



# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*of Northwest Mississippi*

*Connecting people who care with causes that matter*

## 2017 Annual Report





# PEOPLE WHO CARE

*Lead by example*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Community Foundation directors are volunteer community leaders who lead the Foundation toward excellence. The board brings experience and insight to their work of setting strategic direction and policy and ensuring accountability. These directors bring diverse experience, expertise and perspectives for policies, financial support and grants. Every director is a donor to the Community Foundation demonstrating that their commitment includes sharing their financial resources. Their example of serving and 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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**Chairman**

**Bolivar**

Owner

Coopwood Publishing Group



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**Vice Chairman**

**Panola**

CEO

Panola Partnership



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**Secretary**

**DeSoto**

Senior Pastor

Brown Missionary Baptist Church



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**Treasurer**

**Tate**

Retired Partner

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**Leflore**

Community Volunteer  
Greenwood Mentoring Group



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Northern Customer Service Mgr.  
Entergy Mississippi

## FOUNDATION STAFF

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*President & CEO*

**PEGGY LINTON**

*Community Development Director*

**CAROL SMITH**

*Accounting & Office Manager*

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*Accounting Assistant & The Box Project Director*

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*Community Education &  
Volunteer Northwest Mississippi Director*

**BRENDA SMITH**

*Web-Based Volunteer Recruitment Specialist*

**MICHELLE DUNN MCFARLAND**

*Marketing & Administrative Assistant*



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PBS Network



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President and CEO  
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DeSoto  
Program Specialist  
North Delta Planning and  
Development District, Inc.



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DeSoto  
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Hollis Legal Solutions, PLLC



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Tunica  
Community Volunteer



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Lipscomb and Pitts Insurance



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Quitman  
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Manager, Far Distant Farms, LP



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DeSoto  
President  
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Marshall  
Executive Director  
Byhalia Chamber of Commerce



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Coahoma  
County Administrator  
Coahoma County



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Tallahatchie  
Owner  
Two Brooks Farm



**Danny Williams**  
DeSoto  
Managing Member  
Williams, Pitts & Beard, PLLC



**Tom Pittman**  
President  
Community Foundation  
Of Northwest Mississippi



# CAUSES THAT MATTER

## Investments in technology boost learning

The Community Foundation was among 20 organizations to receive an Education Innovation Award this year at the Nasdaq Market Place in New York City. The giant electronic billboard even proclaimed the honor to everyone on Times Square.

The award was explicitly for the foundation's Community Digital Scholars program that last year engaged 25% of the 4th-12th graders in public schools in our 11-county region, plus some students in private schools. Through online learning, they gained life skills such as personal finance, digital responsibility and avoidance of substance abuse. In financial literacy (the largest program), they nearly doubled their knowledge of personal finance, increasing an average of 91 percent.

The Community Digital Scholars program is used in 80 schools with no cost to the schools, thanks to a generous

The foundation grew out of a successful effort to place computers in classrooms.

donor who wants to remain anonymous.

Education Innovation through technology runs throughout the Foundation's history.

The Community Foundation grew out of a successful effort in 2000 to place an Internet-accessible computer in every public classroom in DeSoto County. The *DeSoto Times* and the Maddox



CHILDREN IN THE GREENWOOD MENTORING GROUP LEARN TO READ ON READING BEAR.

Foundation led the project which attracted significant donations from BancorpSouth, Community Bank, the AOL Foundation, the *New York Times* Foundation and others. Then, the project went statewide, and Mississippi became the first state with an Internet-accessible computer in every public classroom. We reduced the "digital divide" in our area. The Maddox Foundation organized a steering committee from partners in this DeSoto County effort, and they incorporated the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi in 2002.

A donor heard about this project and approached the Community Foundation in 2006 with a desire to create technology that would improve schools' productivity. He said technology had always been the best way to improve his businesses' productivity, and he believed it could do the same

for education. With his leadership and generosity, the Community Foundation contracted with Wikipedia co-founder Larry Sanger to create two educational websites. WatchKnowLearn.org grew to house more than 40,000 educational videos organized by classifications, ratings and summaries, attracted 6 million page views per month and was Google-ranked as the world's #1 site for educational videos. Based on phonics, ReadingBear.org became Google-ranked #2 in the world for learning to read. The foundation donated these

educational websites to an operating nonprofit for continued development.

These efforts have come full circle as children in the Greenwood Mentoring Group and many others throughout the region learn to read on ReadingBear! The foundation's commitment to education innovations are bearing fruit for even the youngest Northwest Mississippi residents.



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECEIVES EDUCATION INNOVATION AWARD.

**DONATIONS** FOR 2016 **\$2,433,919**  
**FROM 1,161 DONORS**

**\$38,034,505**  
**TOTAL DONATIONS**  
TO CURRENT FUNDS AND ENDOWMENTS



## Crystal Ball Gala



LEFT TO RIGHT, TOM PITTMAN, BILL CLAY, DOROTHY GRADY-SCARBOROUGH, BIANCA ZAHARESCU, ANJA THIESSEN, DAVE SCHMOLL AND SCOTT COOPWOOD.

The 17th annual Crystal Ball attracted a sell-out crowd of 1,000 and netted about \$150,000 to assist 400 charitable causes through the Community Foundation. The black-tie gala with a vintage French circus theme *Le Cirque Magnifique* honored local Community Stars and the author of a prize-winning, best-selling book about the Delta. Southaven Arena was transformed into a 'midway' of aerial silk artists, carnival games, cars from pre-1910, cotton candy signature drinks, and much more, including hand-made macaroons for dessert. All of it planned and conducted by a committee of 75 volunteers contributing over 2,200 hours, chaired by Scott and Natasha Hollis. Richard Grant, author of Mississippi's best-selling "Dispatches From Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta", was honored as the Star of Hope. He is the first non-native Mississippian to receive the annual award.

A dinner with Richard Grant catered by Taylor Bowen Ricketts in Greenwood along with two nights in the Alluvian Hotel was auctioned. The top item in the auction was for four tickets, all-access passes and VIP after-party invitations at the iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas. Other top auction items included a week for four couples in San Miguel, Mexico, which Conde Nast readers voted the #1 Best City in the World, a day of golf, dinner and VIP clubbing with Morgan Freeman, and tickets to NBC TODAY Show outdoor concert, backstage tour and visit with Al Roker and Hoda.

Local Community Stars honored included **Bill Clay** as the Dan Maddox Man of the Year for his work to prevent gang violence and promote the value of education and healthy lifestyles through the Greenwood

Mentoring Group. **Dorothy Grady-Scarborough** of Shelby was awarded the Margaret Maddox Woman of the Year for her work to improve rural health through local food farming. The **Mississippi RiverKings hockey team** earned the Business of the Year for its outreach



LEFT TO RIGHT, KRISTEN BETTIS, JESSICA PRESSGROVE, NIKKI COURSON, JAMIE FULTON, BETH JOEL.

including visits to schools and hospitals and its contributions of more than \$500,000 to local charities. The **Spring Initiative** of Clarksdale received the Nonprofit of the Year award for its after-school and summer work with at-risk children from birth through high school that has resulted in 100 percent high school graduation rate and 100 percent attending college.

The Crystal Ball was honored last year as the state's Outstanding Fundraising Event at Mississippi's National Philanthropy Day. The 18th annual gala is themed *Once upon a Time: Giving Northwest Mississippi a Happily Ever After with the Community Foundation*. The 2018 Crystal Ball will be January 20 at the Southaven Arena. Sela Ward, a Mississippi native and award-winning actress, is the 2018 Star of Hope. The Crystal Ball gala is a tradition of celebrating people who care.



### 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CRYSTAL BALL SPONSORS

*Founding*

Maddox Foundation

*Crystal*  
HeartMedia

The Commercial Appeal

Part of the USA Today Network

*Platinum*

AT&T

Belhaven University

Blue Cross & Blue Shield Mississippi

Brown Missionary Baptist Church

City of Southaven

CLICK Magazine

Delta Magazine

DeSoto Times-Tribune

Entergy

FedEx

Gold Strike – MGM Resorts

Grapevine Liquor & Wine

Heavenly Sunshine Cleaning

Hernando West

Landers Center

Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance

Mid-South Maternal Fetal Medicine

ProShow Systems, LLC

Super Drugs Pharmacy

**\$150,000 NETTED**  
FROM CRYSTAL BALL

**75 VOLUNTEERS**  
AND 2,200 HOURS

**66 COMPANIES**  
SPONSORED CRYSTAL BALL 5



# PEOPLE WHO CARE

## GIFTS IN MEMORY & HONOR

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 - AUGUST 31, 2017

### AUTISM ASSISTANCE FUND

In memory of Jimmy Roling  
By William B. and Margaret Churchwell

### BANKS FAMILY K-6 EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

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

### BEN FLANAGAN ENDOWMENT

In memory of Ben Flanagan  
By Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Williams  
In memory of Jane Armstrong Hill Flanagan  
By Jimmy and Peggy Linton

### BOX PROJECT FUND

In honor of Raye and Kathy LaPlante  
By Michelle Jackson  
In honor of Anne and Mark Finn  
By Lynne Allen Leopold-Sharp  
In memory of Marlys Rice and Jay Vondrashek  
By Suzanne Vondrashek

### BOX PROJECT ENDOWMENT

In memory of Marvin J. Goldman  
By Randy and Donna Goldman Carol L. Smith

### BYRON KEITH MALLET, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

In memory of Byron Mallett, Jr.  
By Keith and Maryls Mallett

### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI ENDOWMENT

In memory of Rex Haynes  
By Jimmy and Peggy Linton

### ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE DESOTO MUSEUM

In memory of Ann Brown Ashcraft  
By Jimmy and Peggy Linton

### INDIANOLA EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. ENDOWMENT

In memory of Bonnie Collins  
By Steven and Christy Perkins

### JOSH OSE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Josh Ose  
By Rebecca A. Beard

### LAKE CORMORANT MCJROTC FUND

In memory of Natalie Stovall Frady and Matt Stovall  
By William H. Frady, Jr.

### MICHAEL E. SHAHEEN, JR. ENDOWMENT

In memory of Michael E. Shaheen  
By Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wells

### NICK LINTON MEMORIAL CLASSIC BOY'S HOME FUND

In memory of Nick Linton  
By First Tennessee Foundation/Lee Ann Todd  
GTS Technologies, LLC  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chrestman  
Johnny Coleman  
Laburn Dye/Power and Telephone Supply Company Charitable Fund  
Marion Lineberry  
Steve Lingle  
Donald L. Linton  
Jimmy and Peggy Linton  
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Murphree  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Todd  
Chadwick Willoughby  
In honor of Jake Linton/Tried & True Recovery  
By Cassie Smith  
In memory of Dewey and Rebecca Linton  
By Cassie Smith

### NICK LINTON MEMORIAL CLASSIC BOY'S HOME ENDOWMENT

In memory of Nick Linton  
By Carol L. Smith

### NOAH COSTA MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of Noah Costa  
By Dorothy M. Costa  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Grindstaff  
Robin Grindstaff Hurdle  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morris  
In memory of Ron Ayers  
By Carol Wolf Ayers

### PANOLA COUNTY ENDOWMENT

In memory of William L. Pride Jr.  
By Randy and Donna Goldman  
Jimmy and Peggy Linton  
Tom and Cyndi Pittman  
Carol L. Smith

### SHOOT FOR THE HEART FUND

In memory of Edward Joseph Cain  
By Randy and Donna Goldman  
Tom and Cyndi Pittman  
Carol L. Smith

### SIDNEY L. HURDLE CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT

In memory of Sidney L. Hurdle  
By Robin Grindstaff Hurdle

### TASTE OF DESOTO FUND

In memory of Alana Marie Tello  
By Mr. and Mrs. Laney Funderburk

### WARREN E. PITTMAN ENDOWMENT FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

In memory of Rev. Warren Pittman  
By Tom and Cyndi Pittman

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MEMORIAL / HONOR GIFTS

\$16,045

IN TOTAL  
MEMORIAL / HONOR GIFTS

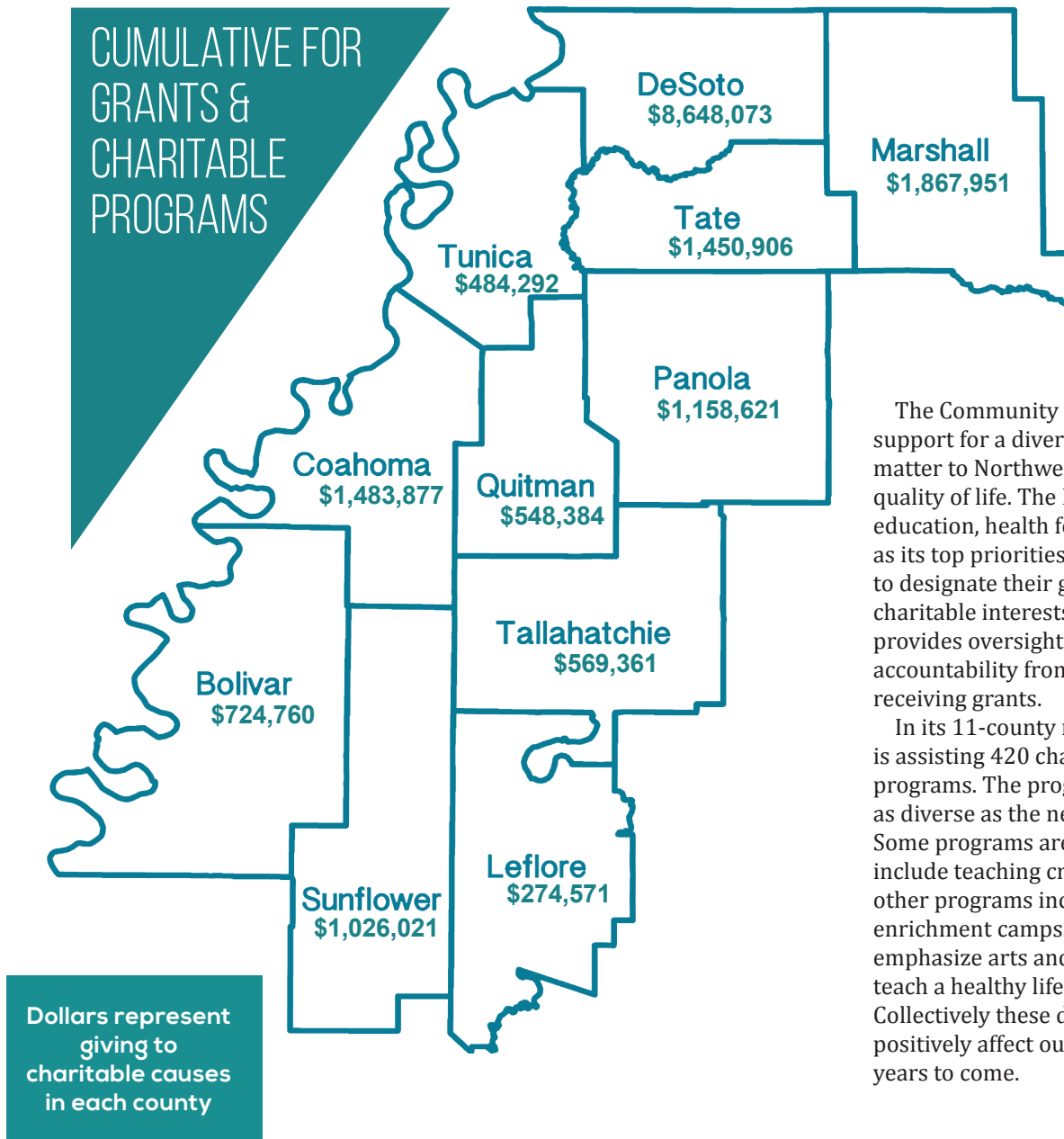
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CAUSES SUPPORTED



# CAUSES THAT MATTER

## Education, Health and Youth Top priorities among charitable causes



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

In its 11-county region, the Foundation is assisting 420 charitable causes and programs. The programs and causes are as diverse as the needs of communities. Some programs are educational and include teaching critical life skills and other programs include out-of-school enrichment camps. Some programs emphasize arts and culture, while others teach a healthy lifestyle to the young. Collectively these diverse programs will positively affect our communities for years to come.

**TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING**  
**\$20,202,154**

**420 TOTAL**  
**CHARITABLE CAUSES**



# CAUSES THAT MATTER

## Making a difference in Mississippi



After open-heart surgery, Keith Wilson started an annual "Shoot For the Heart" sporting clays event in Tunica with his buddies in the Paper Packers Club. The Community Foundation has supported these volunteers since 2011 as they have raised funds for other heart patients to receive the same excellent health care as Keith. More than \$284,000 has been donated to the Northwest Mississippi Community College division of nursing. These funds help keep the promise Wilson made after his life-changing experience. They make a difference in the health and well-being of our community, a cause that matters.

Spring Initiative in Coahoma County provides comprehensive care to some of the children who need it most—from birth through college graduation. The Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi granted Spring Initiative an \$18,000 Early Childhood Education grant this year to launch Little Spring for first and second grades. It is one of four cohorts providing comprehensive, individualized academic instruction and tutoring, mentoring, therapy, exercise, healthy nutrition, and enrichment activities. College Spring provides support for Spring's recent high school graduates who are in college, including a scholarship established at the Community Foundation.



Fairway Mortgage and Cooke Insurance used the Community Foundation for a \$10,000 challenge grant this year to raise funds for renovation and maintenance of a new home for the DeSoto Arts Council. After three months, dozens of donors met the challenge! Now the DeSoto Arts Council can more effectively carry out its mission just off the historic Square in Hernando. The DeSoto Arts Council enhances the arts with exhibitions of student and regional art as well as offering classes, workshops, meetings, special events and the Gallery gift shop where you can purchase original work by local artisans. It makes a positive difference in the community's sense of place and culture.

**YOUR GIVING MAKES STORIES LIKE THESE POSSIBLE. VISIT [WWW.CFNM.ORG](http://WWW.CFNM.ORG) FOR MORE INSPIRING STORIES AND INFORMATION.**

# CAUSES THAT MATTER

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

2nd Chance Mississippi	DeSoto Family Theatre	Love A Child	Respite Day Services
4Rivers Fresh Foods	Dollywood Foundation	Lyon Elementary School	Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation
Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services	East Maine Medical Center Foundation	M.B. Swayze Educational Foundation	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Memphis
Access Connections to Success, Inc.	Emmanuel United Methodist Church	Maddox Foundation's Park Projects Fund	Rozelle Elementary School
Adrian College	Emmett Till Memorial Commission	Maddox Hockey, Inc. dba RiverKings	Sacred Heart School
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	of Tallahatchie County	Madonna Learning Center	Salvation Army of Nashville
American Lung Association	Family Biz Builders	Make a Wish Foundation of the Mid-South	Sardis Lake Baptist Church
Animal Protection Association	First Baptist Church Horn Lake	March of Dimes Foundation	Southaven Intermediate School
Animal Rescue Corps	First Presbyterian Church	Marks Project Fund	Southaven Middle School Band Boosters
Apelah, Inc.	First Regional Library	Mattie Brassell Memorial Scholarship Fund	Southern Methodist University
Aspire of North Delta	Forman School	Memphis Business Academy Middle School	St. Gabriel Mercy Center
Autism Assistance Current Giving Fund	Foundation for Public Broadcasting in Mississippi	Memphis Police Association	St. John's United Methodist Church
Bailey Station Elementary School	Galena School	Charitable Foundation	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Ballet DeSoto	Grace Church of the Nazarene	Methodist University	St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
BB King Museum and Interpretive Center	Greenwood Leflore Hospital	MidSouth Music Institute	Stapleton High School Volleyball
C2K Ministries, Inc.	Greenwood Mentoring Group	Mississippi College	Strawberry Plains
Celebration of Life of David Carter Fund	Grindstaff Cemetery Endowment	Mississippi Council on Economic Education	Sunflower County Freedom Project
Central Hill Elementary School	Griot Arts	Mississippi Humanities Council, Inc.	Tate County Literacy Council
Chiari & Syringomyelia Foundation	Habitat for Humanity Hernando Desoto Affiliate	Mississippi News and Information Corporation	Team 36
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Heartland Hands Food Pantry	Mississippi School for Math Science Foundation	Texas State University
Christian Brothers University	Heidelberg School	Mississippi State University	The Box Project
City of Hernando	Hernando Baptist Church	Mississippi Sustainable Agricultural Network	The Chickasaw Council, Boy Scouts of America
City of Hope	Hernando Head Start Center	National Assoc. for Advancement	The Community Foundation of Middle TN
Cleveland Music Foundation	Hernando High School	of Colored People	The Exceptional Foundation of West Tennessee
Coahoma Community College & A.H.S.	Hernando United Methodist Church	National Civil Rights Museum	The Well House
Coahoma County opportunities	Historic DeSoto Museum	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	The World Is The Field, Inc.
Community Foundation of Greater Jackson	Holy Rosary School	Noah's Gift Fund	Tillatoba Baptist Church
Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation	Hope Center	North Delta Planning & Development District	Town of Sumner
CREATE Foundation	Horn Lake High School	North Delta School	Tulane University
Delta Grace	House of Grace	Northeast MS Community College	Tutwiler Community Education Center
Delta Health Alliance-Stoneville	Houston Levee Community Center	Northpoint Christian School, Inc.	University of Florida
Delta Health Center	Independence Arts Conservatory	Northwest MS Community College	University of Mississippi
Delta State University	Indianola Educational Foundation	Northwest MS Community College	University of Mississippi Foundation
Delta State University Alumni Foundation	Indianola Educators Development Corp.	School of Nursing	Unknown Child Foundation, Inc.
Delta State University Higher Education Center	Jonestown Family Center for	Oak Grove Central Elementary School	Valley Youth Hockey Association
DeSoto Arts Council	Education and Wellness	Otto Bruyns Public Library	Volunteer Northwest Mississippi
DeSoto Central Elementary School	Jr. Everblades Hockey Association	Overland Missions, Inc.	Walls Elementary School
DeSoto County Animal Shelter	Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance, Inc.	Panola Partnership, Inc.	Warrior Ministries
DeSoto County Foundation for Excellence	Krewe of Hernando	Pleasant Hill Elementary School	Wesley Senior Ministry Foundation
in Education	Landers Center	Oak Grove Central Elementary PTA	White Station High School
DeSoto County Hunger Summit Fund	Lewisburg Primary School	Quitman County Middle School	Youth Opportunity Unlimited
DeSoto County Schools	Longview Point Baptist Church	R3 The Movement	

IN 2016 ► **\$1,826,974**  
TO GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

**162**  
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  
Diamond Charitable Foundation  
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  
The Celebration of Life of David Carter  
Thomas G. & Louise H. Gresham  
Tom and Cyndi Pittman  
Tom Pittman Endowment  
Walton & Laura Gresham  
Wayne & Carla Bartley

### DESIGNATED PURPOSE

Audubon Mississippi Education Endowment  
Batesville Skatepark  
Box Project Endowment  
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Delta  
Boys & Girls Clubs of NW MS Endowment  
Clarksdale Schools' Alumni  
DeSoto Arts Council  
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  
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  
MidSouth Music Institute  
Nell C. Randolph Memorial Endowment for North Delta School  
North Delta Endowment for Education and Hope-Jonestown Center  
North Delta Endowment for Education and Hope-Tutwiler Center  
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  
Compassion Project  
Delta Ball  
Delta Directions  
DeSoto County Disaster Relief Endowment  
DeSoto County Hunger Summit  
DeSoto County Sheriff's Department Benevolent Fund  
Early Childhood Education Endowment  
Emmett Till Commission  
Environmental Endowment  
Fish-N-Loaves Food Waste & Hunger Eradication  
Grindstaff Cemetery Maintenance Endowment  
Hernando Animal Shelter  
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  
Maddox Foundation's Park Project  
Marks Enrichment Project  
Marks Project  
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  
Rise-Regional Initiatives for Sustainable Education  
Saving Our Sons Mississippi  
Special Needs of Northwest Mississippi  
Tallahatchie County Endowment for Arts & Education  
Taste of DeSoto  
Technology in Education Endowment  
The Chickasaw Project  
Tom Brokaw Endowment for Delta Health  
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 Gilles 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  
Norrin Snerling Endowment  
Optimist Club of Hernando Endowment  
Rosa Lee Jennings-Wesley Meadows Endowment  
Rx Ready  
Shapoor Alexander Ghane Memorial Endowment  
Spring Initiative College Success  
Win Winogron Memorial

### UNRESTRICTED

Endowment for the Future of Northwest Mississippi

88

ENDOWMENTS

\$13,396,771

MILLION IN ENDOWMENTS

66

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

# CAUSES THAT MATTER

## New Scholarship gives back to Bolivar County

A new scholarship serving students in Bolivar County was established at the Community Foundation. The scholarship was established by a Memphis Clinical Pharmacist, Patrice Pritchett and her husband Antonio.

Patrice Pritchett grew up in Mound Bayou in North Bolivar County. Her dreams of becoming a doctor seemed far-fetched. However, she was able to overcome those barriers and attain her doctorate degree.

"Two things I understand from these experiences: many families cannot overcome the financial burden to support their children's dreams of becoming a doctor, nurse or other healthcare provider; and I am determined to help provide students with access to the education required to pursue a healthcare career," said Patrice.



**FOUNDERS OF RX READY SCHOLARSHIP: ANTONIO & PATRICE PRITCHETT**

The RX Ready Scholarship is awarded on an annual basis to a Bolivar County senior entering the healthcare field.

The first \$500 scholarship was awarded to Jerneshia McAdory from Shaw. Jerneshia is attending Coahoma County Community College with plans to attend Georgia State University upon graduation.

"Ultimately, each person serves a purpose in society, but healthcare professionals have one of the most important purposes and that is to make sure that everyone else is able to achieve their purpose by being healthy," said Jerneshia.

The Pritchetts' goal for the RX Ready Scholarship is to expand to the entire Delta region and one day provide students with even more support. The Community Foundation is pleased to collaborate with this cause that matters to the health and well-being of our community and the success of our youth.

### 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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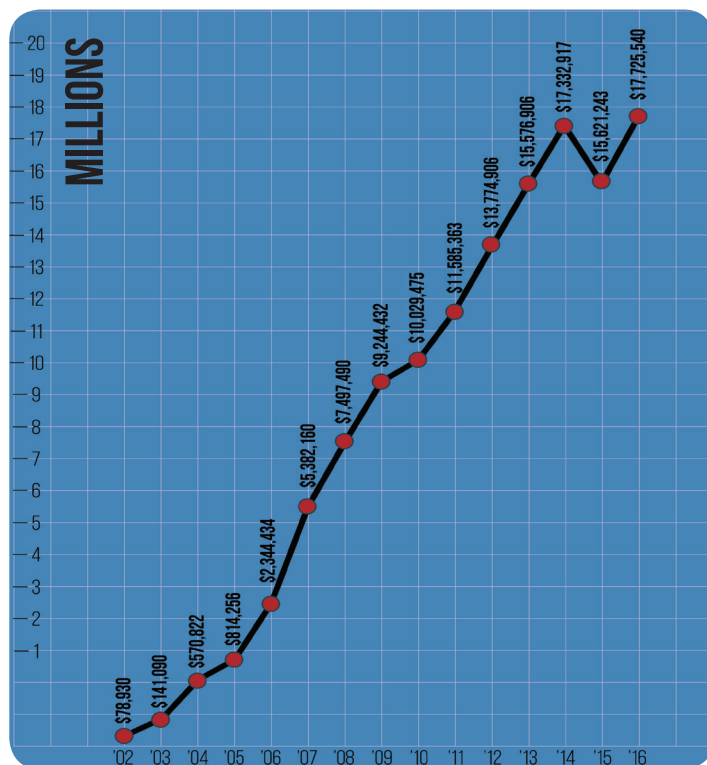
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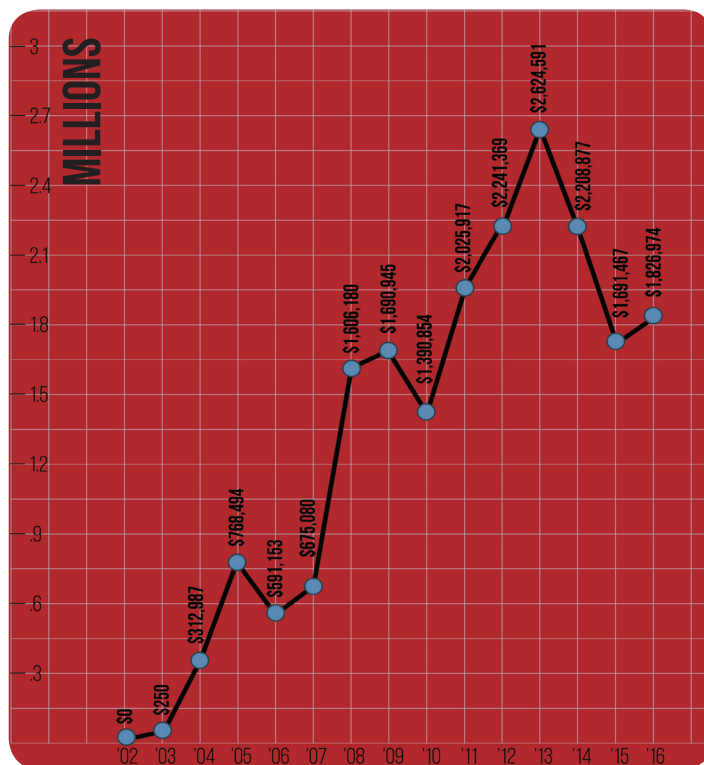


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## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Dear Friends,

In part because 2016 began with so many uncertainties—China's economy, falling oil prices, the BREXIT vote in June and a Presidential election in November—the U.S. equity markets had the worst start in history. However, by February these markets began improving and at year-end U.S. equities reached new highs. Who would have expected global securities to deliver positive returns in such a tumultuous year? While not all asset classes had positive returns, this turnaround highlights the importance of diversity across asset groups and geographical markets, as well as staying disciplined despite uncertainty.

In part because of our diversification, 2016 was a good year for your Foundation. We had a positive average return of 6%, which exceeded our spending goal of 5%. However, we continued to trail the returns of other similarly-sized foundations, which averaged 8.5%, and the 7.6% of community foundations as a whole.

One of our investment return goals is to at least be in line with our foundation peers. To help achieve this, in early 2017 the Foundation conducted an extensive proposal process and a new investment advisor was selected. Although our portfolio will continue to be diversified, we believe the new advisor's investment style offers better opportunities to improve overall returns.

We look forward to reporting the results of our continuing progress at this time next year!

Sincerely,  
Bob Bowen  
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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 Community Foundation's auditor, the F.O. Givens & Co., has issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the year ending Dec. 31, 2016. Complete audited financial statements are available at [www.CFNM.org](http://www.CFNM.org) or by contacting the Foundation's office.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### LUCY RICHARDSON JANOUSH

July 20, 1957 - September 17, 2017



Lucy Janoush served on the Board of Directors for the Community Foundation from 2014 until her untimely passing. The Foundation recognized her as Community Star Woman of the Year at the 2016 Crystal Ball. Lucy also chaired the Foundation’s very successful first Delta Conversation with Tom Brokaw last year. Lucy was heavily involved and held positions of leadership in many charitable organizations. Her crowning achievement is the GRAMMY Musuem® Mississippi in Cleveland. Lucy’s leadership, good works and generous support will be greatly missed.

**ABOUT THE COVER**—The cover is an abstract stylized photo of CoroRio, a local non-profit community choir. The organization has 7 choirs and over 200 singers as part of the MidSouth Music Institute. The MidSouth Music Institute established a fund with the Community Foundation to help secure a facility to house weekly rehearsals and to diversify offerings to include instrumental classes in piano, guitar and drumming.



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