Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama

Annual Report
Mission Statement

Our mission is to achieve positive change through the generosity of donors, now and for generations to come.

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Our Values

- Donor Intent
- Community Trust
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Inclusiveness
- Integrity
- Excellence
Donor Generosity

Harland C. Jones

You may know Harland Jones from around Oxford. Maybe you saw him volunteering his painting or plumbing skills at the Salvation Army or possibly you had been camping, hunting or fishing with him. Most of his friends called him “Jones” and sought his advice about horses, home remodeling, getting that engine running, or just needing a cord of seasoned firewood. Harland’s home was always open to friends and neighbors. His covered back porch was a favorite spot to visitors any time of the year. Friends gathered there to discuss their lives, world events, and the best ways to tackle repairs. Children growing up in the neighborhood remember seeking his advice about relationships, homework, arguments among siblings or getting him to repair an item for them. Harland was known for his willing spirit and attentive ear. He was a modest man with impeccable manners. He lived very simply and always tried to help others. His work took him all over the world as a missile inspector in charge of teams of 12-20 soldiers and civilians.

A native of Gainesville, Georgia, Harland made Calhoun County his home in 1952 when he began working as an electronic engineer at Anniston Army Depot. As the years passed Harland enjoyed most all of them. When asked why he wanted to make a charitable gift to the Community Foundation he replied, “We are all stewards of what God has placed in our hands. I can’t just waste what I have saved, I have to make sure it continues to work and be of help to someone else.” This was Harland’s philosophy and it’s what motivated him each day of his life. Harland believed he should make a contribution each day through his work or learned skills.

While he never married nor had children of his own, he generously supported not-for-profit organizations that served children through meeting the most basic needs of food, shelter, health and clothing. His generous spirit will continue after his death through the two funds he established in 1999 with the Community Foundation. These funds: The Harland Jones Charitable Fund will award grants to promote and support literacy, education, safety, and development (moral and physical) of children up to age nineteen (19); and The Harland Jones Scholarship Fund will provide funding for any high school student in our region attending any institution of higher education. Priority will be given to seniors with strong moral character, discernable academic ability, recognized school and community service, and documented financial need.

Harland Jones played a significant role in the life of the Foundation. He was among the first donors to the Foundation and had the vision to see what we could achieve. Through these funds Harland’s generous and caring legacy will live on. Harland will also change the trajectory of many students’ lives through his scholarships, and he will help to support the needs of our region’s youth.

He was 87 at his death. We honor his life and his legacy.

Farley Moody Galbraith

Farley Moody Galbraith of Anniston lived a long and generous life. Farley was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Frank M. and Sarah McCorkle Moody. She was married for 42 years to the late Wilfred Galbraith, editor of The Anniston Star for 18 years.

Mrs. Galbraith was a graduate of Sweet Briar College and received her B.A. degree in History at the University of Alabama. This degree is reflected throughout her life’s work and volunteer spirit to support and grow her community.

The Farley Moody Galbraith Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 to provide supplemental funding for full-time enrolled students to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. The scholarship is renewable annually. Since inception two recipients have completed their undergraduate studies. The Farley Moody Galbraith Fund was established in 2016 to provide charitable grants to not-for-profits throughout our region. The purpose of these grants is unrestricted but consideration will be given to areas historically supported by Mrs. Galbraith.

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Grants

"The mission of The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama is to achieve positive change through the generosity of donors, now and for generations to come. The Foundation is pleased to partner with many not-for-profit organizations throughout our nine-county service area. One of the ways we address the needs of our region and improve the quality of life of those we serve is through our competitive grant process. By providing strategic funding opportunities to our grantees, we partner with other like-minded organizations to carefully use available resources to bring productive and positive change. We are excited about the changes occurring at the Community Foundation. This year we combined our pre-application process and technical workshop. We received great feedback from all participants. We look forward to the future and the continued implementation of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama’s mission,“ says Fred Smith, Director of Stringfellow Health Fund Grants.

Stringfellow Health Fund – Awarded $578,757

Grants are designated for community health care purposes and are restricted to 501(c)(3) qualified public charities operating in a nine-county area which includes: Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, DeKalb, Etowah, Randolph, St. Clair and Talladega counties. Projects must focus on: health, education, prevention & direct services. Two grant application opportunities (March and September) are available for the Stringfellow Health Fund. Not-for-profit organizations receiving funding from the Stringfellow Health Fund this year included:

Alabama Association of Nonprofits          Lakeside Hospice
Alabama Childhood Food Solutions, Inc.    Mental Health America of Etowah
Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties         Piedmont Benevolence Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama    Piedmont Historical Society
Boys & Girls Club of East Central Alabama    Public Education Foundation of Anniston
Calhoun County Commission                  Rainbow Omega, Inc.
Community Enabler Developer, Inc.          Reaching Out International
Coosa Riverkeepers                       Saving Animals Volunteer Effort, Inc. (S.A.V.E.)
East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy    Sight Savers America
Etowah Free Community Clinic       Southeastern Diabetes Education Services
Extended Family for Kids               St. Michael’s Clinic
Family Links                             Standards for Excellence® Institute
Family Success Center of Etowah County, Inc. The Kid One Transport
Health Services Center                    The Learning Tree
Impact Alabama                          The Red Door Kitchen
Independent Reading/Counseling Services    The Right Place
Interfaith Ministries, Inc.               The Salvation Army
Jacksonville State University           West Anniston Foundation
JSU Foundation                           YMCA of Calhoun County

Thank You Grants Committee:
CFNEA Trustees: Anne Carruth, Al Shumaker; CFNEA Staff: Eula Tatman, Donta Council; Community Volunteers: Dawn Wilczek, Gary Lewis, Jenifer Grace, Jessica Holbrook, Tyrone Smiley, Shannon Coleman, Logan Benton, Samie Felton, Thereasa Hulgans, Shannon LaBudde, and, Mitch Rogers.
**E.D. King Family Fund – Awarded $1,000**

The fund provides grants in support of not-for-profit organizations that address healthcare for the indigent in the nine-county service area of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama.

*Etowah Free Clinic* – received a grant to purchase flu vaccines.

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**Grant Spotlight**

**Extended Family for Kids program benefits from Stringfellow Health Fund Grant**

Extended Family for Kids (EFK) is an evidence-based program for students who have a loved one incarcerated. With the help of a Stringfellow Health Fund Grant, EFK Programs have been led in every school in Cherokee County during the 2016-17 school year.

Children of the incarcerated suffer emotionally, mentally and physically. Extended Family for Kids lessons teach students how to make healthy life-style choices, so they can improve their quality of life in all of these areas! Students learn 14 "stress busters," how to express anger in a healthy way, how to handle bullying without violence, and have the opportunity to create a positive relationship with a police officer. Most importantly, they learn an adult’s incarceration is not their fault.

What the students say about the program:

“‘I am not alone.’”

“‘It’s not my fault.’”

“‘That cops are cool because they do a lot of good stuff.’”

“‘That I do not have to do their time.’”

“‘That other people have parents that are incarcerated.’”

“‘That no matter what happens you can succeed.’”

“‘There are others like me.’”

EFK enrollment is up 50%, due to the support received from the Stringfellow Health Fund Grant. School counselors, teachers, parents and guardians have been educated on the importance of offering help to these students.
Little Tree Preschool

The Little Tree Preschool received a grant from the Stringfellow Health Fund. The grant assisted with the funding of their Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy Services. The preschool focuses on increasing skills in the areas of language, socialization and cognition while decreasing behaviors that interfere with learning.

All children are evaluated upon admission. An Individualized Service Plan is developed for each child based on the scores on their initial admission testing. Each child receives individual sessions with a graduate student from JSU or the clinical coordinator averaging 2-3 times daily, Monday through Friday, to work on progress in their deficit areas or increase progression in the areas in which they excel.

Individualized Education Plans are developed for children with developmental disabilities that are 3 years and older. The progress of the children with developmental disabilities is reviewed weekly.

Plans and data are reviewed with parents monthly. Parents are trained so practices from the preschool can be carried over into the home and family social outings, ensuring progression.

Stringfellow Health Fund Site Visits

West Anniston Foundation – Nutrition and Fitness Program

We Can! We Can! A national campaign aimed at addressing overweight and obesity in children and their parents by encouraging them to make healthier food choices, increase physical activity, and reduce time in front of screens (i.e. computers, video games, televisions).

Alabama Childhood Food Solutions - Weekender Back Pack Program

The grant provided Alabama Childhood Food Solutions with the purchase of a commercial size walk-in freezer to provide the weekly and monthly meals to nine county schools. About 1,200 meals per month are prepared for children to have food throughout each weekend.
Mrs. Galbraith volunteered much of her time serving on community boards and chairing events. She served as chairman of the special gifts division with the Calhoun County United Way; was a member of the YMCA Board of Directors; the International House for exchange students at Jacksonville State University; a member of the board of directors of Anniston Community Theatre; a member of the Anniston Museum’s Special Exhibit Committee, spending much of her time with the Children’s Hands-On Division; a member of Friends of the Library; and, for many years she was member of the Society for the Fine Arts of Life at the University of Alabama and sponsor of the Sarah McCorkle Moody Art Gallery.

Farley was 93 at her death. We gratefully acknowledge her generosity and impact on our community.

The Longleaf Fund Reaches $1 Million

The Longleaf Fund is supported by individuals and families who understand that a community’s needs and strengths are constantly changing. Such donors are committed to supporting the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama’s efforts to create a sustainable pool of charitable dollars to invest in meaningful community impact projects or initiatives. The Longleaf Fund was established in 2000 by the Board of Trustees who set a goal of reaching $1 million in the Fund prior to any grants being awarded. We were joyful when this goal was reached and exceeded in August of 2016. The first grants from the fund will be awarded in the spring of 2017.

Thousands of years ago the ocean claimed all the land up to the northern counties of Alabama. As part of the landscape, the Longleaf Pine was a familiar and dominant tree. Today the sea has receded; however, the coastal Longleaf Pine has endured and survived. To acknowledge this natural wonder and its complex ecological value to northeast Alabama, the Community Foundation named its unrestricted fund in honor of this unique tree. Like the Longleaf Pine, the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama is permanent and will remain as a philanthropic resource benefiting all area residents.

Grants from the Longleaf Fund will provide funding to not-for-profit organizations throughout the nine-county region served by the Community Foundation and support those discernible community needs that are most pressing and lack sufficient resources.

The Community Foundation oversees the distribution of awards to qualified not-for-profit organizations utilizing a thorough grant review and allocation process. Our comprehensive review includes a grant application; documentation of the proposed project; assessment of the grantee’s overall capacity to manage and administer the project; and site visits to assess the outcomes. In addition, every Community Foundation grant undergoes follow-up reports, outcome data and final evaluation site visits.
Through a partnership with Standards for Excellence® replication partner Alabama Associations of Nonprofits, the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama is proud to support not-for-profit organizations that wish to earn accreditation from the Standards for Excellence® Institute.

Congratulations to:

• Independent Reading/Counseling Services
• SAVE (Saving Animals through Volunteer Efforts)
• West Anniston Foundation

A reception was held in the offices of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 9:00 am. Representatives from each organization, along with representatives of their boards were on hand to celebrate the achievement.

Melissa Sines, Director for Accreditation, Standards for Excellence Institute® in Maryland, greeted the recipients at the reception via WebEx. Melissa applauded the organizations effort and hard work in achieving accreditation.

There are an estimated 1.5 million registered not-for-profits (NFPs) in the United States according to the National Center for Charitable Statistics. With this growing number every year, NFPs are competing in the world of philanthropy for donor dollars. Given the increasing number of NFPs, agencies must now compete for funding on national, regional and local levels. NFP accreditation programs have proven successful in increasing organizations accountability and ethics practices, which increases donor giving and public trust. The Standards for Excellence® Institute, based in Baltimore, Maryland, is a program in which the Community Foundation sponsors any NFP within the Foundation’s service area.

NFP organizations achieving Standards for Excellence® Accreditation compete in a special grant round awarded by the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama from the Stringfellow Health Fund.
In February of 2016, the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, the United Way of Talladega County and the Alabama Association of Nonprofits, hosted a Standards for Excellence® training in Talladega. As a result of this training, four organizations are working on the accreditation process. As a result of support for the Standards for Excellence® accreditation process there are seventeen not-for-profit organizations in the state of Alabama currently accredited, twelve of which have been assisted by the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama.

Standards for Excellence® is a national initiative designed to promote the highest standards of nonprofit governance, management, and operations. “Not-for-profits contribute significantly to the cultural, social and economic landscape. It is imperative that not-for-profits of all sizes be effective, efficient, credible and transparent as they strive to meet critical community needs. Standards for Excellence® provides the tools and templates that enable not-for-profits to improve their policies and practices while maintaining a focus on meeting their mission,” said Jennifer S. Maddox, President & CEO.

We are grateful for the support for this training provided by: Alabama Association of Nonprofits, United Way of East Central Alabama, United Way Etowah County, United Way of North Talladega County, First Bank of Alabama and Honda Manufacturing Alabama.
Annual Distributions total $1,329,792

Donor Advised Funds $148,410

Provides donors an opportunity to express all their philanthropic interests. Donor recommendations are submitted to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees for approval. This fund type is an efficient alternative to a private foundation.

Altrusa International of Anniston Charitable Fund
Altrusa Women & Children’s Fund
Mack and Rebecca Burt Advised Fund
Anne S. Carruth Donor Advised Fund
Robert and Mary Ann Couch Charitable Fund
Hon. & Mrs. J. Foy Guin Jr. Charitable Fund
Mrs. Stanton B. Ingram Charitable Fund
Kiwanis Club of Anniston Endowment Fund
Kiwanis Club of Anniston Charitable Fund
The Jerry and Judy Klug Advised Fund
The E. C. Lloyd & J.C.U. Johnson Family Fund
Dr. & Mrs. James W. Mullis, Jr. Charitable Fund
John Andrew Nolen Charitable Fund
Greg and Cheryl Potts Charitable Fund
Joyce A. Parker and M. Linda Parker Charitable Fund
Susan Artemis Spector Wisminiti and Connor Jacob Wisminiti Memorial Fund
The Carla and Cleophus Thomas Jr. Family Fund
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Toole, III Charitable Fund
Thomas C. Turner Memorial Fund
Bill Wakefield Charitable Fund
Dr. Gerald G. Woodruff Honorary Fund

Field of Interest Funds $656,972

The fund’s grantmaking focuses on a particular area, such as child development, education, arts and culture, or other broad areas of interests. The Foundation then ensures that the fund supports meaningful projects providing impact to the targeted social need.

Susie Parker Stringfellow Health Fund
E.D. King Family Fund
S. David Boozer Charitable Fund
George & Louise Ritch Endowment Fund
Gene Inglis Music Scholarship Fund
Foothills Community Partnership Charitable Fund
Leamon (Lea) Fite, Jr. Memorial Fund
Harland Jones Charitable Fund
Janice T. Frazier Hudson Fund
City of Anniston Competitive Fund
City of Anniston Fund
St. Clair County Endowment Fund

Cheaha Creative received a grant from a Donor Advised Fund.

The Donoho School received a grant from a Donor Advised Fund.

The Etowah Free Clinic received a grant from a Field of Interest Fund.
Designated Funds $184,432

The donor specifies one or more charitable organizations to receive annual distributions providing them perpetual support.

The Joy Kathryn Courtney Endowment Fund Benefiting 2nd Chance, Inc.
Calhoun County 4-H Club/Alabama Tree Trust Endowment Fund
Anniston/Calhoun Community Christmas Parade Fund
Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County Endowment Fund
Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation Fund
The Animal Shelter Endowment Fund
Anniston Police Outreach Fund
Anniston US Military Memorial Fund
Charles W. Babcock, III Memorial Fund
Boy Scout Troop #247 Endowment Fund
Mary Charles Cassidy Charitable Fund
Community Foundation Endowment Fund
Cherokee County Historical Museum Endowment Fund
Disaster Response Fund
Karan Lee Evans Memorial Fund
Faith Christian School Endowment Fund
Freedom Riders Park Endowed Fund
Good Choices Fund
Interfaith Ministries of Calhoun County Fund
Jacksonville City Schools Education Trust Endowment Fund
L.R. & Jean Marrow Jordan Charitable Fund
Knox Concert Series Endowment Fund
Jessie & Bill Kryder Fund for Agnes Scott College
Jessie & Bill Kryder Fund for Columbia Theological Seminary
Jessie & Bill Kryder Fund for First Presbyterian Church of Anniston
Jessie & Bill Kryder Fund for Presbyterian College
Jessie & Bill Kryder Fund for Union Presbyterian Seminary
Longleaf Botanical Garden Fund
Kathryn Ann (Kate) Malatino Memorial Scholarship Fund
PHS Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund
Paws Forever Fund
Piedmont Education Trust General Fund
Rainbow Omega Endowment Fund
George & Louise Ritch Designated Endowment Fund
SAVE Endowment Fund
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School Endowment Fund
Sight Savers of America USDA Fund
Kiwanis Club of Anniston Sunrisers Endowment Fund
Mark Douglas Sawyer Memorial Scholarship Fund benefiting Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School in Anniston, Alabama
Bertha H. Trammell Fund benefiting Grace Episcopal Church
Margaret E. Tucker Designated Fund benefiting the Opportunity Center
Hank Turpin Endowment Fund benefiting Habitat for Humanity
East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy Endowment Fund
Workforce Investment Network Region 2 Fund
YMCA of Calhoun County Endowment Fund

The Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County is a Designated Fund Beneficiary

S.A.V.E. established an endowment fund to ensure their work is carried out into the future.

East Alabama Works offers programs to high school students and businesses.
Institutional Endowments $65,350

Establish or contribute to an existing endowment fund in support of a specific not-for-profit organization, religious institution or government agency to provide annual operating support or to provide long-term funding for a specific project.

First Presbyterian Church of Anniston Endowment Fund
Calhoun County 4-H Club/Alabama Tree Trust Endowment Fund
Alabama Giving Fund
Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County Endowment Fund
Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation Fund
Boy Scout Troop #247 Endowment Fund
Cherokee County Historical Museum Endowment Fund
Faith Christian School Endowment Fund
Golden Springs Baptist Church Fund
Interfaith Ministries of Calhoun County Fund
Patti Jensen Memorial Fund
Jacksonville City Schools Education Trust Endowment Fund
Knox Concert Series Endowment Fund
Longleaf Botanical Garden Fund
Sister Maria Luther Charitable Fund
Calhoun/Cleburne Mental Health Endowment Fund
Oxford City Schools Education Foundation Fund
Piedmont Education Trust General Fund (includes the following funds)
  Christian Cantrell Scholarship Fund
  Ryan Davis Scholarship Fund
  Shane Donaldson Scholarship Fund
  Erin G. Givens Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Miranda P. Givens Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Larry & Jane Gowens Scholarship Fund
  The Randy and Cynthia Harper Scholarship Fund
  Health Scholarship Fund
  Dr. W.H. Kimbrough Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Dr. John R. Kirkpatrick Scholarship Fund
  The Dr. Theresa Kisor Scholarship Fund
  Granger and Peggy Latta Scholarship Fund
  Florence Law Memorial Scholarship Fund
  William Theodore Law Scholarship Fund
  Meagan McCain Memorial Scholarship Fund
  PHS Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund
  Piedmont Lions Club Scholarship Fund
  The John Melvin and Ophelia Rankin Scholarship Fund
  Leola Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Weldon (Pinkie) Roberts Scholarship Fund
  McAbee Salmon Scholarship Fund
  Lewis, Monteel, & Jerry Savage Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Vera & Morgan Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Walter Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Vansant Family Scholarship Fund
  Frank Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund
  Paws Forever Fund
  Gerald Powell Endowment Fund
  Rainbow Omega Endowment Fund
  First Presbyterian Church Rayfield Fund
  Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School Endowment Fund
  Oleta B. Spearman Endowment Fund, a sub-endowment supporting the Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County
  Mark Douglas Sawyer Memorial Scholarship Fund
  East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy Endowment Fund
  YMCA of Calhoun County Endowment Fund

Special Projects
LYN Fund
Central Alabama BEST Robotics Fund
Northeast Alabama Baby Cafe
Calhoun County Juvenile Drug Court Fund
The Centennial Memorial Fund
Freedom Riders Park Non-Endowed Fund

Unrestricted $50,418

The donor gives the Board of Trustees full discretion to make grants that respond to the community’s greatest needs.

General Operating Fund
Longleaf Fund
Farley Moody Galbraith Fund
Scholarship Funds $220,100

Name and designate a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to students or professionals to advance their education. A donor may define guidelines for candidacy, the school and the basic requirements. Through the Foundation, donors establish scholarship funds to assist students in furthering their studies. Each donor has a heartfelt reason for establishing a fund, whether to memorialize a loved one, to recognize the value of their own education or to encourage young people to identify their talents and succeed in life.

Jean L. Phillips Auburn University Scholarship Fund
Anniston High School Scholarship Fund
Alumni Association of Alabama State University
Anniston/Calhoun Chapter Scholarship Fund
Harry M. & Edel Y. Ayers Scholarship Fund
Juliette P. Doster Scholarship Fund
Daniel Davenport Memorial Scholarship Fund
Melanie and Todd Edmondson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Evans Litigation Scholarship Fund
Farley Moody Galbraith Scholarship Fund
Whitney Laine Gallahar Memorial Scholarship Fund
Guin-Stanford Scholarship Fund
Clevé Holloway Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dr. Clarence W. & Mrs. Juanita Harris Jairrels Scholarship Fund
The E. C. Lloyd & J.C.U. Johnson Scholarship Fund
Dr. Martha Merrill Scholarship Fund
Joseph and Amelia Saks Scholarship Fund
Anna Satcher Scholarship Support Fund
Leslie and Mary Ella Scales Scholarship Fund
H.T. and Terrell Stanford Scholarship Fund
Nathan Jackson Sparks Memorial Scholarship Fund
Samuel and Ruby Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mary Katherine “Katy” Williamson Scholarship Fund

Cherokee Henderson, recipient of the Harry M. & Edel Y. Ayers Scholarship Fund. Cherokee is currently completing his co-op work with Alabama Power. He will then head back to Auburn University for his senior year. He has been involved in various campus groups tutoring students and leading group studies...

WAR EAGLE!

Piedmont Education Scholarship Recipients

At Awards Day on May 16, Piedmont Education Trust awarded over $32,000.00 to well deserving Piedmont High School seniors helping them fulfill their dream of obtaining a college degree. Walter Thompson Scholarship to Chloe Barnes, the VanSant Family Scholarship to Alle Colvert, Leola Roberts Scholarship to Kendall Pressley, Dr. W.H. Kimbrough Scholarship to Bayley Blanchard, McAbee/Salmon Scholarship to Adrienne Garmon, Vera and Morgan Stewart - Citizenship Scholarship to Sarah Lawrence, Vera and Morgan Stewart - Advanced Diploma (Honors) Scholarship to Brett Akin, Vera and Morgan Stewart - Advanced Diploma Scholarship to Madison Pike, Vera and Morgan Stewart - Education Major Scholarship to Kathryn Lusk, Lewis, Montee and Jerry Savage Scholarship to Madeline Winstead, Weldon “Pinkie” Roberts Scholarship to Kayla Brown, Ryan Davis Scholarship to Seth Pope, Dr. John R. Kirkpatrick Scholarship to Mackenzie Hightower, Frank Watson Scholarship to Samantha McGatha, Granger and Peggy Latta Scholarship to Wil Mitchell, Larry and Jane Gowens Scholarship to Jacob Goss, Health Scholarship to Bry Smith, Health Scholarship to Cheyenne McPeek, Class of 68 Scholarship to Colton Donaldson, Class of 68 Scholarship to Samantha McGatha, William Theodore Law Scholarship to Karri Green, Florence, Bates Law Scholarship to Madeline Winstead, Meagan McCain Scholarship to Lexi Daugherty, Kesauna Jones, Kathryn Lusk, Kinsey Martin, Shane Donaldson Scholarship to Nina Gouger, Ophelia and John Rankin Scholarship to Karri Green, Rob Spivey Scholarship to Kayla Brown, Randy and Cynthia Harper Scholarship to Bry Smith, Christian Cantrell Scholarship to Karri Green.

FRONT ROW, left: are Lexie Daugherty, Chloe Barnes, Kendall Pressley, Madison Pike, Kathryn Lusk, Cheyenne McPeek, Karri Green, Kesauna Jones, Kayla Brown, Sarah Lawrence and Mackenzie Hightower. BACK ROW, left: Bry Smith, Alle Colvert, Seth Pope, Jacob Goss, Brett Akin, Bayley Blanchard, Kensey Martin, Adrienne Garmon, Wil Mitchell, Madeline Winstead, Samantha McGatha, and Nina Gouger.
New Funds Established

BEST Robotics - to support the Central Alabama BEST Robotics program. The Best Robotics mission is to engage, excite, and inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology through participation in a sports-like science- and engineering-based robotics competition.

Anniston/Calhoun County Community Christmas Parade Fund – to provide a Christmas Parade for the citizens of Anniston and Calhoun County, Alabama.

Farley Moody Galbraith Fund - Established in 2016 to provide unrestricted charitable grants selected solely by the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation.

LYN (Love Your Neighbor) - conduct community development initiatives in Etowah County, Alabama.

St. Clair County Endowment Fund - to support not-for-profit organizations and charitable activities in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Workforce Investment Network Region 2 Fund to support economic development in northeast Alabama (Calhoun, Clay, Cleburne, Cherokee, Etowah, Randolph, and Talladega counties).

Moody ACT Project for Moody High School established by an anonymous donor.
The Winner – Pat Greene of Talladega County

Pat Greene was selected for his commitment to developing the Marianna Green Henry Special Equestrian Program. A rehabilitation program which brings special needs children from the Alabama Institute of the Deaf and Blind together with horses bringing unbridled joy to both. Pat’s passion for this program continues the dream of his daughter, Marianna, who died tragically at age 31. The program began in the early 90’s as a way to continue what Marianna knew would provide children not only an amazing therapy program, but also a joy not readily available to them. In addition he is very active in the downtown revitalization of Talladega and on numerous boards.

Pat received a crystal clock recognizing the many hours of work along with a $1,000.00 grant from the Juliette P. Doster Fund with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama to a not-for-profit of his choice. Not surprisingly, he selected the Marianna Green Henry Special Equestrian Foundation. In addition his name has been added to an historical plaque listing all past award winners on display in the Community Foundation office.

Sue G. Guffey is the president of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Centre. Among her numerous contributions, she successfully acquired a grant from the Tillotson Foundation for mentally ill people in Cherokee County that needed dental work.

Shannon Bridges is special education teacher who approached The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne County with a vision for a program to teach individuals with special needs how to live healthy by eating right and exercising.

Randa B. Carroll started Venecia’s Foundation after her older sister was stricken with breast cancer. Her mission is to provide comfort bags with lotion, chapstick, eye drops, a pillow and blanket, a comedy DVD, puzzle books, a gas card along with other items. Of the 600 care bags compiled, Randa has delivered over 90% of them.

Past recipients of this award include:
- George Areno, Calhoun County Head Injury Foundation
- Bibby Cunningham, Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary
- Lolan Granger, ARC of Calhoun County
- Eleanor Youngblood and Tony Areno, St. Michael’s Clinic
- Jean Flanders, Medical Center Memorial Foundation
- Karen Morris, Health Services Center
- Dr. Brenda Roberts, American Cancer Society
- Helen Henley, RMC Chaplain Services
- Margaret Taylor, Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group
- Myrna Degner, RMC Auxiliary
- Bruce Edward Cunningham, DMD, Interfaith Adult Dental Clinic
- The Anniston Runners Club
- Mary Olson, Lakeside Hospice
# 2016 Scholarship Recipients

L to R: Haley Rowe, Jillian Bridges, Sarah Pinkerton, Alexander Wilson, London Wilson, Cherokee Henderson, Shanika Leonard, Mattie Crisp, Mattie Logan, Andrew Posey, Samuel Castillo, Curry Cates, Zachary Lee, Amber Garvey, Brian Jennings, Madison Cole, Frederick Boyd, Sarah Hicks, Dominique Mason, Joseph Duke, Ferendez Lowery, Alyssa Franks

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## 2016 Scholarship Renewals

- Haley Rowe: Daniel Davenport Memorial Scholarship
- Andrew Posey: Farley Moody Galbraith Scholarship
- Ferendez Lowery: Cleve Holloway Memorial Scholarship
- Alyssa Franks: E.C. Lloyd and J.C.U. Johnson Scholarship
- Curry Cates: Jean Phillips Auburn University Scholarship
- Austin Kilgore: Joseph and Amelia Saks Scholarship
- Joseph Duke: Joseph and Amelia Saks Scholarship
- Frederick Boyd: Joseph and Amelia Saks Scholarship
- Austin Kilgore: Nathan Jackson Sparks Memorial Scholarship
- Amber Garvey: H.T. and Terrell Stanford Scholarship
- Zachary Lee: Todd Edmondson Memorial Scholarship
- Kathryn Cole: Mary Katherine “Katy” Williamson Scholarship
- Sarah Hicks: Mary Katherine “Katy” Williamson Scholarship
On May 10, 2016 the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama held a reception at the Anniston Country Club to recognize ten area high school graduates with college scholarships. In addition, 13 scholarships were renewed for students currently enrolled in college. The 2016 awards totaled $49,100 and represented 16 individual scholarships. The event honored the students, their families and donors for their generosity in the creation of the various scholarship funds. Hon. Brenda S. Stedham, CFNEA Trustee and Committee Chair, presented the awards. “The Foundation is proud to make these awards,” said Stedham, “Each student is very deserving and we look forward to hearing about the many great things they accomplish in the future.”

“**Highlights**

### Pictured left with Isaiah and Ada Evans

**Dominique Mason** is the recipient of the Alumni Association of Alabama State University Anniston/Calhoun Chapter (ASU Alumni) Scholarship.

### Pictured left with Juanita Jarriels, Shanika Leonard and Veda Jarriels

**Shanika Leonard** is the recipient of the Dr. Clarence W. & Mrs. Juanita Harris Jairrels Scholarship. She attends Gadsden State Community College and is studying nursing.

**Samuel Castillo** is the recipient of the Joseph and Amelia Saks Scholarship. Samuel attends The University of Alabama in Birmingham and is studying Neuroscience.

“I wanted to update everyone on my activities at school. I am gaining exposure to a lot of really cool things. I am not doing any neuroscience research yet, but am on a team of students conducting research on novel bacteriophage. We captured and isolated our own viruses to have their DNA sequenced, and we’re currently in the process of annotating the viral genomes in hopes of finding some new gene or mechanism that helps the little guys live. Ideally, we’ll come across something that we can potentially use in the medical field somehow. Aside from academics, I recently became a UAB TrailBlazer. I will be giving campus tours and showcasing how great UAB is. I am involved in a campus ministry called Ignite, and excited about the pretty cool things like Collegiate Day of Prayer and whatnot.”

Information about all of these scholarships and more are available for students at Scholarship Central, a website powered by the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. The site makes it easy for students to locate the scholarships that are best suited for their needs. For more information about donating to a fund, starting a fund, or applying for a scholarship please visit [www.yourcommunityfirst.org](http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org) or call the Community Foundation at 256-231-5160, ext. 17.

**2016 Scholarship Review Committee:** Brenda Stedham – Committee Chair, John Rochester, John Stevenson, CFNEA Trustees; Eula Tatman, Donta Council CFNEA Staff; Kristin Sparks, Cathy Fockele, Nicole Thompson, Lynne Isom, Melinda Fowles, Mary Wood, Johnny Byrd, Phillip Kieth, Arthur Cottingham, Seyram Selase, Tanisha Mays, Tonya Douthitt, Rudy Payne, Natasha Scott, Brittany Franks, Theresa Shaddrix, Suzanne Payne, Community Volunteers.

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**J. Mitchell Rogers**

“It has been a privilege this year to introduce myself to these amazing students and meet the generous fundholders. I am confident that each student will carry part of the donor’s legacy into the future. This would not be possible without the help and diligence of the scholarship review committee. This committee is tasked with selecting the perfect student who mirrors the legacy set forth in the fund. Getting to know these students individually has reaffirmed the committee’s selection for each scholarship recipient. Thank you for your hard work and diligence in selecting these students,” said J. Mitchell Rogers, Director of Scholarships and Initiatives.
Memorials

October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016

Throughout the year many generous gifts were received in memory of the following individuals and pets. These gifts have been made to funds that were meaningful to either the one being remembered or the donor.

Audrey Stewart  Kay McIntyre Tolbert  Richard Sawyer
Barbara Ide  Kitty Wolf  Rita Mundy
Bill McCain  Larry Simmons  Rob Spivey
Billy McDill  Laura Ann Minshew  Robert and Blanche Warren
Billy Pike  Law Enforcement Memorial  Robert Haack
Brandon Sparks  Lee and Martha Little  Rozelle Burt Lentjes
Cal Coogler  Martha Vandervoort  Ruby Fagan
Craig Coogler  Mary Elizabeth Pillans Van Antwerp  Ryan Davis
Charles Clare  Maurice Arrington  Sarah Jackson
Clyde Pike  Meagan McCain  Sarah Morgan
Cynthia Tucker  Melanie and Todd Edmondson  Shardaben Patel
Daniel Davenport  Meta Woolf Parker  Shirley Wyatt
Deborah Kay Brown  Michael Matthews  Steve Robertson
Deborah Little Young  Mildred Wright Wilson  Sue Savage
Donna Todd  Minnie Ola Todd  Susan Artemis Spector Wisminiti
Ed Hanson  Miranda Givens  Connor Jacob Wisminiti
Ellen Fugua  Nathan Jackson Sparks  Thomas B. Richardson II
Eva Simmons  Ray Vinson  Tim Buchanan
Floyd Bennett  Norris Albea  Toby Jordan
Floyd Jennings  Patsy Powell  Velma Latham
Frank Vaughan  Paul Daniels  Victor Bates
Frank Watson  Paul Malcom  Wayne Austin
Frederick Durant  Ralph Pinson, Sr.  Whitney Laine Gallahar
Genevieve C. Hill
Gerline Kemp
Gladys Brown
Harland C. Jones
Hazel Childers
Hazel Y. Brown
Imogene Tolbert
James & Ruth LeCroy
James Harwell
James Kelley
Jean Weatherly
Jeff Ford
Jerry Savage
Jewel H. Pate
John Douglas Borden
John P. Wheeler
John Stanley Hilburn
Johnny Lyle
Joseph Howard West
Julian Jenkins
Julie Jenkins Isola
Katy Williamson

PETS
Annabelle, dog of Jim & Tammy Doering
Callie, cat of Ruth Stewart
Chris, dog of Brenda Stedham Family
Emma, dog of Susan Ponder
Gatsby Cudabac, canine grandchild of Andy & Margaret Hatley
Ginger, dog of Joey & Hayle Rosson
Indigo, cat of Lu Moseley
Jack, dog of Kimberly Simmo
Jazzy, dog of Susan Waldron
Katie Kat, cat of Donna Fathke
Katie-Bird, dog of the Simpsons
Magghie, dog of Tristen Lloyd
Mappy, canine child of Hollis & Linda Crosson
Moochie, dog of Bob & MaryAnn Couch
Onsie, dog of Mandy Mann
Poo Bear, dog of Fell Family
Simon, dog of Angell Family
Compliance

National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations were designed to demonstrate transparency and financial responsibility. In addition, they also guide governing boards to adopt sound policies and practices and help build the capacity of community foundations to carry out their missions. The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama received compliance in 2006 and re-compliance in 2011.
Welcome New Members

Dr. Martha G. Lavender will benefit the Cherokee County Historical Museum.

Gloria K. Bennett establishes a new fund for the children in Cleburne County.

Tommie J. Goggans, III supports the Longleaf Fund.

About the Anvil Society

The early settlers to our area discovered, mined and refined the area’s abundance of iron ore. The Oxford, Cane Creek, Woodstock and Janney Furnaces shaped the economic base that gave rise to the communities across Calhoun County and northeast Alabama.

With this heritage in mind, the Community Foundation has established The Anvil Society, which exclusively and perpetually recognizes individuals and families who have made a planned or deferred gift to the Community Foundation or one of its endowments.

The following individuals have made a commitment to help forge a stronger future for our region through their generosity.

ANVIL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Anonymous Donors (4)
Gloria K. Bennett
Lindie K. Brown
Mack & Rebecca Burt
Wayne & Nicki Carmello-Harper
George A. & Anne S. Carruth
The Reverend & Mrs. Robert Childers
Elizabeth S. Colyer
Elaine Edmondson
Joseph B. Freeman
Forrest & Joyce French
Tommie J. Goggans, III
Chris & Virginia Hopkins
Janice T. Hudson
Betty Hill Jackson
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Jackson
Mary Elizabeth Johnson
Dr. Theresa Kisor
Dr. Jerry L. & Judy M. Klug
Dr. Martha Lavender
Jennifer S. Maddox
Dr. Martha Merrill
John and Rose Marie Owens
Jean H. Perley
Jean L. Phillips
Greg and Cheryl Potts

Bevely Alison Ritch
Dr. Brenda Roberts
J. Mitchell Rogers
Dr. Wes & Cheri Smith
Daniel E. & Esta G. Spector
Mark Stevens
James Walker Swift
Jewell A. Tarnow
Ronald & Eula Tatman
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Toole, III
Anita Genevieve Turpin
Ralph Edward Wade
Susan Waldron

Legacies At Work

Mary S. Bernhard
S. David Boozer
Edward Crutcher
Bobby Edmondson
Karan Lee Evans
Elizabeth G. Freeman
Farley Moody Galbraith
Mrs. Stanton B. Ingram
Harland C. Jones
L. R. & Jean Jordan
Dr. William Howard & Jessie Aiken Hodges Kryder
Dr. Gertrude C. Luther
Marie T. Rayfield
Mr. & Mrs. George B. Ritch, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Saks
Oleta B. Spearman
H. T. & Terrell Stanford
Susie Parker Stringfellow

Please contact us if you would like to establish a planned or deferred gift.
### Statement of Financial Position

#### September 2016 and 2015

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| **Net Assets** | | |
| Unrestricted | $2,452,727 | $1,933,630 |
| Temporarily restricted | $19,482,054 | $16,730,507 |
| Permanently restricted | $14,461,733 | $14,363,863 |
| **Total Net Assets** | $36,396,514 | $33,028,000 |

| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** | $38,891,762 | $35,226,296 |

The current Annual Report, IRS Form 990, and public information items such as an annual audit report, fees charged, spending (distribution) policy, and investment manager information for the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama are available to all interested individuals. These documents are located on our website or may be requested in writing, by contacting the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, 1130 Quintard Avenue, Suite 100, Anniston, AL, 36201 or call 256-231-5160, ext.29.
Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama

Our mission is to achieve positive change through the generosity of donors, now and for generations to come.

PHILANTHROPY
Strategic Result: We will expand our donor base and as a result grow our assets and grant making capacity.
- Establish & Maintain Trust
- Build Relationships with Donors
- Build Relationships with Professional Advisors
- Increase Assets through more Funds, Donors, & Planned Gifts

GRANT MAKING
Strategic Result: We will strategically and effectively allocate donor and community resources to maximize community well-being.
- Educate and Assist Grantees
- Connect Donors to Grantees
- Award Scholarships & Grants
- Support Charitable Projects
- Increase # and amount of grants and scholarships

REGIONAL PRESENCE
Strategic Result: We will have a significant presence in each of the counties we serve.
- Expand our Leadership Presence
- Be recognized as Northeast Alabama’s trusted philanthropic leader
- Serve as the region’s primary charitable partner

If you are interested in reviewing the results of the Strategic Plan 2013-2016, please contact Susan M. Williamson, 256-231-5160, ext. 29 or by email: swilliamson@yourcommunityfirst.org
Over this past year, many changes have occurred with our staff. We bid farewell to Eula Tatman as she moved away from the area, to Donta Council who left the Foundation to pursue his Ph.D. and to Tikesha Cosper whose contract position ended. In July we welcomed three new staff members: Fred Smith, Heather Lamey and Mitch Rogers. In September, Lisa Morales joined us as staff assigned to one specific fund. The Community Foundation staff is pleased to support the efforts of the committees, trustees, volunteers, donors and all other participants who help enrich the communities of northeast Alabama.
“The alignment of one’s passion to one’s giving is often elusive, but worth the search. The reward is that your gift giving becomes the best possible articulation of your core values and belief systems and at the same time becomes a direct link to those issues within community and society that you deem to be of greatest significance…”

– Peter Karoff, founder of The Philanthropic Initiative

Please visit our Website (www.yourcommunityfirst.org) throughout the year to access our latest information on philanthropy, grants and educational opportunities.