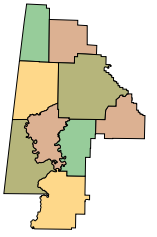


## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Community Foundation of West Alabama is to promote charitable giving for present and future generations.

# Community Foundation



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OF WEST ALABAMA

## 2023 Pillars of West Alabama

West Alabama is such a great place to live. But it didn't just happen. This community was built by generations of great people who dedicated their lives to building our great community.

For 20 years the CFWA has recognized these outstanding citizens as Pillars of West Alabama. Previous classes and more information is available at the CFWA website. The 2023 edition of Pillars was recognized recently with a dinner at Indian Hills Country Club. This year's Pillars of the Community are pictured.



**Front Row:** Brad Cork, Jennifer Tooson for Cordell Wynn, Elizabeth Thomas for Eddie B. Thomas, Richard Shelby and Annette Shelby (not pictured)

**Back Row:** Jheovanny Gomez, Scott and Brett Davis and Cae Allen for Scott Davis, Sr.

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# A MESSAGE FROM GLENN

Community foundations exist to support local charities by encouraging charitable giving. The CFWA offers many services that are beneficial to the local donors. In general, the concept of community foundations is not new having been around for over 100 years. But in any given community the concept might be relatively unknown.

Research has shown there are 3 things that must be present for donors to come to use their local community foundation. There must be awareness of the organization, understanding of the process and trust of the foundation.

After more than 20 years, most of the community is now aware of the Community Foundation. Awareness of the CFWA is not an impediment. We are striving to increase the understanding of our organization within the community.

The third concept is that of trust of the foundation. This organization occupies the highest level of trust within West Alabama. This is in large part due to our Board of

Directors, both past and present. This group is a highly respected and well-known group of individuals in our community. Their skill set in community involvement and managing finances is second to none.

Another factor that promotes trust is the longevity of the staff. The staff at the CFWA has served the foundation for almost 18 years. Many close relationships have developed over time. This longevity promotes consistency and continuity within the organization.

The CFWA offers many services and serves many individuals and organizations in our community. Please contact us if we can be of assistance.



*Glenn Taylor,  
President/CEO*

## IN MEMORY OF

*April - October 2023*

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Paula J. Marques

**Richard & Annette Shelby**  
Dave & Jenny Pass  
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# SPRING GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following organizations received funding during the Spring Grant Cycle: Help Holt Heal, Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association, Family Counseling Services, Catholic Social Services of West Alabama, Shelton State Community College, Sight Savers of America, Tuscaloosa Angels, Tuscaloosa Children's Theatre, and the Tuscaloosa Children's Center.



## RYAN RAINEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Orienne Lewis



## ANDERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Laila McCluskey  
and Grant Stubbs,  
shown with  
Sam Faucett.



## WINNER OF THE ELOIS ZEANAH SCHOLARSHIP

Madelyn Clarey with Jackie Ray.



## EUGENIA PAT FAUCETT SCHOLARSHIP

Cayden Townsend with Sam Faucett



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## NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR TCHS

The Andre B. Robertson Scholarship is now available for a senior athlete at TCHS. Andre Brian Robertson was an athlete at TCHS graduating in 1981. He served on the faculty of Holt High School for 23 years. The \$1,000 scholarship is available beginning in Spring 2024. More information is available from the senior counselor at TCHS.

## FIDDLE FEST FEBRUARY

The 8th annual Southeastern Fiddle Championship will be held February 24, 2024, on the campus of Shelton State Community College. The CFWA is proud to partner with Shelton State and Visit Tuscaloosa to present this program. Contestants came from 12 states last year to compete for prize money. The event is free to the public.



## DIRECTORS

The CFWA will lose two long-time directors at the end of 2023 as Pam Parker and James Harrison, III, will step down. Pam served 12 years beginning in 2012 while Jim served 22 years beginning in 2002. We are thankful for their years of service and wish them the best.

