



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of Northwest Mississippi

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

2016 Annual Report



PEOPLE WHO CARE

Set a standard for excellence.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The directors of the Community Foundation are volunteer community leaders who lead the Foundation toward excellence. They bring wisdom and insight to their work of setting strategic direction and policy and ensuring accountability. They share their diverse experience in a wide range of geography and work. Every director is a donor to the Community Foundation demonstrating that their commitment includes sharing their financial resources. The quality of their leadership is often a key reason for donor confidence in the Community Foundation. Each director is elected for a three-year term and may serve two consecutive terms in leading this 501.c.3 charitable corporation.

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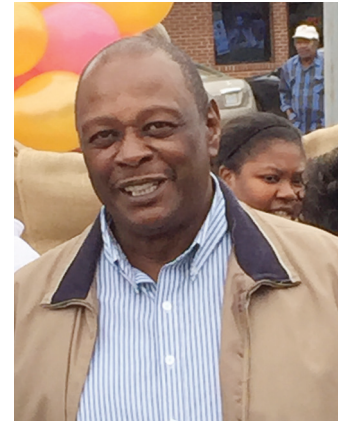
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Of Northwest Mississippi

PEOPLE WHO CARE

Browns build foundation for community

Bill and Mary Lee Brown have built a distinguished philanthropy profile by using many of the levers at the Community Foundation to invest in causes that matter to them. Bill and Mary Lee (pictured with son Will) are embracing the great legacy of civic-minded service and community giving from their parents.

“By leading through example, our parents instilled in us a commitment to serve our community and fellow man in every way we reasonably can. We hope to inspire our own children with the same philanthropic spirit to use their time, talents and gifts to help others,” said Bill.

Bill’s mother, Annie Ruth Brown, was affectionately known as the unofficial historian of DeSoto County. She was extremely instrumental in the establishment and opening of the DeSoto County Museum. She spoke to one of the very first gatherings of the Community Foundation’s donors after it was founded in 2002. In talking to that group of like-minded community leaders, she highlighted the benefits of supporting the organization because it would “provide a foundation” upon which they could build the community.

Mary Lee’s father established the firm Walker, Brown & Brown, which has supported the Community Foundation’s work by annually sponsoring the Crystal Ball gala. Mary Lee is also a former chair of the Foundation’s volunteer board of directors, which enables a group of civic leaders to govern the organization to benefit the community.

Bill and Mary Lee have engaged their charitable commitment by using many ways the foundation has to offer for giving. They started an endowment to support the DeSoto County Museum



MARY LEE, WILL, & BILL BROWN

“We hope to inspire our own children with the same philanthropic spirit to use their time, talents and gifts to help others...”

in Hernando, which recaps the rich history of the county area. To serve their personal charitable commitments, they began a Donor Advised current giving fund to do a wide variety of things from supporting local arts programs for area youth to maintaining equipment for local fire department staff.

Through the Bill and Mary Lee Brown Endowment, they present sustained giving for the many causes they serve.

In one great exhibit of their philanthropic engagement, Bill and Mary Lee Brown gave real property to the Community Foundation where the proceeds were directed to a donor advised fund for ongoing involvement in charitable projects.

They have also given appreciated stock to the Community Foundation to benefit their interests like work at the First United Methodist Church of Hernando.

In regard to their giving the Browns said, “A very important aspect of giving through the Community Foundation is the ability to establish donations in perpetuity honoring those we love. Often smaller charities and projects with historical significance such as our museum are overlooked but through the Community Foundation we can highlight these worthy causes and remind the public that DeSoto County is blessed with a unique sense of community.”

The Browns furnish a great example of the many different ways people who care can use the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi to connect with causes that matter.

DONATIONS FOR 2015 **\$1,562,354**
FROM 1,185 DONORS

\$35,600,586
TOTAL DONATIONS
TO CURRENT FUNDS AND ENDOWMENTS

PEOPLE WHO CARE

Signature Events

Crystal Ball gala



COMMUNITY STARS

The Community Foundation celebrated a Star of Hope as well as Community Stars from our region at the 2016 Crystal Ball, which drew a sold-out 1,000 guests. Community Stars included the Arc of Northwest Mississippi, Lucy Janoush of Cleveland, Edward Pidgeon of Hernando, and Tallahatchie General Hospital of Charleston. Bradford Cobb, a Tunica native and manager for entertainers like Katy Perry, was honored as the Star of Hope.

The Crystal Ball is a festive event with dancing, dinner, and auctions with such items as a movie premier, an international vacation, and celebrity dinners. It has been the only fundraiser for the Community Foundation's operational needs. The 17th annual gala will be themed "Le Cirque Magnifique" and will occur January 21, 2017 in the Southaven Arena, and continue the tradition of celebrating people who care.



KATY PERRY WITH HER MANAGER AND STAR OF HOPE BRADFORD COBB



MAJOR SPONSORS OF THE CRYSTAL BALL

Crystal

Clear Channel Outdoor
iHeartMedia

Commercial Appeal/DeSoto Appeal

Platinum

AT&T

Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS
Brown Missionary Baptist Church

City of Southaven

CLICK Magazine

Delta Magazine

DeSoto Times Tribune

Energy

FedEx

First Tennessee Bank

Gold Strike Casino

Lipscomb Pitts Insurance

Mid-South Maternal Fetal Medicine

Supper Drugs

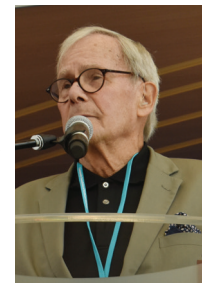
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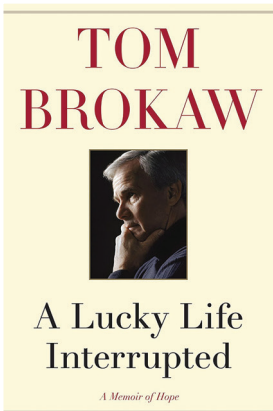
DELTA CONVERSATION



The Community Foundation began a new tradition in 2016. The first Delta Conversation kicked off with distinguished journalist and commentator Tom Brokaw and NBC News Chairman Andy Lack.



Gracious sponsors and a sell-out crowd at the GRAMMY Museum @ Mississippi helped the event to make a new start in the beneficial dialogue on health, politics and current affairs in the Delta. One of the lasting benefits of this event was the establishment of the Tom Brokaw Endowment for Delta Health at the Community Foundation, which Tom Brokaw has generously matched with a \$5,000 donation.



ICONIC NEWSMAN TOM BROKAW GIVES A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE ON CANCER AND HEALTH IN THE DELTA WHILE DISCUSSING HIS LATEST BOOK "A LUCKY LIFE INTERRUPTED: A MEMOIR OF HOPE".

Title Sponsors: Baxter Healthcare Corporation, Double Quick/Gresham Petroleum, Guaranty Bank & Trust, Maddox Foundation, 2nd Chance Mississippi

PEOPLE WHO CARE

GIFTS IN MEMORY & HONOR

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 - AUGUST 31, 2016

4CORDS FUND

In memory of Dennis W. Cooper
by Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan McAlister
Julia Flanagan
Michele Johnson
Tom and Cyndi Pittman
Carol L. Smith
Cassie Smith and Charlie Shearon

BANKS FAMILY K-6 EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

In honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Block
Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lawrence, III
Mr. Daniel W. LeBlond
Miss Elizabeth I. LeBlond
Miss Kathleen M. LeBlond
Drs. Lawrence T. and Pauline C. LeBlond
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. LeBlond
Mr. and Mrs. Minor B. LeBlond
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher G. McClorey
Mr. and Mrs. John C. McClorey
Miss Meriwether C. McClorey
by Ellen and Dan LeBlond
In memory of Minor Banks Lewis
by Banks and Company
The Lewis Place II, LLC

BEN FLANAGAN ENDOWMENT

In memory of Rev. Warren Pittman
by DeSoto County Economic Development Council
In memory of Ben Flanagan
by Rebecca A. Beard
Billy Joe Williams

BILLY AND WENDY MYERS ENDOWMENT

In memory of Bonnie Jean Townsend Collins
by Bill and Lynda Austin
Hickman, Goza and Spragins, PLLC
Jimmy and Peggy Linton
Tom and Cyndi Pittman

BOX PROJECT FUND

In memory of Betty Jean Johnson
by Laurie D. Vos
In memory of Gary Vincent and Paul Lacinski
by Phyllis Anker

BOX PROJECT ENDOWMENT

In memory of Kaye Adams
by Randy and Donna Goldman
Jimmy and Peggy Linton
Tom and Cyndi Pittman
Carol L. Smith

In memory of Marvin J. Goldman
by Darrell and Barbara Ballard
Dorothy France
Jimmy and Peggy Linton
Tom and Cyndi Pittman
Carol L. Smith

BRENDA BALLARD MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bobby Stewart
by Mr. and Mrs. James F. Eldred
In memory of Ruth Mullins
by Mr. and Mrs. James F. Eldred
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Winn Brown, Sr.
Elizabeth Caldwell
Mrs. Rebecca Dearden
Elizabeth Emerson
Mr. Thomas Farris
Mr. Jeff Frazier
Delma McKinney
John Underwood
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregory Nelson

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI ENDOWMENT

In memory of Joan Ferguson
by Maddox Foundation

CRYSTAL BALL FUND

In honor of Bradford Cobb
by Ellis Darby

ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI

In memory of
Gloria McCarson
Alleyne May
Don Taylor
by Jimmy and Peggy Linton

HERNANDO PARKS AND RECREATION FUND

In memory of Betty McGeorge
by Randy and Donna Goldman
Jimmy and Peggy Linton
Tom and Cyndi Pittman
Carol L. Smith
In memory of Bobby Alliston
by Cassie Smith and Charlie Shearon

HOUSE OF GRACE ENDOWMENT

In memory of Mandy Wynne Baker
By Mississippi RiverKings

JANE PENNINGTON HENDERSON ENDOWMENT

In memory of Jane Henderson
by Terrell H. Alford
L. Vernon (Ed) Edwards
Charlie Emerson
Robert B. Pool

JOSH OSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Josh Ose
by Rebecca A. Beard

MICHAEL E. SHAHEEN, JR. ENDOWMENT

In memory of Michael E. Shaheen
by Richard Wells
Polly A. Dammann Trust

MR. & MRS. PAUL BURCH FUND

In honor of Barbara Burch
by Denise Blassingame
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mote
Mr. and Mrs. Rory Reardon
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schell
Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Stone
Sandi S. White

NICK LINTON MEMORIAL CLASSIC BOY'S HOME FUND

In memory of Nick Linton
by Marcia Boyd
Laburn Dye/Power & Telephone Supply
Charitable Fund
Linda Feathers
Don Linton
Jimmy and Peggy Linton
Marion Lineberry
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Little
Morris and Jean Murphree
Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Todd
Mark A. Zizmann

NOAH COSTA MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In honor of Robin Grindstaff Hurdle's birthday
by Brenda Keith
In memory of Ron Ayers
by Stephen Bullock
Robin Grindstaff Hurdle
Maddox Foundation
Mississippi RiverKings
Paul and Kathy Morris
Betty A. Robbins
Geoffrey J. Stormzand
In memory of Noah Costa

by Rebecca A. Beard
Ned Dewhirst
Mr. and Mrs Roy Grindstaff
The Pace Group, John M. Lovorn, Jr.
Paul and Kathy Morris
In memory of Albertine Singer Tucker
by Maddox Foundation

UNKNOWN CHILD HOLOCAUST PENNIES FOUNDATION FUND

In memory of Diana Lucas
by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Buntin, III

WARREN E. PITTMAN ENDOWMENT FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

In memory of Rev. Warren Pittman
by Mark Abrams
Bill and Lynda Austin
Geoffrey Bartakovics
Emma Bloomberg
David E. Brevard
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burch
Marshall Cohen
Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Inc.
Kyle and Kera Cooper
Casa Dragones
Michelle Frias
Wendy Goldberg
Randy and Donna Goldman
Goldman Sachs Gives
Bertha Gonzalez
Tommy Goodson
Tom and Louise Gresham
Hernando United Methodist Men's Bible Study
Lucy Janoush
Hal Kelso
Jimmy and Peggy Linton
Aubrey Lucas
Preston McAlexander
Maddox Foundation
Roberta Mayfield
Mississippi Association of Grantmakers
Roland Pittman
Wanda Ross
Richard Scruggs
Carol L. Smith
Jerry Ralph Smith
John Sykes
The Pace Group, John M. Lovorn, Jr.
The Schwartz Family Foundation
Nona K. Tillman
Robyn Transport
Stacye Trout
In memory of Lanita and Warren Pittman
by Frances McEwen

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MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS

\$13,711

IN TOTAL

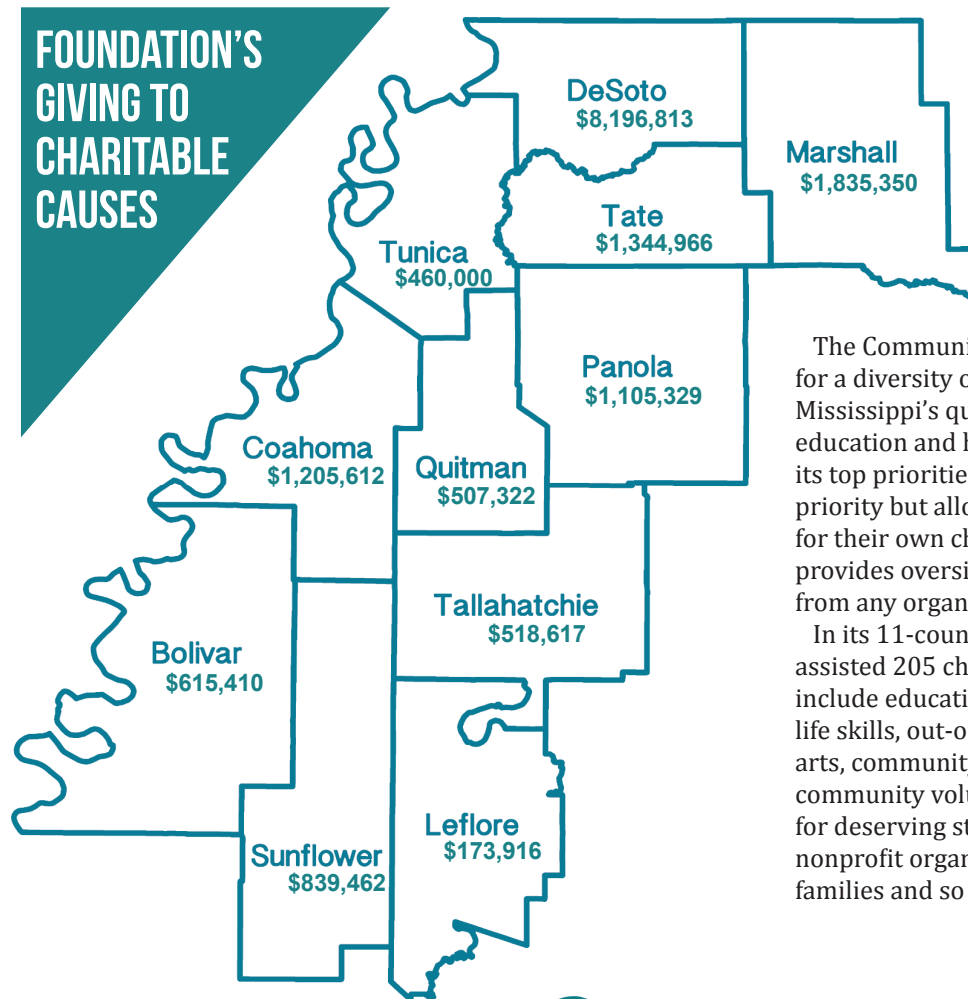
MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS

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CAUSES SUPPORTED

CAUSES THAT MATTER

Continued commitment to supporting 205 charitable causes



The Community Foundation provides support for a diversity of causes that matter to Northwest Mississippi's quality of life, and it has established education and health for children and youth as its top priorities. The foundation maintains this priority but allows donors to designate their gifts for their own charitable priorities. The Foundation provides oversight and requires accountability from any organization receiving grants.

In its 11-county region this year, the Foundation assisted 205 charitable causes and programs. These include educational advancement, teaching critical life skills, out-of-school enrichment programs, the arts, community health assessments, encouraging community volunteering, museums, scholarships for deserving students, capacity building for nonprofit organizations, schools, impoverished families and so much more.



TOTAL GIVING
for charitable grants and programs
\$18,325,230

GIVING
for 2015
\$1,641,517

CAUSES THAT MATTER

3 Grantees Driving Toward Change



For one Sunflower County 16 year-old, the Janice Wyatt Summer Arts Institute led to a life changing decision. After attending Core Arts at the Bologna Performing Arts Center for a second year in 2016 and developing friendships among the other attendees, this young man was encouraged to apply to the Mississippi School of Arts in Brookhaven. When he was accepted, he thanked his Core Arts peers and teachers for their encouragement. He also credited the Community Foundation's partial scholarship that made it financially possible for him to attend the two weeks arts intensive program and pursue a career in the performing arts.

The foundation's Place-Based Education Endowment, started by Morgan Freeman, made a \$3000 grant to Delta State University's Bologna Performing Arts Center to help youth to attend the Janice Wyatt Summer Arts Institute.

The first three years of life provide an unmatched window of cognitive, emotional, and physical development in a child's life and create an unparalleled opportunity for positive intervention. Baby University strives to harness this window of opportunity by helping parents develop the knowledge, skills and introspection necessary to raise happy, healthy, successful children. It believes that one of the most vital components to raising healthy, happy children is the establishment of a strong parent-child relationship. As a result, the program focuses heavily on guiding parents in building lasting and loving bonds with their children that increase parents' enjoyment and satisfaction in their roles as mothers, fathers and caregivers. The Community Foundation has supported the establishment of Baby University in Clarksdale and its expansion into other counties through a grant from its Early Childhood Education Endowment.



Lamont was living with five siblings in an impoverished single-parent home when he followed his brothers to C2k ministries in Mound Bayou. After joining the afterschool program, Lamont's struggles with academics were exposed. He was a third-grader still struggling with reading, writing and basic math. Gradually, Lamont developed a trusting and loving relationship with the staff at C2k, and they began together down the difficult road of helping him catch up academically.

Now in the fourth grade, Lamont reads, writes, and does math so well that he leads other fourth-graders in their rocket math assessments. C2k attributes Lamont's

professed love for God and his academic leaps to building a loving "son" relationship through the programming, home visits, and working with schools. When C2k leader Phil tells Lamont he is proud of him for the hard work that has paid off, Lamont replies, "Yeah...but I had to change my attitude."

The Community Foundation was happy to award grants totaling \$15,800 from its Endowment for the Future of Northwest Mississippi to C2k Ministries. This non-profit organization started 14 years ago as an outreach of the founders, Phil and Kym Schank, traveling twice a year from Wisconsin to Mound Bayou to volunteer.

YOUR GIVING MAKES STORIES LIKE THIS POSSIBLE. VISIT CFNM.ORG FOR MORE INSPIRING STORIES AND INFORMATION.

CAUSES THAT MATTER

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Sept 1, 2015 - Aug 31, 2016

1st United Methodist Church-Holly Springs	DeSoto County Schools	Mattie Brassell Memorial Scholarship Fund	Senatobia-Tate County Animal Shelter
4Cords Donor Advised Fund	DeSoto County Youth Court	Memphis Child Advocacy Center	South Louisville Baptist Church
4Rivers Fresh Foods	DeSoto Family Theatre	Memphis College of Art	Southaven Intermediate School
ACTS Career Center	Diamond Disciples, Inc.	Meritan	Southaven Middle School
American Cancer Society of Knoxville	Dreyfus Health Foundation	Michigan State University-Peterson Endowment	Southern Friends Animal Society
American Farmland Trust	East Maine Medical Center Foundation	MidSouth Music Institute	Southern Methodist University
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	Emmanuel United Methodist Church	Mid-South Project Package	Southern Off Road Bike Association
American Red Cross	Excel By 5	Millsaps College	Southern Reins
American Way Middle School	Excel BY 5 Hernando	Miss Amazing	Space Coast Honor Flight
American Liver Foundation	Excel By 5 Horn Lake	Mississippi College	Spring Initiative
Appomattox PE Presbyterian Church	Fellowship of Christian Athletes District II	Mississippi Council on Economic Education	St. Charles Place Education Foundation
Arc Northwest MS	First Regional Library	Mississippi Delta Community College Capps Center	St. Jude Hospital
Autism Assistance Current Giving Fund	Friends of Olive Branch	Mississippi Department of Agriculture & Commerce	Stoney Creek Baptist Church
Autism Resources of the MidSouth	Friends of Public Safety in Pearl	Mississippi Grantmakers Association	Stovall Sacrifice for Soldiers
Baddour Center	Germantown Symphony	Mississippi State University	Strawberry Plains
Ballet DeSoto	Grace Church of the Nazarene	Mississippi Sustainable Agricultural Network	Sunflower County Freedom Project
Bangor YMCA	Greater New Liberty Baptist Church	MS Association of Partners in Education	Sycamore Arts Council
Battle Ground Academy	Greenville Renaissance Scholars	MS Public Broadcasting	Tate County Literacy Council
Bellhaven University	Harding University	NAACP	Team Ryan Cancer Research
Billy & Wendy Myers Endowment	Healing Hearts Child Advocacy Center	National Foundation for Transplants	Team Ryan Charitable Foundation
Bologna Performing Arts Center	Heartland Hands Food Pantry	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	Texas Health Institute
Boys & Girls Club of Northwest MS	Hernando Elementary School	New Way Victory Church	The Box Project
Brenda Ballard Current Giving Fund	Hernando High Performing Arts Center	Noah Costa Memorial Endowment	The Box Project Endowment
Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation	Hernando High School	Noah's Gift	The World Is The Field
C2K Ministries, Inc.	Hernando Middle School PTO	North Delta School	Through the Roof Pediatric Therapy
Central Hill Elementary School	Hernando Soccer Association	Northwest MS Community College	Trinity Baptist Church
Chickasaw Council Boy Scouts of America	Hernando United Methodist Church	Northwest MS Community College Foundation	Tunica Academy
Chickasaw Elementary School	Hernando-Nesbit Council on Poverty	Northwest MS Community College School of Nursing	Tunica County Boys & Girls Clubs
Child Evangelism Fellowship	HIS Mansion Ministries	Oak Grove Central Elementary School	Tunica County Healthcare Authority
Christian Brothers University	Hope Center	Olive Branch Emergency Food Ministry	Tunica County Parks & Recreation
City of Hernando	Horn Lake High School	Olive Branch Family YMCA	Tutwiler Education Center
Clay County Cancer Crusaders	Horn Lake Middle School	Olive Branch High School	University of Mississippi
Colonial Hills Church of God	Hospice Angels Foundation	One Step Initiative	University of TN W. Institute for Cancer Research
Create Foundation	House of Grace	Opal's Barn	University of Memphis
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	House of Grace Scholarship Endowment	Oxford School District	University of Mississippi Medical Center
Delta Blues Museum	Indianola Education Foundation	Palmer Home	University TN Institute for Cancer Research
Delta Health Alliance	Jonestown Family Center for Education & Wellness	Panola Partnership	USA Hockey
Delta Health Partners	Jr Auxillary of Tate-Panola	Petal Education Foundation	Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership
Delta State University	Krewe of Hernando	Pleasant Hill Elementary School	Volunteer Northwest Mississippi
Delta State University Higher Education Center	Lake Cormorant High School	Quitman County Board of Supervisors	Walls Elementary School
Delta Tech College	Lake Cormorant Middle School	RiverKings Hockey Endowment	Warren Pittman Endowment
Denbigh United Presbyterian Church	Landers Center	RiverKings ReachOut Current Giving Fund	Warrior Ministries
DeSoto Arts Council	Lewisburg High School	Ronald McDonald House	We2gether Creating Change
DeSoto Central Elementary School	Lewisburg Middle School	Rotary Foundation	Wesley Meadows
DeSoto Central High School	Lewisburg Primary School	Sacred Heart Southern Mission-Holly Springs	Wesley Senior Ministry Foundation
DeSoto Central Middle School	Longview Point Baptist Church	Sacred Heart Southern Missions	WKNO
DeSoto Central Primary School	Louisiana State University	Samaritans	YCAP of Olive Branch
DeSoto County Foundation for Excellence in Education	Love A Child	Sardis Lake Baptist Church	Youth Opportunity Unlimited
DeSoto County Junior Auxiliary	Madonna Learning Center	Saving Our Sons	
DeSoto County Museum	Marines Toys for Tots	Self Foundation	

420
GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

\$1,641,517
TO GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

205
GRANTEES

CAUSES THAT MATTER

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CHARITABLE FUNDS

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

4Cords
 AJV Communications Endowment
 Anonymous from North Carolina
 B.B. King Museum & Interpretive Center Endowment
 Banahan Family
 Banks Family K-6 Education Endowment
 Ben Flanagan Endowment
 Bill & Mary Lee Brown Endowment
 Billy and Wendy Myers Endowment
 Bob & Sheryl Bowen Charitable Trust Endowment
 Corporate Care
 Darren Ross Veterans Endowment
 DeSoto County Business Women Endowment
 DeSoto Family Dental Care
 Dulaney Charitable Endowment
 E.T. Woolfolk Memorial Endowment
 First Tennessee Foundation
 Genesis Foundation Endowment
 Gospel Giving Endowment
 Hollis and Edna Seymour Endowment
 Hope Fund
 J.W. McPherson
 John & Janet Osborne Family Endowment
 Jonestown Community
 Kirby & Glenn Floyd
 Kirk Moore Endowment
 Lenhoff Family Trust
 Lisa & Steve Beene Endowment
 Maddox Foundation Endowment
 Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Endowment
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burch
 Myers Law Group PLLC Endowment
 Noah Costa Memorial Endowment
 Palmer Home for Children
 Parsons' Pledge Endowment
 Pittman Family
 Rhodes Family Missionary Endowment
 RiverKings Hockey Endowment
 RiverKings ReachOut
 Rotary District 6800
 Seymour Family
 Sidney L. Hurdle Charitable Endowment
 Sweebe Family Charitable Foundation Endowment
 Thomas G. & Louise H. Gresham
 Tom and Cyndi Pittman
 Tom Pittman Endowment
 Walton & Laura Gresham

DESIGNATED PURPOSE

Audubon Mississippi Education Endowment
 Batesville Skatepark
 Box Project Endowment
 Boys & Girls Clubs of NW MS Endowment
 Clarksdale Schools' Alumni
 DeSoto County Prayer Council
 DeSoto County Young Life
 DeSoto Family Theatre Endowment
 DeSoto Health & Wellness Center Endowment
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 North District 2 Endowment
 First Presbyterian Church Endowment
 Greenville Renaissance Scholars Endowment
 Grindstaff Cemetery Endowment
 Historic DeSoto Museum Endowment
 Indianola Educational Foundation, Inc. Endowment
 J.Q. West Memorial Endowment
 for North Delta School
 Katherine & Robert Spears, Jr. Endowment
 for Hernando Head Start
 Nell C. Randolph Memorial Endowment
 for North Delta School
 North Delta Endowment for Education and Hope
 North Panola School District Alumni Association
 Northwest Mississippi Youth Chorale
 Olive Branch Heroes Endowment
 Olive Branch Police
 Opal's Barn
 Reggie Reading Endowment
 Reggie Reading Foundation
 South Ms. Hurricane Disaster Relief
 Shoot for the Heart
 Sycamore Arts
 Teach For America - Delta Endowment
 Warren E. Pittman Endowment
 for Christian Outreach

AGENCY ENDOWMENTS

DeSoto Arts Council Endowment
 First Regional Library Herrington Trust Endowment
 First Regional Library Latham Trust Endowment
 First Regional Library Oxford Trust Endowment
 First Regional Library Southaven Trust Endowment
 Hernando-DeSoto Habitat
 for Humanity Endowment
 Indianola Educational Foundation
 Agency Endowment
 North Delta Endowment for
 Education and Hope, SNJM

FIELD OF INTEREST

ARC Northwest Mississippi Hebron
 Farm Development
 Autism Assistance
 Brenda Ballard Memorial
 Clarksdale-Coahoma County Foundation
 for Excellence in Education Endowment
 Cockrum Civic Center
 Community Relief
 Delta Ball
 Delta Directions
 DeSoto County Disaster Relief Endowment
 DeSoto County Sheriff's Department
 Benevolent Fund
 Early Childhood Education Endowment
 Emmett Till Commission
 Environmental
 Environmental Endowment
 Hernando Endowed
 Hernando Farmers Market
 Hernando Parks and Recreation
 Hernando Water Tower Race
 Honor Flight Mid-South
 House of Grace Endowment
 House of Hope
 Independence Arts Conservatory
 Jane Pennington Henderson Endowment
 Jonestown Oral Health
 Lake Cormorant MCJROTC
 Lower Mississippi River Foundation
 Marshall County Prison Christian Life Center
 Mississippi Friends of the Great River Road
 Mississippi Sustainable Agricultural Network
 National LawFit Challenge
 Nick Linton Memorial Classic
 Boy's Home Endowment
 Noah's Gift
 Northwest Mississippi Association of Realtors
 Benevolence
 Olive Twigs Hospitality
 Panola County Endowment
 Place/Based Education and Civic
 Engagement Endowment
 Quiet Heroes of the Delta
 Quitman County Civil Rights History
 Restoration Now
 Saving Our Sons Mississippi
 Special Needs of Northwest Mississippi
 Tallahatchie County Endowment
 for Arts & Education

Taste of DeSoto
 Technology in Education II Endowment
 The Chickasaw Project
 Unknown Child Holocaust Pennies Foundation
 Youth Financial Literacy
 Youth Leadership Regional

PROGRAMS

Childhood Obesity Prevention
 The Box Project
 Volunteer Northwest Mississippi
 W. K. Kellogg Foundation Mississippi Sustainable
 Agricultural Network
 W.K. Kellogg Foundation Fellows
 W.K. Kellogg Foundation Infant Health

SCHOLARSHIPS

Al Gilliss Southaven Rotary Endowment
 Aspire of North Delta
 Byron Keith Mallett Jr. Memorial Endowment
 Callie Wood/MSPH Alumni Endowment
 Charles M. George Memorial Endowment
 Claude and Edith Kirkpatrick Memorial Endowment
 David Haire Memorial
 DeSoto County Prayer Council Endowment
 Hernando Lions Club Endowment
 Hernando Rotary Vaiden Endowment
 Josh Ose
 Kinloch Gill, Jr. Endowment
 Mattie Brassell Memorial Endowment
 Noah's Gift Award Endowment
 Norran Snerling Endowment
 Optimist Club of Hernando Endowment
 Rosa Lee Jennings-Wesley Meadows Endowment
 Shapoor Alexander Ghane Memorial Endowment
 Win Winogron Memorial

UNRESTRICTED

Endowment for the Future of Northwest Mississippi

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ENDOWMENTS

\$10,746,832

IN ENDOWMENTS

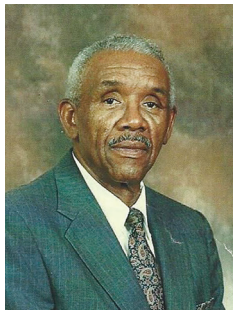
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DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

CAUSES THAT MATTER

Scholarship memorializes beloved school superintendent

Mr. Charles M. George served the Tallahatchie County's educational system at a pivotal time of desegregation. An



academic career, interrupted by an enlistment in the United States Army, brought him to the profession of education as an instructor and administrator at segregated "colored"

schools in Tallahatchie County. After he had served two years as principal and administrator in the newly integrated school, he became the first African-American to be appointed to lead the West Tallahatchie School District in 1988. The community recognized his ac-



complishments after his retirement by renaming the district's central office for him in 1995. George, who also served in the office of US Representative Jamie Whitten for 19 years, worked with several organizations that focused on the betterment of his community. Now after his passing in March of 2015, his legacy

of leadership in bettering his community through selfless service continues to stand as a bright model for public education. The Community Foundation is pleased that his former students established a scholarship endowment to celebrate the memory of the Mr. George.

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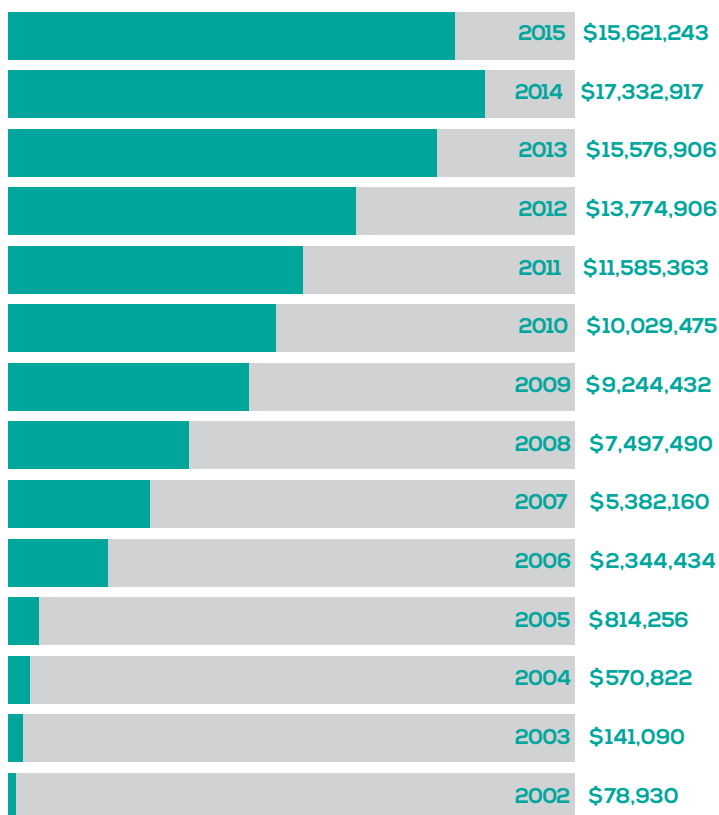
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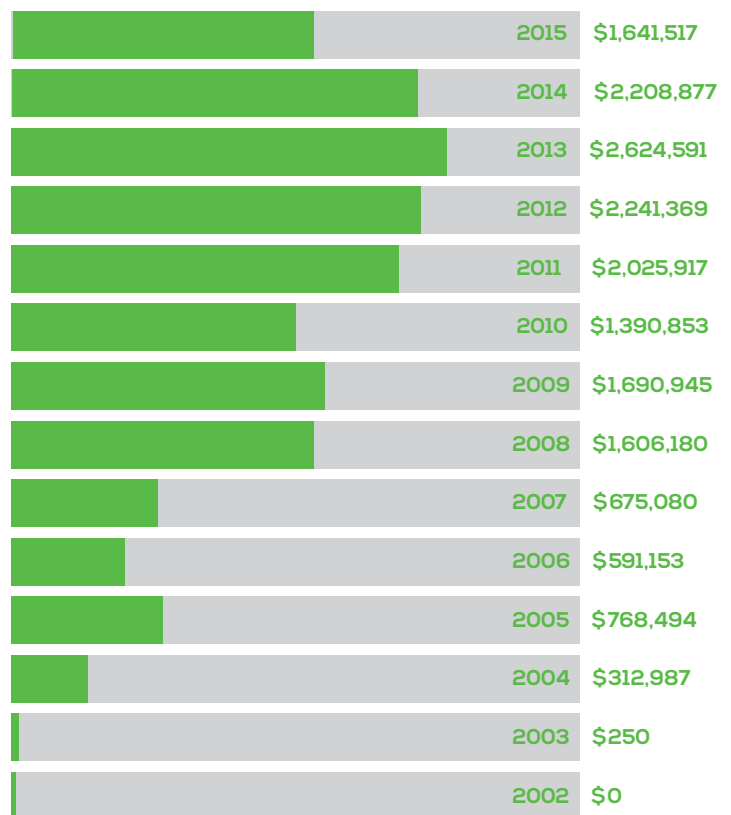
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Sincerely,
Bob Bowen
Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

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