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Friends at the grand opening of the Coach Lin Riley Field through the Marks Project in Quitman County.



Please use your camera or QR scanner throughout the annual report to learn more.

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The Mission of the Community Foundation is to impact communities throughout Northwest Mississippi by connecting people who care with causes that matter. Our goal is to build permanent charitable endowments to support nonprofits, churches and schools.

Leadership: Foundation Staff



Keith Fulcher
President



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President Emeritus



Stacye Trout
Development Director



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CFO & Office Manager



Donna GoldmanAccounting Assistant &
The Box Project Director



Alabama Lore
Administrative Assistant &
Grants Manager



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Center/Northwest
HUB Volunteer Director



Kara Dulaney Maddox Foundation Volunteer Center/Northwest HUB Volunteer Coordinator, Clarksdale Office



Kristen Jones Accounting Intern



Wanda Ross Office Volunteer

Message from the Chairman



Thank you for reading the 2020 Annual Report. Just three months into 2020 changed our lives in ways we never imagined. The pandemic shaped how the Community Foundation responds to the needs of our region. I am proud to say that not one day was missed by our staff or board members in efforts to provide for educational, academic, nutritional, and health needs, especially for children living in our 11-county service area. The launch of the FEED Northwest Mississippi Fund, thanks to a matching donation from the Dan and Margaret Maddox Foundation, will result in over \$1 million in direct and indirect grants to our nonprofits by December 2020. Thank you to the Maddox Foundation, the Maddox Volunteer Center, The Box Project, Delta Directions Consortium, and all of our supporters who are helping us fulfill our mission of *Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter*. I am honored to have served as Chair of the Board and I look forward to the leadership of our incoming Chair, Colie Sanford. I invite you to continue your support of the Community Foundation and thank you for all you have done.

Lillian Morris Hilson Chairman of the Board of Directors

Foundation Changes



Community Foundation welcomes new president, Keith Fulcher

For the first time since its inception, the Community Foundation has a new President. Keith Fulcher stepped up as President on April 1 when Tom Pittman became President Emeritus. Pittman has served as the Community Foundation's President since 2004.

Fulcher, who joined the Foundation last year, previously served at Delta State University for 23 years as executive director of the Alumni Foundation, director of development, and special assistant to the president.

"The Foundation's Board began the process of finding Tom's successor two years ago when he told us of his desire to step down in 2020. We wanted to find someone who could work with the Board to carry out the Foundation's mission and implement the Board's strategic plan. We recruited Keith to the Foundation last year for this position and are pleased with the leadership he has given," said

Community Foundation Board Chair Lillian Hilson. "At the same time, we 🕻 are glad Tom will continue with the Foundation to share his experience and lacktriangleknowledge."



Stacye Trout steps back into **CFNM** as Development Director

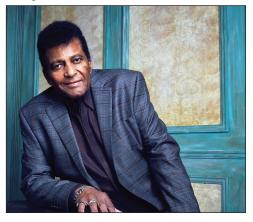
The Community Foundation welcomed Stacye Trout in February as the new Development Director. Trout previously worked at the Community Foundation from 2012-2016 as the Regional Health Director to fight childhood obesity throughout the 11-county region, partnering with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

As Development Director, Trout will be responsible for developing and stewarding donors. "Stacye is a tremendously valuable addition to the Community Foundation's team. We are very fortunate to have her professional skillset to help us achieve our Strategic Plan goal of raising our total assets to \$50 million. We anticipate her work will greatly support our effort to create a culture of philanthropy in Northwest Mississippi," said Keith Fulcher, Community Foundation President.





Crystal Ball 2021 Goes Virtual



As everyone can relate, CFNM went through changes in 2020. One big change was to plan for the first, virtual Crystal Ball Gala. The CFNM Board made this difficult decision due to the pandemic. While we will not have the energy of a live event, we will still provide a superior program for our guests to tune into. We will posthumously honor GRAMMY Award winner and Country Music Hall of Fame Member, Charley Pride, as our Star of Hope with special guest, filmmaker and documentarian, Ken Burns. Tune in on January 16, 2021, to see other celebrity appearances, Community The Ration Star honorees, musical performances, and an elite, online

PBS Memphis and PBS Jackson after the event.

auction! The 2021 Crystal Ball Gala will also be aired on

Signature Programs



The Box Project partners with New York City nonprofit

In October 2020, middle school students from the New York City area began virtual peer-to-peer mentorship with students in Tunica County, thanks to a new partnership between Family Biz Builder, Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi's The Box Project, and Including You.



Fighting Rural Poverty

11-year-old public school student, Daisy Hampton, witnessed stark inequality at her New York City school — inequality made more dramatic with the sudden shift to remote learning in March 2020. She knew many of her classmates did not have access to computers or internet access at home and worried that they would not keep learning or stay connected to their classmates. She wanted to help these kids, as well as those with disabilities who were also feeling especially disconnected due to the pandemic. In response, Daisy sought to connect students facing disparities with older students for tutoring, mentorship, and friendship.

Daisy and her mother, Jennifer Hampton, were able to make this connection through their Box Project sponsorship. They sponsor a family in need in the Mississippi Delta which gave Daisy the vision to create \(\frac{1}{2} \) Including You. Scan the QR code to read more and find out how you can be involved with The Box Project.



Delta Directions hosts Hunger Summits

The Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi, the Maddox Foundation Volunteer Center, and the Delta Directions Consortium through the University of Mississippi Population Studies developed and hosted a series of virtual HUNGER SUMMITS in the Fall of 2020 as a result of the FEED Northwest Mississippi Fund. Nonprofits



Health & Economic Renewal in the Mississippi Delta

and food pantries from the 11-county region took part to network and discuss topics such as: Food Law and Policy Challenges and opportunities for Providing Food Assistance; Strategies for Building Monitoring and Evaluating Food Assistance Programs; and Health and Hunger Atlas: County and State Data to Inform Programming, Policy, and Advocacy.

From Delta Directions work with the FEED Fund and HUNGER SUMMITS, they were able to create a food pantry map to

help nonprofits and those in need locate food in the event of another emergency. The map breaks down agency locations through children's food programs, children's programs, food pantries, mobile food pantries, senior citizens, and soup kitchens. You can see the map by scanning this QR code.





Maddox Foundation Volunteer Center HUB

One of the Community Foundation's biggest program assets is the Maddox Foundation NORTHWEST HUB Volunteer Center HUB for Northwest Mississippi. The Volunteer HUB connects our nonprofits with volunteers while providing network and training workshops throughout the year. When the pandemic reached our area in March of 2020, the Volunteer HUB became our grassroots effort in identifying and connecting the Community Foundation with nonprofits and food pantries feeding children and those in need.



They not only had a huge impact on our FEED Northwest Mississippi fund and connecting nonprofits through the HUNGER SUMMITS, but also increasing volunteer numbers since 2018 from 760 to 7,478!



Types of Funds



DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

You can have ongoing involvement in the use of your gift and if desired, work with our grant-making staff, identifying ways to use dollars from your Donor Advised Fund to address the issues and needs you care about most. Your recommendations are submitted to our local board for confirmation; we then distribute grant dollars.



DESIGNATED PURPOSE

You can direct your gift to a specific charity or purpose. Help provide ongoing funding for a senior center, museum, church, or virtually any non-profit charitable organization. You identify the recipient or recipients you wish to benefit through your gift; our staff manages the annual distribution of funds.



FIELD OF INTEREST

You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life. The arts. Aging. At-risk youth. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift; our board awards grants to community agencies and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.



UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Your gift can address ever-changing community needs – including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.



SCHOLARSHIP

You can invest your gift in our community's future and show students you care, all with the guidance and personal services of your community foundation. You determine the criteria students must meet to receive the Scholarship you establish.

New Fund Spotlight



Tom Pittman Endowment for Delta Directions

Delta Directions Consortium started over a decade ago to link academic researchers and nonprofits in building sustainable programs and policy based on research to benefit the Mississippi Delta. A key component is the Delta Fellow, a recent law school graduate usually from Harvard Law who lives and works for a year in the Delta. Its success stories include creation of the Mississippi Food Policy Council, initiating the Delta Scholars program, building the Farm to School initiative, informing the creation of Farmers Markets, development of Baby University, and this year helping to organize FEED Northwest Mississippi. The Community Foundation is a member of the consortium along with Harvard University, the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University and the Winokur Family Foundation.

At the 2020 Crystal Ball Gala, a door opened to provide more help for the Mississippi Delta and to honor Tom Pittman's last Crystal Ball as President of the Community Foundation. Donors pledged gifts to start the Tom Pittman Endowment for Delta Directions Fund. The Winokur family committed to match all donations to the endowments on a 1-to-5 basis up to \$1 million. The endowment can make the work of the Delta Directions Consortium permanent.

Endowments, Tax Credits, & Current Giving Funds





25% state tax credit

Strengthening Charitable Giving in Mississippi

An **ENDOWMENT** is a permanent fund that is invested and managed by the Community Foundation's Investment Committee and our investment advisor Hardy Reed Capital Advisors, who are certified by the Center for Fiduciary Excellence. Think of an Endowment as a charitable savings account that creates sustainability. After the initial calendar year of investment, endowments provide a spendable amount each year. The principal amount is never depleted, therefore making an Endowment the gift that gives forever. **You can start an Endowment with a minimum of \$5,000.**

Donor Advised

AJV Communications Endowed
B.B. King Museum & Interpretive Center
Endowment
Banks Family K-6 Education Endowment
Ben Flanagan Endowed
Bill & Mary Lee Brown Endowed
Billy and Wendy Myers Endowed
Bob & Sheryl Bowen Endowment

Charles and Cindy Gordon Family
Donor Advised Endowment
Darren Ross Veterans Endowed
Deborah Hector George Endowment
Denton Charitable Endowment
Dudley & Claire Barnes Family

Foundation Endowment
Dulaney Charitable Endowed
E.T. Woolfolk Memorial Endowed
Genesis Foundation Endowment
Gospel Giving Endowment
Hollis and Edna Seymour Endowment
John & Janet Osborne Family
Endowment

Kirk Moore Endowment

KJV Baptist Missionary Endowment
Lisa & Steve Beene Endowed
Maddox Foundation Endowed
Maddox Sports Endowed
Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Endowment
Myers Law Group PLLC Endowed
Noah Costa Memorial Endowed
Parsons' Pledge Endowed
Sidney L. Hurdle Charitable Endowment
Sweebe Family Charitable
Foundation Endowment

Donor Designated

Tom Pittman Endowed

Audubon Mississippi Education
Endowment
Box Project Endowment
Boys & Girls Clubs of NW MS-Endowed
DeSoto Family Theatre Endowed
Fellowship of Christian Athletes North
District 2 Endowed
First Presbyterian Church Endowed
Greenville Renaissance Scholars
Endowment

Healing Hearts Child Advocacy
Center Endowment
Historic DeSoto Museum Endowed
Indianola Educational Foundation, Inc.
Endowment
J.Q. West Memorial Endowment for
N. Delta School

Katherine & Robert Spears, Jr.
Endowment for Hernando Head Start
Margaret and Dan Maddox Green House
at Wesley Meadows Endowment
Mississippi Music Foundation
Endowment

Nell C. Randolph Memorial Endowment for North Delta School North Delta Endowment for Education and Hope-Jonestown

North Delta Endowment for Education and Hope-Tutwiler Olive Branch Heroes Endowed

Palmer Home for Children Endowed Reggie Reading Endowment SCMACS Transitional Shelter Endowment

Teach For America - Delta Endowment

Trinity Health Center Endowment in Memory of James & Valeria Robertson Warren E. Pittman Endowment for Christian Outreach

Donor's Field of Interest

Archie Manning Endowment
Clarksdale-Coahoma County Foundation
for Excellence in Education- Endowed
DeSoto County Disaster Relief Endowed
Early Childhood Education Endowed
Environmental Endowment
Grindstaff Family Cemetery Maintenance
Endowment
Hernando Endowed
House of Grace Endowed
Jane Pennington Henderson
Endowment
Marks Project Endowment
Nick Linton Memorial Classic Boy's

Panola County Endowment Place/Based Education and Civic Engagement-Endowed

Home Endowment

A **CURRENT GIVING FUND** allows the donor to see an immediate impact. These funds are directly expendable. Think of a current giving fund as a charitable checking account. An example of a current giving fund is FEED Northwest Mississippi. Funds were generously matched by the Maddox Foundation and available to grant to nonprofits and food pantries immediately.

Donor Advised

4Cords Advised Current Giving Anonymous from North Carolina Banahan Current Giving Banks Family K-6 Education Current Giving Bill and Mary Lee Brown Current Giving Corporate Care Current Giving DeSoto Family Dental Care Advised ERV Donor Advised Current Giving First Tennessee Foundation Donor Advised Gospel Giving Current Giving Hope Advised Current Giving J.W. McPherson Current Giving Jonestown Current Giving Josh Ose Current Giving Keith and Anne Fulcher Donor Advised Lenhoff Family Trust Advised Michael E. Shaheen Jr. Current Giving Mickey and Gwen Aldridge Advised

Mid-South Genesis Foundation Advised Mike Wagner Advised Current Giving Milt and Pat Harker Family Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burch Advised Current Giving Parolli Family Advised Current Giving Robert and Mimi Mehrle Donor Advised Rotary District 6800 Advised Current Giving Seymour Family Donor Advised Current Giving Sweebe Family Charitable Foundation The Celebration of the Life of David Carter Thomas G. & Louise H. Gresham Current Giving Tom and Cyndi Pittman Advised Current Giving Walton & Laura Gresham Current Giving Will and Katie Brown Current Giving Woodward Hines Education Foundation Get2College Mini-Grant Advised

Donor Designated

Batesville Skatepark Current Giving

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Delta
Clarksdale Schools' Alumni Current Giving
DeSoto County Young Life Advised
Dulaney Box Project Current Giving
Dulaney Red Cloud Indian School Current Giving
Greenwood Public Schools Education
Historic DeSoto Museum Current Giving
MiDAC College Access Current Giving
MidSouth Music Institute Current Giving
North Panola School District Alumni Association
Olive Branch Heroes Current Giving
Opal's Barn Current Giving
Rotary Family Youth Initiative
Shoot for the Heart Current Giving

Donor's Field of Interest

Anonymous DeSoto Current Giving ARC Northwest Mississippi Hebron Farm Development

Autism Assistance Current Giving Baddour Center Assistance Current Giving Brenda Ballard Memorial Current Giving Childhood Obesity Current Giving Cockrum Civic Center Current Giving Community Relief Current Giving Delta Directions Current Giving DeSoto County Disaster Current Giving DeSoto County Jail Ministry Current Giving DeSoto County Sheriff's Department Benevolent DeSoto County Youth Hockey Current Giving **Emmett Till Commission Current Giving** FEED DeSoto and Marshall Current Giving FEED DeSoto Current Giving FEED Northwest Mississippi Gunter Charitable Giving Hernando Animal Shelter Current Giving Hernando Farmers Market Current Giving

ENDOW Mississippi

Through ENDOW Mississippi, donors are eligible to receive a

25% state tax credit for donations to endowed funds at the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi.

Take advantage of this opportunity as we only have it available through 2023!

What do you need to know?

 Individuals, businesses, and organizations paying Mississippi income tax is eligible

- Donations must be to endowed funds or to start a new endowment at the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi
- Donations can be made with a minimum \$1,000 (\$250 tax credit) to a maximum \$200,000 (\$50,000 tax credit)
- There are a limited number of tax credit allocations and are on a first-come, first-serve basis – deadline for application is September each year!

HOW TO MAKE A \$1,000 DONATION COST ONLY \$750 EVEN WITHOUT ITEMIZING



* \$1,000 is the minimum donation required for ENDOW MS tax credit

Tallahatchie County Endowment for Arts & Education

Technology in Education II Endowed Tom Brokaw Endowment for Delta Health

Tom Pittman Endowment for Delta Directions

Scholarships

Al Gilless Southaven Rotary Scholarship **Endowed**

Andrew and Sandra Miller Scholarship Endowment

Byron Keith Mallett Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Callie Wood/MSPH Alumni Scholarship **Endowed Fund**

Charles M. George Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Claude and Edith Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Delta Center Reunion Scholarship **Endowment**

DeSoto County Business Women Endowment

DeSoto County Prayer Council-Endowed Hernando Lions Club Scholarship **Endowment**

Hernando Rotary Vaiden Scholarship Endowed

Kinloch Gill, Jr. Scholarship Endowment Mattie Brassell Memorial Scholarship Endowed

Noah's Gift Award Endowment Norran Snerling Scholarship Endowment Optimist Club of Hernando Scholarship **Endowment**

Patrick Davis Scholarship Endowment Rosa Lee Jennings-Wesley Meadows Scholarship-Endowed

Shapoor Alexander Ghane Memorial Endowment

Theron Long Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Agency

Bayou Academy Agency Endowment DeSoto Arts Council Endowment

FRL - Herrington Trust Endowment FRL - Latham Trust Endowment

FRL - Southaven Trust Endowment Grammy Museum MS Simmons Society Endowment

Hernando-DeSoto Habitat for Humanity-Endowed

Indianola Educational Foundation Agency Endowment

North Delta Endowment for Education and Hope, SNJM

Palmer Home for Children Endowment

Unrestricted

Community Foundation of NW MS **Endowed**

Endowment for the Future of Northwest Mississippi

Delta Directions DeSoto Museum Friends of CARE



Endowments





Hernando Parks and Recreation Current Giving Hernando Veterans Day Parade Hernando Water Tower Race Current Giving Hill Crest Preservation Cemetery Current Giving Honor Flight Mid-South Current Giving House of Hope Current Giving Jonestown Oral Health Current Giving Lower Mississippi River Foundation Maddox Foundation Current Giving Marks Enrichment Current Giving Marks Project Current Giving Marshall County Prison Christian Life Center Mayor's Relief Current Giving Mississippi Friends of the Great River Road National LawFit Challenge Current Giving Nick Linton Memorial Classic Boy's Home Noah's Gift Current Giving

Northwest Mississippi Association of Realtors Benevolence

Olive Branch Police Education & Training Olive Twigs Hospitality Current Giving Panola County Community Foundation Playground Project at Conger Park Quitman County Civil Rights History Restoration Now Current Giving Rise - Regional Initiatives for Sustainable Education

Riverside Rising I Current Giving Riverside Rising II Current Giving Saving Our Sons Mississippi Current Giving Special Needs of Northwest Mississippi Taste of DeSoto Current Giving The Chickasaw Project The Original Project Team Foundation

WFF - Crossroads Cultural Arts Center

WFF - FEED NW MS Current Giving Wilbourn Charitable Current Giving WKKF - MS Delta Workforce Development WKKF Infant Health III Youth Financial Literacy Current Giving

Scholarships

Andrew and Sandra Miller Scholarship Aspire of North Delta Current Giving Byron Keith Mallett Jr. Memorial Scholarship Charles M. George Memorial Scholarship Special Supplemental

David Haire Memorial Scholarship Current Giving Henry Lee Riley Memorial Scholarship Hernando Hope Scholarship Current Giving House of Grace Current Giving Jean Biglane Scholarship "Green Pen Award" Mattie Brassell Memorial Scholarship

Patrick Davis Scholarship Current Giving Rx Ready Scholarship Current Giving Spring Initiative College Success Theron Long Memorial Scholarship Win Winogrond Memorial Scholarship

Special Projects

Capacity Building Crystal Ball Maddox Foundation Volunteer Center/ **HUB Volunteer Center** The Box Project

Unrestricted

Delta Conversation General

FEED Northwest Mississippi Our CVID-19 Response

March 2020, as the Coronavirus pandemic swept through the nation, the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi implemented our response to COVID-19: the FEED Northwest Mississippi Fund.

Before the pandemic, 25,000 Mississippi Delta children were identified as food insecure. This number increased when children did not go back to school after Spring Break. CFNM created the FEED fund to grant to nonprofits and food pantries making sure those children and their families did not go hungry.

We partnered with many organizations to provide matches to double our donor's gifts: the Maddox Foundation, Casey Family Programs, Walton Family Foundation, Community Foundation of Mississippi, Tennessee Valley Authority/NorthCentral Electric Cooperative, and Entergy.

We worked through Phase I and II with matches from the Maddox Foundation and the Walton Family Foundation. Phase III met us during the summer and allowed us to provide critical educational needs to the nonprofits reaching children. These grants assisted with technology needs, summer program snacks, wifi, virtual learning methods, and more. In Phase IV, we knew we needed to make the food pantries "state-of-the-art" in the unfortunate occurrence of another pandemic or emergency, especially in our food desert areas. These grants provided equipment needs—such as forklifts and freezers—for food pantries to handle more food and distribute food more efficiently, quicker, and to serve more people. Food bank partnerships proved successful: Mid-South Food Bank, Mississippi Food Network, Mississippi Crisis Foundation, Extra Table, Heartland Hands, Sacred Heart Southern Missions, and more.

Our Maddox Foundation Volunteer HUB Center was at the heart of our FEED efforts, working nonstop to locate any new or unknown food pantries, churches, or nonprofits feeding those in need. They took orders for sanitation supplies we were able to provide; they counted volunteers and volunteer hours; they helped us meet the need in all 11 counties plus more.

Our donations from the partnered organizations and individuals came in strong and helped us grant more than \$730,000 as of December 2020!

















13,354,374 LBS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY MISSISSIPPI FOOD NETWORK 7,800,000 LBS
OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY
MISSISSIPPI CRISIS FOUNDATION

2,039,406 LBS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY HEARTLAND HANDS

35,000 LBS
OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED BY
YMCA MID-SOUTH IN DESOTO COUNTY

\$730,000 granted through FEED Northwest Mississippi

*Food and grant amounts reflect March 2020 - December 2020; not all partners reported











AUGUST 30

Phase IV begins



JUNE 16
Team Waste Memphis announces \$4,000 gift

JULY 8
Community Foundation of Mississippi announces \$61,050 gift

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JULY 17

BancorpSouth

announces \$3,000 gift

JULY 30 Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) announces \$10,000 gift

AUGUST 3
\$609,844 granted to 150 nonprofits

AUGUST 3

AUGUST 3

AUGUST 3

AUGUST 4

Katina Rankin of ABC

Local24 Memphis airs

OCTOBER 23
Tennessee Valley
Authority & Northcent

Authority & Northcentral Electric Cooperative announce second \$30,000 gift DECEMBER 1

Maddox Foundation announces \$150,000 match

DECEMBER 14

\$730,000 granted since April 1

JUNE 30

Junior Auxiliary of

Cleveland announces

Charitable Giving DeSoto \$10,229,777 Marshall \$2,017,994 Tate Tunica \$1,735,770 \$529,479 Panola \$1,444,423 Coahoma Quitman \$2,021,455 \$765,618 **Tallahatchie** \$770,233 **Bolivar** 1,109,123 Leflore \$481,571 \$2,608,400 charitable giving in 2019. Sunflower \$2,233,433 TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING since 2002 \$27,653,766 Supporting 832 Charitable Causes OMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHWEST MISSISSI PL

Impact: *Grants*

September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020







Adrian College Appalachian Trail Conservancy ARC of Northwest Mississippi ArtPlace Mississippi, Inc. Aspire of North Delta Baddour Center, Inc. Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School

Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation BB King Museum and Interpretive Center Bibleway Church Brown Missionary Baptist Church

Bryce Valley High School **But God Ministries** C2k Ministries, Inc.

Calvary Chapel at Parchman Care Now, Inc.

Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction

Central Brevard Sharing Center, Inc. Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. Cistern Hill Missionary Baptist Church City of Hernando

City of Hernando Animal Shelter Clarksdale Animal Rescue Effort &

Shelter Inc. Clarksdale Area Habitat for Humanity Clarksdale Collegiate

Clarksdale-Coahoma County Ministries, Inc.

Clear Youth and Young Adult Services, Inc. Cleveland Music Foundation, Inc. Coahoma County Board of Supervisors

Como Church of Christ

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Daily Bread, Inc.

Davis Temple

Delta Advantage Center

Delta Blues Museum

Delta Care Hope Foundation

Delta Hands for Hope

Delta Health Alliance-Stoneville Delta Mission Foundation. Inc.

Delta State University Foundation

DeSoto Arts Council

DeSoto Central Middle School DeSoto County Dream Center

DeSoto County Foundation for

Excellence in Education

DeSoto Grace

Diaper Bank of the Delta

E.D.U.C.A.T.E.

Earth Island Institute

East Central Community College Elon University

Emmanuel United Methodist Church Emmett Till Memorial Commission

of Tallahatchie County Episcopal Church Diocese of Mississippi

Episcopal Relief and Development Excel By 5 Inc

Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc Family Biz Builder

Fellowship of Christian Athletes N.

District 2 First Baptist Church Batesville First Presbyterian Church Hernando

First Presbyterian Church Tunica First Regional Library

Flowers Manor Retirement Community Foundation for Public Broadcasting in MS

Friends of the Environment

Friends of the Shelter Animals Glover's Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Golden Cross Ministries Foundation Grace Church of the Nazarene

Grace Place, Inc.

Greenwood Interfaith Ministries, Inc.

Greenwood Mentoring Group Griot Arts, Inc.

Habitat for Humanity Hernando

Desoto Affiliate Harvard University

Healing Hearts Child Advocacy Center Heartland Hands Food Pantry

Hearts and Hands Ministries

Helping Hands of Cleveland &

Bolivar County

Hernando Meals on Wheels

Hernando Memorial Cemetery Association Hernando United Methodist Church

Hernando/Nesbit Interfaith

Council on Poverty

Historic DeSoto Museum Holmes Community College

Holmes County Central High School

Hope Center, Inc

Hope Ministries

Horn Lake United Methodist Church

House of Grace

Hunger2Hope

Impact 360

Independence Arts Conservatory Indianola Educational Foundation, Inc.-

Indianola Academy

Institute of Community Services

Jackson State University Junior Auxiliary of DeSoto County Junior Everblades Hockey Association Kamukama Foundation Kate Freeman Clark Trust Lampton Street Church of Christ Life Saver Food Pantry Literacy Volunteers of Bangor Living Arrangements for the Dev. Disabled Locus Benedictus

Longview Point Baptist Church Lower Mississippi River Foundation Marshall County Historical Museum

Memphis Child Advocacy Center Methodist Senior Services

Mid-South Food Bank MidSouth Music Institute

Mid-South Project Package Mid-South Public Communication

Foundation

Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits & Philanthropy

Mississippi College

Mississippi Delta Academies Mississippi Food Network, Inc.

Mississippi Humanities Council, Inc.

Mississippi State University Mississippi Valley State University

MS Delta Council for Farm Workers Opportunities

Nesbit Presbyterian Church North Delta School, Inc.

North Mississippi Community

Research, Training, & Development North Panola School District Northern Light Health Foundation Northwest Community College Foundation Northwest Mississippi Community College

Northwest Mississippi Theatre Guild Inc Olive Branch Family YMCA

Olive Branch Food Ministry Oxford University United Methodist Church

Palmer Home for Children

Panola County Humane Society Precious in Pink Jail Ministries President and Fellows of Harvard College

Princeton James Productions, LLC Quitman County Development Org., Inc.

Quitman County School District Reclaimed Project

Red Cloud Indian School Rosedale Freedom Project Rotary Family FYI DeSoto & Marshall Rotary-Family Youth Initiative Inc. District 6800

Sacred Heart Southern Missions Samaritans

Scott County School District Second Baptist Church Senatobia Church of Christ

Solid Foundation Community Develop. Corp

Solid Rock Assembly of God South Panola Food Pantry

Southern Bancorp Capital Partners Southern Methodist University

Spring Initiative, Inc. St. Gabriel Mercy Center

St. John's United Methodist Church

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Sunflower County Freedom Project

Sunflower County Ministerial

Alliance Counseling Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress, Inc.

Tallahatchie County Library Tennessee Eastman Recreation Club

The Baptist Children's Village

The Family Life Christian Church The Salvation Army of Memphis &

the Mid South

The State YMCA of Michigan

Together for Hope-Delta Together Ministry

Tougaloo College

Tri-County Workforce Alliance

Trinity Health Center

Tunica Parks & Recreation

Tutwiler Community Education Center University of Memphis

University of Mississippi

University of Mississippi Foundation

University of Mississippi Medical Center University of Southern Mississippi

VOX Press. Inc. Walter Reed Society

Warriors Center

We2gether Creating Change Wesley Meadows Retirement Community Women and Children's Health Initiatives

Wyatte-Chulahoma Volunteer

Fire Department

Youth Opportunities Unlimited Inc.

Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to the recipients of our 2020 Scholarships!

Scholarship

\$72,700 Granted in 2020 Scholarships

















Al Gilless Southaven Rotary

Alex Kyle Jarrett Justin Priest Oralia Cavazos Samuel Lee

Aspire of North Delta

Gracie Atkins Asiia Robinson

Byron Keith Mallett, Jr. Memorial Gabriella Lucero

Charles M. George Memorial Lakedric Fultz

David Haire Memorial

Emily Suh Hannah Crossno

Henry Lee Riley Memorial

Alexis Brooks Mye'Angel Ward

Hernando Lions Club Lacie English

Hernando Rotary Vaiden

Kaitlyn Williamson Natalie Ferguson

Mattie Brassell Memorial

Anthony Robertson, Jr.

Noah's Gift Award

Abbigail Parsons Elijah McGee Emma Grace Steward Graham Weiss Norah Bruce

Olive Twigs Hospitality Scholarship

Cassie Teeter Michael Hubbard Olivia Virden

Optimist Club of Hernando Lorri Avery Handley

Financial Highlights

Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended December 21, 2019

ASSFTS

ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$3,046,270
Investments	
Property & Equipment (Net)	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$21,214,919
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$4,244
Agency (Nonprofit) Funds	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,281,822
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$19,933,097
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$19,933,097
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ASSETS	\$21,214,919
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Audit Availability

The Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi each year engages an independent accounting firm to audit the Foundation's financial statements. The auditor also reviews the internal controls, policies and procedures. The Foundation's auditor, the F.O. Givens & Co., has issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the year ended Dec. 31, 2019. Complete audited financial statements are available at www.cfnm.org or by contacting the Foundation's office at 662.449.5002.



Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as chair of the Finance Committee. We had an outstanding year that ended December 31, 2019. I'd like to thank the members of the Investment Committee who meet quarterly with our investment manager, Hardy Reed, LLC, to oversee the Foundation's operating budget and investments. Members who served this year included Mr. Mickey Aldridge, Mr. John Rodgers Brashier, Mr. Bob Bowen, Mrs. Robin Hurdle, and Mr. Mat Lipscomb. I am pleased to report several financial highlights from 2019 as our Committee oversees our Strategic Plan goal of reaching Total Net assets of \$50 million by the year 2028. Our focus on the Transfer of Wealth that is taking place from one generation to the next is providing us a tremendous opportunity to support families, individuals, and businesses in their philanthropic causes.

Select Financial Highlights:

- Total Assets of \$21.2 million vs. \$17.5 (2018), a 21% increase and highest in history
- Reached an all-time high in the permanent endowment \$18.1 million
- Increased Contributions to \$4.75 million vs. \$4.0 million (2018)
- Achieved a low of 3.1% in Fundraising Expenses
- Received recertification by the Center for Fiduciary Excellence making us only one of three foundations in Mississippi to hold that status

As outstanding as the above numbers are, I'd also like to report to you that as of November 17, 2020 our TOTAL ASSETS eclipsed the \$25 million mark — putting us halfway to our \$50 million goal. Thank you for supporting the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi in creating Endowments, Donor Advised Funds, Scholarships, Current Giving Funds, and naming the Community Foundation in your estate plans. The children and families living in our 11-county region are the direct beneficiaries of the support you provide to the hundreds of nonprofits who are partners of the Community Foundation. On their behalf, I express my thanks to you and invite you to continue your support. Please contact the Foundation with specific questions you have about your donations.

Sincerely,

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