

IT'S OUR **SOUL** PURPOSE



At the Foundation, we don't say "We can't." We say, "How can we?" How can we help our community heal from the pandemic and its many effects? How can we support overwhelmed medical professionals in their quest to physically heal those in their care? How can we provide easily accessible mental health services to heal the mind after the last year that has caused us to question so many things in our lives? How can we support nonprofits as they work to heal a community who is desperate for light at the end of the tunnel? How can we do all these things? By caring about people, listening, talking with others, and daily working to make life better ... it's our SOUL PURPOSE.

ON THE COVER:

Dr. John Jessup, MD, Pulmonologist at Brookwood Baptist Medical Center

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

I'm always proud of the efforts of the Walker Area Community Foundation, but never more so than during the pandemic. This group never backs down, never hesitates when a need is identified. They consistently pull together all of our community partners: nonprofits, churches, businesses, elected officials, industries, medical staff, first responders and school systems, to form plans around current community needs.

"Covid has completely changed everything that we do. At the present time, it totally dominates all other clinical issues that we have. The nature of the illness is that people get really sick and stay sick for a long time. Fortunately, this hospital has been able to respond well to that, but our staff has been stretched as far, and as thin, as it can be stretched," says Dr. John Jessup, Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician at Walker Baptist. (Featured on the front cover.)

Much like our healthcare heroes, this Foundation and this community stretch daily to create ways to provide food for children and seniors, to provide emergency funding for those who have lost their jobs or hours of work because of the pandemic, to provide counseling services for those in desperate need of someone to talk about life issues, as well as other needs. As Paul Kennedy, President of the Community Foundation, likes to say, "We will address the problem; we may not know how, but we will figure it out. Individually, there is not a genius among us, but collectively, we can figure it out."

In the midst of the pandemic, the normal Foundation work is ongoing, even as we abide by social distancing guidelines. The Foundation makes not only a financial investment in our nonprofits, but also serves as a partner, helping them to be the best version of themselves they can be. Because of the generosity of our donors, the Foundation now has the ability to help nonprofits dream of what can be, expanding services to meet a broader cross section of needs in our area.

Ironically, 2020 was a year of tremendous growth for the Foundation. Twenty-six years ago, we began with a \$6 million gift, but our endowment is now in excess of \$80 million dollars! How has that happened? It's happened through the gifts, the love and the caring from people in and from this community; a community that needs each one of us involved. After all, people caring about people ... it's our Soul Purpose.

ROBBIN REED ALLEN

Chairman, Board of Directors

A black and white portrait of Makaylee Carr, a woman with long dark hair and glasses, smiling. The image is split vertically down the middle, with the left side being a darker, more shadowed version of the same portrait. She is wearing a dark top and a necklace.

“I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO NEED HELP. SO I MADE UP MY MIND A LONG TIME AGO THAT I WANTED TO BE A HELPER. IT IS JUST SOMETHING THAT IS IN MY DNA.”

MAKAYLEE CARR

Mental Help Therapist with Youth Advocate Program

The Foundation recently learned that the caseload of Walker County children in protective services had increased substantially. We turned to our partners at the Youth Advocate Program (YAP) to discuss the best pathway forward, because they consistently provide wraparound advocacy services to children, youth and families involved in the juvenile justice, child welfare and education systems. The Healing And Responding to Trauma (HART) program was born over a weekend of collaboration.

The HART program provides training and support that reduces the number of foster parent/kinship caregivers who experience stress and burnout while reducing the number of times a child is removed and/or re-homed.

Makaylee Carr, as the lead therapist, works with children in protective services. She is able to respond to trauma, treat the needs of the kids who are being taken out of their homes, meet them where they are, love on them and help them work through really hard times in their lives. In other words, she helps them heal. Makaylee says, “The Foundation fills in any need that they see is necessary. I have seen them move mountains to make things happen.”

HISTORY AND MILESTONES

In 1995, following a suggestion from John T. Oliver, Jr., Pat Willingham and the Community Health Systems Board set aside \$6 million in proceeds from the sale of the Walker Regional Medical Center to begin an endowment for the Walker Area Community Foundation. This donation has served as the nucleus for funding worthy causes that might otherwise go lacking.

Other community leaders involved in the formation of the Foundation were the late J. George Mitnick and Larry Drummond. Together, Oliver, Willingham, Mitnick and Drummond created a foundation that will forever serve a resource for solutions to our community's greatest problems.

Since 1995, the Foundation's endowment has grown not only from the original \$6 million to more than \$82 million due to wise investments and the creation of new Donor Advised Funds, but mostly because of the faithfulness of our donors.

The first two years were a time of growth for the endowment. In 1997, the first seven grants were awarded in the amount of \$289,300. Since then, the Foundation and its funds have awarded over \$25 million in grant money to more than 150 nonprofit organizations in our area. In addition to awarding grants where warranted, the Foundation staff is dedicated to developing the internal capacity of nonprofit organizations. We provide training sessions to assist with business operations and to further assist in their receipt of out-of-county funds from state, federal and private sources.

The Foundation made its biggest and most impactful gift yet with the opening of the Bankhead House & Heritage Center. Purchased, renovated and maintained by the Foundation because of the generosity of a few special donors, the Bankhead House & Heritage Center is here to serve our community as a treasure trove of information, artifacts, cultural events and varied forms of art that connect our proud past to our optimistic present while showcasing our bright future.

In 2011, disaster struck our county in the form of tornados. From those first days, a different kind of relationship was brokered between the Foundation and Walker County nonprofits involved in disaster relief. We quit being just the funder and became a partner. We forged stronger bonds with local donors as well as regional and national funders. Because of our leadership, we became known throughout the state as the ones to call with questions because we were "getting it done in Walker County."

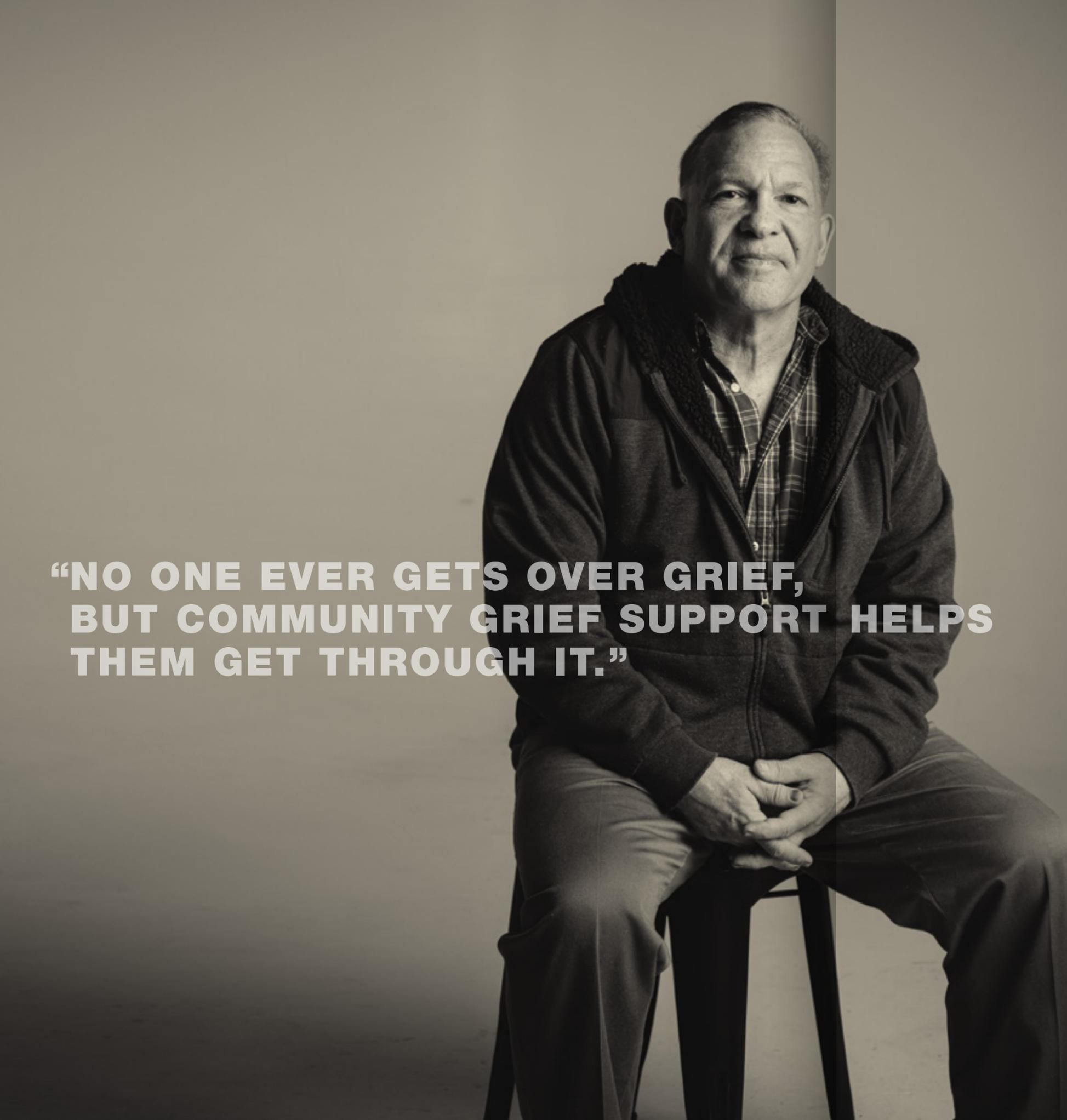
In 2014, the Foundation created its own strategic plan and began to lead the way in planning for Walker County as a whole with partners, including the Walker County Commission, Chamber of Commerce of Walker County, Jasper Industrial Development Board, Walker County Economic Development Authority, Senator Greg Reed and all of the municipalities in our county. While robust, the plan is moving our community forward in positive ways.

The Foundation was fortunate to receive substantial financial gifts in 2018, tripling the size of our endowment. Through all the gifts the Foundation has received over time, we now have the ability to fund the dreams of our nonprofit organizations—expanding their scope of influence—in addition to meeting their operational needs.

We celebrated our 25th Anniversary in 2020, as well as fought a pandemic and dealt with the aftermath of a tornado. The Foundation staff will tell you, it's been our strongest year in terms of serving our community and making things happen in Walker County.

WACF FINANCIAL HISTORY

YEAR	GRANTS AWARDED	GIFTS RECEIVED	TOTAL ASSETS
1995	—	6,000,000	6,000,000
1996	—	75,000	6,439,025
1997	289,300	147,250	7,595,028
1998	295,000	51,869	8,192,311
1999	367,300	100,154	8,542,749
2000	311,106	60,425	8,627,833
2001	294,490	179,278	8,226,235
2002	223,377	211,236	7,410,969
Gift and grant totals from this point forward include both our unrestricted Community Fund as well as our Component Funds.			
2003	330,213	359,556	8,770,491
2004	264,158	358,402	9,902,100
2005	308,211	244,765	10,695,867
2006	489,473	552,806	12,018,241
2007	569,170	432,961	12,164,567
2008	705,627	995,255	9,730,123
2009	465,969	776,138	12,143,056
2010	627,450	887,699	13,361,818
2011	1,190,071	10,701,343	22,328,994
2012	3,626,636	2,507,746	23,366,184
2013	3,073,770	1,187,125	23,976,770
2014	1,288,044	632,233	23,971,032
2015	1,015,748	1,317,305	23,697,848
2016	1,245,495	472,913	24,069,051
2017	1,393,391	1,959,290	26,844,697
2018	2,055,904	43,579,423	66,352,747
2019	3,024,560	424,999	72,387,187
2020	2,373,134	7,906,078	83,301,999
TOTALS	\$25,827,597	\$82,121,249	



**“NO ONE EVER GETS OVER GRIEF,
BUT COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT HELPS
THEM GET THROUGH IT.”**

STEVE SWEATT

Co-Executive and Clinical Director, Birmingham's Community Grief Support

Community Grief Support's free grief support groups in Walker County are facilitated by counseling professionals or by bereavement-trained volunteers. The programs help adults, who have lost loved ones, heal from the effects of grief so they can regain control and rebuild their lives. One client says of the program, "This group is without question the best grief counseling service available in our community. I thought I would never feel joy again. I found the hope I was so desperately seeking ... and at no charge."

Until gathering is safe, Grief Support groups are meeting virtually and are starting to increasingly see people who are being impacted personally by the pandemic. "Because people are being denied their normal coping mechanisms of socialization, it is adding a complicated layer to their recovery," says Steve Sweatt, Co-Executive and Clinical Director.

"People need to stay connected. From social distancing in neighborhoods to learning how to use online mechanisms, people need to do what they can to connect with others. I do hope that things will open up for all of us socially as the vaccination is widely distributed. The main thing is not to isolate, but to be connected in any way you can. We might have to do some things we may not be comfortable with, but I think it is well worth the effort."

IT'S EASY TO GIVE AWAY MONEY. IT'S HARD TO GIVE IT AWAY WELL.

The Foundation awards grants that address the evolving needs of our nonprofit organizations. Twice a year, we accept grant proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations. We support organizations that demonstrate the expertise and experience necessary to accomplish their mission, operate under sound financial principles, have a future funding plan and a solid base of community support. Once awarded a grant, the recipient is required to sign a contract with the Foundation, which communicates that funds from the Foundation may only be used on the objectives listed in the recipient's grant proposal. A written report on the funded project is due in the Foundation's office nine months after funding is received. The report requests financial data, as well as specific information concerning progress toward the stated objectives of the project. Listed below are the nonprofits who received funding from the Community Fund, as well as our Component Funds, over the last five years

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Alabama Symphony Orchestra
Bankhead House & Heritage Center
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Birmingham Children's Theatre
Birmingham Landmarks, Inc.
Camp McDowell
First Presbyterian Church
Friends of the Alabama Archives
Jasper Main Street
Main Street Alabama
Public Radio WBHM 90.3 FM
UAB Department of Theatre
Walker County Arts Alliance
Walker County Christian Chorus
Winston County Arts Council
Winston County Schools

Kids Loving Kids / Grace Ministries

Magic Moments
Maranatha Baptist Church
National Child Safety Council
Nick's Kids Foundation
Raising Arrows
Secret Pantry
Smile-A-Mile
Walker County Children's Advocacy Center
Walker County Children's Policy Council
YMCA of Greater Birmingham
Youth Leadership Walker County

EDUCATION

Alabama Kiwanis Foundation / Jean Dean RIF
Alabama Possible
Auburn University Foundation
Bevill State Community College

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

4th Congressional District Art Competition
AMBUCS
Backyard Blessings
Beacon House
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Boy Scouts of America, Black Warrior Council
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Alabama
Camp COOL
Childcare Resources
Free Will Baptist Children's Home
Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama
Girls Incorporated of Central Alabama

Carbon Hill High School
Carl Elliott Regional Library
Curry High School
Dora High School
Jalayah Hackman Foundation
Jasper City Board of Education
Jasper High School
Jasper Junior High School
Jasper Police Explorers
John Carroll Catholic High School
Literacy Council of Central Alabama
Maddox Intermediate School
McWane Science Center

Oakman High School

Parrish Elementary School
Preschool Partners
Samford University
Sumiton Middle School
T. R. Simmons Elementary
University of Alabama New College Program
Valley Jr. High School
Walker College Foundation
Walker County Board of Education
Walker County Sheriff's Office

ELDER CARE

Alzheimer's of Central Alabama
Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging
Positive Maturity, Inc.

ENVIRONMENT

Disney Lake Landing Project
Walker County Lake
Wild South

HEALTH

Alabama Lions Sight
American Cancer Society, Inc.
American Heart Association
Arthritis Foundation
Boldo Volunteer Fire and Rescue
Brandi's Blessings
Capstone Rural Health Center
Carbon Hill Fire & Rescue

Children's of Alabama
City of Cordova Fire Department
Community Grief Support Service
Empire Volunteer Fire Department
Glenwood Autism & Behavioral Health Center
Healthy Eating Active Living, Inc.
Impact Alabama
Kid One Transport System, Inc.
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center
Pregnancy Test and Resource Center
Saragossa Volunteer Fire Department
Sight Savers America
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing
Walker County Health Action Partnership
YMCA of Montgomery

RECREATION

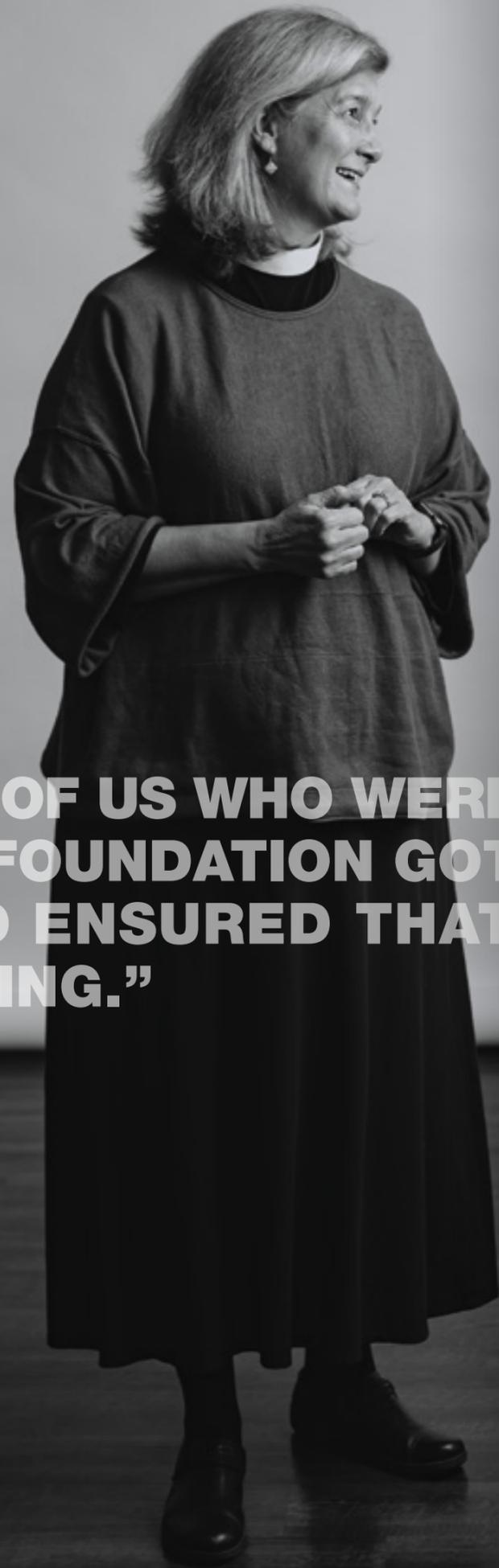
Birmingham Zoo, Inc.
Camp O'Rear
C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation
City of Cordova
City of Jasper Parks and Recreation
Indian Creek Youth Camp
J.H. Ranch
People First of Walker County
Sawyer'sville Summer Camp
Smith Lake Civic Association
Townley Community Center
Walker County Commission

SOCIAL WELFARE

American Red Cross
Arc of Walker County
Arley Women's Club
Bethel Church Food Bank

Big Oak Ranch
Boldo Food Pantry
Bundles of Hope Diaper Bank
Carbon Hill Women's Club
Christian's Place Mission
Church of Cahaba Bend
City of Jasper
City of Lights Dream Center
ClasTran
Community Food Bank of Central Alabama
Community Foundation of East Alabama
Community Foundation of SW Louisiana
Cordova First Baptist Church
Crosswinds Foundation
Daily Mountain Eagle Christmas Shoe Fund
Daybreak
Dilworth Church of God
Equines Assisting Special Individuals
Fellowship House
First United Methodist Church of Jasper
FOCUS On Recovery
Food Bank of East Alabama
Forgotten Tails
Full Life Ahead Foundation
Gordo First Baptist Church
Greater Birmingham Humane Society
Habitat for Humanity, Greater Birmingham
H.A.L.O.
Hope for Women, LLC
Hope House Church
J.A.M.E.S. Ministries
Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.
Jasper's First Baptist Church
Main Street Ministries Inc.
Mission of Hope
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Food Bank
New Prospect Baptist Church

Pathways Professional Counseling
Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Rescuers United For Furbabies
Ronald McDonald House
Rotary Club of Jasper
Sanctuary Church of God
Society of St. Andrew
Southern Research
St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Sumiton Church of God Food Bank Ministry
The Foundry Ministries
The Salvation Army
The Wellhouse
Town of Oakman
Town of Parrish
Townley Community Center
TriCounty Agency for Intellectual Disabilities
United Counseling
United Way of Central Alabama, Inc.
Victims of Violent Crimes Fountain
Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Service
Walker County Coalition for the Homeless
Walker County Community Action Agency
Walker County Department of Human Resources
Walker County Humane Society
Your Town Alabama
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.



“THERE WERE A LOT OF US WHO WERE PLAYERS, BUT THE FOUNDATION GOT THE BALL ROLLING AND ENSURED THAT IT WOULD KEEP ROLLING.”

ROBIN HINKLE

Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal

The Foundation is always committed to taking care of our community, but especially so during times of disaster and chaos. In March, our two school systems announced the closing of schools due to COVID-19, and our community began preparing for what was to come. So, the Foundation did what it does best. We brought nonprofit organizations, school systems, city leaders, churches and volunteers into to a community conversation to determine next steps. Preparing for the unknown is not easy, but our community rallied and did its best for those in need.

Of that meeting, Robin Hinkle says, “We went around the room, listening to everyone, and it became very clear that there would be a big need for food. At St. Mary’s, we were fortunate that we had the space, logistics and the seed money to start an emergency food bank right away. Within two days, we went from giving out 250 bags a week to 1,000 bags a day. We were able to do that over three weeks, and Walker Area Community Foundation was a LARGE part of it. The partners met every night with Foundation staff, and it all came together very quickly, worked well and was a big-time team effort.”

GENERATION WALKER

Generation Walker, a road map for creating a vision for a vibrant future for Walker County, emerged from a yearlong planning process by the Walker Area Community Foundation. We listened to more than 150 citizens across Walker County and were excited to hear of our common love for our beautiful land, the great work already in progress by so many organizations, and the excitement and optimism we share about this time in the life of our community.

The result of this process, Generation Walker, is a plan that identifies four external priorities for the Foundation to focus on over the next three to five years in collaboration with leaders and citizens across the county. Together, we can take advantage of the key opportunities to build for the future.



CREATE ALIGNMENT AND A COMMON VISION

GOAL

Provide a framework of support to facilitate the building of strong, unified leadership and development of a countywide common vision.



STRENGTHEN EDUCATION

GOAL

Promote quality of life and employment opportunities in Walker County by building stronger educational systems.



SUPPORT NONPROFITS

GOAL

Support nonprofits in Walker County through Foundation grants and capacity-building initiatives.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND RECREATION

GOAL

Health outcome trends for Walker County improve over the next 3–5 years.

BRING LOCAL LEADERS TOGETHER

HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR INPUT

“We need more community engagement with opportunities for various groups to talk with each other about how to solve problems in Walker County and to celebrate the many strengths in the community.”

INTERVIEW PARTICIPANT

PROVIDE STUDENTS AND PARENTS WITH TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

ENCOURAGE EACH CHILD FROM PRE-K TO CAREER

“We have to continue to mentor and educate our youth in order to have successful leaders of tomorrow.”

SURVEY PARTICIPANT

HELP COMMUNITY GROUPS INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY

FOCUS GRANT FUNDING ON SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

“I would like to see more countywide cooperation and collaboration between local city governments, churches and nonprofits.”

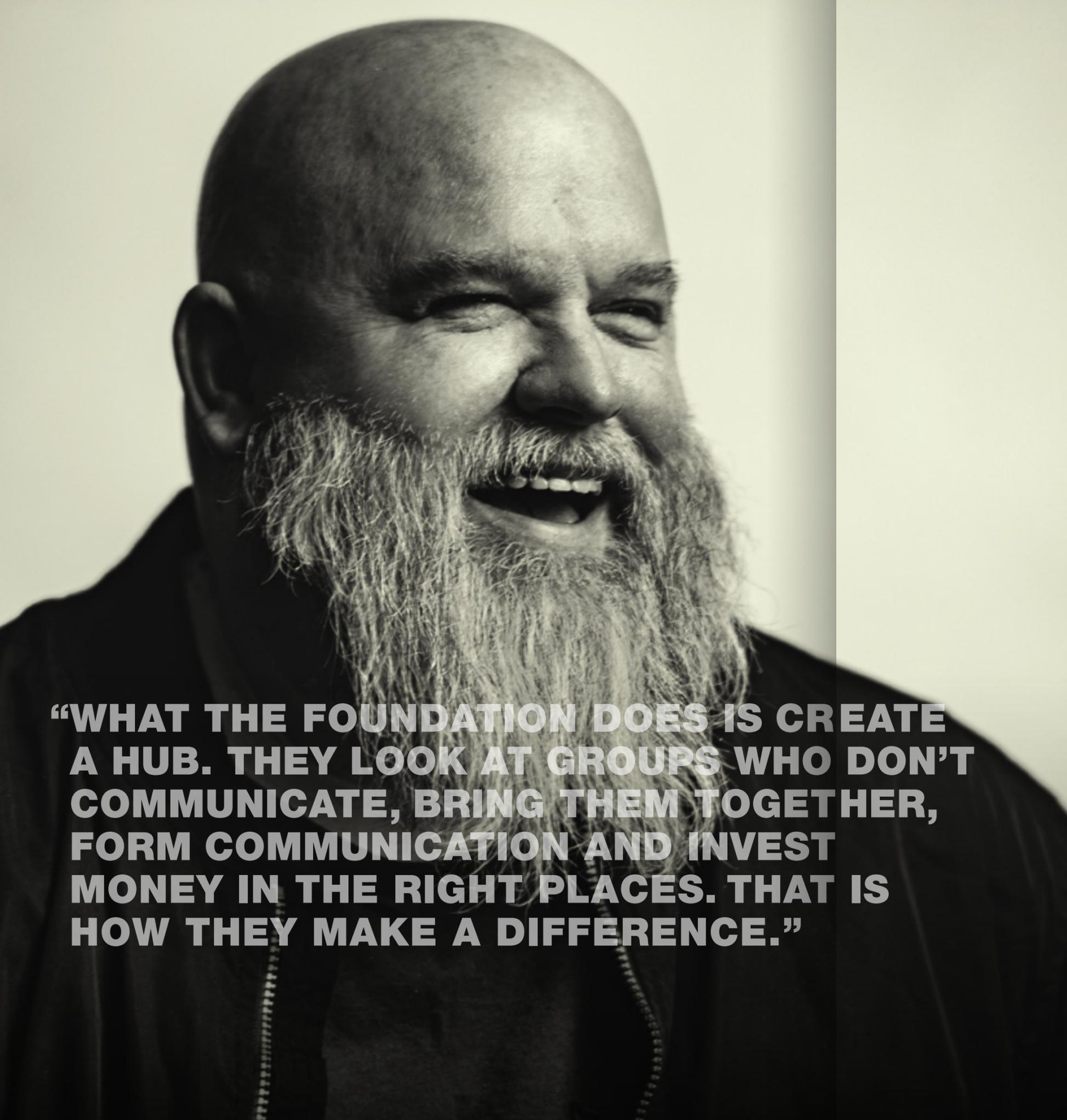
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION PARTICIPANT

CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEALTHY LIVING

IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR WALKER COUNTY

“My vision is to be a healthier community with people making better lifestyle choices.”

INTERVIEW PARTICIPANT



“WHAT THE FOUNDATION DOES IS CREATE A HUB. THEY LOOK AT GROUPS WHO DON’T COMMUNICATE, BRING THEM TOGETHER, FORM COMMUNICATION AND INVEST MONEY IN THE RIGHT PLACES. THAT IS HOW THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

WAYNE LEE, JR.

Raising Arrows

Wayne Lee helps people because he watched his father and father-in-law help people. Growing up poor, they survived because people showed up to help them. Because of that, Wayne and his wife, Jennifer, have always wanted to be people that show up to help others.

They do so through Worship Life Church and through their nonprofit, Raising Arrows. Raising Arrows provides quality care, social community, life empowerment, and healthy eating opportunities for children. Their main focus is to ensure that every child in Walker County has access to a hot meal year-round.

“You don’t have enough time for me to tell you what all WACF has done for this community. Look at it. Money, absolutely there is no doubt about it, they have given away a lot of money, and we are in a great place as a community—as a county—because of it. Other people are looking at us because of what this Foundation is doing. Looking at Walker County and saying, ‘That is what we want to do. All of that.’”

COMPONENT FUNDS

Component funds allow families, individuals or organizations to focus on the charitable needs of our community and leave the administrative tasks to the Foundation. These funds are a permanent source of community capital, which will help the Foundation to continue its work today and far into the future.

Behind each fund is an abundance of success stories, so many that we cannot possibly fit them on one page. You can see, however, that there are family funds and organizational funds. Each one holds its own purpose and history but gains strength from being managed together. Donations can be made to any fund at any time.

Anonymous Fund, started by a Walker County family who wishes to remain anonymous, supports general philanthropy.

Bankhead Fund was started by Walter Will Bankhead and has a long history of providing general philanthropic dollars for our nonprofits.

Bankhead House & Heritage Center Fund supports the ongoing operations of the Bankhead House & Heritage Center.

Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund, given by her estate, offers financial aid to the organizations that were closest to her heart.

Crump Family Fund supports the education of children and the efforts of those engaged in emergency response.

Disaster Relief Fund focuses on meeting the emergency unmet needs of Walker County residents who have suffered damage due to natural disasters.

Don Drummond Family Fund seeks to meet the needs of the residents of Walker County, as well as the community as a whole.

Drummond Company, Inc. (DCI) Fund provided aid to employees of Drummond Company who suffered damage because of the April 27, 2011, tornados and continues to provide safe shelter for our community during storms.

Drummond Thorne Stukes Fund works to improve quality of life around Alabama while also addressing emerging needs of the City of Cordova.

Engel and Mitnick Family Fund recognizes the importance of the social services being delivered every day to those with mental illness in Walker County and will award grants to support their efforts.

Excellence in Education Fund supports the Jasper City School system and its teachers with expenses not included in the general budget.

Friends of Camp O'Rear Fund supports the physical plant and surrounding environs of Camp O'Rear.

Haleyville Downtown Project Fund funds downtown projects that will add life to the Haleyville community while creating an economic impact.

Health Action Partnership is a working group of Walker County health-related organizations striving to improve the health and lifestyles of our citizens.

Jackson Family Fund was founded with the belief that orphans and foster children should be afforded the privilege of attending programs like Camp McDowell. It also provides educational enrichment experiences for children without parents and supports the ministry of the Episcopal Church for the same.

Jasper Main Street Fund supports the operations of Jasper Main Street and the ongoing revitalization of Jasper's downtown district.

Jasper Recreational Fund supports the expansion of recreational opportunities and programs, making Jasper's recreational offerings exceptional for Alabama.

Joe and Annette Kelley Fund, started by their daughters to give back to the community that has taken care of them and in honor of their mom and dad, this fund fosters a spirit of kindness and helpfulness through the nonprofit agencies in our community.

KUB Philanthropic Fund supports the needs of nonprofit organizations in and around Walker County, as well as initiatives that improve the quality of life in our communities.

Larry Drummond Family Fund supports the needs of nonprofit organizations in and around Walker County, as well as supports initiatives that improve the quality of life in our community.

Matthew and Ashley Laird Fund recognizes the important work of nonprofit organizations and supports their operations and programs.

Onward Fund fosters efficient, streamlined service delivery to people in need, moving them forward into financial stability.

Patrick and Debbie Drummond Fund supports the needs of nonprofit organizations in and around Walker County, as well as initiatives that improve the quality of life in our communities.

Pinnacle Bank Fund supports the general needs of nonprofit organizations serving our area.

Rebekah L. Black Fund assists in addressing 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.

Reed Family Fund supports general philanthropy while keeping in mind the importance of serving the basic needs of Walker County families.

Rotary Club of Jasper Fund is an endowment fund of the Rotary Club of Jasper.

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, especially to those who need financial assistance.

Sherer Family Foundation Fund supports the aesthetics of our community and the fine arts of the Walker Area, its facilities, grounds and environs.

Steve Byars Fund is created in the memory of Steve Byars, who saw his role in Jasper as that of a steward and gave selflessly to his community. This fund will continue his legacy and support general philanthropy in Walker County.

Terri Drummond Lyon Fund supports the needs of nonprofit organizations in and around Walker County, as well as initiatives that improve the quality of life in our communities.

Underwood Family Fund continues the family's tradition of supporting nonprofit organizations in Walker County.

Victims of Violent Crime Fund was organized to create awareness of victims of violent crime in Walker County, Alabama.

Winston County Fund serves as a permanent source of community capital for Winston County by funding nonprofit organizations and community projects.

Wright Family Fund supports the needs of nonprofit organizations in and around Walker County, as well as initiatives that improve the quality of life in our community.



“WHEN WE GET SOMEBODY TO WHERE THEY CAN BREATHE, AND GET THEM BACK TO WHERE THEY CAN DO SIMPLE DAILY TASKS AND YOU SEE THEM GO OUT OF THE DOOR, NOW THAT IS WHAT I AM MOST PROUD OF AND MOST THANKFUL FOR.”

DONNA BAILEY

Charge Nurse, Intermediate Care Unit, Brookwood Baptist Health
Walker Baptist Medical Center

The Intermediate Care Unit (IMC) at our local hospital has played a critical role in healing our community from COVID-19. When patients come into the hospital with coronavirus and do not require the ICU, they are placed with Donna Bailey and her staff in the COVID unit.

“In healthcare you know you are going to have sick people and that some will pass away, but this is at a whole new level. It affects the patients, their families and the healthcare workers as well. Our hearts are heavy, and it is hard on us. Now, every time we see someone roll out of the door, we are thankful for that. This is a whole new world.”

Donna is hopeful and prays all the time that we will come together as a community family. She says, “I am sure that COVID-19 has touched everybody’s life. I pray that we would all be grateful and thankful just to be here.”

LEVELS OF GIVING

GIVING SOCIETIES

The societies of the Foundation are extremely important when it comes to the annual giving of our donors. Each society is based on cumulative giving, so donors automatically move up when they reach the next threshold.

LEADERSHIP SOCIETY	\$100,000 and greater
HERITAGE SOCIETY	\$50,000–\$99,999
CORNERSTONE SOCIETY	\$25,000–\$49,999
KEYSTONE CIRCLE	\$15,000–\$24,999
FOUNDERS SOCIETY	\$10,000–\$14,999
PRESIDENT’S CLUB	\$5,000–\$9,999
DIRECTOR’S SOCIETY	\$1,500–\$ 4,999
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	\$150–\$1,499

LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society honors individuals who make a financial contribution by arranging a deferred gift through their will or estate plan.

WAYS TO GIVE

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO THE WALKER AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

Contact the Foundation or your Financial Planner if you need help choosing the method that is right for you. Contributions to the Foundation may be made through honorariums and memorials. The Foundation will acknowledge the gift on your behalf.

CASH OR CHECK

Please make checks payable to WACF and designate a fund in the Memo line.

APPRECIATED STOCK

BEQUESTS

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS & OTHER RETIREMENT PLANS

LIFE INSURANCE

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

REAL ESTATE

BUILD YOUR OWN PLAN

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

BY THE NUMBERS

\$25,827,597

Total amount awarded to nonprofit organizations over the last 25 years

\$83,301,998

Total amount of assets held by the Community Foundation

\$6,000,000

Amount of original gift, given by Community Health Systems, Inc., to begin the Foundation

3,567

Number of grants made to nonprofit organizations since inception

75,000

Number of people whose quality of life has improved because of the Foundation

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PROVING SCIENCE WRONG

If you do a little research, you will learn it takes a population of at least 100,000 people to build a successful Community Foundation. The area around Walker County has proven the research wrong. Over the last 26 years, we have received more than \$82 million in gifts and granted over \$25 million to more than 250 nonprofits serving our community. Simple math says we should only have \$57 million left in assets. Again, reality outperforms the “should be.” Today, the total assets of your Community Foundation exceed \$83 million.

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