



Mrs Betty Hooks Underwood

New Fund for the Foundation

Walker Area Community Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of the Dr. Bobby T. and Betty Hooks Underwood Fund.

Dr. and Mrs. Underwood met in Savannah, GA while he was stationed there in the U.S. Air Force and she was teaching school. They married in 1957 and had two children Betsy and Buddy.

Dr. Underwood served Walker County as a dentist for many years. Upon retirement, the Underwoods began a second career as the owners of Dreamland BBQ. Managed by their daughter Betsy, Dreamland has grown tremendously, and restaurants can be found throughout the Southeast. Buddy has followed in his dad's footsteps as a dentist with a practice in Gardendale.

Giving back to the community has always been important to the Underwoods. "Anytime you can help the community, you want to do it. I think it is great to give to nonprofit organizations that are helping others. Bobby and I always enjoyed giving together before he passed away and I know it would please him very much to know that we now have a fund that will support our community."



Dr Bobby Underwood

Community Foundation Awards \$562,947 in Grants

"The Walker Area Community Foundation will never be solely focused on education, healthcare, the arts or any single interest, because our grantmaking will always be attentive to the greatest needs and opportunities in our community", said Paul Kennedy, President of the Community Foundation. For more information on the Walker Area Community Foundation go to wacf.org.

The investment the Walker Area Community Foundation and its Donor Advised Funds makes in our community is important to overall community health. The Foundation recently awarded **\$562,947** to the following organizations:

The **Alabama Kiwanis Foundation** RIF Program received a grant that will enable distribution of books to at-risk Head Start and Pre-K students in Walker County. *CF*

The **Alabama Symphony Orchestra** grant provides musical education for area students. *CF, BDTF*

The **American Red Cross** received a grant to support disaster assistance in Walker County for families devastated by home fires. *CF, DDFF*

Backyard Blessings received funding for their weekend backpack feeding program for food insecure students. *LSF*

The funds awarded to the **Birmingham Zoo** will support the building of the Alabama Wilds Habitat for the Red-Tailed Hawk. *CF, BF, DDFF*

Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Alabama received funding for their Walker County Project Learn program, providing after school activities, tutoring, and mentoring support for local students. *CF, TDLF*



Capstone Rural Health Center.

Capstone Rural Health received a grant for development and implementation of their new addiction recovery program. *CF, LDF, TDLF, DDFF*

The **Carl Elliott Regional Library** grant will make improvements to their community room and enhance children's services. *CF, RFF, BF*

C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation received funds to support their annual fishing event for special needs children and youth. *LSF*

City of Lights Dream Center funding supports their women's recovery treatment program. *CF, LDF, TDLF, DDFF*

The **Daily Mountain Eagle Shoe Fund** received a grant for their annual shoe giveaway. *LSF*

Dilworth Church of God was awarded a grant to purchase a new food delivery truck to support their community food pantry. *CF, DDFF*

Full Life Ahead Foundation was funded for their Plan for Success Program, supporting clients with disabilities. *CF, BF*



FocusFirst Vision Care

Impact Alabama's program FocusFirst Vision Care provides a cost-effective direct response to the vision care problems of children who live in urban and rural poverty in Alabama. With this grant, all students in Walker County Head Starts and lower-income daycares are screened for vision problems. *CF*

Indian Creek Youth Camp received a grant to help rebuild facilities that have fallen into disrepair. *CF, DDFF*

The **Jalayah Hackman Foundation** received funding to support their mentoring and tutoring programs, designed to enrich the lives of area youth. *CF*

Jasper City Parks and Recreation received a grant to support special needs swimming and Dream Team Sports. *LSF*

Kid One Transport System will use their grant to fund a driver and provide vehicle fuel and maintenance for round-trip transportation to medical appointments for children and expectant mothers from the Walker County area. *CF, LDF*

Kids Loving Kids provides personal needs, school supplies, and Christmas gifts to area children and youth. *CF, LSF*

Magic Moments grants wishes to chronically ill children in Alabama. This grant award will fund Magic Moments for two Walker County clients and their families. *CF, DTSF, LSF*

Mission of Hope aids families during the holidays with food boxes, clothes, shoes, and toys, and this grant will support the Thanksgiving/Christmas giveaway this year. *CF*

People First of Walker County supports advocacy activities for people with disabilities. *LSF*

The **Pregnancy Test and Resource Center** received a grant to provide services and education for pregnant women in Walker County and surrounding areas, in an effort to reduce infant mortality rates. *CF*

Funding for **Sight Savers America** provides a children's eye care program, low vision program, vision-screening program, & health screening program, in area schools. *CF, BF, DDFF*



Smile A Mile Place Hospital Outreach Program

Smile-A-Mile Place and their Hospital Outreach Program brings life-enriching programs to the Hematology/Oncology patients at Children's of Alabama. Funding also supports their family programs and services. *CF*

UAB School of Nursing was funded to support the Nurse-Family Partnership of Central Alabama, which provides prenatal care for at-risk pregnant women and newborns. *CF*

Walker County Board of Education received a grant to purchase AEDs for their schools, and to purchase new books for the Valley Junior High School library. *CF, BF, RFF*

Walker County Christian Chorus presents the classical music work Handel's "Messiah" in Walker County to open the Christmas season. This presentation offers singers the opportunity to perform for many individuals who otherwise would not be exposed to the performing arts. This grant award supports the hiring of the orchestra. *CF, PDDF*

Youth Advocate Programs received funding for the Trauma-Informed Social-Emotional Learning Interventionist Pilot Program at Sumiton Elementary. This program works with students who are exposed to at-home trauma. *CF, BDTF, DTSF, LDF, PDDF, EMFF*



Kids Loving Kids



Boys and Girls Clubs

Key for Funds

BDTF	Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund
BF	Bankhead Fund
CF	Community Fund
DDFF	Don Drummond Family Fund
DTSF	Drummond, Thorne, Stukes Fund
EMFF	Engel and Mitnick Family Fund
LDF	Larry Drummond Fund
LSF	Lee Smith Fund
PDDF	Patrick and Debbie Drummond Fund
RFF	Reed Family Fund
TDLF	Terri Drummond Lyon Fund

Youth Leadership Walker County 2019-2020

Youth Leadership Walker County, a partnership of the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, Beville State Community College and the Walker Area Community Foundation, recently announced its Class of 2019-2020. The following students were chosen based on an application process and will learn valuable leadership skills inspiring them to cultivate ongoing involvement with their community.

The Community Foundation offers the students an opportunity to become grantmakers as they conduct their own grant review process. They receive grant applications from area nonprofits and school clubs, review the applications, conduct site visits and determine how to give away the \$10,000 invested in them through the Foundation.

Congratulations to our newest class:



YLWC Team Building at Camp O'Rear

Allison Kaylee "Alli Kay" Alvis	Jasper High School	"Gabrielle" Faith Jent	Sumiton Christian High School
Madison "Maddie" La'Sha Aycocock	Dora High School	"Emily" Grace Keeton	Carbon Hill High School
"Lilly" Cameron Bogardus	Jasper High School	"Emma" Kapreece Knott	Jasper High School
"Julian" Matilynn Bray	Oakman High School	"Sadee" Marie Lay	Dora High School
"Cheyanne" Rena Busby	Oakman High School	"Garrett" Lynn Lomoro	Dora High School
Victoria "Skye" Cleckler	Sumiton Christian High School	"Katelyn" Denise Makemson	Oakman High School
"Allie" Ryan Downs	Curry High School	Anna "Claire" Martin	Oakman High School
"Noah" Weslee Ferguson	Oakman High School	Jeffrey "Sam" Martin	Jasper High School
"Jillian" Lou Gurganus	Oakman High School	"Abbey" Lynn Mauldin	Oakman High School
"McCartney" Bjaryn Hagar	Cordova High School	"Hunter" Cole Miller	Cordova High School
"Haley" McKenzie Hann	Cordova High School	Miles "Griffin" Myers	Sumiton Christian High School
"Skyla" Jae Hartley	Oakman High School	Gwynevere "Elizabeth" Nunnally	Jasper High School
"Anna" Katherine Howton	Jasper High School	"Amelia" Caroline Poolos	Jasper High School
"Morgan" Ciera Humphries	Jasper High School	Virginia "Ginny" June Posey	Cordova High School
		"Ashlee" Nicole Roberts	Cordova High School
		Jonathan "Coleman" Sapp	Jasper High School
		"Mayson" Keon Slaughter	Jasper High School
		Samuel "Sam" Griffin Smith	Oakman High School
		Hallie Grace "Gracie" Spivy	Jasper High School
		"Reaghan" Danielle Thomason	Dora High School
		Ian "Gaige" Tittle	Carbon Hill High School
		Anna Elizabeth "Libby" Tucker	Carbon Hill High School
		"Nicole" Villavicencio-Garduno	Jasper High School
		"Kaylee" Cyan Wakefield	Jasper High School
		"Mary Helen" Williams	Jasper High School
		"Brooklyn" Alexis Wilson	Jasper High School

2019 ANNUAL LUNCHEON



A Story of Opportunity ... Rachel Puckett

TELL YOUR STORY



A Story of Preparation ... Paul Kennedy



Plant Seeds of Hope



A Story of the Unexpected ... Tina Aaron, Keynote Speaker



A Story of Worth

THE BANKHEAD HOUSE & HERITAGE CENTER



2020 EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

Walker Area Community Foundation presents

Walker County Artist Showcase-Phase 2

January 28-April 17

Opening Reception: January 28, 2:00pm-4:00pm

A diverse representation of varied art mediums, do not miss the work of these talented artists.

Camp McDowell: A Walk Through 97 Years (1923-2020)

May 5-July 17

Opening Reception: May 5, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Come see and be inspired by the stories, people, artifacts and programs from the Folk School, Environmental Center, Magnolia Nature School, Farm School, Conference Center, Summer Camps and Retreats!

Celebrating our Communities: Chapter 4

August 11-January 1, 2021

Opening Reception: August 11, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Featuring artifacts from America, Corona, Gorgas, Martin, Parrish, Patton, and Oakman



Playing the flute

Alabama's History of Native Americans a Big Success!

In July-September, the Bankhead House & Heritage Center was honored to exhibit the collection of Wheeler Pounds. Mr. Pounds is well known in Walker County as a historian and local collector.

The exhibit had several sections telling the story of Native Americans in our area and Alabama including:

- A history timeline of the Native Indians of Alabama from 10,000 BC: The first indigenous people were of the Paleo-Indian culture who lived in caves and were nomadic hunters to when the Creek War (1813-1814) erupted in Alabama and Georgia.
- Artifacts from each time period.
- Items used in daily life including spear points, a rain stick, handmade flute, talking stick, tools, pottery pots, effigies and arrowheads.
- School groups learned how to make fire and how to use primitive knives made of antlers, leather and stone.

We had approximately 1,800 visitors and 650 students view the exhibit representing 15 States. Thank you, Wheeler for sharing of your knowledge, time and artifacts with your community!



Making Fire



Wheeler Pounds

Future Exhibits Showcasing our Local Communities

2021 Celebrating our Communities: Chapter 5

Featuring artifacts from Barney, Cordova, Gardner's Gin and Quinton

Exhibit: January 26-June 11 | Opening Reception: Tuesday, January 26 at 2:00p-4:00p

2022 Celebrating our Communities: Chapter 6

Featuring artifacts from Boldo, Curry, Empire, Sipsey, South Lowell, Sunlight and Union Chapel

Exhibit: January 25-June 10 | Opening Reception: Tuesday, January 25 at 2:00p-4:00p

2023 Celebrating our Communities: Chapter 7

Featuring artifacts from Winston County

Exhibit: January 24-June 9 | Opening Reception: Tuesday, January 24 at 2:00p-4:00p

BHHC 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.

HONORARIUMS: July 1st – November 30th

Carol and Jim Alexander
Charlotte and Ray Pugh

Jim Alexander
Pam and Kevin Callahan
Cristy and Lincoln Moody
Debbie and Joey Sanders
Beth and Rick Stukes

Anne and Jack Allen
Ella and Elmer Swanson

Robbin Reed Allen
Cheri Russell

Camille and Fred Bush
Jill and Kelly Raines

Kathy Byars
Consensus Club

Kay Byars' Birthday
Gene Birdsong
Jane Pounds
Helen Moses
Jeanette and Pete* Smith

Pam and Kevin Callahan
Robbin and Anthony Allen
Martha and Robert Svoboda

Josephine Davis's Birthday
Jane Pounds

Billie Ruth Drummond's Birthday
Kay Byars
Euna Mae Gambrell

Miss Louise Elizabeth Globetti
Karen and Chip Globetti

Melissa Guthrie
Betty Underwood

Judy Hager's Birthday
Jeanette and Pete* Smith

Barney Hamner
Karen and Chip Globetti

Rev. Robin Hinkle
Katie and Harris Rhodes

Annette and Joe Kelley
Joette and Stephen Brown

Paul Kennedy
Bob Boylan

Lisa Killingsworth
Pam and Kevin Callahan

Becky May
Mallory Gray

Maria McClung
Cheri Russell

John T. Oliver, Jr.
Elizabeth and Shane Weber

The Honorable Jerry Selman
Lucy and Bill Richardson
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Carla Simmons
Deckie Buccilli

Beth Stukes
Sidney James-Nakhjavari

Beth and Rick Stukes
Robbin and Anthony Allen

Betty Underwood's Birthday
Kay Byars
Euna Mae Gambrell

Walker Area Community Foundation Staff
Beth and Rick Stukes

Walker County Amateur Radio
Linda and Jimmie Dill

MEMORIALS: July 1st – November 30th

Austin Aaron
Jennifer and Toby Banks

Jennifer Aldridge
George E. Deavours

Ricky Allred
Merry and Rick Lee

Barry Banks
Abbie Drummond
Betty Underwood

Milton Banks
George E. Deavours

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George E. Deavours

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Abbie Drummond
Jimmie Carol Sherer

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Lynn and Jerry Mosley

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Gene Birdsong
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Steve Byars
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Montae Cain
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Bart Black
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Alice Short
Patsy and William Stricklin

Will Collins
Billy and Valinda Collins

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Byars Wright, Inc.
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Lisa and John Crump
Sylvia and John Crump
Galia and Lewis Gross

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Karen and Steve Hudson
Kathern, Ollie and Olivia Hyche

Joey Franklin
Karen and Chip Globetti

Terry Frazier
George E. Deavours

Barbara Ann Garner
Abbie Drummond

Maggie Giles
Katie and Harris Rhodes

Dr. Kevin Green
Bob Nolen

John Greene
Catherine and Louis Payne

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Annette and Travis Corbin
Sylvia and John Crump
Jimmie Carol Sherer
Alice Short
Beth and Rick Stukes
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Sabrina Keating

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George E. Deavours

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Karen and Steve Hudson

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Walker Co HS Class of 1963

Dr. Pat Hyland
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Lucy and Bill Richardson
Deborah and David Zorbini

Charles Hayden James
Merry and Rick Lee

MEMORIALS: July 1st – November 30th

Wanda Lefan

George E. Deavours

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Judy and Gerson May
Charlotte and Bob Sherer
Alice Short

Gay Hulsey Lynn

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George E. Deavours

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Le Jardin Garden Club

James McLean Jr.

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Mary Miller

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Catherine and Louis Payne

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George E. Deavours
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Judy and Gerson May
Katie and Harris Rhodes

Charles Otwell

Nancy and David Cain
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Sabrina Keating
Linda and Bob Maddox
Dot and Ray McAdams
Lynn and Jerry Mosley
Alice Short
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Beth and Rick Stukes

Ed Richardson

Abbie Drummond
Cristy and Lincoln Moody

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Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson
Laura and Stan Richardson

Alene Rowe

George E. Deavours

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Gerald Schapmann

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Terry Simmons

Sue Stocks

Lisa and Ted Killingsworth

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Jeanette and Pete Smith

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Kathern, Ollie and Olivia Hyche
Karyn and Brent Uptain

Dean Townsend

Edith Ann Crump
Abbie Drummond
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Nelda and Charles Underwood

George E. Deavours

Robert L. Wise, Sr.

Walker Co HS Class of 1963

M.A. Woodley

Connie and Grady Sparks

A new face at the Foundation Harris Rhodes, *Finance Manager*



Harris Rhodes

We are pleased to announce a new member to the Foundation team. Harris grew up in Jasper and attended Walker High School. He lettered 4 years in baseball for the Vikings and went on to the University of Mississippi where he decided to trade the baseball diamond for the rugby pitch.

After graduation from Ole Miss, he began his career at Regions Bank where he specialized in interest rate derivatives. Harris comes to the foundation with nearly two decades of finance and investment experience that range from operations to trade execution to balance sheet risk oversight, along with everything in-between.

He moved his family to Jasper in the summer of 2010, but still spent 60 hours a week in Birmingham. He missed the ability to be as involved in the community as he wanted. But in July 2019, that all changed and Harris truly came home. He is extremely excited to be part of the WACF team, offering his talents and putting them to work in his hometown.

Harris is married to Katie King originally from Birmingham, who teaches in the Jasper City School System. They have three children: Tucker (12), Thomas (8), and Ann Collier (6), along with two wire-haired griffons, Mollie and Meg. They live on Blackwater, and when not at the foundation, Harris loves to spend time with his family and friends in the great outdoors.



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How can you help make your community a better place? By giving to the Walker Area Community Foundation.

There are many ways to give to the Walker Area Community Foundation:

- 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.

For online giving or information about our funds, visit wacf.org

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



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