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Fall 2021



Andy Byars, Samantha Byars, Norra Byars, Eliza Byars, Caroline Byars and Andrew Byars

# The Walker Area Community Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the Andrew and Samantha Byars Family Fund.

This fund was established to help meet the needs of children in our community. Andy and Sam have four young children, so helping meet the needs of children is important for them.

What does Walker County mean to you and your family?

Andy: "Sam moved to Walker County when she was young, and I've lived here all my life. We raised our family there for the last six years, and it is our home. Even though God moved us away to a different place, we still want to continue to give back to our community. It's always been a special place, and we've always wanted to be active in the Community Foundation."

Why did you choose to start a fund with the Community Foundation?

Andy: "A major reason why we chose to start a fund with the Foundation is because I'm familiar with the people who run the organization, and I have become very comfortable with them and trust them very much. It's also because of the flexubility of being able to give to different things. What may be on your heart one year could be different the next year. So having your resources all in one general place and still have the ability to give to multiple organizations is something that drew us to the Foundation. We want to be able to help grow the community and continue to build upon the foundation that the Walker Area Community Foundation has already started."

# WACF awards a total of

# \$3,263,094 in grants for 2021.

The investment the **WALKER AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** makes in our community is important to overall community health. In the fall grant cycle alone, The foundation recently awarded **\$916,091** to the following organizations:

The **Alabama Association of Nonprofits** received a grant to train local nonprofits for one year. *CF* 

**AlaQuest Collaborative for Education** received a grant to sponsor area students at a diversity awareness retreat at Camp McDowell. *CF* 

The **American Cancer Society** received a grant to prepare the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge for families, post pandemic. *CF, DRF* 

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

The **Arc of Walker County** received funds to provide technology to clients and caregivers, allowing for more educational and work opportunities. *CF, BF, DDFF* 

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

**Better Basics** received funds to provide books to area children through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative. *CF, BF, DTS, RF, TDLF* 

**Bevill State Community College** received funding for Walker County workforce dual enrollment scholarships. *DDFF* 

The Black Warrior Council received a grant for STEM Robotic Kits. CF, LDF

**Boys and Girls Clubs** received a grant to fund their after-school learning program. *CF, BF, DDFF* 

**Camp McDowell** received a grant for Farm School scholarships. *CF, BF, JFF, LF, RF* 

**Children's of Alabama** received a grant for the Psychiatric Intake Response Center, which guides families in search of children's mental health care. *CF, EMF* 







The **City of Dora** received a grant to assist with the installation of a community storm shelter. *CF, DDFF, DTS, LF, RF, TDLF* 

The **Daily Mountain Eagle** received a grant for the Christmas Shoe Fund. *LSF* 

The **Freewill Baptist Children's Home** received funds to update and renovate a foster care facility. *CF, BF, DDFF, LDF* 

**Friends of Downtown Jasper** received a grant to improve lighting and landscaping around the Walker County Courthouse. *DDFF* 

**Hope for Women** received a grant to renovate their facility and to engage in strategic planning. *CF, BF, DDFF, LF, LDF, TDLF* 

**Impact Alabama's** program FocusFirst Vision Care provides vision screening to school-aged children in Walker County. *CF, LSF* 

**Jasper City Board of Education** received a grant to install a STEM lab at the Maddox Intermediate school. *CF, DDFF, LF, LDF, TDLF* 

**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. BDTF, LF, LDF, LSF, TDLF* 

**Kids Loving Kids** was funded to provide for the personal needs of children and for staffing. *CF, LSF* 

**Magic Moments** provides wishes for chronically ill children in Alabama. This grant award will fund a Magic Moment for two area patients and their families. *CF*, *BF*, *LS*F

**Middle AL Area Agency on Aging** was awarded a grant to create an Elder Justice Alliance in Walker County, serving area senior adults. *CF, LF, LDF, UF* 

**Mission of Hope** received a grant to provide clothing and food during their Joy of Christmas event. *CF, BF, DDFF, DTS, LF, LDF, RF* 

A grant was made to the **Onward Fund**, which fosters efficient, streamlined service delivery to people in need, moving individuals and families forward rather than seeing progress stop because of a lack of funding. *LSF* 

**Red Mountain Theatre** received a grant to support their production of Once. PDDF

The **Russel Hill Cancer Foundation** received funding to purchase iPads for their chemotherapy patients' use during treatments. *CF, DDFF* 

Funding for **Sight Savers America** provides a children's eye care program, low-vision program, vision-screening program, and health screening program in Jasper City Schools. *CF, BF, DDFF, DTS, EMF, LDF, LSF, TDLF* 

**Smile-A-Mile** received funding for outreach and bereavement programs, providing much-needed support for children receiving treatment at Children's of Alabama and their families. *CF, LF, LDF, UF* 

**STEPS Ministries** received a grant for the proactive parenting addiction prevention program. *CF, HNF* 

The **United Way of Central Alabama** received a grant for general operations. *BF* 

The **Walker County Arts Alliance** received a grant for art programming in schools and in the community. *CF, BF, DDFF* 

**Walker County Board of Education** received a grant to support the Whole Child Initiative. *CF, DTS, LF* 

**Walker County Christian Chorus** received funds to offset the cost of the Handel's Messiah performance. *CF, BF, LDF* 

**Walker County Community Action** received a grant to provide Christmas gifts for the children they serve. *LSF* 

**Walker County Soil & Water Conservation District** received a grant to help with the cost of their Arbor Day educational program for 2nd grade classes throughout the county. *LF* 

**Wild Alabama** received a grant to provide environment education in our state and national forests. *CF, BF, DDFF* 

FUNDERS KEY	
BDTF	Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund
BF	Bankhead Fund
CF	Community Fund
DDFF	Don Drummond Family Fund
DRF	Disaster Relief Fund
DTS	Drummond Thorne Stukes Fund
EMF	Engel and Mitnick Family Fund
HNF	Healing Network Fund
JFF	Jackson Family Fund
LDF	Larry Drummond Fund
LF	Matthew and Ashley Laird Fund
LSF	Samuel Lee Smith Fund
PDDF	Patrick and Debbie Drummond Fund
RF	Reed Family Fund
TDLF	Terri Drummond Lyon Fund
UF	Bobby T. Underwood Fund

"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 Walker Area Community Foundation was honored with a plaque from the Arley Women's Club for being a community partner.



The Walker Area Community Foundation is offering more support to Winston County now than ever before! Even better news — every dollar given to this fund in 2021 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000! Over the last 26 years, the Foundation has invested more than \$200,000 into Winston County by awarding grants to the following organizations: Winston County Board of Education, Arley Women's Club, Camp McDowell, Main Street Ministries, Winston County Arts Council, Houston Historical Society, and Winston County Natural Resource Council, and Wild Alabama. Will you please consider a gift to this fund?

The Foundation accepts gifts by check, appreciated stock or online at **wacf.org**.



# Congratulations to Team Byars|Wright on competing in the 2021 Chubb Charity Challenge.

Pictured are Haig Wright III, John Lyon, Haig Wright II and Patrick Drummond at this year's Chubb Charity Challenge at Old Overton Country Club in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. The competition included teams from Mississippi and Alabama. The ByarslWright team has proudly participated in this event for over ten years now with the Walker Area Community Foundation as their proud charity of choice. As finalist this year, they brought home \$1,750 for WACF. The ByarslWright team has won in excess of \$109,000 for WACF in total. Congratulations to these gentlemen for representing our organization over the years.

# Archives from the Attic

Due to the generosity of Beverly Bankhead, wife of the late John Hollis "Jack" Bankhead, IV, we are excited to share with you new additions to our Bankhead family collection. Included are historical and special items used by William Brockman Bankhead and John Hollis Bankhead, II.

Jack is the son of John Hollis, III and Martha Ann Bankhead; the brother of Emelil Bankhead Humphries,
Ginger Bankhead Odom and Blossom Bankhead Nelson.

The items are currently on display as part of the "All in the Bankhead Family exhibit". The exhibit will close on December 31.





Gavel of Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives William B. Bankhead given to him by Speaker John N. Garner dated March 4, 1933.



Bible of U.S. Senator John Hollis Bankhead, II





Wallet of U.S. Senator John Hollis Bankhead, II



Silver Shoehorn of U.S. Senator John Hollis Bankhead, Il



Shadow box of family photos and a Time magazine with Tallulah on the cover



Print of the Brockman family crest

## 2022 Schedule of Exhibits

#### FROM THE KILN

Showcasing an array of pottery collections by artists from across Walker County and Winston County

January 25—April 15

Opening Reception: January 25, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### **PLAY LIKE A GIRL**

Telling the story of female athletes and celebrating their achievements.

May 3—August 5

Opening Reception: May 3, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITIES: CHAPTER 6

Featuring artifacts from Boldo, Curry, Empire, Sipsey, South Lowell, Sunlight and Union Chapel. Culturally significant items represent our rich history from these communities in Walker County.

August 30-December 30

Opening Reception: August 30, 2:00.p.m.-4:00 p.m.



800 7th Street West | Jasper, Alabama 35501 | 205-265-2023

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Third Saturday of each month 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Admission is FREE.

Please call ahead to schedule a group tour appointment.

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