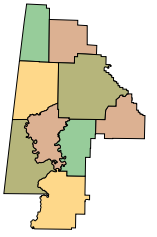


MISSION STATEMENT

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

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TRIBUTES

On January 12th the CFWA and the West Alabama community lost a great friend. Davis Shelton “Buddy” Burton, Jr. passed away at the age of 84. Buddy was the driving force behind the establishing of the CFWA in 1999. To be certain, there were a number of people involved including 9 original Board members. But everyone has always recognized Buddy as being the central figure behind the CFWA. It was Buddy’s vision and his drive that insured the success of this organization. Indeed, he was the face of the Foundation, particularly during those early years.

Buddy spent his entire life in Tuscaloosa. He was a CPA with JamisonMoneyFarmer PC for 45 years including 14 years as the Managing Shareholder. He loved Tuscaloosa and served our community faithfully.



Buddy was named a Pillar of West Alabama in 2018. He was inducted into the Tuscaloosa Civic Hall of Fame and was Chairman of the Board for the Salvation Army for a number of years. He served many other organizations including the United Way, Tuscaloosa Estate Planning Council, and the Tuscaloosa Parks and Recreation Authority. He was a 2013 Grand Marshal of the PARA Christmas Parade. He coached softball 35 years and was inducted into the West Alabama Softball Hall of Fame. He was a lifelong member of Forest Lake United Methodist Church.

I count myself lucky to have known Buddy and his lifelong friend, Earnest “Dick” Miles. They were both great influences on me. They worked together for the 45 years Buddy was at JMF. Dick once told me that in all their years together, they never had one cross word with each other. Having known the kind of men they were, I was not surprised. That was a testament to them both.

Buddy served as the Chairman of the Board from 1999 to 2009 and continued to serve as a director until his death. During the early years of the Foundation, he and other directors carried the CFWA until an Executive Director was hired in 2003.

Lucy Kubiszyn served as the first Executive Director. Lucy and her husband, Jack were great supporters of the CFWA. Lucy’s death on February 6, was within a month of Buddy’s passing. The number of memorial gifts to the CFWA is proof of her love of Tuscaloosa and West Alabama.

Then on February 24th we lost our friend and a true icon in the Tuscaloosa community with the passing of James I. Harrison, Jr. Mr. Harrison was one of the Foundation’s longtime supporter. He was the epitome of philanthropy in Tuscaloosa. He will be missed in our community.

Within a six-week period, our community has lost 3 great citizens and the CFWA has lost 3 great friends.

Buddy, Lucy, and Jimmy Harrison. I am reminded of the old George Jones’ song, “Who’s Gonna Fill Their Shoes?”

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A MESSAGE FROM GLENN

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time for everything. I believe that. I also believe that time changes almost everything. One is forced to change or else to stagnate. One can see from the cover story that we have lost some great supporters already in 2020. With that comes change. We will change. We will grow. Our supporters expect nothing less. While we hold on to fond memories, we will press on to see what the remainder of 2020 holds for us.

Twenty years ago, there was a group of nine citizens who established the CFWA. Today, the sole remaining board member from that original board is Thomas A. Nettles, IV. We are thankful for his continuing service along with 17 others who currently serve as Directors.

As we reflect on 2019, we note it was a record-breaking year. The CFWA opened 15 new accounts surpassing the previous record of 12 in a single year.

The CFWA is partnering with Dr. Chandra Clark's class at UA to produce some multimedia presentations on some of the works of

the CFWA. On any given year, the Foundation will lend support to 150 organizations and various works. It was a difficult task to choose a few of those works to highlight.

Spring is a busy time of year as we begin to award various scholarships. The CFWA currently awards 13 of these scholarships each year. Some are one-time awards and some are renewable for up to 4 years. The 13 scholarships are worth \$40,000 annually. To date over 260 students have received about \$500,000 in higher education funding.

Whether it is scholarships, donor advised funds, or other services offered, the CFWA is positioned to help with all your philanthropic needs.



Glenn Taylor,
President/CEO

In Honor Of

September 30, 2019 -
March 6, 2020

Ed & Mary Babin
Angela Hamiter

Anne Bell
Angela Hamiter

Elizabeth Bradt
Angela Hamiter

Buddy & Frankie Burton
Angela Hamiter

John & Debra Burroughs
Angela Hamiter

Lamar Chatham
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Sydney & Martha Cook
Angela Hamiter

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Nancy Dowling
Angela Hamiter

Drew Emerson
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Lewis & Carrie Fitts
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Dr. William & Linda Hill
Angela Hamiter

George Harris & Paula McLendon
Angela Hamiter

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Doug Randall & Krystyn Traylor
Angela Hamiter

Ken & Susan Randall
Angela Hamiter

Dr. Curtis & Erin Tucker
Angela Hamiter

Phillip & Suzanne Ward
Angela Hamiter

In Memory Of

September 30, 2019 -
March 6, 2020

Brandy Baggett
Angela Hamiter

Marilyn C. Besh
John R. Besh

Davis S. "Buddy" Burton
Pierce & Louise Boyd
Martha & Sydney Cook
John & Georgine Duckworth
Donny & Becky Elmore
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ARE YOU?



*Cynthia Johnson,
Director of Development*

- Tired of taking the standard deduction on your personal tax return?
- Wishing you could itemize your deductions?
- Supporting multiple charities each year?
- Overwhelmed with receipts and paperwork?
- Aspiring to give scholarship support to students?
- Making donations in honor of or in memory of others?

- Concerned about the legacy you will leave behind?
- Involved with a charitable organization that has money in reserves?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the CFWA may be of help to you. The services we offer through Donor Advised Funds, Scholarships, Special Interest funds, and Agency Accounts could be a solution to your needs. Contact Glenn Taylor, 205-366-0698, or Cynthia Johnson, 205-310-1205, to discuss your situation and ideas without obligation.

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John Morrissette
Ms. Jean Hinton

Judge George Searcy Wright
Ms. Frankie Burton
Dr. & Mrs. Roger Sayers

THE 100TH FUND OPENED BY LARUEN AND J.R. POE



A strong desire to help students inspired Lauren and J. R. Poe to open a Donor Advised Fund with the CFWA. Their account is the 100th fund we have on record! The Poe and Central Alabama Asphalt Scholarship will be awarded in April 2020 thanks to their thoughtful planning and generosity. J. R. believes it takes hard work to be successful, and he recognizes it is a blessing to have a college degree. He said "We are looking for students who show up and do their part. I really want to help kids who are on the bubble. Having this scholarship support should allow them to continue their education without adding financial stress to the family."

By opening a DAF account, this couple is maximizing flexibility in their charitable endeavors, while also enjoying the tax benefits allowed for donations. "We plan to add contributions to the fund over time, and expand the number of and amounts of awards as our fund grows." The Poes are excited about meeting the first recipient of their scholarship, and we at the CFWA are equally excited to begin relationships with our next 100 individual fund advisors.

PILLARS NAMED

The 17th class of Pillars of West Alabama will be recognized at the annual Pillars Event on June 18, 2020, at Indian Hills Country Club. This year's class includes Cliff and Louise Armstrong and John Pradat, posthumously; Sam P. Faucett, III; Richard Holland and his late wife, Rebecca; Amos Hubbard; Clyde Marine; and Doug Phillips.



FALL GRANTS AWARDED

The following agencies received funding in the Fall Grant Cycle and were recognized during a reception celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the CFWA. The reception was held at the home of Lin and Sharon Moore. The agencies receiving funds were Croom Foundation, Kentuck, Tuscaloosa Safe Center, Camp Seale Harris, Heritage Learning Center, Boy Scouts, Arts n Autism, Eagles Wings and Junior Achievement.



EDUCATION GRANTS

Schools receiving grants were Myrtlewood, Maxwell, Verner, Westlawn, Westwood, and Walker Elementary.



UA CLASS

Dr. Chandra Clark's UA class on Digital News is working on some special projects for the CFWA. Glenn and Cynthia are pictured during a recent visit to the class in the beautiful Digital Media Center at UA. We look forward to the projects!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| April 1 | Deadline for Spring Grant Applications |
| June 12, 13 | Southeast Fiddle Championship at Shelton State |
| June 18 | The Pillars of West Alabama at IHCC |