



CREATE

NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI'S
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

August News and Updates



Lasting Impact from Your Generosity

For charitable initiatives in Northeast MS while enjoying financial advantages of giving

Have you been to our Planned Giving Website? The site is an addition to CREATE's current website at createfoundation.com.

The site offers quick and easy access to essential information on gift options, bequests, and estate planning. Bequest language and planned gifts calculator are also available. Updated news link on the website will include topics centered around the latest news from Washington, tax law updates, PLR's, case studies, and timely articles.

You can access the new website by clicking on "Planned Giving" on createfoundation.com.

Personal Planner ***Your Family Letter - Memorial Services***



A family letter is a key part of a good estate plan. It is much more personal than many of your estate documents. A family letter allows you to share your heart and show appreciation and gratitude to family members. During a time when family members are grieving, it also helps them to complete many practical steps to protect your property.

The family letter may have up to ten different sections. Each section will cover an important but separate topic. [Click here to read more.](#)

Foundation wants to increase giving



C.A.R.E. Foundation founding member Sandy Williams talks with Kiwanian Jimmy Rich following the Kiwanis lunch meeting on Tuesday. Staff photo by Zack Steen

It was the summer of 2000 when Corinth businessman Sandy Williams decided it was time to do more.

Williams and a small investment club of friends often had conversations about what more could be and needed to be done in Corinth and Alcorn County. It was Williams' knowledge as a CREATE Foundation of Northeast Mississippi board member that helped push the group form CREATE's first affiliated community foundation in Corinth called C.A.R.E. Foundation "" Corinth-Alcorn Reaching for Excellence.

"We wanted to do more for the community then just hand out grants," Williams told Kiwanis Club members during Tuesday's lunch meeting. "C.A.R.E.'s mission from the beginning has been to prudently use our resources within the community to stimulate activity that will ultimately lead to a better quality of life for citizens."

Areas of focus are education, human services, government, economic development and the arts.

The foundation's first major achievement was the investment and management needed to turn a dilapidated area of downtown Corinth into a shining gem.

"The area around the depot was seeing some improvements with the museum moving there "" we saw this as an opportunity to get rid of some old buildings and do something that would have a lasting benefit," said Williams.

Soon the foundation would break ground on the C.A.R.E. Honor Garden and Depot Complex. Today the area is a well utilized, lighted and landscaped green space for community events. The garden features a life-size bronze conductor and bronze plaques dedicated to those who helped fund the foundation.

Other major projects which C.A.R.E. has had a hand in include earning the area an Excel by 5 Early Childhood Community certification, a downtown beatification project, a downtown sidewalk revitalization project, assisting in the adjudication of dilapidated houses in the city and a grant match to help with renovations at the Historic Corinth Coliseum.

[Read entire story here.](#)

Influential Women

2019

The Future is Female

Congratulations, Albine!

Our Director of Communications,
Albine Bennett, named

2019 Influential Woman of the Year!



Mud & Magnolias special event
magazine

My family, our business, and many of our friends have found CREATE to be an excellent vehicle for charitable giving. Whether through an Advised Fund, an Endowment, a Pass-through Account, or a Special Project, CREATE offers many benefits. And “believe you me”, we have taken advantage of it.

- H.L. “Sandy” Williams

OUR MISSION

CREATE Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for the people of Northeast Mississippi through:

- Building permanent community endowment assets
- Encouraging philanthropy and managing charitable funds contributed by individuals, families, organizations and corporations
- Strengthening the regional community development capacity
- Taking a leadership role on key community issues and impacting the region through gifts and targeted grant-making

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