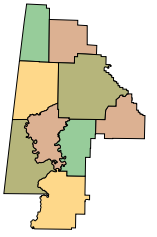


MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of
The Community
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CFWA STEPS UP TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS

COVID-19 will forever be associated with the year 2020. The term “unprecedented times” has been overused but it is an apt description of what our community, state, and nation has endured. Times have been tough. But we are a tough-minded people and we will survive. It does however, illustrate that we have a great community.

In mid-March when the governor ordered the closure of non-essential businesses and schools, our lives changed dramatically. No sector of our community was affected more than the small business community. Within hours of the closure, the CFWA had partnered with the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama to implement the Small Business Relief Fund.

It was presumed that help would come from the Federal and State level, and it did so in the form of the Payroll Protection Plan and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan. Yet we knew those would take time, and time was something our small businesses didn't have. We were concerned about the “mom and pop business” that would not be able to survive the wait. We knew they needed help in order to meet payroll or pay rent immediately.

The Chamber and the CFWA both went to work to raise funds and address those immediate needs. To date about 300 businesses have received \$1.25 million dollars in assistance. We suspect some of these businesses would not have survived without this immediate assistance.

We are especially thankful to Mayor Walt Maddox and the City of Tuscaloosa for directing \$1 million to the SBRF as part of the Restart Tuscaloosa program.

The CFWA is especially thankful to the Chamber for their assistance in administering this program. Jim Page, President and CEO of the Chamber comments, “Without partners like the CFWA, initiatives like the SBRF would simply not exist. The CFWA has been committed to caring for the citizens of our community for over two decades, and their support for our small business community is unmatched.”

Many recipients have expressed their gratitude with comments like:

“Your support has had a tremendous impact on our ability to maintain our payroll, address necessary repairs and purchase supplies to continue our cleaning business.”

“It is my intention as a small business to weather this storm. Your grant is a blessing.”

“This pandemic has changed our daily lives. We had to close our doors for a bit but the money you gave us has helped keep us afloat.”

The response to this fund is a testament to the generosity of our community. One of the more encouraging things to come out of this is how the business community has stepped up to help one another. While many businesses have suffered, there are some that have been largely unaffected. We have received very generous support from some of these businesses in order to help their struggling brothers.

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A MESSAGE FROM GLENN

I hope you each have survived this most unusual year. Resilient is a word frequently used by my favorite football coach. We are a resilient community, and we will survive. There have been many changes. While many things have changed, some things remain the same.

As a CEO of a nonprofit, I can speak to the fact that it is during difficult times that the requests presented to the charitable community are the greatest. All of our nonprofits have struggled during this time. It is a catch-22 situation, because during the time when their resources are being drained the fastest, it is also the time when their donations and income begin to fall off.

Utility bills continue to come in. Rent is expected to be paid. Salaries continue. While the small business community was helped with the Small Business Relief Fund, the nonprofit community was not eligible for those resources. I urge you to continue to support your local charitable works.

The CFWA has continued to support our local nonprofits. To date we have disbursed

about \$500,000 this year to our charitable community. This amount, along with our \$1.25 million to the SBRF, means we will likely distribute \$2 million by years end.

The CFWA is also a nonprofit. I am thankful for the support we have received during this time. Even with the cancellation of our Pillars event, many of our Pillars sponsors have told us to use their 2020 support this year for our current needs, with the understanding that they will be back in 2021 with their normal support.

Thank you seems so inadequate.



Glenn Taylor,
President/CEO

In Honor Of

March 6, 2020 - Present

Mrs. Beth Curtis
Drew & Angela Hamiter

Dr. Richard Holland
Mary W. Tartt

Matt Jones & All Artists
Judy R. Leonard

Rita & Buddy Martin
Dana D. Duckworth

Tripp Powell's 40th Birthday
Cathy Powell Adams
Regina Byrne

Don Staley
Mrs. Elizabeth Davis McGiffert

Beverly & Frank Wingard
Karen & Jim Brooks

In Memory Of

March 6, 2020 - Present

Dr. John L. Blackburn
Larry & Margaret O'Neal

Dr. John Buckley
Mrs. Robert Monfore

Davis S. "Buddy" Burton
Anonymous
Claude & Melanie Edwards
Carla Burton Gale
CDR & Mrs. Lee Allen Hallman
Bobbie & Frank Hamiter
Ms. Laine Moore
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Tuscaloosa County
Mr. Charles P. Senna

William "Bill" Lanford
Bobby R. Hicks

Marlin Moore
Ms. Laine Moore

Buddy Woodruff
Bobby & Cathy Wooldridge

FLEXIBILITY OR PERMANENCY?



*Cynthia Johnson,
Director of Development*

With the unpredictability of today's world, many people are interested in sharpening the ways they manage their charitable giving. If you choose to work with the CFWA for your giving plans, it is no longer an either-or situation. You can have both elements of flexibility and permanency in your plans.

By opening a Donor Advised Fund, it allows you to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction and then recommend grants

from the fund over time. Donors can contribute to the fund as frequently as they like and then recommend grants to their favorite charities whenever makes sense for them. This is a simple and flexible way to support a variety of charitable interests over time.

When thinking ahead, many of us recognize that our regular gifts each year will be missed once they can no longer be made. To continue the pattern, you could create a permanent endowment fund in an amount that is 25 times the amount you currently give each year. For example, a person who gives \$1,000 annually can endow these contributions by creating a permanent fund of

\$25,000. Endowed funds have a common objective: to provide support not just for one year, or even one generation, but in perpetuity. Creating an endowment would allow you to fulfill your own personal philanthropic goals while helping support the needs of your most favored charities.

Some donors contribute during life and build their endowment over time. Others might initiate an endowment with the CFWA through a distribution from their estate. Still others might work from both ends — starting their endowment now and adding to it later with a bequest or a remainder amount in a Donor Advised Fund. Whatever path you choose, you can be assured your gifts will continue to receive professional management to meet the needs of the community. Call Cynthia Johnson or Glenn Taylor at 205-366-0698 to receive more information without obligation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Senior Class of 2020 had their senior year interrupted by COVID-19. Many of the events of the spring were cancelled. Our scholarship committee decided that when possible, the CFWA scholarships would be awarded. We offer our congratulations to the following recipients and wish them luck in their continued educational pursuits.

Mary Edna Anders Scholarship

Bobby Harless
Joselyn Lunceford

Eugenia Patton "Pat" Faucett Scholarship

Tristan Hallman Samantha Mae Jones
Devin DiSalvo Helena Lewellyn

Kinire Endowed Scholarship

Chloe Harrell

The Poe & Central Alabama Asphalt Scholarship

Huliah Lavender

The Ryan Rainey Scholarship

Lillian Holmes



The Poe & Central Alabama Asphalt Scholarship is a new scholarship at the CFWA. Huliah Lavender of Holt High School is the first recipient. She is shown above with J.R. and Lauren Poe.



Glenn Taylor presents the **Mary Edna Anders Scholarships** to Joselyn Lunceford and Bobby Harless. Julia Fox, senior counselor at TCHS, helps with the presentation.

EVENTS RESCHEDULED

Pillars Dinner postponed until 2021.
More details to follow.

Southeast Fiddle Championship
rescheduled to June 4 and 5, 2021.



Eugenia Patton “Pat” Faucett Scholarship has been awarded each year since 2007. The Scholarship is named in memory of Pat Faucett who graduated from TCHS and the University of Alabama. The scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years. We are grateful to the Faucett family for endowing this scholarship permanently. This year’s winner is Helena Lewellyn. She is pictured with Glenn Taylor, Sam Faucett, and Julia Fox.



Habitat for Humanity

On a typical year, the CFWA will fund 175 different organizations with a total of \$1 million. Habitat for Humanity is one such recipient. Roger Sayers, an advisor to one of our funds, speaks at a recent home dedication. He is shown with Ellen Potts of Habitat and Quinetta Dunn, the new homeowner.

Lucy Kubiszyn Scholarship Established The West Alabama Community lost a great citizen in February, 2020. The CFWA is grateful to the family of Lucy Kubiszyn for establishing the Lucy Kubiszyn Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is open to women at least 25 years of age, attending Shelton State Community College, with financial needs being a consideration. Applicants must apply through SSCC.