



# CALHOUN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*Honoring the Past, Securing the Future.*

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## *Donor Makes Largest Cash Gift*

An anonymous Calhoun County resident made a \$250,000 contribution to the Calhoun County Community Foundation. The donation of corporate stock was the largest individual cash gift made since the Foundation was created in 1999.

The gift will support three permanent endowments previously established at the Foundation. The first designation will support an endowed scholarship fund established by the same donor in 2002 benefiting Calhoun County high school seniors who wish to attend Auburn University. The second designation will benefit the First Presbyterian Church of Anniston Endowment Fund established at the Community Foundation. The annual income will support the evolving needs of the Church. The third portion of the gift was designated in support of the Longleaf Fund; the Community Foundation's unrestricted endowment. This fund supports the emerging needs important to the community.

Dr. Wesley Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, was delighted and deeply grateful for the gift. "This is a tremendous day in the life of the Community Foundation. Many donors have established family funds and scholarship funds; however, this gift includes an unrestricted gift that the Foundation will use for the betterment of our community. "Our goal is to raise \$1 million before awarding unrestricted grants. This gift is a significant step in achieving that objective."

The donor, who would like to remain anonymous, stated,

"When the Foundation established the Dental Center this past January, I felt compelled to help support other community efforts. I hope my contribution will encourage others to see the incredible resource we have in the Community Foundation."

This gift, like all charitable funds at the Community Foundation, is permanently endowed. Endowed monies are invested and the income gained provides grants and scholarships benefiting residents of Calhoun County. For more information about establishing a fund or about the Community Foundation, call or visit our Web site.

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### **Our Mission**

The Calhoun County Community Foundation exists as a permanent charitable endowment making grants and scholarships in support of the most discernible needs and most promising opportunities within Calhoun County, Alabama.

## Exchange Club Establishes Charitable Funds



Image Courtesy of  
Exchange Club

During this past summer the Exchange Club of Jacksonville established two funds with the Community Foundation to support the charitable needs most important to their organization. The National Exchange Club is a civic organization that includes nearly 900 clubs in the United States. It is an all-volunteer, national service organiza-

tion for men and women who want to serve their community, develop leadership skills and enjoy new friendships.

The Jacksonville Club established a non-endowed charitable fund, which means the Community Foundation administers the fund that annually distributes its assets in support of the Club's charitable purposes. Through the flexible structure of the Community Foundation, the Exchange Club was not required to establish a separate foundation with the IRS. They simply use the professional services of the Foundation while they continue to focus on their good work in the community.

The Club also created an Institutional Endowment Fund to allow members and friends of Exchange to grow a permanent

charitable fund to help support long-term causes such as their commitment to providing scholarships. This fund is invested and is intended to grow until it can support annual scholarship awards.

Mikal Douglas, Exchange Club President stated, "We have been helping with several charitable causes since we were founded in 1911. Through the Community Foundation we now have in essence our own foundation to help support our values. "Members benefit from their tax deductible contributions and we have the added bonus of building a permanent endowment so our giving can have an even great impact in the future."

The National Exchange Club was established in 1911 in Detroit, MI. Clubs sponsor a wide range of activities to improve their communities, help the disadvantaged and encourage strong American citizenship. The principal areas of Exchange's National Program of Service include youth, Americanism and community service, with child abuse prevention emphasized as the national project.

## Scholarship and Financial Aid Seminar

The Board of Trustees announces a Scholarship and Financial Aid Seminar to be held on November 18, 2004, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The seminar will be held in Room A of the Anniston City Meeting Center, 1615 Noble Street, Anniston, Alabama.

The purpose of this seminar is advise area high school juniors, seniors and their parents about the many scholarship and financial aid opportunities available to attend college. Representatives from the Community Foundation, along with a variety of local scholarship programs and financial aid services will be on hand to offer technical assistance and information about local, regional, and national scholarship and financial aid programs.

The application due date for all scholarship funds of the Community Foundation is February 1, 2005. Applications are available from the guidance counselors in all area schools or you may contact the Community Foundation or simply visit our Web site.



## A Strategic Vision and Plan

Ten months ago the Community Foundation embarked on its first strategic visioning or planning process. The purpose of this in depth review is to evaluate the Foundation in all aspects including the mission, core services, short and long-term objectives, staff needs and board responsibilities. The culmination of this intense process will lead to several changes that will be incorporated both immediately and over the next three to five years.

“The day-to-day work of the Foundation is expanding far beyond what any of us first expected,” comments Dr. Wes Smith, Chairman of the Board. “Not only does the Foundation help donors give back to the communities throughout Calhoun County, but it embarks on major projects such as the prescription drug program that has been replicated across the state. Also, the Foundation has a vital role in helping build the capacity of area nonprofit organizations and it participates as a resource in numerous community initiatives. So the Board of Trustees has had a great deal to digest and prioritize.”



*Snapshots from recent planning meetings*

Mr. Tom Thompson, a consultant with Rowlen & Thompson, was contracted to help guide and direct the strategic process that began in October of 2003 and has included community comments, data on other community foundations and monthly planning sessions. Mrs. Terry

Childers, Vice Chair, stated, “This has been a tremendous help for the board. We have engaged in a great deal of listening, evaluating and moving in directions that we certainly did not envision before this process began. I believe the entire community will benefit from the final outcomes.”

Key elements of the plan will be communicated at the Annual Reporting and Recognition Luncheon on November 10. Some of these revisions will include the mission statement, the structure of the board, grantmaking priorities and the Foundation’s logo. Policy or program changes will be announced as they are completed. Another reason for the process is to ensure

the Foundation is in compliance with the national professional standards set by the Council on Foundations in Washington, D.C.

“The Community Foundation is a permanent part of this region and we need to focus this incredible resource so it can be even more effective,” commented trustee Major General Gerald Watson. “Since joining the board in January, I now understand that this organization is a great deal more than the healthcare as-

sets from Stringfellow Memorial Hospital. We are truly fortunate to have a charitable institution that enables all of us to better the lives of everyone in Calhoun County.”

## Recently Appointed Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation would like to formally welcome our recent appointees to the Board. They are: Dr. James Daniel an elected physician from North Alabama Women’s Center; Mr. Robert Smith, retired operations manager at Lee Brass Company, appointed by Grace Episcopal Church and Major General Gerald Watson (Ret.) currently Vice President for Research at Auburn University, appointed by St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.



*Dr. James Daniel*



*Mr. Robert Smith*



*Major General  
Gerald Watson  
(retired)*

# Calhoun County Dental Center Update

After embarking on our first initiative assisting elderly and disabled residents receive free long-term prescriptions, the Community Foundation addressed the critical need for dental care among low-income families. The lack of a dental home for 2,800 children was identified in the in 2001 Health Needs Assessment conducted in partnership with the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

After eighteen months of planning with corporate sponsors, area dentists, Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center and the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Community Foundation established the Calhoun County Dental Center with approximately \$450,000. This intense effort resulted in the formation of a quality, state of the art dental facility on the campus of Regional Medical Center. In addition, the Dental School at the University of Alabama at Birmingham partnered to provide the Center with Pediatric Dental Residents who treat children two days each week.

The Dental Center had its open house and dedication on March 12, 2004 at its location in the Medical Arts Building. The Dental Center provides preventative, restorative and emergency care for children from 3-21 years of age and provides emergency care for qualified adults. The Center currently has three part-time dentists, an office administrator, two dental assistants and has recently hired a full-time hygienist. Since opening, the Dental Center has provided care to over 1,100 patients from five counties and contributed over \$33,000 in indigent care for adults.

Dr. Warren Sarrell, Trustee and Chairman of the Dental Center's Board, proudly states, "This was a monumental need and has made a monumental impact on the lives of children who were not regularly seeing a dentist. No child can excel in school if they are in pain and no child can truly smile when their teeth are decayed or missing." Thanks to the dedicated staff, there is dental home for thousands of needy children. The

Calhoun County Dental Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Kim Crump, Office Administrator, can be reached at (256) 741-7340 or email at [ccdctr@cableone.net](mailto:ccdctr@cableone.net).

This type of grant funding is the hallmark of the Community Foundation's mission—addressing a defined need, partnering with other stakeholders, leveraging the Foundation's financial resources and reviewing and evaluating the outcome. The next goals for the Center include educational outreach in the schools, the establishment of an aggressive sealant program, and expanding preventative services to adults.



*The Calhoun County Dental Center began work in 2003 and was operational in January 2004. The Center has treated more than 1,200 children.*

## How You Can Help

The Calhoun County Dental Center is a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Alabama and recognized both by the Alabama attorney general and the IRS. Friends of the Center and donors who wish to support their mission may make tax-deductible donations in any amount to the Center through the Community Foundation office. Each contribution will be acknowledged with the appropriate IRS tax letter. Please designate, if you wish, where your gift is to be used (general, children, etc). Your thoughtful generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Our Fifth Anniversary

The Community Foundation's annual Reporting and Recognition Luncheon will be held on November 10th at 12:00 p.m. in the Anniston City Meeting Center. The event will recognize our fifth year as a community foundation serving Calhoun County. Five years ago the Foundation embarked on the requirements to become a community foundation, which includes a set of guidelines outlined by the Internal Revenue Service. In summary, the "support test" has an annual calculation that must be met in order to prove that a nonprofit organization is publicly supported or validated by the community. Due to our do-



RMC Board attendees at last year's Annual Meeting

nors, the Calhoun County Community Foundation has exceeded the IRS requirements and will be granted full status as a qualified public charity on October 1, 2004.

In recognition of meeting this test, the annual event will be a tribute to our donors and a celebration of officially joining the ranks of more than 650 community foundations across the nation. In honor of these achievements, our guest speakers will be the leaders of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, Central Alabama Community Foundation, Community Foundation of Southwest Alabama, Community Foundation of South Alabama, Walker Area Community Foundation and the newest community foundation in Alabama, the Black Belt Community Foundation. Also, the Board of Trustees will make several major announcements as a result of their strategic planning initiative.

Classic Catering will be providing the menu. Tickets to the luncheon are \$25.00 for individuals or corporate sponsorships are available for \$300 for a table of eight. Contact the Foundation at 231-5160, extension 11 for reservations and information.

## The Anvil Society

Based on the historic role that iron ore mining and foundry work has played in the history of our area, the Community Foundation has established *The Anvil Society*, a legacy program to honor individuals and families who help forge a stronger future for Calhoun County and northeast Alabama. Membership is perpetual and recognizes thoughtful and generous individuals and couples who include the Foundation or one of its established endowments in their will or estate plan.



SUZIE PARKER STRINGFELLOW  
MR. & MRS. ANDREW J. SAKS  
HARLAND C. JONES  
WAYNE & NICKI CARMELLO-HARPER  
BETTY HILL JACKSON  
DR. BRENDA ROBERTS  
LINDIE K. BROWN  
OLETA B. SPEARMAN  
MARY ELIZABETH JOHNSON  
ANGELA W. BANKS  
JANICE T. HUDSON

*Indicates deceased Society members.*

### MEMBERS

*By Order of Enrollment*

CHRIS & VIRGINIA HOPKINS  
RODNEY & JANET GREENWOOD  
JEAN L. PHILLIPS  
MARY S. BERNHARD  
MACK & REBECCA BURT  
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DR. GERTRUDE C. LUTHER  
MARIE T. RAYFIELD  
MRS. STANTON B. INGRAM  
DR. DANIEL E. & ESTA G. SPECTOR  
SIX ANONYMOUS

### NEW MEMBERS

REV. AND MRS. ROBERT CHILDERS

*Please remember the Calhoun County Community Foundation, or one of our endowment funds, in your will and please tell us when you do.*

## *Memorial Gifts & Honorariums (June 2004 thru August 2004)*

Angie Oliver

Pat Martin Bohannon

Brad Payne

Mr. & Mrs. Larry E. Gowens

Brenda Austin

Basil D. and Mary Ann Penny

Col. William T. Koehler

Carol M. Smith

Martha M. Dobson

Curtis E. Smith

Coldwater United Methodist Church

Effie L. Talley

Ronald, Eula & Nita Tatman

Helen McFry

Mr. & Mrs. Larry E. Gowens

J.C. McClinton

Annette Cox

James A. Hudson

Wayne & Nicki Carmello-Harper

Jeremy Blanton

Dr. Daniel and Esta Spector

Jimmy Crow

First Baptist Church of Saks

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Piedmont High School Class of 1954

Miriam J. Higginbotham

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R.D. and Joan Sawyer

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Ophelia Rankin

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Homer L. and Mary Voiles

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Rabbi Edward Chessman

Dr. Daniel and Esta Spector

Susan S. and Connor J. Wisminiti

Daniel and Esta Spector

Wayne & Nicki Carmello-Harper

Violet Fitzpatrick

Mr. & Mrs. Larry E. Gowens

### *Pet Memorials*

Jake - pet of Melissa West

Beth Freeman, Elizabeth Godbee  
and Glenda Isbell

*We listen and help create a charitable gift plan that meets your needs and supports your values.*



### **WILLS/BEQUESTS**

- **NAME THE CALHOUN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN YOUR WILL AS A BEQUEST. WE CAN ASSIST YOU OR YOUR PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR WITH RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE.**
- **THROUGH THIS MEANINGFUL DESIGNATION YOU ARE ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE ANVIL SOCIETY.**
- **YOU DETERMINE THE TYPE OF FUND AND THE NAME OF THE FUND ESTABLISHED WITH YOUR GIFT.**
- **YOU ENJOY THE FLEXIBILITY OF CHANGING YOUR FUND AGREEMENT WITHOUT CHANGING YOUR WILL.**
- **YOUR CHARITABLE GIFT IS EXCLUDED FROM YOUR ASSETS FOR ESTATE TAX PURPOSES.**
- **YOUR GIFT IS PROFESSIONALLY INVESTED AND ALL EARNINGS BECOME A PERMANENT SOURCE OF SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY.**
- **GRANTS ARE MADE IN THE NAME OF THE FUND TO SUPPORT YOUR INTENT AND COMMUNICATE YOUR CHARITABLE VALUES.**
- **WE HANDLE ALL OF THE REPORTING AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT.**
- **YOU HAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT YOUR LEGACY WILL ENDURE FOR GENERATIONS.**

## TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP

### TRUSTEE EMERITUS

**Terry Childers, J.D.**  
Community Volunteer

**Forrest French**  
Retired Dir. of Sales  
Blue Mt. Ind./Barbour Threads

**Warren Sarrell, M.D.**  
Cardiologist

**Juliette P. Doster**  
*FORMER TRUSTEES*

**James Daniel, M.D.**  
N. Alabama Women's Center

**Janice Frazier Hudson**  
Retired Foundation  
Executive

**D. Wesley Smith, M.D.**  
The Surgical Clinic of  
Anniston, PA

**Jean Weatherly**  
**Lindie Brown**

**Jo Rhea Ford, R.N.**  
Regional Medical Center

**Anne Jackson**  
Community Volunteer

**Robert Smith**  
Retired Operations Mgr.  
Lee Brass Co.

**Thomas J. Brothers, M.D.**  
**John Hensleigh, M.D.**  
**Kent C. Keys, M.D.**

**Joseph B. Freeman, C.P.A.**  
Brooke, Freeman & Lee, PC

**Betty Hill Jackson**  
Community Volunteer

**Maj. Gen. Gerald Watson**  
(Retired)  
Vice President for Research,  
Auburn University

**Brenda Roberts, R.N., D.S.N.**  
**Bill Hagler**  
**Hon. Hoyt W. Howell, Jr.**  
**Jo Propst**  
**H. M. Burt, Jr.**  
**Margaret Davenport, D.O.**  
**L.R. Jordan**

**Keener Hudson**  
Young Refining Corporation



**Wayne Carmello-Harper**  
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*Director of Operations*



**Eula Tatman**  
*Director,  
Grants & Programs*



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