the workforce we need in Walker County! We are proud of this collective effort and of Shawna for the good work she is doing with all of our children and grandchildren.

Walker County Center of Technology
Pathway to Success for

ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION



Welding

ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION CAREER CLUSTER: If you have interests in designing or building structures, then this cluster may contain attractive career options for you. Whether decades old or brand new, buildings demand a lot of attention, and because of that offer many job opportunities for hardworking Alabamians.

WELDING TECHNOLOGY PATHWAY: Welders use handheld tools to permanently join metal components together. Applications stretch from the tops of buildings to the bottom of the sea. Frequent and fast-paced developments in this field make it a valuable skill to build upon over a long career.

High School Courses

- NCCER Welding 1-4
(NCCER: National Center for Construction Education and Research, a national certifying body)

Certifications Offered

- NCCER Welding
- AWS (American Welding Society)

Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO)

- Skills USA

Additional Training/College:

- Beville State Community College offers a long-term certificate in Welding Technology.
- Dual-enrollment and articulated credit offered for students at Beville State through the WCCT.

Dual-enrollment allows a student to take a class at Beville State and receive both college and high school credit for the same course.

Articulated credit allows a student to receive credit for courses taken at WCCT once enrolled in any state community college with an articulation agreement for this program.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Welder Education needed:
Post-Secondary Certificate

Median Wage:
\$39,390/yr.

Pipefitter Education Needed:
Post-Secondary Certificate

Median Wage:
\$51,450/yr.

Leadership Alignment & Common Vision

The Mayor's Council One of our greatest outcomes from this priority is the creation of the Mayors Council which began meeting at our office in December of 2016. The first meeting focused on the Community Conversation Meetings of 2014/2015 and allowed the mayors to follow up on progress, thoughts, plans, and ideas. Subsequent meetings have covered issues common to their office such as city services, taxes, challenges, and successes. The meetings have been well attended and the mayors have been able to freely discuss topics of their choosing. Recent meetings have included some of the County Commissioners and Chairman Bishop which provides an opportunity for important dialog on a level seldom available.

City Clerks They often go unrecognized, but we feel the greatest asset in city government often lies within the city clerk. They possess a great deal of institutional and historical knowledge and have a handle on what is happening in their communities. Therefore, we host meetings for the city clerks as well. They discuss items such as branding and image, website and Facebook pages, what is going on in their area, their successes and projects, and upcoming events.



Walker County Can The Walker County Can Facebook page has been a huge boost to our community moral. Blanton Media Group monthly works with a different municipality to market their uniqueness and promote a positive image. Highlighting progress and achievements is an effective way to elevate tourism potential from our own Walker County residents as well as those travelling through our area.

University of Alabama Summer Interns for Walker County—Making a Difference

For the foundation, the onset of summer signals the arrival of students serving through the partnership between Alabama's New College, David Mathews Center for Civic Life, and the Foundation. The interns spend the summer working with various community partners throughout Walker County and immerse themselves in life in the area. Here were this year's interns...

Brittany Grady – Jasper Main Street "When reflecting on the skills I have gained and real world experience, I am grateful to have spent my summer in Jasper. Being granted the opportunity to live in a new place has allowed me to develop a new viewpoint on community engagement and redefine volunteerism. I have come to realize in order for you to help a community you have to be a part of it to a certain degree. Fresh or foreign eyes add a level of benefit, but I believe real change is enacted when a person understands a community along with its complexities, which is information that can only be obtained by inserting yourself in the faction."

Jenna Minser – Walker County Health Action Partnership "This internship made me realize just how badly I want to live in a small town. It's something I've known about myself for the past year, but one weekend I volunteered to help out with the Sipsey River Race and I felt this strange bubble of happiness. It was kind of like magic, the fact that everyone who picked up their race packets somehow knew the organizer of the race, Martha. Their conversations felt a little like my conversations with friends of high school, the kind that no outsider really understands because it's a string of names and places and memories that everyone shares. It's something I wonder if people really appreciate until they don't have it anymore, or rather if they had it once but no longer. For fear of being cliché, I won't say it's like a giant family, but it really is."

Kimberly Oliveira – Walker County Juvenile and Drug Court "One of my favorite experiences was our community dinner with Beth Stukes. She and Carol Savage were welcoming and our boat tour of the lake was educational and simply breathtaking. I was taken aback at the letter we had the privilege of reading after dinner, regarding the acceptance of Vivian Malone, the first African American female accepted into the University of Alabama. Carol was at Alabama when the letter was written, it was a unique experience to connect something that I had studied in school to someone with whom I was sharing a meal."



Anastasyia Titarenko – Jasper Area Family Services Center "Donna Kilgore at the Jasper Area Family Services Center is a phenomenal mentor and leader, and the Center runs so many important community programs. Because of the trust and rapport I was able to build with Donna, I was assigned some exciting tasks. Donna ensured that I learned as well as worked for the Center, which was a blessing to have in an internship supervisor. The internship reinforced some things I knew about myself and what I value in a job and workplace. It also provided a unique opportunity to do work that I would not have been able to do at other placements, like casework & conducting needs assessments, probably because of the needs of the Center and the trust they put in me in large part due to the reputation WACF and New College have in the community."

The Bankhead House & Heritage Center



The Bankhead House & Heritage Center is owned and operated by this foundation and is offered freely as a gift to our community. A lot has happened since our opening in 2011.

Thanks to our phenomenal exhibition committee, we have hosted 26 exhibits ranging from quilting to big game animals to art of all types and historical artifacts that tell the unique and proud story of Walker County.

We believe school tours are an essential part of the educational and cultural enrichment of students of all ages. Due to funds provided by your community foundation, the Heritage Center is able to provide bus transportation costs for schools in Walker County and Jasper City to enable area students to view our exhibits.

Along with those endeavors, our beautiful amphitheater has provided a backdrop for 33 free events such as concerts, movie nights and even serving as an outdoor classroom.

Please call ahead to schedule a tour appointment for groups of 10 or more people.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm

The third Saturday of each month 10:00am-2:00pm

WATER | WAYS

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT

January 16-February 23

Bankhead House & Heritage Center

800 7th Street West

HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm and during this exhibit only,
each Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

FREE ADMISSION

Visit during the exhibit and register to win a half day guided fly fishing trip for two at Riverside Fly Shop!

Group Tours for 10 or more people are available by appointment.
Walker County and Jasper City School Group Tours are available by appointment and bus transportation is provided complimentary.
For more information call Barbara Brown Medders, 205-302-0001.



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From above, Earth appears as a water planet with more than 71 percent of its surface covered with this vital resource for life. Water impacts climate, agriculture, transportation, industry and more. It inspires art and music. This exhibit will examine water as an environmental necessity and an important cultural element and how water has impacted Walker County.

#BHHCWays

HONORARIUMS:

March 1, 2017 — October 31, 2017

Dr. Jason Adkins
Paul Kennedy

Brenda Beard
Camille and Fred Bush

Kay Byars' Birthday
Jean Byars
Helen and Bill Moses
Beth and Rick Stukes
Jane Pounds

Kevin Callahan
Rena Wilson

Linda Ensor
Corky Hagen

Pam Fikes
Pat and Mike Putman

Amy Grice
Rena Wilson

Steve Hager
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Ham Radio Operators
Linda and Jimmie Dill

Ashley and Kenny Harris
Beth and Rick Stukes

June and Bill Hudson
Linda and James Underwood

Mimi Hudson
Pat and Mike Putman

Dr. Ann Jackson
Paul Kennedy

Paul Kennedy
Pat and Mike Putman

**Nancy and Phillip Laird's
50th Wedding Anniversary**
Betty and Jerry Lovett

Barbara Medders
Pat and Mike Putman

Cristy Moody
Pat and Mike Putman
Paula Vickers

Helen Moses
Kay Byars

**Sam Murphy's
70th Birthday**
Judy and Steve Hager
Judy and Gerson May

John T. Oliver, Jr.
Debbie and Rickey Daniel
Gillian and Mike Goodrich

Dr. Pat O'Neil
Paul Kennedy

Brady O'Rear
Robbin and Anthony Allen

Steve Ostaseski
Paul Kennedy

Carol Savage
Jeanette Smith
Betty Underwood

Mary Ben Savage-Trautman
Holly and Hugh Smith

Wesley Savage
Holly and Hugh Smith

Jeanette Smith's Retirement
Beth and Rick Stukes

Anne Lanier Stanfield's Birthday
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Beth Stukes
Kathy and James Emison

Col. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Holly Trawick
Rena Wilson

Betty Underwood's Birthday
Kay Byars

MEMORIALS:

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Betty Underwood

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Pat and Mike Putman
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- Cash
- Stocks
- Bequests
- Individual Retirement Accounts & Other Retirement Plans
- Life Insurance Designation
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Real Estate
- Build Your Own Plan
- Online Purchases:

When you purchase online from Amazon, go to amazon.com/smile.
Choose the Walker Area Community Foundation as your charity
and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase
price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Foundation.

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