



## May News and Updates

### NEMYF GRANT DISBURSEMENTS 2021

On April 18, the Northeast Mississippi Youth Foundation held a press conference at the BancorpSouth Conference Center in Tupelo to announce the 2021 grant recipients.

This year, the Foundation was able to grant \$3,575 to seven non-profit organizations.

NEMYF was established by CREATE Foundation to give teenagers in our region a place to learn about giving back, getting involved, helping others, and improving our region.

Our board consists of forty 11th and 12th graders from high schools in ten counties.

Since the program's founding in 2001, the board has raised over \$157,000 for the endowment and disbursed over \$50,000 in grants.



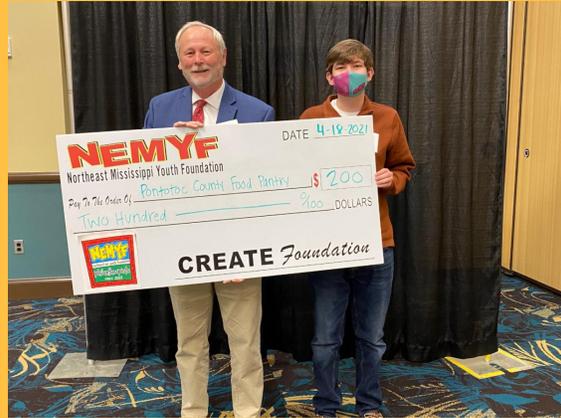
**Lee County Grant Recipient:**

**Pontotoc County Grant**

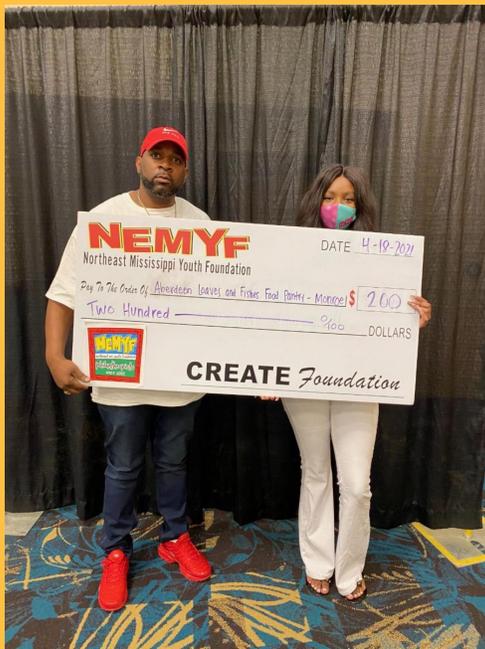
**Tupelo Children's Mansion - \$715**



**Recipient: Pontotoc County Food Pantry - \$200**



**Monroe County Grant Recipient: Aberdeen Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry - \$200**



**Tishomingo County Grant Recipient: Tishomingo County Food Depot - \$715**

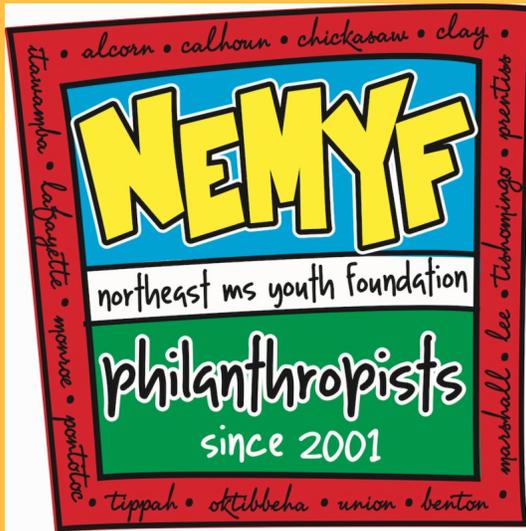
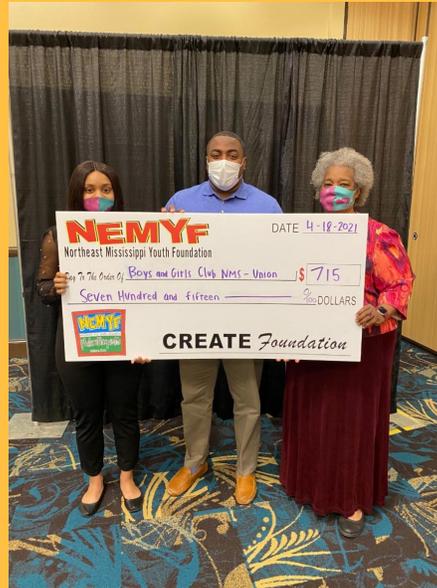


**Tippah County Grant Recipient: Tippah County Good Samaritan Center - \$715**

**Oktibehha County Grant Recipient: TK Martin Center at MSU - \$715**



**Union County Grant Recipient:  
Boys and Girls Club of North  
Mississippi - \$715**



The COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop students in the Northeast Mississippi area from engaging in authentic, career experiences through the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo. The Toyota Wellspring Education Fund (TWEF) at the CREATE Foundation has been the lead sponsor the last five years for an interactive career expo that pivoted during the 2020-2021 school year to provide virtual resources via a website, [www.itpcareerexpo.com](http://www.itpcareerexpo.com), and *Imagine the Possibilities* app that is accessible via Apple and Android products.

The participation data from October 2020-March 2021 revealed a participation rate of **20.71%** across approximately 6,800 tenth graders in all participating schools. However, it is important to note that the participation in the school districts that have Career Coaches, also supported by the TWEF, as well as administrative leadership that championed the initiative had a significantly higher participation rate.

To incentivize participation in the event, tenth grade students had the opportunity to win points by interacting with the various content and answering simple reflection questions. The points allowed students to be entered into a drawing to win Apple prizes.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENT WINNERS!**

**520<unlimited POINT LEVEL WINNERS • MacBook Air**  
 Kara-Le Moody (Tremont Attendance Center)  
 Kennedy Daniels (Pontotoc High School)  
 Nakayla Morris (Houston High School)  
 Takhia Crump (Corinth High School)  
 Nathaniel Boatman (Saltillo High School)  
 Jacobie Smith (Tupelo High School)

**420<520 POINT LEVEL WINNERS • iPad Air**  
 Chasity White (Tremont Attendance Center)  
 Bre Ana Bennett (Tremont Attendance Center)  
 Kassandra Ramirez (Pontotoc High School)  
 Jonathan Vielmas (Pontotoc High School)  
 John Stacks (New Albany High School)

**320<420 POINT LEVEL WINNERS • Prize: AirPods Pro**  
Daniel Conlee (West Union Attendance Center)  
Emma Kate Houser (Pontotoc High School)  
Ariana Neal (Houston High School)  
Lillian Pulliam (New Albany High School)  
Hunter McCaine (Smithville Attendance Center)  
Chambers Lane (Pontotoc High School)

**220<320 POINT LEVEL WINNERS • Prize: Beats Solo3 Wireless Headphones**  
Addison Owen (Pontotoc High School)  
Sydney Bean (Houston High School)  
Latreveone Davidson (Houston High School)  
Wesley May (North Pontotoc High School)  
Morgan Brownlee (Pontotoc High School)  
Crissen McCoy (Tupelo High School)

**120<220 POINT LEVEL WINNERS • Prize: BeatsX Earphones**  
Emmy Reynolds (Houston High School)  
Terry Robinson (Mantachie Attendance Center)  
Bryson Guess (Nettleton High School)  
Kaleigh Mason (New Albany High School)  
Michael Myhand (Saltillo High School)  
Sergio Garcia (Tupelo High School)

# Thank You

Thank you to the following sponsors for an incredibly successful virtual "Imagine The Possibilities" Career Expo

## Diamond Sponsors - \$10,000



## Gold Sponsors - \$5,000



## Silver Sponsors - \$2,500



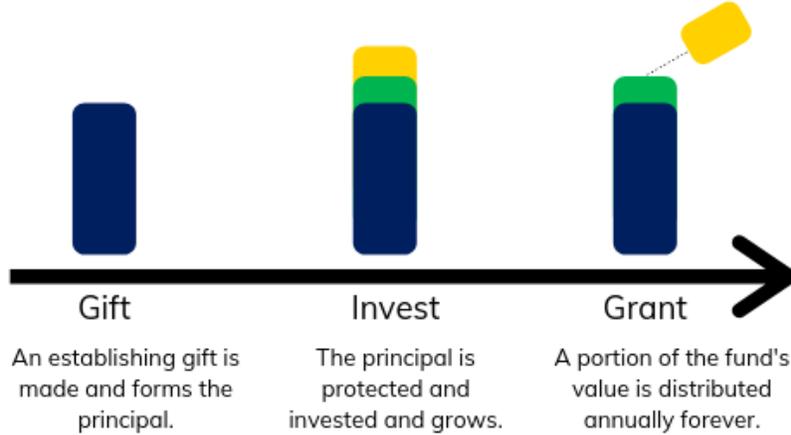
## Bronze Sponsors - \$1,000



## Patron Sponsors - \$500

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### How an Endowment Fund Works



**Gift**  
An establishing gift is made and forms the principal.

**Invest**  
The principal is protected and invested and grows.

**Grant**  
A portion of the fund's value is distributed annually forever.

An endowment is a permanent fund of support for a specific purpose. CREATE currently has 260 endowed funds that benefit a multitude of philanthropic causes. Endowment funds allow donors to provide a secure, stable, and permanent stream of income to support designated areas of interest. This income is provided by investing the principal of your gift and using the annual

investment earnings to support your specified purpose.

Areas of interest can include, scholarships, service awards or to benefit a specific charitable organization. You can also make an endowment gift in honor of, or in memory of, another person. With an endowment gift, donors are assured that the funds will be provided to the causes they support now and in the future.

If you have questions about endowment funds please contact P.K. Thomas at 662-844-8989 or [pk@createfoundation.com](mailto:pk@createfoundation.com). You may also learn more about CREATE Endowment Funds by visiting: <https://createfoundation.com/donorsadvisors/donor-funds/endowment-funds/>.



The Judah Marshall Powell Memorial Endowment Fund, Judah's Kids, was founded in January 2018 by his parents, Matt and Andrea Powell, in partnership with Relias Healthcare and CREATE Foundation.

Judah Marshall Powell was 3 years old when he died at his home on Friday, January 26, 2018, due to a sudden heart arrhythmia. When Judah went into cardiac arrest, his parents rushed him to North Mississippi Medical Center's Emergency Department where the team of nurses and Relias Healthcare physicians ("Superheroes" as Judah would have called them) worked for over an hour to save Judah. The Judah Marshall Powell Memorial Endowment Fund was established to thank the incredible team of Superheroes at NMMC and Relias Healthcare and to minister to the families of critically ill children and other bereaved parents.

There are thousands of pediatric patients who are seen each year by North Mississippi Medical Center's Emergency Department and Relias Healthcare Providers. Judah's Kids will allow these patients the opportunity to receive a toy from their physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse, or care coordinator and provide other support services—all while carrying on Judah's legacy.

## The Judah Marshall Powell Memorial Endowment Fund

*Why do you serve?*

It's my privilege to be a part of an organization that has its mission and works laser-focused on improving the quality of lives in our region.

- Mitch Waycaster

## 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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