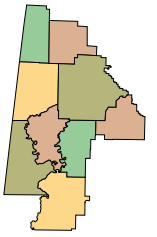


MISSION STATEMENT

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

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AREA NONPROFITS PARTNER WITH THE CFWA

More than \$10,000 was recently awarded to 9 area nonprofits as part of the Fall Grant Cycle at the CFWA. These grants were funded by Endowment Funds within the CFWA. The CFWA awards these grants twice yearly based on an application process and has provided in excess of \$300,000 support to local agencies.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Family Counseling Services

Secret Meals for Hungry Children

Arts 'n Autism

Focus 50+

The ARC

Community Soup Bowl

Liberty Learning Foundation

Tuscaloosa Children's Center



The recipients of the 2023 Fall grants are pictured from left to right:

Nicole Harshman, FOCUC 50+; Petra Burroughs and Jan Sikes, Arts n' Autism; Susan Lavender, Community Soup Bowl; Phyllis Gamble, CFWA Director; Delshonda Thomas, The ARC of Tuscaloosa County; Iris Garner, Tuscaloosa Children's Center; Larry Deavers, Family Counseling Services; Nicole Fulgham, Secret Meals for Hungry Children.

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A MESSAGE FROM GLENN

Twenty-five years ago a group of visionaries in Tuscaloosa saw a need in West Alabama and set out to address the problem. There are hundreds of nonprofit organizations in West Alabama and each one addresses a need in the community. But who is there to address the needs of the nonprofits? The Community Foundation of West Alabama was established with two goals in mind, to help each of our area nonprofits and provide a service to our citizens.

As we turn 25 years old this year, here is a snapshot of your Community Foundation.

Over 130 funds under management

Over 33 Million Dollars in Donations

More than 25 Million Dollars in Gifts to Charitable Causes



Glenn Taylor,
President/CEO

The CFWA provides many benefits to individuals and agencies.

Services provided by the CFWA are:

Agency Accounts – These accounts are offered to area nonprofits to help them secure the best return on their investments. If a charity has some funds with no immediate plans for use, those funds can be pooled with the larger pool of financial resources at the CFWA to benefit from professional asset management. The nonprofit organization retains ownership and control of its funds.

Endowments – These funds are often set up with a long-range plan, with the goal of supporting community works far beyond our lifetimes. The corpus of the fund is invested for perpetual funding of donors' charitable interests.

Donor Advised Funds – Our most popular fund choice gives the donor the benefit of immediate tax advantages. The fund can then be used anytime in the future to recommend gifts to the charity of choice.

Contact the CFWA for more information about any of these funds.

ELIJAH ODOM CROW MEMORIAL ESTABLISHED

Perhaps the greatest source of grief for a parent is the loss of a child. There have been many examples of this in our community. Just last year we wrote about Laney's Legacy. This fund was set up to honor the memory of Laney Greene.

Brad and Ashley Crow experienced a tragedy in 2019 when their 3-year-old son, Elijah, was taken in a tragic accident. In the months that followed, as they dealt with their grief, they were given the following advice by Rick Burgess who himself had lost a son under similar circumstances in 2008. He asked Brad and Ashley what they wanted Elijah's legacy to be? Specifically, would his death mar their lives with darkness and grief, or would it be an occasion to allow Christ to use it for good?

Brad and Ashley are people of faith. They thought it was fitting that Elijah's birthday was August 28 (8/28) calling to mind the verse from Romans 8:28.

Wishing to honor the memory of Elijah in a positive way, Brad and Ashley set up the Elijah Odom Crow Fund at the Community Foundation. The monies will be used in ways to honor the memory of their young son. More information can be found on their website at www.crowcrew6.com.



IN MEMORY OF

November 1, 2023 – March 6, 2024

Karen McAbee Boyd
Drew & Angela Hamiter

Davis (Buddy) Burton
Drew & Angela Hamiter
Jack & Emily Leigh
Ms. Terri Mayfield

James “Jimmy” Purvia Dill
Angela Hamiter

Jim Flemming
Nancy T. Williams

Rebecca Ann Guy Holland
Richard D. Holland

Lucy Kubiszyn
Arthur Howington

William H. Mayfield
Ms. Terri Mayfield

Verta Barr Meherg
Nancy T. Williams

Guy E. Moman, Jr.
Nancy T. Williams

Rosa Morrow
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Pat Plott
Anonymous

Ann C. Rosen
Nancy T. Williams

John Slaughter
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IN HONOR OF

November 1, 2023 – March 6, 2024

Rosemarie Childress
Michael McCray

Mrs. Thomas L. “Shelley” Jones
France & Nat Hansford
Ms. Harriet Walker

Pam Parker
Brad & Susan Cork

Bob & Dena Prince
Ken Swindle

Richard & Annette Shelby
Lynn & Melinda Corder

Glenn Taylor
Susan & Brad Cork

TEACHERS RECEIVE GRANTS

The CFWA supports education through scholarships as well as grants. Recently teachers from the following schools were awarded \$500 grants for their classrooms.

Brookwood Pre-K

Paul Bryant High School

Cottondale Elementary School

Holt Elementary School

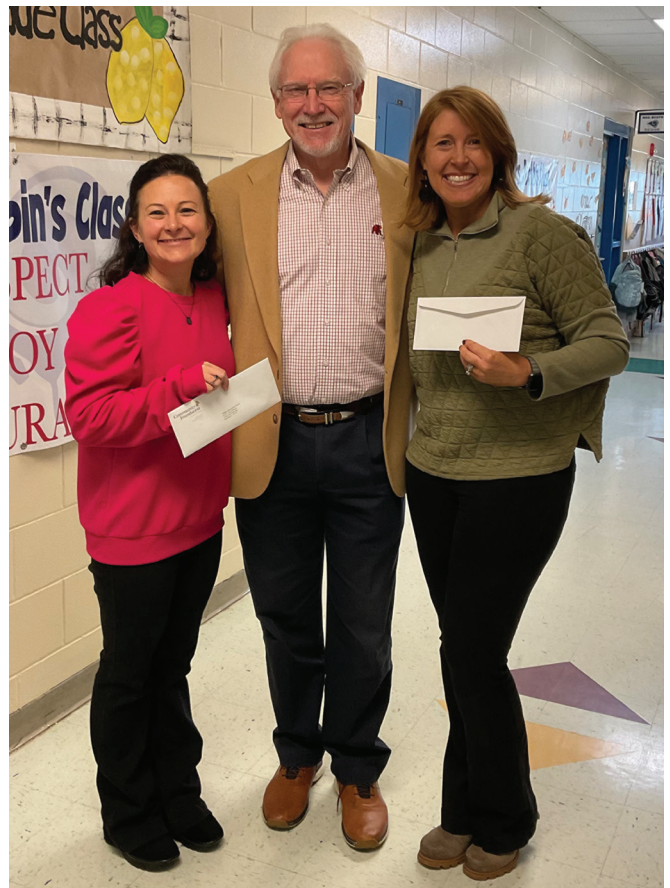
Huntington Place Elementary School

Southview Elementary School

STARS Academy

Walker Elementary School

Westwood Elementary School



Glenn is pictured with 2 of his former students, Alicia Bynum and Samantha Harbin of Walker Elementary School.



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LOCAL BANKER JOINS BOARD

Heyward Gould is our newest member of the Board of Directors. Heyward is the Alabama Regional President of Bankfirst. He brings a wealth of experience in banking and financial matters and is very involved in the West Alabama community. Welcome Heyward!



FIDDLE FEST BRINGS VISITORS FROM ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST

The 8th annual Southeast Fiddle Championship was held at Shelton State on February 24. The event drew contestants from Texas to North Carolina to compete for \$10,000 in prize money. Many vendors participated and many people came to enjoy the music, as the event continues to grow.



Glenn presents the youngest contestant with a ribbon.