

## The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Emily Donaldson as its next member



Emily is a native of Jasper, Alabama. She graduated from Walker High School in 1997 and from the University of Alabama in 2001. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama and then received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. Emily is a member of both the Mississippi Bar and the Alabama State Bar Associations.

Emily also serves on the First United Methodist Church of Jasper administrative board and is currently the president of the Walker County Bar Association. She is a member and past president of both the Kiwanis Club of Jasper and the Walker County Arts Alliance. Emily is married

to Robin Brasher and they have two children, Luke (4) and Olivia (2).

Emily says, "It is an honor to serve on the Board of Directors but really it is an honor to serve in any capacity of the Foundation. I have been involved for many years, served in many ways, and have loved each one. The Foundation is in a wonderful position to bring Walker County to the next, great level by working both to help the nonprofits monetarily and to facilitate the bringing together of cross sections of our community achieving greatness beyond what we can do individually. The Foundation consists of so many people, which also extend outside of Walker County, who have a desire to invest in our community and its future. It continues to amaze me that a foundation of this size exists and continues to grow in a community the size of Walker County. It really shows that people working together for a common goal have no limits. I am happy to be a part of helping others and helping organizations within Walker County grow."

## Jim Trotter joins our team as Director of Donor Development



Jim is no stranger to our community. He attended Walker High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama.

During his senior year at Alabama, Jim was offered a prestigious internship with Red Mountain Entertainment and after graduation joined the company as a booking assistant. Over his six years at Red Mountain and then Live Nation, Jim was promoted three times becoming

the Director of Sponsorship and Premium Seat Sales.

Through Jim, the Foundation will have the ability to create partnerships with corporations throughout the State of Alabama enabling us to bring more people to the table to invest in our community's most pressing needs. His experience in marketing, event planning and the way he relates so easily to those around him will be instrumental in our ability to grow our resources and the scope of our work.

In his free time, Jim is the Associate to the Worship Pastor and accompanist at Jasper's First Baptist Church. His vocal talent, as well as his ability at the piano, have been enjoyed by our community for years. Jim also serves on the Board of Directors for Grammy Museum Mississippi.

"Both sides of my family built their lives in Walker County and I am proud to be a part of that lineage. My grandfather, Jack Trotter, served Walker County for over 16 years as the sheriff and was loved by all who knew him. My other grandfather, William Lacy Brakefield Jr., also served the community of Walker County through his various businesses. My father, Alan Trotter, served in education for over 35 years and had the privilege of being the Superintendent of the Walker County Schools. My mother, Ann Trotter, taught the lifelong skill of swimming for over 35 years at Memorial Park Pool and recently retired from serving the Jasper City Schools System for 43 years. Walker County is in my blood, dedicated service is in my blood, and I am excited about using my strengths for the Walker Area Community Foundation to ensure that Walker County continues on its trajectory of becoming better than it has ever been. I am honored to be a part of this team".

# New Fund Established: Rebekah L. Black Fund

When Gregg Black made the decision to start a Donor Advised Fund to honor the memory of his daughter Rebekah, we wanted to learn more about his decision to trust the Foundation as a place for his investment in the place he calls "HOME."

## **1 Why did you select WACF to administer your fund?**

From the onset of establishing the fund, what really stood out to me the most, was the quality of people working within the Foundation. If you start at the top, specifically the Board of Directors, the faculty and staff, the volunteers, and everyone associated with WACF, they are among the very best of the best, in my personal opinion. They are my peers, people whom I've known and worked with or have been associated with personally or professionally my whole life, and it gives me complete confidence in choosing the Foundation to administer and direct the funds for eternity. I have much respect for their character, morals and values, and deep-rooted concern for community's best interest. I think you would have to look far and wide to put together a better group of people than those associated with WACF.



## **2 Tell us about Rebekah...**

Born and raised in Jasper, she was loved and admired by many who's path she crossed over time. She was a very kind, loving, giving soul and wanted to take care of those closest to her. She loved her brother Alex, and as a story would later be told, she made sure nobody, and I mean nobody, picked on her little brother. So, she could be fearless to some degree.

She was a free spirit who loved working with the public and being around people. Rebekah wasn't a shy person, and once you met her, she could be your friend for life.

I suppose the thing I remember most about her, was her ability to keep fighting through difficult times. She might get knocked down, but she quickly jumped up, dusted herself off, and was ready for the next battle. So much of a fighter, that even in the worst-case scenario, she kept on fighting to very end. As we all know, some battles are won, and unfortunately, some battles are lost.

But this is not where the story ends for Rebekah. With the assistance and guidance of the Foundation, Rebekah's memory will live on as this fund will be helping others in our area, who are fighting a battle very similar to the one she fought. I feel like she would be very proud to know of the efforts that will be made on her behalf.

## **3 Areas of interest for the Rebekah L. Black Fund**

In an everlasting attempt to hold onto Rebekah's love for life, people, and her family, I have established the fund to assist in helping to address a problem that is directly affecting our nation, our great state of Alabama, and our fine community in Walker County. So many families are left in the wake of destruction from the use of opioids and other drug abuse.

The Foundation will find the "highest and best use" to address issues of obtaining and maintaining sobriety, assistance in transition from rehabilitation back to society, job placement and transportation needs, and hopefully achieve the gift of "one more chance" to become productive members of their community again. If we can turn just one life around, it all becomes very clear why we choose to give back and support Walker County.

## **4 Why is it important to invest back into the community you grew up in?**

As for my specific reason to invest back into my community, there was never any question about it. The people of Walker County are not just good people, they are great, fabulous people. They are our leaders and innovators, volunteers, professionals, and hard-working families. The backbone of a community that one will remember for the rest of their life.

As my parents always taught us, take care of the people who take care of you. As we all know and have heard stories about Walker County, some good and some not so good, it is by far the best place to grow up in. This county has been so good to me and my family and we are better people today because we grew up here. I am proud of my heritage and I'm proud of my community for rising to the calling and taking care of its own, the way the Walker Area Community Foundation is doing today! We are all better because of these great efforts.

# 2020 Spring Grants Awarded

The Walker Area Community Foundation and its funds awarded \$961,976 in grants to the following nonprofits earlier this year.

**Alabama Lions Sight** is the largest provider of indigent eye care in Alabama, serving communities with their mobile eye clinic. A grant for the mobile clinic supports the operation in Sumiton, Sipsey and Jasper, providing services to 475 individuals each year. *DDFF*

Funding for **Alzheimer's of Central Alabama** provides incontinence products delivered directly to homes in Walker County. *CF, RFF*

A grant to **Backyard Blessings** will provide weekend food to over 850 students in Walker County. *CF, RFF, BF*

**Boldo United Methodist Church** received funds for their emergency food pantry. *RFF*

**Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank** grant provides diapers and wipes in Walker County through their distribution partners. *CF*



*Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank*

**Christian's Place Mission** received funding for their food bank, serving over 400 people each month. *CF, RFF*

**ClasTran** was funded to provide transportation to individuals in Walker County. *DTS, BF*

A grant to **Community Grief Support** provides materials and administration for their program. *CF*

**Dilworth Church of God** received funds for their food bank, providing groceries to around 200 families per month. *RFF, DDFF*

**Fellowship House** provides services to address the opioid crisis through counseling and treatment. Funding will enhance available services in Walker County. *LDF, TDLF, DDFF, LF*

A grant to the **First United Methodist Church Hope Kitchen** will provide a hot meal to around 200 individuals each week. *DTS, RFF*

**Friends of Downtown Jasper/Jasper Main Street** received a grant to fund operations and downtown projects. *CF, RFF, BF, DDFF*

The **Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama** received a grant to provide a modified summer camp experience for local girls. *CF*

**Girls Inc.** received a grant to provide a learning kits for modified summer camp. *CF*

**Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL)** received funds to provide health and nutrition programs in 13 Walker County schools. *CF, LDF*

**Hope House Church** received a grant to fund their soup kitchen, showers for the homeless, diaper bank, emergency groceries, and youth cooking classes. *CF, RFF, LDF*

The **Literacy Council of Central Alabama** was funded to provide local programs for Walker County students and adults including book clubs, ESL classes, and tutoring. *CF, RFF, BF, TDLF, LF*

A grant was provided to the **McWane Science Center** to cover the costs of science field trips for 1,200+ students to visit the center during the school year. *BF*

Funds were granted to the **Mt. Vernon Baptist Church** for their food bank, serving 120 elderly households, school students, and over 100 families in the community. *CF, RFF, LDF*



*Mount Vernon Baptist Church Food Bank*

**Raising Arrows** provides hot meals to area youth, and they received a grant to increase their capacity in Walker County to 16,000 meals per month. *BDTF, RFF, TDLF, DDFF*

**Ronald McDonald House** was funded to provide housing for families of children receiving treatment at Children’s Hospital. *TDLF*

The **Salvation Army** received funding for their food pantry and senior feeding program, impacting 4,000 people each year. *RFF, PDDF*

The **Society of St. Andrews** operates the Alabama Gleaning Network which recovers produce from orchards and farms and distributes the crops to food banks and soup kitchens. They received a grant to bring this service to Walker County. *RFF, PDDF*

**St. Cecilia Catholic Church** received a grant to fund their food pantry which serves 600 students and individuals each month. *CF, RFF*

**St. Mary’s Episcopal Church** received a grant for their food bank, which provides groceries, fresh produce, and meat to around 175 families each week. *DTS, RFF, BF, LDF, TDLF*

**UAB Department of Theatre** received a grant to bring performances to Walker County. *BF*



UAB Department of Theatre

The **United Way of Central Alabama** received a grant to support the Partnership for Health and Education, the Strive Together Partnership, and the Behavioral Health project in area schools. *BDTF, DTSF, DDFF*

The **Walker County Amateur Radio (ARES)** association provides communication support during disasters, and received a grant for operational support. *CF*

**Walker County Coalition for the Homeless** received a grant for emergency sheltering and rehousing. *CF, RFF, LF*

**Walker County Community Action** received a grant to fund their afterschool and summer program. *CF*

A grant to the **Walker County Department of Human Resources** provides for special needs of foster children and elderly clients. *BDTF, BF*



The Wellhouse

The **Walker County Humane Society** received a grant to improve the health and well-being of area animals. *BF*

The **Wellhouse** rescues and rehabilitates women and adolescents who are victims of human trafficking. Their grant will enhance services available to Walker County victims. *CF*



Walker County ARES

FUNDERS KEY	
CF	Community Fund
BDTF	Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund
BF	Bankhead Fund
DDFF	Don Drummond Family Fund
DTS	Drummond, Thorne, Stukes Fund
LDF	Larry Drummond Fund
LF	Matthew and Ashley Laird Fund
PDDF	Patrick and Debbie Drummond Fund
RFF	Reed Family Fund
TDL	Terri Drummond Lyon Fund

# The Bankhead House & Heritage Center

## 2021 Exhibit Schedule

*Walker Area Community Foundation presents*

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

January 26-April 16 Opening Reception: January 26, 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!

This exhibit showcases how Camp McDowell has grown to become the largest Episcopal Camp and Conference Center in the United States with the help and support of its neighbors in Walker and Winston Counties.

### **Blooming Colors and Garden Art**

May 4-August 6 Opening Reception: May 4, 2:00pm-4:00pm

A diverse representation how our gardens grow and featuring art inspired by nature and the outdoors.

### **Celebrating our Communities: Chapter 5**

August 31-December 31 Opening Reception: August 31, 2:00pm-4:00pm

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



## **WALKER COUNTY ARTIST SHOWCASE EXHIBIT**



\*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.

*\*BHHC is currently closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

# The Foundation is always committed to taking care of our community, but especially so during times of disaster and chaos.



time. Were masks needed? Could you get the virus by touching groceries? Is it really going to strike our community?

At the Community Foundation, we certainly had a page full of questions with no good answers. So, we did what we do best. We brought nonprofit organizations, school systems, city leaders, and churches into to a community conversation to determine next steps. Preparing for the unknown is not easy, but our community rallied and we did our best for those in the greatest need.

We started with children. Both school systems made the decision to give Raising Arrows the food they would have served children who normally would have been in school. Raising Arrows increased their normal production of hot meals and instead of 1,000 meals a week, began preparing 2,000 meals a day. These boxed lunches were distributed at 11 sites throughout Walker County. Each car also received a bag of groceries courtesy of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Food Bank. Churches and volunteers served as hosts and made everything run smoothly. Those two weeks were a testament to the heart of Walker County's agencies, churches and people loving people.

In the meantime, Salvation Army was delivering groceries to more than 150 senior adults who were at risk and in need of food. Backyard Blessings had 800 bags of food for children, but needed some administrative assistance to create a delivery service. Byars Wright employees, and several other volunteers, called the parents of the 800+ children who normally receive Backyard Blessings food in their backpacks to ask permission to deliver their bags of food to their homes. Local teachers and principals from each of the schools served as the delivery teams.

The Governor's Stay at Home order was issued at the end of week two and we had to revamp. Raising Arrows continued to serve hot meals but the number of locations were cut to seven using employees as site hosts. Salvation Army continued to deliver food to seniors and St. Mary's Food Bank went back to their normal operating schedule.

The Community Foundation opened an Emergency Grant Cycle for those organizations providing direct service to people during the pandemic. We also began a program for Out of Work individuals who had been laid off, furloughed or had a reduction of hours. A hotline was created for these individuals to call to connect to resources for utility and rental assistance. They had to apply for unemployment to be considered for funding. Mission of Hope, Walker County Coalition for the Homeless, Walker

County Community Action Agency, Salvation Army and the JAMES Ministry all served as conduits for this program.

We are keeping our eye on the current situation as we continue to plan for future needs. People are scared, and hopefully, we are providing a sliver of hope for them to cling to in this time. We thank our donors for allowing us the opportunity to help in so many ways. It shows your heart for this community and once again proves that our value is worth more than the money we give.

## COVID FURLOUGHED CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

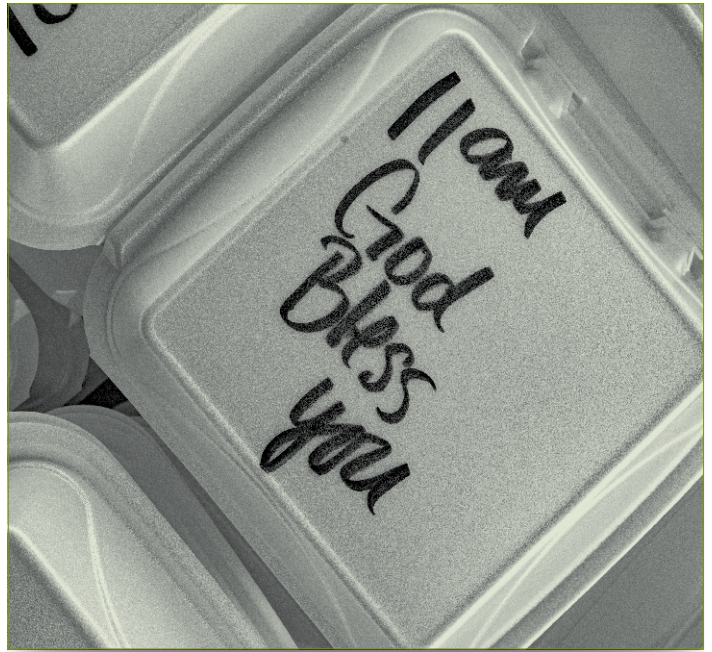
Here are the combined numbers for COVID Furloughed Client Assistance from: Mission of Hope, Salvation Army, Community Action, Homeless Coalition

**# of clients assisted:** **76**

<i>Utilities:</i>	<b>\$11,354.84</b>
<i>Car Payments:</i>	<b>\$6,551.14</b>
<i>Rent:</i>	<b>\$9,026</b>
<i>Insurance:</i>	<b>\$2,603.92</b>
<i>Medical:</i>	<b>\$430</b>
<i>Mortgage:</i>	<b>\$7,483.87</b>
<i>Allocation to Food Bank – MOH</i>	<b>\$1,187.22</b>
<i>Repairs:</i>	<b>\$380</b>
<i>Other:</i>	<b>\$263.17</b>

**Total Distributed:** **\$39,280.16**





To whom it may concern  
 During this outbreak of  
 COVID 19, I contacted Sheri  
 Abernethy at Mission of  
 Hope for any help she could  
 offer. I have never asked for  
 help before but with this  
 shutdown my husband lost  
 our half of his income. She helped  
 guide me through the process of  
 applying for money to help pay our  
 mortgage. Thank you for blessing  
 us during this horrible time.  
 Sincerely yours,  
 Raymond & Joqui Crawford

...straight from my heart.

We are very  
 grateful !!!

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The **Community Foundation** has given  
**\$216,000** to nonprofits who are  
 working directly with clients on the physical, social,  
 emotional and financial fallout from **COVID-19**.



"You know I have never been in a position for anyone to have to pay my bills. And I used to be so proud and would never admit defeat. But now I'm just so very humbled by your act of kindness and charity.

Reality sank in fast as Covid-19 was taking a toll on our company. When I got demoted and my salary was cut by 60% I still couldn't believe it was happening. It all seemed like we were moving in fast motion and my emotions did not even have time to catch up.

I just could not think of how I was going to be able to make my payments and then you came along and rescued me from my anxiousness and overwhelming sense of insecurity. I know God sent you to us and I am forever grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Salvation Army Client

# HONORARIUMS: MARCH 1 – JULY 31

**Carol and Jim Alexander**  
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**Bank of Walker County  
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Bank of Walker County

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Cindy and Charles Matthews

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Pat and Richard Barnes  
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**Billy David Berry**  
Anna and Billy Berry

**Jeanette Diane Berry**  
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# Youth Engage in Philanthropy

Youth Leadership Walker County, a partnership of the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, Beville State Community College and the Walker Area Community Foundation, gives students from high schools within Walker County Schools and Jasper City Schools the opportunity to 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.

## The 2019-2020 class awarded the following grants:

- Camp McDowell received funding for their Venture Out! program.
- EASI (Equines Assisting Special Individuals) received funds to sponsor a horse.
- Mission of Hope received funding to provide blankets to homes without heat.
- The Arc of Walker County received a grant to fund their Community Experience project.
- Walker County Children's Advocacy Center received funds for the Safe Kids Expo.
- YAP (Youth Advocate Programs) received a grant to fund their Nurturing Reading Spaces project.



*Camp McDowell Venture Out!*



*EASI*



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