



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *of Northeast Alabama*



Congratulations Susan on your retirement!

On December 15, 2021, Susan M. Waldron was honored with a reception at the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. Surrounded by friends, CFNEA fundholders, trustees, and staff, guests praised and thanked Susan for her dedication to the Community Foundation, her spirit of philanthropy, and her warm and generous spirit.

For 17 years Susan has performed many roles for the trustees, donors, and staff. Susan joined CFNEA on January 10, 2005, as Director of Trustee and Donor Relations. She has been the smiling face that greets visitors to the office.

Always striving for excellence in every aspect of her work, Susan's attention to detail in taking precise minutes of CFNEA meetings was incredible. She is the one who acknowledges all donor gifts with beautifully hand-written thank you notes and sends cards on special occasions. One guest noted that Susan seems to "know how to do everything and anything and does it with panache." Susan made CFNEA events beautiful and memorable with her planning and hosting skills.

Susan and her husband, Craig, moved to the Anniston area in 2005, and quickly became part of the community. Susan has served as secretary on several area boards.

Susan is known for her love of horses and fostering animals. Regularly, she fosters dogs and cats and rehomes them to loving families after they are restored to health.

But even in retirement, Susan remains committed to the Community Foundation as she will continue to work on special projects for us.



\$351,575 in Fall Grants Support Not-for-Profit Organizations Throughout our Region

2021 Stringfellow Health Fund Awarded \$249,869

Anniston Museum of Natural History - City of Anniston - supports the Force Factory, which introduces youth to nature's forces: fire, earth, air, and water.

City of Oxford - provides a water line and multi-purpose trail from Oxford to Cheaha State Park.

City of Pell City - supports mental health services in St. Clair County by identifying and treating residents that live in poverty, are uninsured, and are ages 19-64.

Community Enabler Developers INC - aids residents of Calhoun County and surrounding counties with the cost of emergency medication and medical assistance including over-the-counter and prescription medications.

Extended Family - provides educators proper material to lead children of the incarcerated through 9-Lessons to develop physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

Family Success Center of Etowah County, Inc. - provides mental health services and counseling to teens, adults, couples, and families; and offers play therapy to children, among those who are low-income or uninsured.

Friends of Fort Payne Main Street - supports the installation of Handicap accessible sidewalks with tactile paving.

Gadsden City Schools - supports MAXimizing the Middle program to improve the physical and mental health of middle school students.

Gadsden State Cardinal Foundation - provides the training and skills needed to communicate with patients, families, and co-workers.

Impact Alabama: A Student Service Initiative - supports FocusFirst by promoting vision care for preschool children.

Kidz Day Out Inc - supports F.L.O.W Future Leaders of the World, which addresses issues that hinder socially, economically, and disadvantaged females between the ages of 8-19 by being productive well-rounded members of society using a holistic approach.

Piedmont Benevolence Center - provides an electric pallet jack to assist the elderly volunteers in safely unloading food trucks so they can provide fresh food to their clients.

Sav-A-Life, Inc. - provides emotional and spiritual help to both men and women affected by unplanned pregnancies in Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega county.

The Community Food Bank of Central Alabama - provides food where it's needed most, directly to needy families in underserved, food-insecure areas through a mobile pantry.

The Council on Aging of Etowah County, Inc. - provides education, resources, and monitoring for court-appointed guardians, and training for volunteers who will monitor the guardians to ensure individuals under guardianship are receiving proper care.

Vax 2 Stop Cancer - supports HPV vaccination education to reduce HPV-related cancer in the community.

2021 Foothills Community Partnership Charitable Fund Awarded \$7,866

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Piedmont City Schools - provides education to parents of youngsters (birth - age 5) on readiness skills for K5. It will focus on developing skills [health and academics] through parent education.

St. Michael's Medical Clinic - aids in minimizing the devastating effects of diabetes and a lack of healthcare access.

Venecia's Foundation - provides new cancer patients a feeling of security with simple COVID protection items in their Care Bags.

IN MEMORY



Dr. Clarence William Jairrels, 96, transitioned from his earthly existence on December 5, in Anniston, Alabama. Dr. Jairrels was born on August 1, 1925, in Randolph County, Alabama. He was married to his loving wife of almost 72 years, Juanita Harris Jairrels of Anniston. Dr. Jairrels served in the Navy in World War II. During his lifetime Dr. Jairrels was dedicated to the advancement of education throughout the state. Dr. Jairrels and his wife Juanita Harris Jairrels created the Dr. Clarence W. and Mrs. Juanita Harris Jairrels Scholarship Fund as well as the Seventeenth Street Missionary Baptist Church Fund with the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama. Dr. Jairrels was a man of deep and abiding faith who will be greatly missed.

2021 Harland Jones Grant Awarded \$31,962

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama (BBBS) - provides one-to-one mentoring matches with program activities and STEM curriculum to use with our Bigs and Littles across our Northeast Alabama service area.

Extended Family - provides at-risk students with 9-Lessons to develop physically, emotionally, mentally, and morally, with tools for coping with family incarceration.

Sight Savers America - provides free case-managed follow-up eye care & all prescribed treatments. By addressing vision problems increases reading scores, classroom performance & results in a better overall quality of life.

The Learning Tree, Inc. - provides ABA-based therapy and preschool services to children, ages 2-6, with/out special needs, from low-income families to increase kindergarten prerequisite skills.

2021 Longleaf Grant Awarded \$44,853

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Sight Savers America - provides electronic high-tech vision aids to individuals with low vision.

St. Michael's Medical Clinic - provides assessments and treatments for those who would otherwise lack access to healthcare.

The Learning Tree, Inc. - provides transportation for residential children at The Learning Tree Jacksonville campus, increasing safety to school, medical appointments, and community outings.

Venecia's Foundation - provides gas cards to cancer patients to assist them with the cost of going to multiple treatments.

2021 Farley Moody Galbraith Grant Fund Awarded \$17,025

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Presbyterian Home for Children - provides a residential treatment that serves girls ages 13 to 17 who have emotional challenges resulting from experiencing extreme neglect or trauma.

Sight Savers America - provides free case-managed follow-up eye care & all prescribed treatments.

The Learning Tree, Inc. - provides ABA-based therapy and preschool services to children, ages 2-6, with/out special needs, from low-income families to increase kindergarten prerequisite skills.

Venecia's Foundation - provides a Care Bag specially designed for a child to help address the emotional aspect by giving joy and comfort during treatment.



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CFNEA Installs New Board Member and Chair

The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama recently installed Dr. Lisa Long as a member of its Board of Trustees. Dr. Long of Talladega County is the acting president of Talladega College. She received her Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Jacksonville State University, her Master’s Degree of Social Work from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Juris Doctorate from the Birmingham School of Law, and will complete her Ph.D. in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, in May 2022.



Dr. Lisa Long

Long has 20 years of educational experience, with the last 17 years handling progressive responsibilities and achievements in higher education administration and teaching as an academician.

“The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama is deeply rooted in its mission of providing resources to its constituents that assist in the establishment of a more economically sound society,” Long said. “It is an honor to serve on its Board of Trustees, and I look forward to contributing to the Foundation’s continued success throughout Northeast Alabama.”



Anthony Cook

Anthony Cook replaces the outgoing chair, retired Judge Randall L. Cole of DeKalb County. The position is responsible for presiding over board meetings and working closely with CFNEA President & CEO Jennifer S. Maddox.

Cook, a Munford native who resides in Pell City, is a communications specialist at Alabama Power and was previously a newspaper journalist, having worked as editor at *The Anniston Star*, *The Birmingham News*, *The Daily Home*, and *The Huntsville Times*.

He also serves as the pastor at Christian Fellowship Bible Church in Anniston.

“I’ve served on many great boards, but the Community Foundation is exceptional in terms of its mission, and the quality of its leadership and staff,” Cook said. “But for the Board’s succession process, this is something I know I could never earn and would never deserve, so I’m humbled by the honor and grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.”

New Fund

Hokes Bluff Golden Eagle Soar Fund

provides support for educational scholarships for students who are accepted into and attend accredited two- or four-year public or private institutions of higher learning.