Fund Spotlight

First Tee National School Program Fund

The Randolph Park Elementary School, in partnership with the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department, has established the First Tee National School Program Fund at the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama to positively impact the lives of young people through the game of golf.

First Tee is a national program that introduces kids to golf and builds their talent from the ground up. Thank you to everyone who participated in the golf tournament hosted by the Anniston Police Department to raise funds for the program.

If you would like to contribute to the fund you may use the Donate Now button on the home page of our secure website: www.yourcommunityfirst.org or mail your gift to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, 1130 Quintard Avenue, Suite 100, Anniston, AL, 36201.

Photos showcase students from Randolph Park Elementary School learning the game in the school gymnasium. Volunteers and members of the Anniston Police Department worked with the children.

The kids have enjoyed playing on local golf courses and many of them have fallen in love with the game of golf.

Photos by Kristen Fiscus, The Anniston Star
Scholarship Recipients

On May 17, 2018 the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama recognized area high school graduates with college scholarships totaling $181,000 at a reception held at the Longleaf Botanical Gardens in Anniston. The event honored the students, their families and donors for their generosity in the creation of the various scholarship funds. In addition, 13 scholarships were renewed for students currently enrolled in college.

RECIPIENTS

NEW AWARDS  $124,000
Alexandra Priester
Bethany Roberts (1)
Cameron McCareeth (2)
Dakari Malaika Wilson
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Danielle McKinney
Datreauna Dye (3)
Kody Coppock
Kody Coppock (4)
Lanardo Talley Jr. (5)
Madeline Waldrop (6)
Rodolfo Torres (7)
Rodolfo Torres

RECIPIENTS

RENEWALS  $58,000
Alyssa Franks
Anna Pollard
Samuel Castillo
Alexander Wilson
Austin Kilgore
Joseph Duke
Andrew Kilgore
Brannon Ogle
London Wilson
Austin Kilgore
Sarah Hicks
Kathryn Cole
Jillian Bridges McDaniel

Piedmont High School Students Honored

Piedmont Education Trust (PET) donors awarded just over $40,209 in scholarships to members of the class of 2018. The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama hosted a reception on May 8th at the First United Methodist Church in Piedmont to honor the recipients, their families and generous donors. PET is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1972 to help fund various educational and support programs in the Piedmont City School System. PET has 30 funds held with CFNEA.

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New Funds

**Adventist Elementary School Endowment Fund** - Provide support to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist in Calhoun, Georgia.

**Angel Robes Alabama Fund** - To accept contributions for Angel Robes Alabama, Inc. to provide comfort to families experiencing the loss of an infant, including pre-term, who never goes home from the hospital, by providing burial gowns, small burial blankets, hand-made mementos, memorial services, and other comforting gestures.

**ASOF Agency Fund** - To support The Alabama Sports Officials Foundation (ASOF) mission and its support of higher education for Alabama High School Sports Official’s children that are continuing their education.

**Edgemont Veteran’s Cemetery Fund** - Repair and improve the appearance of the Edgemont Veteran’s Cemetery in Anniston, Alabama.

**First Tee National School Program Fund** - To positively impact the lives of young people through the game of golf.

**Wes and Leila Harris Fund** - Charlie Wes Harris established the fund in memory of his parents, Wes and Leila Harris to support the Wes and Leila Harris Memorial Scholarship at Green Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Alabama.

**Leon Smith Memorial Fund** - To create and maintain memorials of special Oxford residents.

**Disaster Response Fund** - Designated to assist in long-term disaster recovery in Northeast Alabama.

**Jacksonville Disaster Response Fund** - Designated for disaster recovery assistance resulting from the tornadoes that occurred on March 19, 2018 in Jacksonville, Alabama.

**Rainbow City Disaster Response Fund** - Designated for disaster recovery assistance resulting from the tornadoes that occurred on March 19, 2018 in Rainbow City, Alabama.

**St. Clair County Disaster Response Fund** - Designated for disaster recovery assistance resulting from the tornadoes that occurred on March 19, 2018 in St. Clair County, Alabama

**Southside Disaster Response Fund** - Designated for disaster recovery assistance resulting from the tornadoes that occurred on March 19, 2018 in Southside, Alabama.

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Spring Grant Awards Total $511,789

**Standards for Excellence® Grant Awarded - $46,590**

*Front Row, L to R: Julie Edwards, Interfaith Ministries; Audrey Noel, Community Enabler Developer, Inc.; Zeldra Vawters, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama; Janice Lee, Independent Reading/Counseling Services; Tammy Moreno, and Jerry York, The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.*

*Back Row, L to R: Jennifer S. Maddox, President & CEO, CFNEA; Jenifer Grace, The Council on Aging of Etowah County; Tamara Woods, Community Enabler Developer, Inc.; Sha’neika Pittman, Independent Reading/Counseling Services; Heather K. Lamey, Director of Donor Grants and Standards for Excellence®, CFNEA.*

The following organizations received grants for capacity building:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama**
- **C.A.S.T. (Community Actors Studio Theatre)**
- **Children’s Services, Inc.**
- **Community Enabler Developer, Inc.**
- **Coosa Riverkeeper**
- **Independent Reading/Counseling Services, Inc.**
- **Interfaith Ministries, Inc.**
- **S.A.V.E. (Saving Animals - Volunteer Efforts), Inc.**
- **The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties**
- **The Council on Aging of Etowah County, Inc.**
Longleaf Fund Awards - $24,860

L to R: Tammy Moreno, The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties; Tycoma Miller and Kay Beard, West Anniston Foundation; Julie Edwards, Interfaith Ministries; Heather K. Lamey, Director of Donor Grants and Standards for Excellence®, CFNEA.

ORGANIZATIONS
The Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties - Family Advocacy Program
Interfaith Ministries - Interfaith Ministries Adult Dental Program
West Anniston Foundation - We Can! Ways to Enhance Children’s Activity and Nutrition

Harland Jones Charitable Fund Awards - $26,000

L to R: Emily Duncan, Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Tamara Woods, Audrey Noel and Maudine Holloway, Community Enabler Developer, Inc.; William Shugart, One World Adventure; Tammy Moreno, Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties.

ORGANIZATIONS
The Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties - Speech Therapist - Children’s Summer Day Camp Program
Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. - Chamber Foundation “Shakespeare Project”
Community Enabler Developer, Inc. - Education and upgrading computer lab at Sable Learning Center located in Hobson City, AL.
One World Adventure - Fort Payne High School Link Crew

Farley Moody Galbraith Awards - $12,934

L to R: Paula Easter and Sarah Wilcox, Mentone Education Resources Foundation; Tammy Moreno, The Arc of Calhoun and Cleburne Counties; Julie Edwards, Interfaith Ministries; Heather K. Lamey, Director of Donor Grants and Standards for Excellence®, CFNEA.

ORGANIZATIONS
The Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties - Music Therapist - Children Summer Day Camp
Interfaith Ministries - Emergency Assistance to Families with Disadvantaged Youth
Mentone Educational Resources Foundation - Arts education and exposure for underserved and low-income students in Mentone
Open Spaces Sacred Places™ Grant Awards - $150,000

Fifteen green spaces are coming to northeast Alabama in the form of gardens, parks and spaces for reflection and meditation. Open Spaces Sacred Places are intended for the encouragement of community well-being, and resilience of mind/body/spirit of both individuals and communities. These special places were conceived by an individual, group, or organization and inspired the idea that access to nature can make a positive impact on the various community and personal challenges individuals and communities face. Behind each space is a “Firesoul,” a person with a burning passion to develop the sight and who will have a leadership role in designing and implementing the space. Each of the organizations listed below have received a $10,000 grant to create an Open Space Sacred Place in their community.

Open Spaces Sacred Places celebrates the generous legacy left to northeast Alabama by Susie Parker Stringfellow almost 100 years ago. What began as one woman’s legacy has impacted millions of individuals through the provision of quality healthcare services, community wellness and support to not-for-profit organizations which have received just over $8.5 million in grant awards since 1999.

**Front Row L to R:** Pam Roberts and Bill Roberts, Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement, Inc.; Millilani Sinclair, Talladega College; Sandra Keener, The Health Care Authority of the City of Piedmont; Edna Jennings, McCord’s Crossroads Homemakers Club, Inc.; Tammy Perry, City of Heflin; Nicole Tudor, Gadsden Public Library.

**Second Row L to R:** Bobby Welch, Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation; Connie Fuller, Fort Payne Main Street; Randy Gridr, Mentone Arts & Cultural Center; Linda Tutwiler, Debbie Smith, Cori Harris and Angie Stryker, Pell City Gateway Community Garden Inc.; Mellie Parrish, Servants in Faith & Technology; Annette Gaither, City of Ashland.

**Third Row L to R:** The Honorable Brenda Stedham, CFNEA Trustee; Fred Smith, Director of Stringfellow Health Fund Grants, CFNEA; Tom Banks, Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation; Robert Pickerel, Cherokee County Civitan; Steven Folks, City of Anniston; Worth Barham, Lisa Phillips and Renee Lilly, Pell City Gateway Garden, Inc.; Rev. Mellie Roberts and Chris Robinson, Gadsden Public Library.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

- **City of Ashland** - Stringfellow Garden
- **Servants in Faith & Technology** - Sarah’s Garden
- **Pell City Gateway Community Garden, Inc.** - Healing and Restorative Garden
- **Fort Payne Main Street** - Reflection and Meditation Garden
- **Gadsden Public Library** - Sensory Garden
- **Mentone Arts & Cultural Center** - Dr. Stephen Brewer Sculpture Garden
- **City of Heflin** - Community Restorative Garden and Dog Run
- **Cherokee County Civitan** - Weiss Lake Overview
- **The Health Care Authority of the City of Piedmont** - The Piedmont Health Care Center’s Timeless Season in the Sun Sacred Places
- **Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement Inc.** - SAFE’S Mind, Body, and Spirit Pathway
- **City of Anniston** - West Anniston Gateway
- **McCord’s Crossroads Homemakers Club Inc.** - Crossroads Garden (A place of Solace and Remembrance)
- **Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation** - Reflective Garden at the historic Gunn-Bellenger House in Gadsden
- **Justice Hugo Black Park** - Justice Hugo Black Memorial Park
- **Talladega College** - Talladega College Sacred Places: Honoring Our Ancestors, Enacting Our Dreams
Stringfellow Health Fund Grant Awards - $251,405

ORGANIZATIONS

Action for Healthy Kids Inc. - Game On: Northeast Alabama
American Red Cross of Alabama - Delivering Help and Hope in Northeast Alabama - American Red Cross
Calhoun County Schools - Health Services - Mass Casualty Response
Community Enabler Developer, Inc. - Medication and Medical Assistance
First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville - Garden of “Eatin” Greenhouse
Gadsden Public Library Foundation - Gadsden Public Library Foundation/Beautiful Rainbow Cafe
Interfaith Ministries - Emergency Assistance Prescription Program
Kid One Transport - Transporting to care in Northeast Alabama
Never Surrender - Financial Assistance/Client Services Program
Safe Haven Counseling - Safe Haven Counseling
St. Michael’s Community Services, Inc. - Diagnostics at St. Michael’s Clinic
Sight Savers America - Sight Savers America Children’s Health & Vision, Screenings - comprehensive follow-up eye care program
Stringfellow Memorial Hospital - Stringfellow Memorial Hospital Improvement Project
The Council on Aging of Etowah County, Inc. - Senior Safety Awareness Program
United Ability - Providing Healthcare Access to Individuals Living with Disabilities in NE Alabama Counties

Front Row L to R: Lesa Cotton, Calhoun County Schools; Cami Mackenzie and Andrea Gregg, Safe Haven Counseling; Jennifer S. Maddox, President & CEO, Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama; Tara Fulford, Never Surrender; Nannette Mudiam, St. Michael’s Community Service, Inc.; Grace Perry, Action for Healthy Kids, Inc.
Second Row L to R: Audrey Noel and Maudine Holloway, Community Enabler Developer, Inc.; Rachel O’Sullivan, American Red Cross of Alabama; Joseph Weaver, RMC Stringfellow Memorial Hospital; Jenifer Grace, The Council on Aging of Etowah County, Inc.; Alison Berman, United Ability; Chip Rowan, Gadsden Public Library Foundation; Laurie Carey, Sight Savers America; Irene Goddard, Kid One Transport.
Third Row L to R: Fred Smith, Director of Stringfellow Health Fund Grants, Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama; Raymond Limerick, First United Methodist Church Jacksonville; Mark Beddingfield, American Red Cross of Alabama; Julie Edwards, Interfaith Ministries; and Chris Robinson, Gadsden Public Library Foundation.

Fearon receives 2017 Juliette P. Doster Award for Outstanding Volunteerism in Community Health

Becky Fearon truly has a servant’s heart. She helps her community and The Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties anyway she can without calling attention to herself. Becky volunteers to do the job no one else will. She volunteers with a vulnerable and unique population who relies on the support of advocates like her to promote healthy programs to improve their lives. The Arc serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Under her leadership as president of the board, the Arc saw improvements in the overall health of the organization. This resulted in the improved health of the individuals served.

The award recognizes personal commitment, overall impact, and extraordinary service of an individual or group actively promoting or advancing community health in our region. To recognize the many hours of time spent volunteering with The Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties. Becky received an engraved crystal clock along with a $1,000 grant from the Juliette P. Doster Scholarship Fund to a not-for-profit of her choice. Without hesitation Becky selected The Arc of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties. Her name has also been added to a perpetual plaque listing all past award winners on display in the Community Foundation office.
Welcome Carl Brady

Carl joined the Community Foundation staff in June of 2018 as the Workforce Program Manager for East AlabamaWorks, the state’s Workforce Development Council for Region 2. Carl comes to the Community Foundation after thirty-one years of serving East Alabama in the broadcasting industry... twenty years in Radio and the last eleven years in television...including stints at radio stations like WAAAX-AM, Z93.1, WQSB-FM, and 97.9 WVOK (K98). All eleven years of Carl’s television career were spent at WEAC-TV24 where he worked as a producer, editor, graphic artist, writer, talk show host, and news anchor. Carl has been recognized as one of the best in Alabama Broadcasting and is a four-time Alabama Broadcasters Association ABBY Award winner.

A native of Gadsden, Carl currently resides in the Calhoun County community of Alexandria. As Program Manager for East AlabamaWorks, Carl will help to identify the workforce needs of business and industry and help to fill those needs with a skilled, well-trained and available workforce in East Alabama.

Interactive webpage shows social and economic conditions in Northeast Alabama

Our 2018 Community Needs Assessment is now available on our website. The interactive webpage allows you to choose the county and metric of interest to your organization. The report will be updated annually.

In an effort to better understand social and economic conditions of the people it serves, the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama commissioned the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA) to produce a comprehensive report on more than 100 measures of quality of life in the Foundation’s nine-county service area.

The three major dimensions within the report – People, Prosperity and Place – explore characteristics that are important in successfully sustaining a healthy community. A PDF is also available if you would like to print the report.