Board Membership Policy

**Board Membership:** The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama seeks to have regional representation on the Board of Trustees. The ultimate goal of the Foundation is to have at least (1) trustee from each of the counties served by the Foundation. Currently there are a total of fifteen (15) trustees.

Trustees are charged with the fiduciary responsibility of managing and distributing charitable assets for the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. Likewise, trustees oversee the legacy and purposes of new funds, and represent the discernable needs of the larger community when allocating grants. Trustees lead and participate on various Foundation committees, which collectively serve the governance and policy-making functions of the Board of Trustees.

**Community Volunteers:** The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama Bylaws permit volunteers to assist in the mission of the Community Foundation. These persons can be organized into a committee or another working body to offer guidance or professional advice in areas of expertise. Due to the Community Foundation’s governing documents and liability restrictions, these persons neither serve as trustees, nor do they assume any responsibilities in the oversight or governance functions of the Community Foundation.

**Honorary Titles:** The Community Foundation can, from time to time, convey honorary titles to trustees or volunteers who have served their terms with distinction. The titles *Honorary Trustee, Trustee Emeritus, or Trustee in Memoriam*, though rare, convey appreciation and deep gratitude. These designations do not extend a board position beyond the terms established in the Bylaws and they do not grant any status as an active trustee including responsibilities in the oversight or governance functions of the Community Foundation.

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