



Foundation Awards \$803,326 for 2019 Spring Grants

The Walker Area Community Foundation awards creative, visionary and operational grants and works to multiply our local giving with outside sources of assistance. Together, the Walker Area Community Foundation and its Component Funds awarded \$803,326 to the following nonprofits during the Spring 2019 Grant Cycle.

The funding source for each grant is indicated with the initials of either the Community Fund (CF) or the associated Donor Advised Fund.



Camp COOL

Funding for the **Alabama Lions Sight** Mobile Eye Screening Program in Walker County provides eye care for the elderly and uninsured at 3 locations – Sipsey, Jasper and Parrish. Over 400 patients, many elderly, have had significant eye health improvement since 2017. CF

Alabama Possible provides assistance to high school seniors through their College Access and Success Program, and expects a 5% increase in FAFSA applications. CF

Alzheimer's of Central Alabama provides elder care products to 200 or more local low-income families. CF

A grant to the **ARC of Walker County** will purchase a vehicle dedicated to transporting and providing medical care for their clients, with an expected impact of around 536 medical visits per month. CF, BF, LDF

Arley Women's Club received funding to support their Recycling Program in Arley, serving 4,000 residents in and around the Arley area. CF

Backyard Blessings will continue to provide weekend backpack meals for around 850 food insecure students in Walker County each week. CF, LDF

Camp Cool, in collaboration with Camp McDowell's Bethany Village, provides a four day summer camp experience for 14 local children who have spina bifida and cerebral palsy. CF, LSF

A grant to **Childcare Resources** will provide financial assistance for day care services to 10 qualified families who are not eligible for DHR funding. CF, TDLF, PDDF

Funds were awarded to the **Carl Elliott Regional Library** for their summer reading program. LSF

Children's Hospital of Alabama received funding to support their Walker County Child Motor Vehicle Safety Initiative, which will certify 10 local trainers that will serve numerous families. CF

Christian's Place Mission received a grant to support their food distribution program, which serves over 5,000 people annually. CF

Funding for **Clastran** provides public transportation for residents in need in Walker County, with a ridership of over 4,000. CF

Concerned Citizens for our Youth/Beacon House received funding to provide a raised bed garden, tools and supplies for their program participants. LSF

A grant was made to **Jasper Main Street** for operations, bikes, and a sound system, serving well above 15,000 residents. CF, BDTF, LDF, PDDF

A grant to **Girls Incorporated** funds their 6 week Summer Enrichment Program which will provide activities, field trips, and reading and math skill enhancement for 80 local girls. CF, LSF, LDF

Funding for **Healthy Eating Active Living Inc. (HEAL)** is used for curriculum development for healthy eating and exercise programs in 13 area elementary, middle and high schools. CF, BDTF, LDF, DDFF

The Hope House Church Loaves and Fish Food Truck and Soup Kitchen Ministry received a grant to support their feeding program, which serves 10,000 meals annually. They also received funding to replace the roof of their facility. CF, RFF, BF, DDFF, LDF, TDLF, PDDF



HEAL Jasper High School HEALicious Snack Competition

Indian Creek Youth Camp received funding for 10 summer camp scholarships. LSF

The **Jasper Area Family Service Center** received assistance for a client for dentures. OF

A grant to **Jasper City Parks and Recreation** will pay Dream Team softball and soccer fees for 10 participants. LSF



Dream Team Softball with the Curry Baseball Team

A grant to **Kid One Transport** will ensure transportation is available for Walker County children and pregnant mothers to doctor and hospital visits, providing about 218 trips per year. LSF

The **Literacy Council of Walker County** received funding to provide adult basic literacy classes, English as a Second Language, teen tutoring, book clubs, and summer reading programs, serving over 4,000 adults and children. CF, BF, TDLF, PDDF

The **McWane Science Center** received funding for their educational programs in Walker County schools, benefitting 500 students. CF, BF, BDTF

The **Mission of Hope** received assistance for their clients for needs such as day care, work uniforms, and auto repair, allowing the recipients to move forward. OF



McWane Science Center in Walker County Schools 4th Grade Outreach Engineering with Electricity

New Prospect Baptist Church received a grant to repair their sanctuary. DDFD

The **Ronald McDonald House** received funding for their Adopt A Family Program for Walker County Families which served 23 families last year with 605 nights. CF, TDLF

St. Cecilia's Catholic Church received funding for their food pantry that impacts 100+ families per month. CF, RFF

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital received a grant for their Field of Dreams event. PDDF

St. Mary's Episcopal Church received funding for their food pantry which served over 11,000 individuals in 2018. CF, BF, LDF, DDFD

The **Salvation Army** received funding for their food pantry, impacting around 2,400 individuals. CF, RFF, PDDF

A grant to the **UAB Department of Theatre** will bring up to 12 performances to Walker County area students. CF

The **United Way of Central Alabama** received a grant to fund the Health Action Partnership, recreational development of Walker County Lake, and other UW programs serving the Walker County community. CF, BDTF, DTS, TDLF, DDFD



UAB Department of Theatre Cabaret

A grant to the **Walker County ARES** (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) will cover one year of operating expenses in support of disaster communications. BF

The **Walker County Board of Education** received a grant to start an archery program for 4th-12th graders in Oakman schools. CF, BDTF

This grant enables the **Walker County Coalition** for the Homeless to provide emergency shelter, temporary housing, and rehousing assistance to 550+ individuals who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. CF, LSF, BF, LDF, DDF

The **Walker County Coalition for the Homeless** received assistance for their clients for needs such as car repair and dentures. OF

A grant to the **Walker County Community Action Agency** will fund their after school and Summer "Sky" Youth Programs, with an average of 68 participating youth. CF, LSF, PDDF

The **Walker County Community Action Agency** received assistance for a client for car insurance assistance. OF

Walker County DHR received a grant to provide for the emergency needs of around 126 children in foster care. BF

The **Walker County Humane Society** received funding for their Spay and Neuter quarterly initiatives, enabling around 400 surgeries per year. CF, BF, PDDF

Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) received funds for general operations. LSF

Youth Advocate Programs received assistance for a client from the Onward Fund for a water heater and stove.

Funds provided to the **YMCA Camp WheezeAway** will cover the fees for 2 Walker County children to attend the camp (designed for children with asthma). CF, LSF

Key for Funds

BF	Bankhead Fund
BDTF	Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund
CF	Community Fund
DDFF	Don Drummond Family Fund
DTS	Drummond, Thorne, Stukes Fund
LDF	Larry Drummond Fund
OF	Onward Fund
PDDF	Patrick and Debbie Drummond Fund
RFF	Reed Family Fund
LSF	Samuel Lee Smith Advised Fund
TDLF	Terri Drummond Lyon Fund

YLWC learns about philanthropy and giving

Youth Leadership Walker County, a partnership between Walker Area Community Foundation, The Chamber of Commerce of Walker County and Beville State Community College, 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 this year:

Camp McDowell received a grant for their Venture Out! Forest Expedition 2019, a great outdoor experience for 26 local high school students.

Hope House Church received funds to purchase 100 bath kits for the people who use their Showers for the Homeless service.



Camp McDowell Venture Out!

A joint project between **Jasper High School** and the **Walker County Coalition for the Homeless** provided 50 electric heaters for homes without a source of heat this past winter.

The **City of Lights Dream Center** received funds to support their drug and alcohol treatment program, serving 100 individuals.

Backyard Blessings received a grant to begin weekend feeding at Parrish Elementary/Middle School for 98 students.

The **Mission of Hope** provided blankets to 150 families in need of extra warmth this past winter.

The **Walker County Community Action** received funds for their Afterschool and Summer Programs which serves 50+ young people.



City of Lights Dream Center

Foundation's story intertwined with Walker County's story

By Jennifer Cohron, Daily Mountain Eagle



APEX Playground

Imagine Walker County without the Walker Area Community Foundation.

It is a world where APEX (Accessible Playground Extreme eXperience) playground may not exist so that children of all abilities can play because there wouldn't have been a \$25,000 matching grant in 2007.

It is a world where survivors of the 2011 tornadoes still live in unacceptable conditions because there was no Walker County Long Term Recovery Committee.

It is a world where there is no Bankhead House and Heritage Center to preserve the stories of the county's communities and people.



Bankhead House & Heritage Center

It is a world where Jasper Main Street does not have its largest funder for the revitalization of downtown and where Walker County Lake is not attracting new visitors because of improvements such as the new archery park.

It is a world where dozens of nonprofits doing good work every day do not have a local reliable funding source and have had to find somewhere else to turn for the \$20 million in grants awarded by the Foundation in the past two decades.

Erase the creation of the Foundation in 1995 with the \$6 million in proceeds from the sale of Walker Regional Medical Center and the history of Walker County is changed in obvious and troubling ways.

The Foundation acknowledges its symbiotic relationship with the county that makes it possible in its annual report, which is being released this week.

It is titled "Tell YOUR Story," with an emphasis on "our" as part of "your."

"Your investment in this Foundation is creating a story of community change, legacy and lasting impact. We are a collection of people working behind the scenes to make the best stories come to life. This story is our story, together," writes Beth Stukes, chair of the Foundation's board of directors.

In 1995, John T. Oliver Jr., Pat Willingham, the late George Mitnick and the late Larry Drummond started writing a story that wasn't supposed to be possible.

Experts in such matters suggest that a population of at least 100,000 is needed to build a successful community foundation. The county's current population stands at slightly less than 64,000.

Yet the Foundation's report points to a year of great growth, with \$43.5 million in gifts received and the tripling of its assets between 2017 and 2018.

Last year, the Foundation invested over \$2 million in area nonprofits — a far cry from the \$289,300 awarded in 1997 to its first seven grant recipients.

In 2000, Carol Savage was hired as the Foundation's first executive director. Savage, confessing no knowledge of foundations, accepted a small office in the current Jasper Civic Center building downtown, reached out to her counterparts in the handful of active community foundations in the state at the time and traveled to each to examine the foundations' inner workings and assess their attributes.

Savage would serve until 2006, during which time she established precedents such as the annual report and a quarterly newsletter in which announcements are made and honorary and memorial gifts are acknowledged.

In 2008, the Foundation purchased the former home of U.S. Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead and announced plans to turn it into an art center and museum.

The Bankhead House and Heritage Center opened in 2010 and has hosted a rotating series of exhibits since 2011. Events are also hosted throughout the year in its amphitheater.

The House has hosted two exhibits from the Smithsonian Institute — “Journey Stories” in 2011 and “WaterWays” in 2018.

In 2011, the Foundation became more than a passive provider of funds after tornadoes struck the county, destroying 156 homes and extensively damaging 170 more.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s initial report found more than \$4 million in unmet needs.

The Foundation’s Unmet Needs Fund, established more than a decade prior as a result of tornadoes that struck Carbon Hill, was reactivated within a week of the disaster.



Long Term Recovery

The money that was set to go out in the spring grant cycle, \$250,000, was obligated to it with \$50,000 earmarked to address immediate needs.

National disaster groups sent volunteers because finances were available and outside funders supported recovery efforts because volunteers and the Foundation had demonstrated a commitment.

The Foundation was also instrumental in the organization of the Walker County Long Term Recovery Committee, which oversaw rebuilding and repair projects. In two years, the Foundation distributed \$2 million for recovery efforts, and an additional \$2 million in in-kind labor was provided by volunteer organizations.

In 2012, the Foundation awarded more than \$3.6 million in grants — the most in its history.

Today, the Foundation continues to be a catalyst for change through the Walker County Health Action Partnership, which has been working to provide more access to healthy foods and outdoor activities since 2013, and Jasper Main Street, which has led the revitalization efforts downtown.

In 2017, the Foundation partnered on two important grants related to workforce development — \$1.9 million to Bevill State Community College for a Rapid Training Center and \$1.2 million to the Southern Research Institute in Birmingham to increase entrepreneurial opportunities to replace job losses in the coal mining industry.

Such grants would not be possible without donors — those who make large gifts and establish Component funds and the many others who make individual donations according to their ability to support projects in which they believe.

The Foundation is the conduit for funding to flow from the people who give to the people who do the work of meeting needs in Walker County.



Walker County Lake Archery Park

“Every great story has a hero, and every hero has a guiding light that helps them along the way. The nonprofit organizations of Walker County are our hero. The work they accomplish daily makes life better for the clients they serve, including hungry people being fed; children in need being supported by adults who care about their future; volunteers spreading love while meeting the needs of others; addictions being conquered because of planning, counseling and faith in God; and Walker County’s great heritage being showcased in a facility that is rich with love for our community.”

Beth Thorne Stukes, Chairman and Director

HONORARIUMS: March 1st – June 30th

Carol Alexander
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Edith Ann Crump
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Sharon Hogg
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Susan McKinney
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Debbie Sanders
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Margery Birdsong
Jeanette Smith

Lisa Crump
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Sarah Hyche
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Cristy Moody
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Jenny Short
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Cynthia Bishop
Deckie Buccilli

Katelyn Darwin
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Sabrina Keating
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Helen Moses' Birthday
Kay Byars

Carla Simmons
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Marthanne Brown
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Abbie Drummond
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Annette Kelley
Deckie Buccilli

Catherine Murphy's Birthday
Corky Hagen
Susan and Fred May
Judy and Gerson May

Jackie Simmons Gilliland
Euna Mae Gambrell

Linda Burns
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Libba Elliott
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Beth Kennedy
Pam and Kevin Callahan

John T. Oliver, Jr.
Debbie and Rickey Daniel

Beth Stukes
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Linda and David Cain
Corky Hagen

Torrie Grelle
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Paul Kennedy
Gamma Nu Beta Sigma Phi

Jane Pounds' Birthday
Kay Byars

Holly Trawick
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Maria Ross Campsey
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Amy Grice
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Don Kilgore's Birthday
Kathy and Jerry Byars
Kay Byars
Lisa Killingsworth
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Charlotte Pugh
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Renae Wilson
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Tana Collins
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Debbie Hendrix
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Linda Lewis
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Mike Putman
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Julie Cowen
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Ginger Hensley
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Brenda McAdams
Pam and Kevin Callahan

David J. Rowland's Birthday
Judy and Gerson May

Diana Crawford
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Vicki Hill
Pam and Kevin Callahan

MEMORIALS: March 1st – June 30th

Gene Aldridge
Gina and Bob Nolen

Bobbie and Ed Richardson
Billie Sherer
Jimmie Carol Sherer
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Will Collins
Billy and Valinda Collins

Pat Hyland
Lucretia and Frank Fountain
Karen and Chip Globetti

Gene Mitchell
June and Bill Hudson
Wayne Moore
Hunter's Chapel Holy Church of Christ
Gina Nichols
James Nichols

Carter Thompson
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Larry Avant
Jeanette Smith

Marvette Curtis II
Bank of Walker County

Billie Guthrie
Musgrove Women's Golf Association

Robert B. Nolen
Gina and Bob Nolen

Bobby Underwood on his Birthday
Kay Byars
Betty Underwood

Lisa Baughn
Pam Fikes

Shane R. Dawkins
Robbin Allen

Gay Hulse Lynn
Jane and Sam Murphy
Betty Underwood

Margie O'Rear
Jeanette Smith
Charlene Stephenson

Evan Underwood
Jeanette Smith

Cammie Bishop
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Jane M. Elliott
Caroline and Steve Horton

Margaret McPoland
Mimi Hudson

Allan Oestreich
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Terry Clark Webb
Pam and Max Fikes
Walker County High School
Class of 1963

Steve Byars
Barbara and Howard Graham

James Ergle
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Mary Miller
Lois and Ed Alexander
Kay Byars
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Betty Underwood
Linda and John Word

Miss Hannah Sherer
Gerald Schapmann

Delphie L. Wilemon
Robbin Allen

Montae Cain
Robbin Allen
Edith Ann Crump
Ann Davis
Euna Mae Gambrell
Corky Hagen
June and Bill Hudson
Jane and Sam Murphy
Robbie and Brack O'Rear

Ken Fender
June and Bill Hudson
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Tommy Simmons
Terry Simmons



The Bankhead House & Heritage Center



2019 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

Celebrating our Communities: Chapter 3

Featuring Artifacts from Farmstead, Jasper,
Manchester, Redmill, Thach, and Saragossa

January 29–June 14

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

Alabama's History of Native Americans

Featuring the Collection of Wheeler Pounds

July 9–September 20

Opening Reception: July 9, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Making Alabama–Bicentennial Exhibit

October 8–October 25

Opening Reception: October 8, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Traveling to all 67 counties and sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, this exhibit showcases Alabama from a fledgling US territory in 1817 to becoming the nation's 22nd state on December 14, 1819.

Art on the Inside

November 19–December 27

Opening Reception: November 19, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Presented by Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project at Auburn University, features works made up of drawings and photographs, and occasionally poems.

Hours: Tuesday–Friday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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



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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.

Contributions to the Foundation may be made through honorariums and memorials.

The Foundation will acknowledge the gift on your behalf.

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Contact the Foundation or your financial planner to help choose the method that is right for you!



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