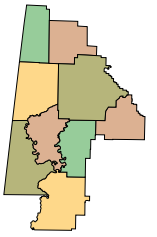


**MISSION
STATEMENT**

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

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THE CFWA SUPPORTS MANY COMMUNITY WORKS



10 Tuscaloosa City Schools teachers received grants of \$500 each as part of the educational grant cycle.

Glenn is pictured with 4 of the teachers from **Verner Elementary School**.

Celeste Hankins, Bridget Livaudais, Angela Boatwright, Mary Kyle Hankins



The Community Soup Bowl

Susan Lavender notes the Soup Bowl is currently serving over 350 meals a day and over 7000 a month.



The Tuscaloosa EMA

One goal of the TCEMA is to provide weather radios to every Tuscaloosa County veteran. A CFWA grant helped toward this effort. Jon Lambert is pictured with Glenn Taylor.



Five Horizons Health Services

provides high-quality, patient-centered HIV medical care, prevention, testing, and case management services to the community.

Pictured:
Emily Hall and Iyana Daiz

Love INC Cathy Vanderford, Executive Director of Love INC announces \$100,000 from the CFWA will help with the opening of the new ministry center.

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A MESSAGE FROM GLENN

Spring time is always such a busy time of year here at the Foundation. Scholarships are but one of the things that keep us busy. We currently manage 14 scholarships that range from \$1,000 annual awards to many thousands paying for up to 4 years. What a blessing to be part of educating the next generation of citizens of this great community. These are indeed the Pillars of tomorrow.

Mark your calendars for the Pillars dinner this year to be held on October 19. The deadline to nominate a prospective Pillar is May 1. All information can be found on the website.

Speaking of the new website I hope you are finding it to be helpful. Much information can be found at www.thecfwa.org.

Several new accounts were opened in a flurry of activity as we closed 2022. More people and

organizations are realizing the benefits of partnering with the CFWA to accomplish their philanthropic goals while also maximizing the tax benefits.

The CFWA encourages charitable giving and leads the way by example. Through the first 2 months of 2023, the Foundation has disbursed almost \$500,000 to local charitable needs. Come be a part of this rewarding work.



Glenn Taylor,
President/CEO

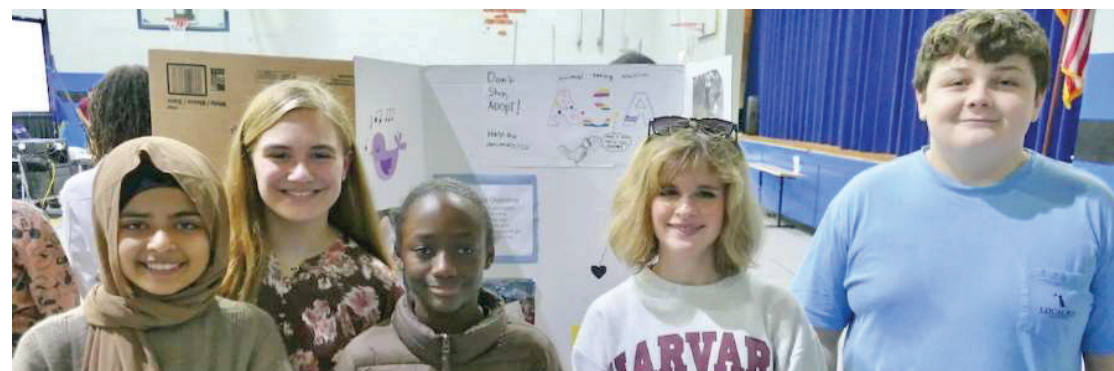


Grants given to 10 Tuscaloosa City Schools teachers



The **Billie Sue Elkins Free and Jeff W. Free Fund** was set up with a \$100,000 gift from the Jeff Free estate. The estate is also funding construction of a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Metro Animal Shelter in Tuscaloosa.

Glenn is pictured with family members Daniel and Hannah Free.



The CFWA was one of several funding partners for the Liberty Learning Foundation and **Demopolis middle schoolers** and their #GoodCharacters Expo. After weeks in the American Character Program, learning about historical figures who transformed America, they were then challenged to begin transforming things themselves. The results were awesome.

IN MEMORY OF

January 1, 2023 – Present

Jim Boone
J. William "Billy" McFarland, Jr.
Ms. Shelley Jones

Davis (Buddy) Burton
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hamiter

Dayton F. Hale, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hamiter

Christine Reid Ingram
Ms. Annette Freeman

Mr. Tom Jones
Lynn & Melinda Corder

Dick Miles
Phyllis Gamble

Dr. Rufus Partlow
Ms. Shelley Jones

David Reynolds
Phyllis Gamble
John Slaughter
Donna McAllister

Dr. Hugh Stegall
Bobby Ray Hicks

Julian Sullivan
Richard & Tammie Warren
Joyce Wine

IN HONOR OF

January 1, 2023 – Present
Ms. Star Bloom
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Costanzo

Ms. Celeste Burnum
Madeleine Hill

Claude Edwards
Lin Moore

Sam Faucett
Charles T. Swann, Sr.

David E. Gay, Jr.
Mr. Charles Swann
Madeleine Hill

Rick & Linda Gibson
Ms. Annette Freeman

Angela Hamiter
Dr. & Mrs. Louis Payne

Helene & Norm Hibbard
Isabel H. Lawrence
Madeleine Hill

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Martha Phillips
Gary L. Phillips

Mr. Ken Swindle
Dena & Bob Prince

Glenn Taylor
Lin Moore

FIDDLE FEST

The 7th annual Fiddle Fest was held at Shelton State Community College on February 25 and proved to be the most successful venture to date. Contestants from 12 states competed for prize money. The highlight of this year's event was the announcement that our Festival has been sanctioned by the 2 national championships, one held in Weiser, Idaho and the other in Nashville, Tennessee. This national recognition is a stamp of approval for our local event. This year's competition came down to a dual between 2 multiple national champions. Trustin Baker of Missouri prevailed over Justin Branan of Tennessee. Trustin is pictured with Glenn and Sharon Bounds. The event is sponsored by Visit Tuscaloosa, Shelton State Community College and the CFWA.



LANEY'S LEGACY

A fund honoring the memory of Laney Greene was set up recently at the CFWA. Laney was the daughter of Kylar and Montana Greene. At less than 2 years old, her death was attributed to what is known as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC). This fund will help promote the awareness of this tragedy that strikes about 1,800 families in the US each year.

Glenn Taylor said, "Learning about this tragic loss from the Greene family hit me especially hard. I taught the grandparents in school at TCHS and I was Montana's middle school principal. It was certainly bittersweet to reconnect with the family members in this situation. It is meaningful to be able to help the family accomplish their goals and share the story of Laney."



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NEW DIRECTORS

The CFWA is delighted to welcome 3 new Board members. These new directors bring a wealth of talents and abilities to the Board. Susan Cork, Phyllis Gamble, and Chris McCool joined the Board of Directors in January. Susan is Secretary of Phifer, Inc. Phyllis is Vice President of SmartBank. Chris is Judge on Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.



Susan Cork



Phyllis Gamble



Chris McCool



STAFF CHANGES

The CFWA lost a staff member as Cynthia Johnson returned to UA to work in development. Cynthia has been a part of our staff since 2015. We appreciate her sharing her expertise in the area of donor development with the CFWA. We wish her much success.