Fund Spotlight

17th Street Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School Class #2 Scholarship Fund

The Seventeenth Street Missionary Baptist Church, located in Anniston, Alabama, was organized in 1887 and is located on the Anniston Civil Rights Trail. It served as the home of “mass meetings” for black Annistonians who planned and executed Anniston’s part of the Civil Rights Movement. Famous leaders who have spoken at the church include: Booker T. Washington, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Ralph Abernathy, and Rev. Bernice King, JD.

Members of the 17th Street Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School Class #2 have established a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama to support church members graduating from high school. This dedicated group of individuals has experienced the benefits of a higher education and want to encourage graduating seniors to pursue their dreams and gain a college degree, preparing them for success.

If you would like to contribute to the fund you may use the Donate Now button on the home page of our secure website at www.yourcommunityfirst.org or mail your gift to the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, 1130 Quintard Avenue, Suite 100, Anniston, AL, 36201.
Congratulations Class of 2020

2020 Scholarship Recipients

Sarah-Elizabeth Cheek
Dawson Boyd
Brian Cole Massey
Pierce Hinson
JaJuan DeMarcus Hayes
Consoundria Clay
Michael J Moran
Ari Del Orbe
Noah Jones
Alabama Sports Officials Foundation Scholarship

Jordan Walker
Audra Burger Memorial Scholarship

Jacob Williamson
Clay Brown Jr. Scholarship

Brianna Marie Bailey
Whitney Laine Gallahar Memorial Scholarship

Jaci Davis
Carter McCain Foster
Walton Green
Riley Kerr
Casey Rickles
Vanessa Rodriguez-Segura
Sadie Ross
Devyn Waldron
C. V. Glassco Memorial Scholarship

Madison Chandler
Dr. Clarence W. and Mrs. Juanita Harris Jairrels Scholarship

Scholarship Spotlight

Brothers Rodolfo & Roilan Torres are celebrating the legacy of Joseph and Amelia Saks. Both graduates of Saks High School have been awarded the prestigious Joseph and Amelia Saks Scholarship. First Rodolfo in 2018, then Roilan in 2020. The Joseph and Amelia Saks Scholarship Fund is a gift to the students of Saks High School from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Joseph “Hank” Saks in memory of his parents. In the early 1900’s, Joseph Saks contributed the land and the structure for the original Saks High School. The scholarship is renewable up to four years and valued at $20,000. Rodolfo and Roilan have exhibited strong moral character, discernable academic ability, displayed an aptitude in English or math and have been recognized for their service to school and community. Both brothers are attending Auburn University.

L to R: Leidy with sons Rodolfo and Roilan Torres
$378,445 in Spring Grants

SUSIE PARKER STRINGFELLOW HEALTH FUND - Total Grants $250,144
Beautiful Rainbow Café
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama
Calhoun-Cleburne Children’s Center
Clay County Arts and Crafts League
Community Enabler Developer, Inc.
Extended Family
Gadsden City Schools - project AWARE [Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education]
Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama
Lakeside Hospice
Pell City Gateway Community Garden, Inc.
Piedmont Historical Society
SIFAT (Southern Institute for Appropriate Technology)
Sight Savers America
Smile-A-Mile
St. Michael’s Medical Clinic
Talladega Clay Randolph Child Care
Talladega College
YMCA of the Coosa Valley

LONGLEAF FUND - Total Grants $74,886
Advancing Sight Network
Beautiful Rainbow Café
Community Enabler Developer, Inc.
Lakeside Hospice
Presbyterian Home for Children
Sight Savers America
St. Michael’s Medical Clinic
The Council on Aging of Etowah County, Inc.
YMCA of Calhoun County
YMCA of the Coosa Valley

HARLAND JONES CHARITABLE FUND - Total Grants $29,785
Beautiful Rainbow Café
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama
Gadsden City Schools - project AWARE [Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education]
Sight Savers America
YMCA of the Coosa Valley

FARLEY MOODY GALBRAITH FUND - Total Grants $13,070
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama
Clay County Arts and Crafts League
Sight Savers America
YMCA of the Coosa Valley

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CHARITABLE FUND - Total Grants $10,560
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama
Community Enabler Developer, Inc.
St. Michael’s Medical Clinic

From Top to Bottom: Beautiful Rainbow Café, Big Brothers Big Sisters, YMCA, Sight Savers, and Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama
Leadership Summit

The first Leadership Summit was held on February 26, 2020 at the Oxford Civic Center. The inaugural speaker, Anthony Cook, presented “Public Relations – Not a Luxury.” The summit is designed to educate CEOs, Executive Directors and Board Chairs of not-for-profit organizations within the region served by the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama.

New Funds

17th Street Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School Class #2 Scholarship Fund - support scholarship efforts of the 17th Street Missionary Baptist Church.

Clay Brown Jr. Scholarship Fund - support graduating seniors of Tanner High School in Limestone County, Alabama and honor the legacy of Clay Brown Jr.

Community Recovery Fund - support the unmet needs of individuals who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus through Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama partnerships with not-for-profit organizations throughout our nine-county region.

Friends of the Beautiful Rainbow Fund - support the needs of developmentally disabled individuals.

Small Business Relief Fund - established by the Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center in partnership with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama to support small for-profit businesses in Calhoun County affected by qualified disasters.

Mike and Leisa Smith Family Fund - support recommendations for distributions to various charitable needs.

Leadership St. Clair County Scholarship Fund - provide funds for St. Clair County students in their second year of college to pursue technical careers.

SPAN Program of Etowah County Fund - support at-risk youth of Etowah County.

Arthur F. Toole, III & Judy D. Toole Scholarship Fund - provide educational scholarships for non-traditional students.

Welcome Vanessa Wood

Vanessa joined the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama on February 3, 2020. As an Administrative Assistant, Vanessa will support the administrative, programmatic, and executive operations within the organization. Prior to joining the Community Foundation, Vanessa served eight years as an Executive Case Manager for medical facilities within Calhoun County.

A native to Calhoun County, Vanessa resides in Oxford. She has three children: Nevaeh, age 13; Kynslee, age 10; and Novaleigh, age 3. She enjoys spending time with her children, reading and lending a helping hand with school activities.
Partnerships for Recovery and Relief

When the COVID-19 virus began to affect individuals in the State of Alabama, Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama trustees quickly responded by committing $250,000 in support through the Community Recovery Fund. Other generous donors partnered with the Community Foundation to support not-for-profit organizations meeting the needs of individuals affected by the COVID-19 virus.

Grants from the Community Recovery Fund totaled almost $260,000 and were awarded to 91 not-for-profit organizations throughout our nine-county region. COVID-19 has brought financial hardships to many not-for-profit organizations as fundraising events have been cancelled, donations have fallen off and other support has diminished. Yet the need for the services provided by these organizations has increased.

“Grants from the Community Recovery Fund will help not-for-profit organizations throughout northeast Alabama purchase food for the hungry; provide medical services to the poor; purchase cleaning supplies, masks and sanitizer to ensure a safe environment for employees and their clients; pay salaries and benefits for our front-line workers; and, provide general support to ensure our service providers can continue to operate,” said Jennifer Maddox, President & CEO. “We are thankful for their dedication and grateful we can stand beside them with funding for their missions.”

Small Business Relief Fund

Established by the Calhoun County Area Chamber & Visitors Center in partnership with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama to support small for-profit businesses in Calhoun County affected by qualified disasters.

Board Chairman Larry Deason says, “The Chamber is proud to partner with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama in providing much needed financial relief to the small businesses in our community. Thanks to the support and generosity of our local municipalities and donors, we’ve been able to keep our small businesses alive and thriving through the COVID-19 pandemic.”

A total of $286,818 was awarded in grants to 80 small businesses.

Grant Spotlight

St. Michaels Medical Clinic

Executive Director of St. Michaels Medical Clinic in Anniston, AL, Nanette Mudiam, MSN, RN, has implemented the COVID Care Program. Medical professionals at the St. Michaels Medical Clinic will contact patients on a regular basis to monitor their health situation and connect with local resources so they don’t have to leave their homes to obtain medicine, food, or supplies. Staff will advise patients of signs and symptoms when further care may be warranted. Appropriate medications can be prescribed and monitoring equipment such as thermometers and pulse oximeters can be supplied if needed.

“It’s a small percentage of patients who require hospitalization but it is the mild, moderate and even asymptomatic patients in the community most widely responsible for the spread of the disease. We’re ultimately providing support for them to really isolate, to adhere to their quarantine by assessing any needs they might have that can be met not only by local nonprofit agencies, but also by the churches nearby,” said Ms. Mudiam.

The program is free and will monitor individuals who have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and are quarantined at home.
Every summer from Memorial Day until Labor Day, Coosa Riverkeeper helps families across east Alabama get the skinny before they dip by testing water quality at popular places on the river. No one should have to gamble their health when it comes to splashing in the river.

Thanks to a grant from the Stringfellow Health Fund, Coosa Riverkeeper monitors E.coli levels and basic water quality parameters at 30 sites for 16 weeks. While so many families are finding respite on the river during these challenging times, it is nice to give them peace of mind on where it is safe to swim, boat, and splash!

Individuals can get up-to-date information at CoosaRiver.org/SwimGuide or follow Coosa Riverkeeper on social media.

Executive Director, Justinn Overton, shares, “Becoming a Standards for Excellence® accredited organization has impacted our organization at every level. Our Board of Directors has invested their time in updating policies and governance which makes our meetings more productive! Our operations have been streamlined and our program delivery has only gotten stronger. From the donor perspective, holding this accreditation has given our donors even more comfort in knowing that we are transparent and responsible with their investment in our work.”