Fund Spotlight

Harry M. & Edel Y. Ayers Scholarship Fund

The Harry M. and Edel Y. Ayers Scholarship Fund is named in honor of the founders of Consolidated Publishing Company, Inc., (Company). The scholarship fund was established in 2004 by Mr. Philip A. Sanguinetti, President of Consolidated Publishing Co., in appreciation of the service of past employees and the efforts of current employees. It provides scholarships for current employees with one year of completed service, a child or grandchild of a current full-time employee with one year of completed service at the Company, or a child or grandchild of a Company retiree.

Scholarship recipients may attend any accredited college, university, technical or trade school located in Alabama either on a full- or part-time basis. Awards are available for undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate studies to assist the scholarship recipient in pursuing a degree or certificate in a field of his or her election and for his or her personal benefit.

Thank You...

Thank you Consolidating Publishing Company for your donation through the Harry M. and Edel Y. Ayers Scholarship. With this scholarship, it helps in funding my college education at Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL. I plan to study sports management and am hopeful to get a job with a professional sports team one day.

– Cameron McCareeth

Cameron McCareeth, a 2018 graduate of White Plains High School is attending Faulkner University in Montgomery.
Recovery Efforts Continue for Local Communities

Because of the March 19, 2018 tornadoes, damage to homes ranged from minor repairs to complete devastation. Through the generosity of donors, the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama (CFNEA) received contributions for the recovery effort totaling $137,552.38:

- Disaster Response Fund ............................................ $49,239
- Calhoun County Disaster Response Fund .......... $568
- Jacksonville Disaster Response Fund ............... $86,943
- Rainbow City Disaster Response Fund .............. $266
- Southside Disaster Response Fund ..................... $536

CFNEA is committed to providing financial assistance to those in need by working closely with the Etowah and Calhoun Counties Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC) and their case managers that are diligently assessing every individual’s needs. After a case is reviewed by the LTRC, the request for assistance is presented to CFNEA’s Tornado Recovery Advisory Committee (TRAC). Each case is discussed and voted on by TRAC before distributions are made from any of the Disaster Response Funds held with CFNEA.

In June, we formed our volunteer TRAC made up of 11 community members and CFNEA trustees including: Pat Borstorff, Joanne Hightower, Beverly Hill, Les Honts, Tammy Jackson, Shannon Jenkins, Louise Kerns, Patrice Kurzejeski, Rod Nowlin, Angela Sandberg and Al Shumaker. To date the committee has approved expenditures of $56,585.62 payable to contractors and vendors for roof repairs, reconstruction of interiors, electrical repairs, plumbing repairs, furniture, replacement of drywall, and flooring. Recovery efforts will continue until funding is depleted.

Heather Lamey, Director of Donor Grants and Standards for Excellence® is the staff representative for the recovery efforts. Contact Heather at: hlamey@yourcommunityfirst.org or 256-231-5160, ext. 18.

Community Foundation Again Meets Rigorous Standards for Quality and Accountability

The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama (CFNEA) received confirmation it has again met the nation’s highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability. This announcement comes on September 21, 2018, from the Council on Foundations, a national professional association based in Washington, D.C. One of the first Community Foundation’s in the nation to achieve accreditation, CFNEA has maintained compliance since 2006.

Currently there are 11 Community Foundations in the State of Alabama. CFNEA is one of two foundations meeting the requirements for compliance.

Community Foundations which proudly display the National Standards Seal indicate they have met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy. It affirms their commitment to improving the lives in the communities they serve. In addition to affirming the philanthropic services, the National Standards Seal validates their grant-making practices for the not-for-profit community. The National Standards program is the first of its kind for charitable foundations in the United States.

Jennifer S. Maddox, President and CEO says, “As a community foundation we are committed to transparency, operational quality, financial security and accountability. By meeting the requirements for compliance with National Standards, we assure our donors, professional advisors and stakeholders that our operational structure is strong and the organization makes sound decisions with regard to the charitable wishes entrusted to us as an organization.”
New Faces

Welcome Norma Mancilla, Accounting Assistant

Norma joined the staff of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama on July 9, 2018. Originally from Texas, Norma married and moved to Alabama in 1997. Norma has an Associate of Science in Accounting from Gadsden State Community College. Prior to working at the Foundation, Norma was a store manager for Dollar General.

Norma and her husband, Jose, have three children. Julissa, 19, who attends Jacksonville State University; Juliana, 17, and Joallen, 13, both attend Piedmont City Schools.

Norma enjoys going to the SunTrust Park to cheer on the Atlanta Braves, watching football games, and spending time with her children.

Traci Cook, CFNEA Intern

Traci joined the Community Foundation staff as a Technical Support Intern in July of 2018. She is a junior at Jacksonville State University studying computer information systems. Her role with CFNEA is to assist with the technical support of the Open Spaces Sacred Places® Ground Breaking Ceremonies held throughout the CFNEA nine-county region.

Traci shares, “Working with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama has been an insightful experience! I am grateful to have been a part of one of its many great projects.”

Thank you Traci for the in-depth coverage of the ground breaking ceremonies through the video interviews, photos, and posts to social media and the Community Foundation’s website.

New Fund

Wes and Leila Harris Scholarship at Auburn High School Fund - to provide financial support to the Auburn City Board of Education for the Wes and Leila Harris Scholarship.

Grant Application Checklist

✓ IRS letter of determination or if you are a city, county, state or federal government agency, your tax or affiliation letter signed by the appropriate supervisor or financial officer.
✓ IRS Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A copy of this form may be requested by completing IRS Form 4506-A.
✓ Current Board of Director’s list. Must include member’s name, term, age range, race and gender.
✓ Current Strategic Plan. Must be a multiple-year plan.
✓ Budget to Actual YTD operating budget through the end of your current fiscal year printed directly from your accounting software. Excel spreadsheets will not be accepted.
✓ Most recent Audited Financial Statement or accounting review.

For more information on the grant application process please contact Fred Smith at fsmith@yourcommunityfirst.org or Heather Lamey at hlamey@yourcommunityfirst.org
Rogers Earns Professional Designation

Mitch Rogers, Director of Scholarships and Initiatives of the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama has earned the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®) professional designation from the Richard D. Irwin Graduate School of The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

The CAP® program provides professionals with the advanced knowledge and tools to help donors reach their charitable giving objectives while also helping them meet their estate planning and philanthropic goals.

As Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy® (CAP®) experts, Mitch and Jennifer Maddox provide strategic charitable giving advice to donors. They work with donors to create plans that fulfill philanthropic dreams and build legacies.

Donors supply the passion—we provide the philanthropic expertise and infrastructure!

Website Provides College Scholarship Information

Visit www.yourcommunityfirst.org and click on Scholarship Central.

Scholarship Central is an interactive site designed to help students find what area colleges have to offer. The site provides quick links to area colleges and scholarship offerings on the local, regional and national level.

For more information, contact Mitch Rogers, 256-231-5160, ext. 17 or email, mrogers@yourcommunityfirst.org