



December News and Updates



As we enter into December, we would like to thank all of you for partnering with us this year in helping make an impact in northeast Mississippi! As the year comes to a close, we would love to assist you with any of your year-end giving ideas and help make them a reality.

If you are unsure of what organization you wish to support, a donor advised fund at CREATE is a great option. Get your tax deduction this year and make the disbursement decision in the future. There is no cost! Let us know if we can help.

Please contact P.K. Thomas at pk@createfoundation.com or 662-844-8989 if you would like to learn how CREATE can assist you with your philanthropic goals.



Strengthening Charitable Giving in Mississippi

ENDOW Mississippi 2021 Recap

Endow Mississippi is a program that gives donors an opportunity to receive a tax credit from the state of Mississippi when they make a gift between \$1,000-\$200,000 to any endowed fund at CREATE. The tax credit is 25% of the gift.

This past year, CREATE had 27 donors make gifts totaling \$700,900 to our endowed funds! In next month's newsletter, we will send out the information for the 2022 Endow Mississippi Program. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact P.K. Thomas at 662-844-8989 or pk@createfoundation.com.

As always, thank you for giving CREATE the opportunity to assist you with your philanthropy!



CREATE Foundation Earns Its 11th Consecutive 4-Star Evaluation

"We are proud to announce CREATE Foundation has earned its eleventh consecutive 4-star rating for the ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 3% of the charities we rate have received 11 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that CREATE Foundation consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates CREATE Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust," reported Michael Thatcher, President & CEO, Charity Navigator.

Mike Clayborne, President of CREATE, stated *"We are honored to receive this recognition from Charity Navigator. It is extremely important to us for our donors to have confidence in the way we handle the resources entrusted to us. This designation helps to reinforce the trust placed in CREATE."*

Charity Navigator is America's premier independent charity evaluator. They help charitable givers make intelligent giving decisions by providing in-depth, objective ratings and analysis of the financial health of America's largest charities. Charity Navigator awarded CREATE Foundation four out of four stars. In earning Charity Navigator's highest four-star rating, CREATE Foundation has demonstrated exceptional financial health, outperforming most of its peers in its efforts to manage and grow its finances in the most fiscally responsible way possible.



CREATE provides an avenue for giving through the foundation that allows me to receive the maximum tax credit available on my giving, whether large or small in amount. I also have confidence that the money will be invested with the mindset of a consistent and fair return so that the funds will have the maximum benefit for the charity of my choosing.

Julie Henry

OUR MISSION

The mission of CREATE Foundation is to encourage philanthropy and provide leadership to impact regional issues.

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