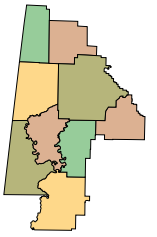


MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Community Foundation of West Alabama is to promote charitable giving for present and future generations.

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PILLARS



2024 Pillars of the Community
Community Foundation of West Alabama

The 20th class of Pillars of West Alabama was recognized on October 10 in a ceremony at Indian Hills Country Club. The Pillars program began in 2004 and except for the COVID pause, has annually honored those of our community that have contributed so much to improving the lives of the citizens of West Alabama.

The 2024 Class is pictured at the recognition dinner. Honored that evening were
Front Row: Claud Neilson, Cynthia Burton, and Paul Nelson.

2nd Row: Melinda Corder, James I. Harrison, III, Robert Lake for his father Robert "Bob" Lake.

3rd Row: Lynn Corder and Pam Parker.

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A MESSAGE FROM GLENN

This year the CFWA celebrates a quarter century of service to the West Alabama community. West Alabama is a great community, and it was formed by countless individuals across time, individuals who loved this area just as we do. We are thankful for their dedication and foresight. I know you join me in saying, West Alabama is a wonderful place to live.

In a comparable way, the CFWA was not built overnight. So many supporters have contributed to our 25 years of service. 36 individuals have served the CFWA as directors and countless others have supported the Foundation through their generosity.

The Foundation routinely gives \$1 Million each year back to our community. That plateau was passed in August of this year. The number of people impacted by the CFWA is almost endless. People have been fed, clothed, housed, educated, comforted, and helped in countless ways.

Grants have been issued for children who have suffered abuse, the underprivileged needs have been met, storm victims put back into homes, end of life care given and support for the grieving families, transportation to medical care funded, counseling for children, abused women, and young mothers. And who can forget the almost 300 students who have received scholarships? I could go on and on because the list is endless.

All of this is because of the generosity of the people in Tuscaloosa and West Alabama. This community is a caring, compassionate, and generous group of people.

As we look back over the last 25 years. We are proud of our accomplishments. But we are even more excited about our future. Where will this community be in 10 years? We are excited about the future of our community. We hope the CFWA can continue to be a part of this growth. We would love for you to be part of it as well. Come join us at the Foundation!



*Glenn Taylor,
President/CEO*

IN MEMORY OF

March 7, 2024 – October 16, 2024

Dawson Christian
D. Christian

Josephine Davis
Richard & Annette Shelby

Leslie Faucett
Glenn & Marsha Crow

Benjamin B. Fields, Sr.
Benjamin B. Fields, Jr.

Rebecca Ann Guy Holland
Richard D. Holland
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Mrs. Shelley Jones
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Costanzo

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Phillip & Mojo Weaver
Bobby R. Hicks
Ms. Madeleine Hill
Ms. Holly Piper
Donny & Becky Elmore
Ms. Anne Monfore

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Richard & Annette Shelby

Robert B. "Bob" Lake
Norm & Helene Hibbard

Cissy McClenny
Richard & Annette Shelby

Chris McIlwain
Donny & Becky Elmore

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Ms. Anne Monfore

Rosa Morrow
Ms. Annette S. Freeman
Richard & Annette Shelby

Robert F. Prince
Friends at SmartBank

Ann C. Rosen
Richard & Annette Shelby

IN HONOR OF

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Pierce & Louise Boyd
Richard Losch

Cynthia Burton
Dave & Jenny Pass
Norm & Helene Hibbard
Ms. Anne Monfore

Rosemarie Childress
Michael McCray

Lynn and Melinda Corder
Robert & Sandee Witt
Tommy & Stella Moore
Norm & Helene Hibbard
Ms. Anne Monfore

Jim Harrison, III
Dave & Jenny Pass
Norm & Helene Hibbard
Ms. Anne Monfore
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Costanzo

Shelley Jones
John & Kirsten Hicks

Claud Neilson
Norm & Helene Hibbard
Ms. Anne Monfore

Dr. Paul Nelson
Karen & Jim Brooks
Norm & Helene Hibbard
Ms. Anne Monfore

Pam Parker
Susan & Brad Cork
Dave & Jenny Pass
Tommy & Stella Moore
Lyda Black
Norm & Helene Hibbard
Ms. Anne Monfore
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Costanzo

SCHOLARSHIPS

The CFWA manages 16 scholarships that are awarded annually. This spring \$53,500 was awarded to students from West Alabama. Some of these scholarships are renewable for up to 4 years. It is a pleasure to be a part of the education of some of our brightest students.

The Scholarship program is a wonderful way to remember and honor family.

Some of our scholarship recipients for the 2024-2025 school year are pictured. More information concerning the CFWA scholarships is available on our website, www.thecfwa.org/scholarships.



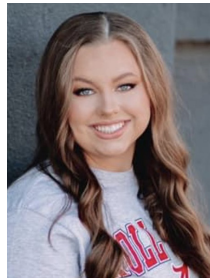
Mackenzie Coster
Ryan Rainey Scholarship
Hale County High School



Brooklyn Lee
Kinire Endowed Scholarship
Coosa Central High School



Justin Morton
Ellis-Greene Scholarship
Bryant High School



Shian Dudley
Eloise Zeanah
Endowed Scholarship
University of Alabama



Madeleine Clary
Elois Zeanah
Endowed Scholarship
University of Alabama

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT TCHS



Jackson Sprayberry, Andre B. Robertson Scholarship

Talley Grace Redding and Shelby Elaine Freeman, Mary Anders Scholarships

Allyson Grace Parham, Pat Faucett Memorial Scholarship

DIRECTORS

At the end of this year, we will have 6 directors retiring from the Board of the CFWA. This represents a total of 86 years' experience on the CFWA Board. A couple of these directors were on the Board when I was hired in 2006. I will miss the valuable input from all six, but I know they will still be involved and continue to be resolute supporters of the Foundation. We also look forward to the addition of new directors that will join the Board in January. Fresh ideas and new talent will be an asset as we celebrate a quarter century of serving West Alabama.

These are the directors in order of tenure: Sam Faucett, Pierce Boyd, John England, Leah Ann Sexton, Claude Edwards, and Dave Pass.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 22, 2025

The 9th Annual Fiddle Fest
at Shelton State Community College



2024 SPRING GRANT RECIPIENTS

Several local agencies received funding through the CFWA Spring Grants cycle. The CFWA offers grants through a spring and fall cycle with the applications available online.

Some of the Spring receiving organizations are pictured and listed below.

Aliceville Public Library, Alabama Choir School, Alabama Credit Union Foundation, Arts n' Autism, Boy Scouts, Family Counseling, Help Holt Heal, Motorcycle Therapy, Save A Life, Sight Savers of America, Therapeutic Riding of Tuscaloosa, and the Tuscaloosa Education Foundation.

