



Gathering ♦ Growing ♦ Giving
WALKER AREA
 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Celebrating 19 Years of Gathering, Growing and Giving

Spring/Summer 2014

Community Fund Awards Spring Grants

The Community Fund, the Walker Area Community Foundation's only unrestricted fund, is an endowment that enables the Foundation to respond strategically to community issues as they arise. Based on our knowledge and research, the Community Fund supports a wide variety of subject areas and organizations through a competitive grants process and other special initiatives.

This spring, the Community Fund awarded \$193,250 in grant money to the following organizations:

American Red Cross: For local emergency response activities.

Backyard Blessings: To send food home from school on the weekends in the backpacks of at-risk students.

Bevill State Community College: To provide scholarships to disadvantaged and at-risk students for a four-week summer theater program presented at Bevill State.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: To recruit, screen and match 30 new children in Walker County Schools and maintain those matches.

Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium (ClasTran): To match a federal grant which provides transportation for those in need in Walker County.

Community Food Bank of Central Alabama: To provide greater quantities of nutritious, healthy food to Walker County families in need in Walker County.

Girls Inc. of Central Alabama: To offset the operating costs of a six-week summer program for 50-75 girls at Memorial Park Elementary School.

Jasper City Schools: Transportation costs for buses to bring students to tour the Bankhead House & Heritage Center.



Volunteers Bagging Apples for the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama



Jasper Aquanauts Special Olympics Sectional Swim Meet

Jasper Housing Authority: To fund the Jasper Housing Authority Summer Youth Development Camp and After School Program.

The Literacy Council of Walker County: To fund a Literacy Coordinator for the Walker County Chapter.

Memorial Park Natatorium: To help operate the Club Nat After School and Summer Camp Programs as well as support the Jasper Aquanauts Special Olympics Sectional Swim Meet.

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging (M4A): To transport seniors from three rural senior centers in Walker County to the CHS Activity Building for the Fourth Annual Blooming Benefits Day which offers Senior Adults the opportunity to see the resources available to the them.

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham: For local match money on behalf of the Walker County Commission for the Walker County Parks and Open Spaces Study.

TriCounty Agency for Intellectual Disabilities: To support Summer STARS (Striving Through Adversity to Reach Success) for children and young adults, ages 3 to 21, with intellectual and development disabilities.

United Way of Central Alabama: The second installment of a multi-year pledge to support on-going health initiatives in Walker County through the Health Action Partnership.

Walker County Community Action Agency: To help assist in the cost of the Budgeting Program and WCCAA Career Assistance Program that helps clients become more self-sufficient.

Walker County Homeless Coalition: To help fund client assistance including temporary housing, utilities, gasoline, food, identification, medication and other direct aide.

Walker County Humane Society: To reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs born each day in Jasper and Walker county through the Spay and Neuter Program.

Walker County School System: For mileage for buses to bring students to tour the Bankhead House & Heritage Center.

Your Town Alabama: For six scholarships to send Walker County residents to the Your Town workshop.

Youth Advocate Program: To help continue the successful collaborative Truancy Prevention/Intervention Initiative.

Community Fund  *Every Dollar Counts*

Component Funds Award Grants

THE BANKHEAD FUND

The Bankhead Fund was started by Walter Will Bankhead and has a long history of providing general philanthropic dollars for our nonprofits. This spring, the Bankhead Fund awarded \$32,000 in grant money to the following organizations:

American Red Cross: For local Emergency Response activities.

Girls Inc. of Central Alabama: To offset the operating cost of a six-week summer program for 50-75 girls at Memorial Park Elementary School.

Jasper Police Explorers: To help provide promotional material, annual fees, equipment and uniforms for the Jasper Police Explorer Program.

Positive Maturity: To provide direct support to the volunteers and local residents through the purchase of supplies and provide financial support for volunteer recognition events and recruitment efforts.

Walker County Department of Human Resources: To meet the needs of elderly adults, families, and children who are not adequately funded through federal and state funded welfare program.

BARBARA DRUMMOND THORNE FUND

The Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund, given by her estate, offers financial aid to the organizations that were closest to her heart. The Barbara Drummond Thorne Fund awarded \$64,639 in grant money for the following project:



Girls, Inc. Summer Program



Walker Area Community Foundation:

To support the implementation and operation of the Alignment and Visioning strategy, one of the Community Foundation's four external priorities in collaboration with leaders and citizens across the county.

DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. FUND

The Drummond Company, Inc. (DCI) Fund awarded \$60,000 this spring for the following project:

Walker County Commission: To provide the matching dollars for the Parrish, Argo and Eldridge storm shelters to be built.



Positive Maturity Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service

FAYE AND LEWIS MANDERSON AND DTS FUNDS

The Faye and Lewis Manderson Fund seeks to affect positive change and growth in Cordova through advancing

and improving structures and programs benefitting residents. The DTS Fund works to improve quality of life and addresses immediate needs in Cordova. These funds each awarded \$104,660 this spring for the following projects:

City of Cordova:

- To match funds for the construction of the new grocery store in downtown Cordova.
- To provide a Disaster Manager for the City of Cordova.

Walker County Commission: To provide the matching dollars for the Cordova storm shelter to be built.

MATTHEW CRUMP FUND

The Matthew Crump Fund supports the efforts of men and women engaged in emergency response and provides material support to special needs citizens in Walker County. The Matthew Crump Fund awarded \$1,000 to the following project:

Boldo Volunteer Fire and Rescue: To expand the current Fire and Safety Program at Valley Jr. High School to cover all grades.

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Boldo Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Component Funds Award Grants, continued

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REED FAMILY FUND

The Reed Family Fund supports general philanthropy while keeping in mind the importance of serving the basic needs of Walker County families. This fund awarded spring grants totaling \$78,323 to the following organizations:

Backyard Blessings: To send food home from school on the weekends in the backpacks of at-risk students.

Community Food Bank of Central Alabama: To provide greater quantities of nutritious, healthy food to Walker County families in need.

John Carroll Catholic High School: In support of their capital campaign to replace their roof.

New College, PARC: To provide housing for the summer interns involved in the New College / Walker Area Community Foundation partnership.

Sipsey Elementary School: For the National Honor Society travel expenses to Williamsburg, VA.

Town of Sipsey Volunteer Fire and Rescue: To help in updating equipment such as radios, fire gear, rescue truck as well as building repairs.

Walker County Commission: To provide the matching dollars for the Sipsey storm shelter to be built.



Autism testing - ARC of Walker County

ROTARY CLUB OF JASPER ENDOWED CHARITABLE FUND

This fund serves as an endowment for the Rotary Club of Jasper. It strives to improve the quality of life for families and individuals in our community. The Rotary Club Fund awarded \$7,500 to the following organizations this spring:

American Red Cross: For disaster assistance.

Arc of Walker County: In support of an emergency generator for the Arc's main facility.

Boy Scouts of America, Black Warrior Council: Scholarships for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to attend camps in Tuscaloosa and Walker.

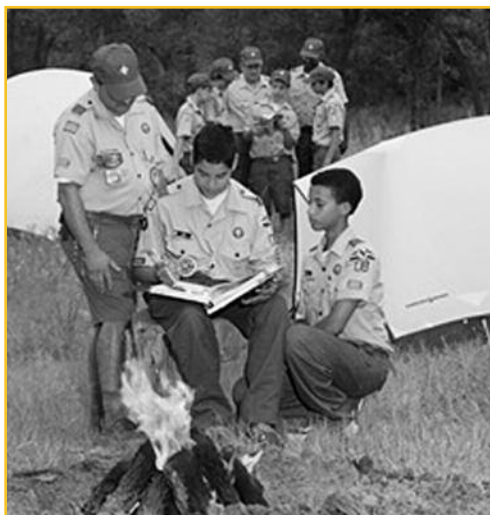
Children's Hospital: In support of their Boiling & Bragging Event.

Parrish Police Department: To aid in providing the DARE Program, a 10 week instructional program that address self-esteem, drug use, and community education.

The Rotary Foundation: To support the Rotary International Polio Plus Campaign.

United Way of Central Alabama, Inc.: To provide general support.

Walker Baptist Volunteer Auxiliary: To provide consumables for compassion outreach to patients.



Boy Scouts of America

SAMUEL LEE SMITH FUND

The Samuel Lee Smith Advised Fund helps children and youth live their lives to the fullest by making grants to encourage strong health, athletics, scouting, religion and the arts – especially to those who need financial assistance. The Samuel Lee Smith Advised Fund awarded spring grants totaling \$13,158 to the following organizations:

Alabama Kiwanis Foundation: To help provide each at-risk young child in Walker County HeadStart with three books during 2014.

Arc of Walker County: To support the general operating needs of the Arc.

Boy Scouts of America, Black Warrior Council: To provide scholarships for Summer Camp 2014.

Carl Elliott Regional Library: In support of their Summer Reading Program.

Eldridge Children's Home: To provide supplies for equine therapy.

Women in Church (1st Presbyterian Church): To introduce art to children and adults showing genuine interest in drawing and to serve those who would otherwise not have the opportunity to experience art and drawing at Maranatha Baptist Church.

YMCA Montgomery: To send Walker County children with asthma to Camp Wheeze Away.

Youth Advocate Program, Inc.: To help continue the successful collaborative Truancy Prevention/Intervention Initiative.



Walker County Commission Storm Shelters

Bankhead House & Heritage Center

Open to the public Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. • Third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Admission is free.

Walker 24/7 Photography Contest and Exhibit

The Photography Contest and History Project, WALKER 24/7 (A Month in the Life of Walker County) recognized amateur photographers while historically documenting and depicting all aspects of life in our county featuring people and their life during a specific time frame. For our second annual contest in 2014, the photographs were made in January and then placed on exhibit at the Bankhead House & Heritage Center from mid-May

until the end of July.

Cash prizes and certificates were awarded in the following six categories:

- Adults: 18-40 years of age (18 and not a high school student)
- Adults: 41 years of age or older
- Students: Ninth Grade - Twelfth Grade
- Students: Sixth Grade - Eighth Grade
- Students: Kindergarten - Fifth Grade
- Cell Phone Photographs: All Ages

In 2015, the contest will feature photographs made in April (exact dates TBD) and the exhibit will be August 4-October 16. So, get your cameras ready to participate next year!



Grand Prize Photograph



Winners Attending Opening Reception



Grand Prize Winner
Brianna Thompson with
Contest Chairman Pat Nelson

JAZZ IN THE PARK

We had a fabulous night of music in the Amphitheater this past Memorial Day weekend with a free concert featuring Magic City Smooth Jazz from Birmingham. Magic City Smooth Jazz is an IRS registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization dedicated to enhancing cultural activities and whose mission is to expose and engage audiences in the state to various styles of jazz. Performers for our concert were James Crumb and Lauren "Sassy" Brown. The concert was hosted by the Walker County Arts Alliance and made possible by grants from the Walker Area Community Foundation, Alabama State Council on the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts. It was a great night of music and we hope to make this partnership an annual event.

SAVE THE DATE!
Holiday Open House
Saturday
December 13, 2014
2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Hope to see you
at our last exhibit of the year...
Football Fever in Walker County
ends December 26

A celebration of fall traditions: football, band, cheerleaders, and homecoming! From toy bowl to high school, "Friday night lights" come alive!



James Crumb entertains the crowd



Lauren "Sassy" Brown



James Crumb

Prima Sherer Adams

Carol and Jim Alexander
Sara Clem
Mitsy and Greg Reed

Glenda and Charles Barton

Carol and Jim Alexander

John D. Black

Janet and Steve Hulsey

James Brotherton

Kathy and Jerry Byars
Kay and Jerry* Byars
Abbie Sue Drummond
Lee and Stan Eggers
Judy and Gerson May
Sarah Catherine Murphy
Woody and Louis Payne
Kim and Ham Poyner
Sudie and Robert Reed
Martha and Bill Russell
Betty and Bobby Underwood

Melba Hitchcock Burgess

Brandy and Chad Hill
Le Jardin Garden Club
Carol Savage
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Orlin Buzbee

Susan and Darby Henley
Billie and Jerald Sherer

Mrs. Ruthie Carr

Kathryn O'Rear
Barbara and John Oliver

Dr. Charles Cross

Caroline and Stephen Horton

Kohatha Culpepper

Mandy and Tyler Keene

Doug Daughdrill

Carol and Jim Alexander
Nan and Raymond Bishop
Bart Black
Joette and Stephen Brown
Kay and Jerry* Byars
Sylvia and John Crump
Abbie Sue Drummond
Shirley and Mack Gross
Brandy and Chad Hill
Linda and Robert Maddox
Helen and Pat Morrison
Jerome Newmark
Kathryn O'Rear
Jackie and Wayne Parker
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson
Alisha Rigsby
Holly, Hugh and Ethan Smith
Jeanette Smith
Beth and Rick Stukes
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Darlene Watson
Aletha and Bob Wilson

Bill Davidson

Robbie and Brack O'Rear

Herman Davis

Sara Clem

Donald Drummond, Sr.

Billie Ruth Drummond

Larry Drummond

Old Overton Golf Club

Dana Weaver Ellis

Anna Simmons Gainer
Le Jardin Garden Club

Patrick Fritze

Sudie and Robert Reed

Erin Sanders Galloway

Charlotte Elkins

Blossom Grant

Jane and Alec Grant

Don Guin

Barbara and Howard Graham

Peggy Guthrie

Deborah and Larry Moody
Sally Bishop

Grady Hendrix

Anne and Jack Allen
Carol and Jim Alexander
Kay and Jerry* Byars
Pam and Kevin Callahan
Sara Clem
Abbie Sue Drummond
Billie Ruth Drummond
Jane Elliott
First Bank of Jasper
Karen and Chip Globetti
Emelil and Billy Humphries
Sabrina Keating
Mandy and Tyler Keene
Sandra and Jimmy Lee
Sue and Travis Lett
Terri and John Lyon
Cristy and Lincoln Moody
Helen and Pat Morrison
Lynn and Jerry Mosley
Barbara and John Oliver
Mary Ellen O'Rear
Robbie and Brack O'Rear
Pat and Mike Putman
Debbie and Joey Sanders
Carol Savage
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Beth and Rick Stukes
Amelia Trowbridge
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Walker County Soil and
Water Conservation Board

Jacqueline Henry

PERC Engineering Co., Inc.

Ruby Hill

Mitsy and Greg Reed

Audrey Malone Hyche

Carolyn and Geddes Self, Jr.

Evelyn Eads Ingle

PERC Engineering Co., Inc.

Harvey Jackson, Jr.

Susan and Jimmie Vann

Harbert Kykendall

Jeanette Smith

Joe Laird

Sally Bishop

Susan Bevell Livingston

Barbara and John Oliver
Carol Savage

Leon McLemore

Barbara and Howard Graham

Jane McClain Manuel

Mandy and Tyler Keene

Barbara McClesky

Jean Williams

Barbara Mayotte

Barbara and Howard Graham

Jackie Carroll Mays

PERC Engineering Co., Inc.

Kermit Mills

Robbie and Brack O'Rear

Karen Mitnick

Abbie Sue Drummond
Tyba and Edwin Geller
Brandy and Chad Hill
Linda Horwitz
Blossom and Randy Nelson
Barbara and John Oliver
Carol Savage
Gloria and Paul Sternberg

Philip Moss

Le Jardin Garden Club

Rhonda Odom

Karen and Chip Globetti
Sudie and Robert Reed
Karyn and Brent Uptain

Anita Pate

Robbie and Brack O'Rear

Mary Lou Payne

Sarah Catherine Murphy

Bill Robinson

Lisa and Eddie Miller

Christine Shubert

Joette and Stephen Brown
Abbie Sue Drummond
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Tommy Shurbitt
Jean Williams

Jimmy Sides

Carol Savage

Sheri Smith

Carol and Jim Alexander
Kelli and Scott Brown
Joette and Stephen Brown
Kay and Jerry Byars
Sara Clem
Sylvia and John Crump
Curry High Class of 1988
R. B. Elliott
Shirley and Mack Gross
Alice and Don Hendrickson
The Masters Plan Ministries, Inc.
Nichole Odom
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson
Carol Savage
Brenda and Roy Sims
Hugh, Holly and Ethan Smith
Jeanette and Pete Smith
Beth and Rick Stukes

Wayne Smith

Joette and Stephen Brown
Jeanette and Pete Smith

In Memory

MARCH 1, 2014 - AUGUST 31, 2014

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The Honorable Lee Swann

Joette and Stephen Brown
Abbie Sue Drummond
Helen and William Moses
Robbie and Brack O'Rear
Elizabeth and Rusty Richardson
Marie Sandlin
Holly, Hugh and Ethan Smith
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Beth and Rick Stukes
Betty and Bobby Underwood
Linda and John Word
John Thornton
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Lavon Wakefield

Jeanette Smith

Edward Williams

PERC Engineering Co., Inc.

Louise Woods

Rebecca May

Bill Wright

J.H. Graham, Inc.

* - Deceased

In Honor...

MARCH 1, 2014 - AUGUST 31, 2014

Anne Allen

Alicia Stewart

Robin Reed Allen

Renae McKinney

Diane and Donald Baxter

Beth and Rick Stukes

Donald Baxter

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Eddie Brown

Betty Wright

Marcy Brown

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Jerry Byar's Birthday

Jane Pounds

Candy Craig

Renae McKinney

Erin, Carson and Colin Daughdrill

Holly, Hugh and Ethan Smith

Gary Daughdrill

Holly, Hugh and Ethan Smith

Vicki Drummond

Alicia Stewart

Lee Eggers

Alicia Stewart

Libba Elliott

Renae McKinney

Diana Fowler

Renae McKinney

Dell Franklin

Alicia Stewart

Rebecca Franklin

Alicia Stewart

Bettye and Dickie Freeman's 50th Anniversary

Betty and Jerry Lovett
Jeanette and Pete Smith

Ruby Claire Gilbert

Mandy and Tyler Keene

Torrie Grelle

Renae McKinney

Amy Grice

Renae McKinney

Melissa and Hal Guthrie

Beth and Rick Stukes

Judy Hager

Alicia Stewart

Steve Hager

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Sarah Christen Ivey

Alicia Stewart

Eddie Jackson

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Billie Ruth Drummond

Betty Lovett

Jeanette Smith

Rebecca May

Lucy Richardson

Brenda McAdams

Alicia Stewart

Brent McCarver

Beth and Paul Kennedy

Susan McKinney

Renae McKinney

Lisa Miller

Alicia Stewart

Lynn Mosley

Alicia Stewart

Linda Murphy

Alicia Stewart

Karen Nelms

Renae McKinney

John T. Oliver Jr.'s Birthday

Debbie and Rickey Daniel

Lou Ann Redmill

Renae McKinney

Greg Reed

Consensus Club

Lucy and Bill Richardson's Anniversary

Lucy Richardson

Debbie Sanders

Renae McKinney

Carol Savage

Jeanette Smith

Lila Sears

Jan and Steve Hulsey

Jeanette Smith

Lisa and Eddie Miller

Rene Simmons

Alicia Stewart

Jud Smith

Holly, Hugh and Ethan Smith

Jeanette and Pete Smith

Beth and Rick Stukes

Anne Stanfield's Birthday

Jeanette Smith

Judy Swann

Shannon Johnson
Pat and Dan Johnson

Lee Ann Swann

Shannon Johnson
Pat and Dan Johnson

Robert Swann

Shannon Johnson
Pat and Dan Johnson

Holly Trawick

Renae McKinney

Amelia Trowbridge

Lynn Mishkel

Bobby Underwood's Birthday

Kay and Jerry Byars

Gabriel Miles Wisdom

Mandy and Tyler Keene

Special Projects Grants

The Walker Area Community Foundation has two new opportunities for funding. All nonprofits are invited to apply for both of these Special Projects Grant options. Because this process is completely separate from our standard grant cycle, applying for a Special Projects Grant will not exclude you from applying to Community Fund annual cycles as well. Guidelines and the application may be found on our website, www.wacf.org/Nonprofits.

Special Projects Grant Options: PROJECT CONNECT / PROJECT COMMUNITY

Project Community and Project Connect have merged their grant cycles. These two groups are now one giving society for those 25 – 55 years old. They gather four times a year to meet other people in the community that are living in and working for the good of Walker County. The money they give is combined and awarded to nonprofits in a competitive grants process. Applicants are REQUIRED to participate in an interview with Project Connect / Community members on January 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Deadline: November 1, 2014

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WALKER COUNTY

Youth Leadership Walker County (YLWC) consists of 40 students representing the eight high schools in Walker County. YLWC is dedicated to instilling leadership and a commitment to service in the young men and women going through the class. The Walker Area Community Foundation gives YLWC \$10,000 each year to award to nonprofits and school clubs through a competitive grants process. If you apply, a team of YLWC members will come to your location to interview the grant contact listed on the application on January 13, 2015, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. as a part of the application review process.

Deadline: December 1, 2014

WACF FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year	Grants Awarded	Gifts Received	Total Assets
2014	\$ 696,768	\$ 111,116	\$23,843,038
2013	\$3,073,770	\$ 1,187,126	\$23,976,770
2012	\$3,626,636	\$ 2,868,415	\$23,366,184
2011	\$1,190,071	\$10,228,804	\$22,241,646
2010	\$ 627,450	\$ 887,700	\$13,385,864
Total Grants	\$9,214,695	\$15,283,161	
5-yr Average	\$1,842,939	\$3,056,632	

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Connecting Non-Profits

BACKYARD BLESSINGS

At the end of the 2013 school year, Backyard Blessings had packed 13,283 bags of food and sent them home with their children. BYB works to feed school children so they will not be hungry on the weekends!



Volunteers packing bags

UAB DEPARTMENT OF THEATER and the WALKER COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE

UAB Theater presented 16 performances in the 2013-2014 academic year in elementary, middle and high schools in Walker County.



Taming of the Shrew

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Join the Walker Area Community Foundation Group and the Bankhead House & Heritage Center Group on **Facebook** for the latest news on upcoming events.

Housekeeping: If you would rather not receive the newsletter, please contact the Foundation.

Question: Would you be interested in receiving an electronic newsletter? If so, please email us at info@wacf.org.

