

HONORARIAMS & MEMORIALS

In Honor Of September 1, 2016 – Present

- Mrs. Robert Almon**
Ms. Bee B. Cooper

Mr. Jerry Belk
Dr. J. Barry Mason

Ms. Cynthia Burton
Dr. J. Barry Mason

Davis S. “Buddy” Burton
Cynthia & Brad Johnson
Becky & Donny Elmore
Drew & Angela Hamiter
Glenn & Teresa Taylor

Rosemarie Childress
Michael McCray

Camille Cook
Shelley & Tom Jones

Mr. & Mrs. John Duckworth
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.

Dr. Ronald E. Dulek
Dr. J. Barry Mason

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Esdale
Shelley & Tom Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Freeman
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. John Hicks**
Shelley & Tom Jones

Dr. William A. Hill, Jr.
Shelley & Tom Jones

Ms. Jean Hinton
Shelley & Tom Jones

Tom & Shelley Jones
Charles & Gail Gamble
Marla & Roger Sayers

Mrs. Reita Mann
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.

Dr. Barry Mason
Jerry & Loretta Belk

Mr. & Mrs. Price McGiffert
Shelley & Tom Jones

Mr. Mark Nelson
Ms. Shelley E. Jones

Tommy Nettles
Glenn & Teresa Taylor

Mrs. Margaret O’Neal
Ms. Shelley E. Jones

Mr. Jordan Plaster
Dr. J. Barry Mason

Mr. Tripp Powell
Dr. J. Barry Mason

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Prout
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.

- Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Rivers**
Shelley & Tom Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sawyer
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sherrill
Shelley & Tom Jones

Glenn Taylor
Jim & Karen Brooks

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Taylor
Shelley & Tom Jones

Drs. Julie & Ross Vaughn
Shelley & Tom Jones

IN MEMORY OF September 1, 2016 – Present

- Mr. Charles P. Allison**
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.

Marilyn C. Besh
John R. Besh

Dr. Ernest C. Brock, Jr.
Charles & Annette Freeman
Mrs. James Hinton

Mr. John Cade
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.

Dr. George Cooper
Mrs. James Hinton

Sydney F. Cummings
Buddy & Frankie Burton
Mrs. James Hinton
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.

Dick Edwards
Buddy & Frankie Burton

Ann Marie Fields
Anonymous

Benjamin B. Fields, Sr.
Mrs. Ruth K. Fields
Benjamin B. Fields, Jr.

Mr. Jimbo Fitts
Mrs. James Hinton
- Melba Rowland Gamble**
Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Brazil

Edward L. Gibson
Charles & Annette Freeman

Gen. George F. Hamner
Lee Thomas & Anne
Sondergaard

Virginia Larkin Hughey
John & Mary Bess Paluzzi

Linda Sue Fairchild Mason
Glenn & Teresa Taylor
Judge & Mrs. John E. Paluzzi
Brad & Cynthia Johnson

Ruth McAbee
Loretta & Jerry Belk

Judy Lee Miller
Charles P. Senna

Marlin Moore, Jr.
Brad & Cynthia Johnson

Kim Fields Murphy
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kubiszyn

David Reynolds
Buddy & Frankie Burton
Cynthia & Brad Johnson

Charles L. Saunders, Jr.
Buddy & Frankie Burton

Mrs. Virginia Ray Sealy
Becky Elmore
Mr. & Mrs. Guy E. Moman, Jr.
A. Wayne & Eleanor W. May

Mr. Bill Tate
Tom & Shelley Jones
Pierce & Louise Boyd
Donny & Becky Elmore
Glenn & Teresa Taylor
Brad & Cynthia Johnson
Buddy & Frankie Burton
Ms. Rosemarie Childress
Ed & Pam Parker
Laura K. Gregory
Larry & Margaret O’Neal
Ms. Madeleine M. Hill

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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SECRET SANTA PROGRAM THRIVES

Each year in December about 200 students from elementary schools in the Tuscaloosa County School System are discreetly chosen by their counselors and administrators to participate in the Secret Santa program. These young students are paired with high school students who are

selected to act as mentors for that day. The fun event begins with the students and their counselors being bused from their respective elementary schools.

The children make a trip to the Athlete’s Foot to receive a new pair of shoes. Then they make a stop at the Dollar Tree to purchase gifts for their parents with a small stipend. When they return to the TCSS Central office, they are assisted as they wrap their presents. The highlight of the day is the visit with Santa Claus to receive presents that are individually prepared in advance with input from their counselors. The event

the day. This day is a wonderful experience for them as well. I have included several comments the older students made when they were asked what the day meant to them.

1. Do your best to help a child in need because you never know their circumstances are and how their home life is.

2. Perspective has a lot to do with things. I was skeptical at first but I had an amazing time once I opened up to the kids and got to know them. Thank you for the experience.

3. I learned I shouldn’t judge a child by their looks. It’s what’s on the inside that counts.

4. People who don’t have very much are grateful when they get something. It has caused me to realize how we should be thankful for what we have.

5. This allowed me to create a bond with two little children and I learned to love them so very much. I cried when they left! I’d love to do this again!!!
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I learned I shouldn’t judge a child by their looks. It’s what’s on the inside that counts.

— Program Participant



Children gather
around the Christmas
tree in anticipation of
Santa Claus.

concludes with lunch.

Cathy Wooldridge has done a wonderful job over the years coordinating this program. Everyone who observes this program will agree it is a heartwarming experience. There are many opportunities during the day to dab the tears.

One group that gets overlooked is the group of senior students who act as helpers. Each senior student is assigned 2 or 3 little brothers/sisters for

We are thankful for the Pat Faucett Fund within the CFWA for the continue support and funding of this wonderful program.

The CFWA is privileged to work with over 100 charitable agencies each year. They each have a wonderful calling. But there is something rewarding about working with the children. I am thankful for this opportunity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 1

Deadline for Spring Grant Applications
- April 28, 29

West Alabama Fiddle Fest in Fayette
- June 22

Pillars Event

A MESSAGE FROM GLENN

You have probably noticed the new look of the CFWA Newsletter. In fact, we have a complete new look at the CFWA. We are very thankful for our new branding including a new logo, thanks to Jimmy Warren and the good people at Total-Com Marketing Communications. After using our original design for 18 years it was decided to update to a warmer and fresher brand. I hope you like it as much as we do.

We have been very busy here at the CFWA. We closed 2016 with a flurry of activity opening nine new accounts. We are very thankful these donors have chosen to take advantage of the services we offer.

The Eloise Zeanah Memorial Scholarship was recently established. The first award was presented in November to Marla Hogue of the University of Alabama. This is one of several scholarships presented each year by the CFWA. Scholarships are a great way to honor and memorialize a loved one. Eloise was certainly loved by many people.

In January of this year we made the largest single disbursement in our history. Nearly \$16.5 Million has been distributed to charity since that first batch of checks were written on November 10, 1999. We are appreciative of the generosity of

our donors.

We are thankful for the new officers, Claude Edwards, Mary Bess Paluzzi, Barry Mason, and Lin Moore, who will serve the CFWA for 2017.

We also welcome a new director to the Board of the CFWA. Jim Flemming began his new term on the Board of Directors in January. He is a long time banker in Tuscaloosa still serving as the Chairman of the Board of First National Bank of Central Alabama. Jim and his wife, Dianna, are great friends of the CFWA and have been long time supporters. We are happy to add them in an official capacity.

Join the ever-growing group of supporters of the CFWA – where *your giving gives on!*



Glenn Taylor,
President/CEO



The following agencies were funded in the Fall Grant Cycle and are pictured at a reception at the home of Jim and Dianna Flemming.

Child Abuse Prevention Services, Tuscaloosa Children's Center, IMPACT Alabama, KidOne Transport, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Druid City Garden Project, Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra, Mt Vernon Community Club, Strings in Schools, and Newbern Library, Inc.

ENDOWMENTS PROVIDE PERPETUAL SUPPORT



Cynthia Johnson,
Director of Development

Q: What are endowments?

A: An endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. Endowment assets are invested. Each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the fund's purpose, and any earnings in excess of this distribution are reinvested to build the fund's market value. In this way, an endowment fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity.

Q: Why should I consider creating an endowment?

A: When you establish an endowment fund, you create a permanent legacy of support for your chosen charitable projects. It can feed the needy, support animal rescue work, maintain a cemetery, provide scholarship support, and the like.

Q: How much money does it take to start an endowment?

A: At the CFWA, a minimum of \$10,000 is required.

Q: What else is needed?

A: An endowment agreement, which permanently defines the purpose of the fund. We will discuss your preferences and suggestions with you as we create the agreement, and the document also outlines standard procedures for managing endowment funds.

Q: Whose name is on the endowment?

A: You can name an endowment for yourself, your family, your friend, your company – the choice is yours.

Q: What if I want to give to an existing endowment?

A: There may be an endowment at CFWA that reflects your interests and to which you can add your support. Gifts of any size are welcomed. Also, many donors who have endowment funds at CFWA continue making gifts to them over time.

Q: How is the distribution from an endowment calculated?

A: We have flexibility to make spending calculations based on your goals. We consider the frequency of awards, a specific award amount you may like to see made, and plans for growth of your endowment when making spending decisions.

Q: How do I find out about my endowment after I have made my gift?

A: CFWA will send quarterly reports detailing the value and use of your endowment fund. When you establish an endowment, you begin a new relationship with CFWA, and we will always keep you, your company, or your family updated on what your gift is making possible.

Q: What if my endowment fund provides a scholarship?

A: You may participate in the selection process and be present when the awards are made. You can personally deliver checks for spending from endowment earnings, and rest assured the activity will continue in perpetuity when you are no longer able to be involved.

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: Visit our website at www.thecfwa.org or call Cynthia Johnson, 205-366-0698.



Pictured clockwise from above: Druid City Garden Project at Crestmont Elementary School, Friends of Historic Northport's pioneer days project for 4th Graders, Tuscaloosa City Schools Grant Recipients, Tuscaloosa County Schools Grant Recipients, Helene and Norm Hibbard, our favorite bell ringers.

When you establish an endowment fund, you create a permanent legacy of support for your chosen charitable projects.

— Cynthia Johnson

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