

PRESS RELEASE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WEST ALABAMA
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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WEST ALABAMA ANNOUNCES GRANTS

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The Community Foundation of West Alabama awarded grants to five area nonprofit groups recently. These grants were funded by the Pelham D. and Anna Brown Field of Interest Fund. The Community Foundation of West Alabama, established in 1999, is a charitable organization which supports various cultural, health, social and educational programs in Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa counties. In its 10 year existence, the CFWA has given in excess of \$6.5 million to charitable causes. The recipients of the fall grants are:

Arts ‘n Autism

This program will help fund a twelve-week project to help individuals with autism transition into adulthood. The primary focus will be on vocational training as well as daily living skills. It is administered through Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Sickle Cell Disease Association

The funding of this grant will provide for a student with sickle cell disease to attend Camp ASCCA, a special needs camp in Jackson’s Gap, Alabama. The Sickle Cell Disease Association strives to meet the needs of those suffering from the illness as well as family members affected.

Tuscaloosa County Master Gardeners

The Tuscaloosa County Master Gardeners have worked with Hillcrest High School special needs students since 2003. This funding will help them continue to develop, market and sell garden products.

The ARC of Tuscaloosa County

The ARC of Tuscaloosa County received funding to provide participants with aquatic exercise and a swim program. The program is designed for therapeutic aquatic exercise for individuals with limited mobility.

West Alabama Food Bank

The CFWA continues to be a partner in the West Alabama Food Bank’s monthly brown bag program. This program provides a food supplement for elderly citizens living on fixed incomes below the poverty line. These funds will deliver a food supplement to more than 300 recipients.