



CREATE FOUNDATION

Annual
Report

2021

VISION:

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MISSION:

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

In 2021, CREATE board of directors and staff made a significant effort to develop the foundation's new vision and mission statement.

With David Rumbarger's assistance, CREATE was able to develop a direction for the foundation's future efforts and initiatives.



Philanthropy

Endowments

Donor Relationships

Community Affiliates

Donor Advised Pass-Through

Fund Types

- Scholarships
- Designated
- Organization

Special Projects

Northeast MS Youth Foundation (NEMYF)

Professional Advisors



STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW 2022-2024



Organizational Capacity

Financial
Management

External Affairs

Investments

Marketing &
Communications

Operations

Events &
Meetings

Community
Liaison



Regional Impact

Educational
Impact

Community
Development

School/Community
Connection

Data Trends &
Processes

Toyota Wellspring
Education Fund

Facilitation of
Community
Leadership

COMMISSION



We are excited about the future of CREATE! CREATE has experienced significant growth in the number of donors served and in the expansion of our regional initiatives. To support the work of CREATE, a new facility is needed to provide better access for our donors, larger meeting spaces for our initiatives, and a collaborative working environment for our staff. We are grateful for the overwhelming response from our donors which we expect will cover 80% of the cost of the facility. Construction is expected to begin in August or September 2022 with projected completion in November 2023.

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1904-1983

ANNA KEIRSEY MCLEAN
1906-2000

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HOYT PAYNE
1913-1996

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1917-2003

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1921-2004

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1930-2006

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1927-2007

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1924-2016

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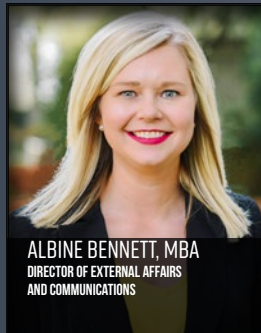
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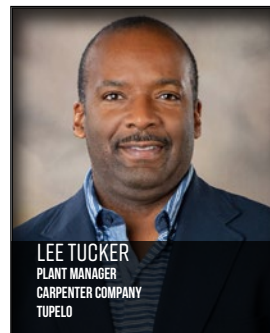
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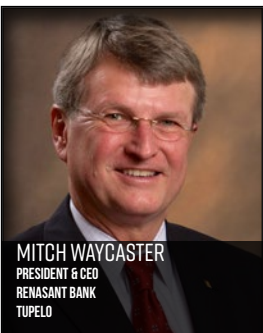
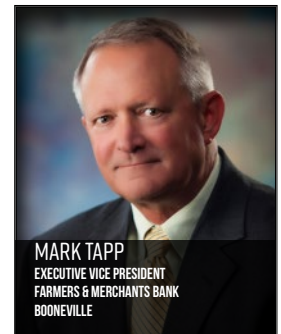
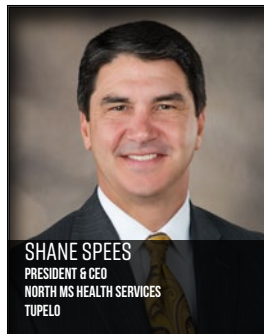
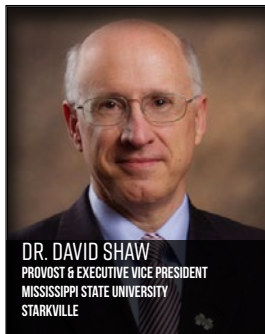
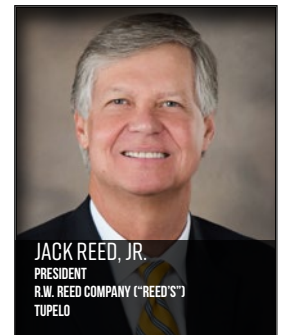
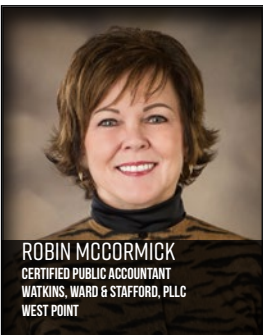
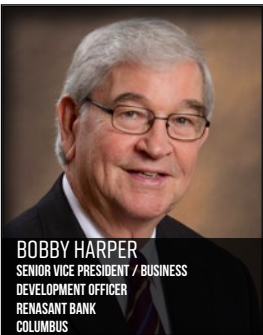
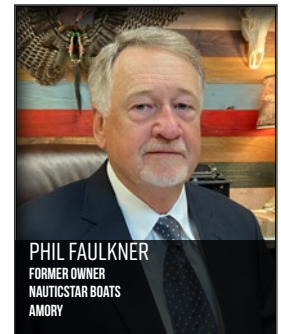
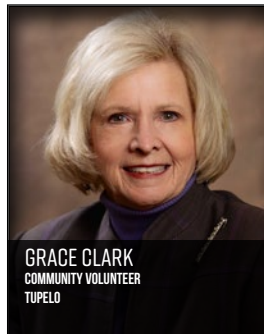


BECKY ROLLINS
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
TUPELO



LEE TUCKER
PLANT MANAGER
CARPENTER COMPANY
TUPELO

DIRECTORS



BOARD COUNSEL



COVID-19 SUPPORT EFFORTS



MS CARES

A PROGRAM OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS NETWORK

GRANTS FOR NONPROFITS
AND FOOD PANTRIES

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the State of Mississippi established the Community Foundations (CF) COVID-19 Grant Program during the 2020 legislative session. The program funding, in the amount of \$8 million, divided equitably between nonprofits and food pantries was funneled through the Mississippi Development Authority to the state's seven community foundations. The CREATE Foundation oversaw \$1.78 million to be allocated across twenty-one counties.

The CREATE Foundation team approved 181 applications across 16 of the 21 counties in CREATE's purview. This reimbursement based funding allowed nonprofits and food pantries to purchase necessary food and delivery equipment, covered the cost of PPE materials and cleaning materials that went above and beyond a normal budget, and set up organizations for success with social distancing and technology infrastructure.

Margaret Mead once said, "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Northeast Mississippi is a better place to live and work based on the food pantries and nonprofits that have worked to meet the needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CREATE Foundation, Inc. team would like to express their sincere gratitude to the nonprofits and food pantries that partnered with us in this process. Additional gratitude is shared for the six United Way organizations in Northeast Mississippi that shared information about this funding, as well as the Hunger Coalition of Northeast Mississippi that supported the food pantry extension process.

Derrick McGill with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Johnny Timmons with Tupelo Water & Light presented a check for \$10,000 to Patti Parker, President of United Way NEMS, and Mike Clayborne, President of CREATE Foundation. TVA has made several of these grants through the local electric cooperatives for COVID-19 relief in 2021. These funds have helped families get assistance with their utility bills and other needs.



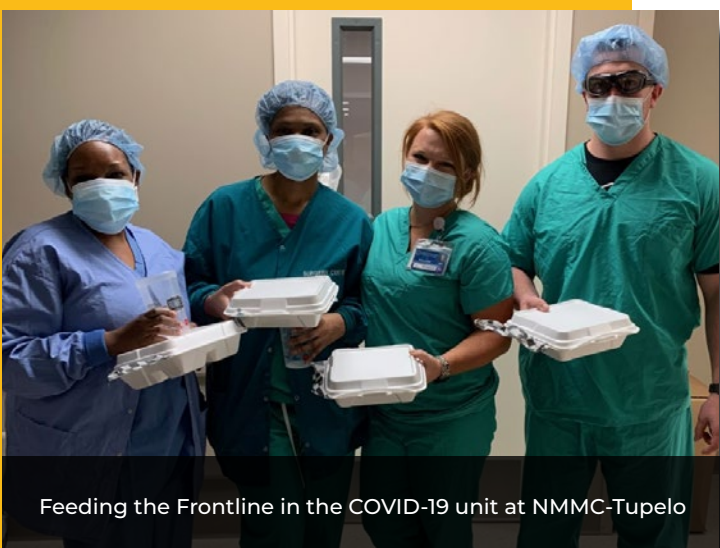


Feeding the Frontline in the COVID-19 unit at NMMC-Tupelo

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Hope Food Patry Distribution
441 boxes distributed totaling 20,064 pounds



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United Way of Lowndes/Noxubee Food Drive of 2021 - 1,163 families served.



2021 MCLEAN AWARD FOR PHILANTHROPY

CREATE Founder George McLean believed that by joining together, communities could cultivate leaders who would make a difference for us all. Whether through supporting early childhood education, granting scholarships, developing the promotion of leadership training programs, or enhancing college and career readiness, promoting leadership in communities is key to the long-term success of a region. George McLean served as an exemplar of what exceptional leadership can accomplish. He believed each of us has the responsibility to help raise the level of all people in our communities. This vision, for a vibrant and growing Northeast Mississippi, would not have happened without his persistent, tireless leadership.

The McLean Award for Philanthropy is given to honor those individuals, families, and corporations that exemplify CREATE Founders George and Anna Keirse McLean's spirit of charitable giving. It recognizes the extraordinary leadership of people and organizations working to improve the quality of life in our community and region.

Ed and Becky Meek

Ed and Becky Meek are this year's recipients of the award. Some of their major contributions to the area include providing dozens of scholarships to students in their hometown of Charleston and they have also provided significant support and funding to the University of Mississippi, Blue Mountain College, and Mississippi College. The Meeks have been long time supporters of the Boy Scouts, Campus Crusade for Christ, Charleston Arts and Revitalization Efforts, Oxford School District, Mayo Clinic, Oxford University Methodist Church and the Wesley Foundation. The Meeks have been active in the Oxford University Methodist Church, the Yocona Council of the Boy Scouts, and have served on the board of the Oxford-Lafayette County Affiliate of CREATE (LOFT).



MCLEAN AWARD RECIPIENTS



2001 Phil Hardin Foundation

2002 Carpenter Foundation

2003 Frances and Jack Reed; The Hancock Foundation

2004 Barbara and Bobby Martin; Kenny Dill and Family

2005 Corinne and Benjamin Pierce; BancorpSouth

2006 North Mississippi Health Services; Hassell Franklin

2007 Brevard Family; William Raspberry

2008 Jim and Claiborne Barksdale; Anne J. Stephens

**2009 Rosemary and Sandy Williams;
Nancy Ann and Kenneth Williams**

2010 The Crane Family; Jane and Frank Spain

2011 Christy and Milton Sundbeck; Renasant Bank

2012 Ruby Kathryn and Aubrey Patterson

2013 Babs and Mickey Holliman; BNA Bank

2014 Toyota Motor Manufacturing MS

2015 C. C. Clark and Company; Julie and Michael Waldorf

2016 Dalrymple Family

2017 Terry and Kathy Jackson

2018 Mossy Oak

2019 Ted and Lynn Moll

2020 V.M. Cleveland



The Commission on the Future of Northeast Mississippi was established in 1995. Its sole purpose is to strengthen regional unity and cooperation by engaging in community development.

Using data and knowledge of the region as expressed by the Commission's 54 community leaders, the Commission and its many partners have addressed a variety of regional issues. Some of these issues are still being actively addressed, including:

DEVELOPMENT TEAMWORK

Local, regional, and statewide developers engage in meaningful dialogue and networking during quarterly roundtables hosted by the Commission.

BROADBAND ACCESS

Almost 20 years ago, the Commission helped establish MEGAPOP, an organization devoted to extending broadband access throughout the region. MEGAPOP was a pioneer in our region and still plays an important role in providing more extensive service. In the past three years, the Commission has supported the concept of providing broadband services through subsidiaries of rural electric cooperatives. All but one Northeast Mississippi cooperative are actively expanding broadband service throughout their service areas.

RACIAL RECONCILIATION

CREATE and its Commission have supported a local Mission Mississippi chapter based in Tupelo for 17 years with the purpose of building relationships between people of different races.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Commission continues to support the completion of four-lane construction on more than 150 miles of high priority highways in our region.

EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES

The Commission has provided moral and financial support (primarily through CREATE's Marchbanks Fund) to initiatives designed to improve the quality and availability of early childhood programs, including Baby Steps in Okolona, Excel by 5, Mississippi Building Blocks, and several early childhood centers in Lee County. The Commission supports the continued expansion of the state's early childhood collaborative initiative.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Dropout prevention and recovery have been a 15-year priority for the Commission. North Mississippi Media Alliance advertising, Dropout Summits, and development of the Tuition Guarantee Program have all helped cut the dropout rate in our region by more than 50%.

Over the past decade, more than 15,000 high school graduates have benefited from having their tuition guaranteed to one of four community colleges serving our region.

The Commission was the main advocate for passage of District of Innovation legislation, which enables school districts, with state approval, to develop and implement innovative plans for their districts. Baldwyn, Booneville, Corinth, Oxford, and Tupelo have received this designation.



**During 2021,
the Commission
launched two
initiatives**

COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE

A community of excellence knows where it is, where it is going, and has a plan for getting there. While we are pleased with our success in addressing regional community development issues, we want to assist more cities and counties in pursuing and achieving excellence in their local areas. In the past, we've supported community development initiatives in Corinth/Alcorn, Columbus/Lowndes, and Okolona. With population losses in 11 of our 17 counties, the time seemed right for many other communities to assess their status, set goals, and develop a plan to achieve them.

During 2021, we were invited to share data and other information with New Albany/Union County, Houston/Chickasaw County, and Columbus/Lowndes County. Other communities have invited us to meet with them in 2022. We are pleased to know there is interest in beginning a pursuit of excellence in several communities throughout our region.

COMMUNITY-BASED SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

This new initiative relates to state-mandated public school accountability systems.

In 2013, the Mississippi Legislature passed a law requiring the establishment of a public-school accountability system that resulted in a single letter grade being assigned annually by the Mississippi Department of Education to each school and district in the state. In doing so, the state has deepened its position of being the primary stakeholder of our public schools through its regulations, funding, and this accountability system. The primary stakeholders for any public school should be its students and parents – not the state. Parents should be able to express their hopes and dreams for their children, and schools should try to meet those aspirations. Beyond students and parents, the community at large, especially its employers, should be able to communicate their needs and expectations of our public schools.

The state's current accountability system has produced serious unintended results, including:

- Turning our schools into testing factories
- Causing undue stress among teachers, students, and parents
- Accelerating teacher turnover
- Letting career and technical education continue to occupy a back seat to academic testing
- Not differentiating among the various student populations in our schools

All organizations need to be accountable, but with schools, we need to move away from a system based largely on once-a-year standardized tests to a community-based accountability system. To begin to do this, we identified a consultant from Texas who is now engaged with five of our region's public-school districts – Aberdeen, Columbus, Corinth, Holly Springs and Starkville-Oktibbeha – to enable these districts to build a community-based accountability system to run in parallel with the existing system. Other districts are on the verge of participating in this initiative.

demonstrate the effectiveness of a community-based system, which should give the state an opportunity to eliminate the existing system and implement an effective new one.



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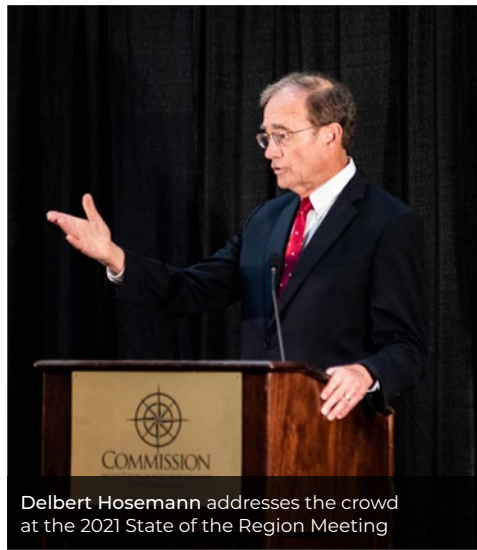
The hope is that these courageous districts can



COMMISSION
ON THE FUTURE OF NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI
CREATE FOUNDATION

**2020-2021
Commission Members
and Officers**

*Bill Renick, Chair
Kyle Smith, Vice Chair*



Delbert Hosemann addresses the crowd
at the 2021 State of the Region Meeting



Brandon Presley addresses the crowd
at the 2021 State of the Region Meeting

Alcorn

Ray McClellan
John Mercier
Clayton Stanley

Benton

Jack Gadd
Bill Renick

Calhoun

Sheila Freely
Joel McNeece

Chickasaw

Patsy Gregory
Millette Nabors

Clay

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Jon Maynard

Lee

Polly Bailey
Grace Clark
Guy Mitchell, III
Paul Mize, Jr.
Kenneth Wheeler

Lowndes

Matt Bogue
Rob Graham
Katie McCrary
Greg Stewart

Marshall

Dr. Gemma Beckley
Kelvin Buck
Justin Hall

Monroe

Chelsea Baulch
Jim Edwards
Jean Pinkley

Oktibbeha

Frank Chiles
Nelle Cohen
Lee Ann Turner

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Matt Koon

Prentiss

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Union

Betsey Hamilton
Phil Morris

At Large

Denotee Martin
Eddie Prather
Bill Stone

Emeritus

Kenny Dill
Hassell Franklin
Dr. Gloria Kellum
Bobby Martin (1933-2020)
Jack Reed, Sr. (1924-2016)
Sandy Williams

University

William Nicholas, UM
Jim Martin, MSU

COMMUNITY AFFILIATES

ENDOWMENT BALANCES

ALCORN

CARE Endowment Fund.....\$1,764,168

CALHOUN

Calhoun County Endowment Fund.....\$359,012

CHICKASAW

PACE Endowment Fund.....\$1,060,789

CLAY

West Point Community Foundation.....\$1,412,389

ITAWAMBA

FIRST Foundation Fund.....\$985,368

LAFAYETTE

LOFT Endowment Fund.....\$953,241

LEE

Tupelo-Lee County Endowment Fund.....\$217,274

LOWNDES

Columbus Lowndes Foundation Fund.....\$454,531

MONROE

North Monroe.....\$271,895

South Monroe.....\$277,736

OKTIBBEHA

SOAR Endowment Fund.....\$486,389

TIPPAH

TARGET Endowment Fund.....\$504,980

UNION

UNITE Endowment Fund.....\$994,355

TOTAL \$9,742,127

CREATE and its 13 community affiliates work together to revitalize communities, develop new leaders, and increase civic involvement and private investment throughout the region. Our affiliates support a wide range of initiatives that help breathe new life into the region.

JAMES HUGH RAY COMMUNITY AFFILIATE AWARD

To recognize the efforts of community affiliates, Journal, Inc. established the James Hugh Ray Community Affiliate Award. James Hugh Ray was a community hero and made many valuable contributions to our region and to the CREATE Foundation. He was instrumental in CREATE's establishment, serving as its legal architect and advisor. He was a loyal board member for many years.

The 2021 award went to Friends of Itawamba Responding to Secure Tomorrow (FIRST). Since 2009, FIRST has given grants to 72 organizations in the total amount of \$282,060.

Grants include monies to Fulton United Methodist Church – Food Pantry, Houston RCDC, Itawamba Agricultural High School, Itawamba Learning Center, MSU-Itawamba Extension Service, Pilot Club of Mantachie, Tuition Guarantee Program, Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo, Itawamba Attendance Center, Itawamba County Development Council, Itawamba Crossroads Ranch, Itawamba Food Angels, Mantachie School, and gift cards for teachers.



Pictured (L to R): Luke Montgomery, Mike Ellis, Brian Quinn, Laken Osborn, Vaunita Martin, Nina Strother, and Jim McCullough.



Vaunita Martin, Chair of FIRST, accepts the award on behalf of the affiliate.



FIRST
FRIENDS OF ITAWAMBA
RESPONDING TO SECURE TOMORROW
AN AFFILIATE OF CREATE FOUNDATION

2021 CREATE AFFILIATE BOARDS



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 Collett Cross, *Executive Director*



The Northeast Mississippi Youth Foundation (NEMYF), established by CREATE in 2001, strives to develop our leaders of tomorrow. Eleventh and twelfth graders from Northeast Mississippi are nominated and selected to serve as board members, and the board members run and are elected for officer positions. These students advance their own leadership skills, learn about philanthropy, run the board meetings, and fundraise money for the endowment. At the April press conference, students present grant awards to nonprofit agencies that serve children and youth. The NEMYF endowment exceeds \$179,000 with over \$50,000 in grants given back to Northeast Mississippi communities.



NEMYF Officers 2021

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Tishomingo

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West Union Attendance Center
Union

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New Albany High School
Union

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Vishnu Gadepaili

Mississippi School for Math and Science
Lowndes

SECRETARY

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New Albany High School
Union

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Abigail Maddox

Bruce High School
Calhoun

ASSISTANT HISTORIAN

Ruth Andrews

Oak Hill Academy
Clay



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Parker LeGoff
Mollee Manahan
Brady Talley

Calhoun

Emmie Shaw
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Kylie McGinnis

Chickasaw

Ollie Franklin
Leah Moore

Clay

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Ruth Andrews

Itawamba

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Lia Darracott

Lafayette

Ginny Ross Fair

Lee

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Jayden Gray
Nan Pittman
Keili Ikemori
Connor McHenry
Olivia Hanby
Eron Hendrix
Batton Barber

Lowndes

Laila Sparks
Ben Campbell
Vishnu Sai Gadepaili

Monroe

Kyra Howard

Oktibbeha

Harris Ruffin

Pontotoc

Elizabeth Hale
Alauna Myhand
Joseph Henry
Dawson Suggs

Tippah

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Tishomingo

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Gia Vainisi
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Janiya Rutherford
Jake Moore
Ashlyn Brown
Caroline Nelle Boatwright
CJ Shirley



HENRY MIZE FOUNDATION

Established in 2003 by Mr. Mize's nephew, Paul "Buzzy" Mize, the Henry Mize Foundation provides support for the charitable organizations that Mr. Mize loved. Several worthy organizations received support this year. The 2021 Henry Mize Foundation grant disbursements were \$193,544, making total investment to our region nearly \$5.3 million since inception.



\$193,544
2021 HENRY MIZE
GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A donor advised fund allows donors to make contributions and grant recommendations at their convenience. Donations and tax reporting are consolidated into a year-end statement for the donor by CREATE. All donations are tax deductible at the time they are made to the Foundation; however, gift disbursements may be made at a later date. Another advantage of donor advised funds is that appreciated securities may be used as contributions to the fund and are not subject to capital gains tax. In most cases, the full market value is tax deductible. Donor advised funds may be established by individuals, families, organizations, or corporations. To learn more about establishing a donor advised fund at CREATE, log on to www.createfoundation.com or call (662) 844-8989.

Corporate Donor Advised Funds

CARLOCK TOYOTA
COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND
CORINTH COCA-COLA CHARITABLE PT FUND
FRANKLIN CORPORATION
FUSION FOUNDATION
GILMORE FOUNDATION ADVISORY FUND
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ALBERT AND BILLIE GREEN
ALBERT DELGADILLO
ALFORD AND SHELIA BELL
ALICE STAFFORD
ALLAN H. TUCKER OR BARBARA H. TUCKER
AMANDA KATHLEEN B DALTON & FRANK TRICE DALTON
ANDY AND SHERRY BOYD
BABS AND MICKY HOLLIMAN
BETH AND SKIPPER HOLLIMAN
BETSEY AND TOM HAMILTON
BOB AND AMBERLY GLOVER FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND
BOBBIE G. MILLER
BOBBY MOONEYHAM
BOBBY P. AND BARBARA M. MARTIN
BRASFIELD FAMILY ADVISED FUND
BRIAN AND COURTNEY MONTGOMERY
BRYAN AND CINDY WILSON
BULLARD FAMILY ADVISED FUND
CABELL DONOR ADVISED FUND
CAMPBELL FAMILY ADVISED FUND
CARL PITTMAN
CAROL BYRNE CHILDREN'S ADVISED FUND
CATHERINE "KITTY" BRYAN DILL
CATHERINE AND PAUL MIZE
CATHY AND DON ROBERTSON
CHAD AND MARY MARGARET CASE
CHARLES AND JOYCE JOHNSTON
CHARLES WEATHERLY
CHIP AND JENNIFER CRANE
CINDY AND MARTY SPARKS
CLAY AND LANA FOSTER
CONNIE SIMPSON
CROFTON AND CAMILLE SLOAN
CUMMINGS FAMILY ADVISED FUND
DAKIN REED
DAVID AND DONNA RUMBARGER (GRACE ADVISED FUND)
DAVID AND JENNY IRWIN
DAVID AND RITA HANKINS
DAVID HENSON
DAVID M. PALMER
DENNIS AND BETH TOSH
DOROTHY D. AND GEORGE H. RUFF FOUNDATION
DOUG AND RENEE PHILLIPS
DR. AND MRS. DAN BRASFIELD
DR. AND MRS. DOUG CLARK
DR. AND MRS. FAYETTE WILLIAMS
DR. AND MRS. RICHARD WARRINER
DREAMS UNIFIED DONOR ADVISED FUND
ED AND BECKY MEEK
EDDIE AND PRISCILLA PRATHER
ELLEN DRANE MAULDIN
ELLEN JOHNSTON
ELLEN R WALKER
ERNEST L. JOYNER
FRANK AND AMY DAVIS
FRANK K. SPAIN FOUNDATION
FREEMAN FAMILY ADVISED FUND
FULTON AND JULIE THOMPSON
GEORGE M. AND BETTY B. TAYLOR
GLEN AND PAIGE EVANS FAMILY ADVISED FUND
GRACIE AND ALLEN JACKSON
GREG AND BECKY BUELL
GREG PIRKLE
GSD CLUB
GUY HORNBUCKLE
HASSELL H. FRANKLIN
HOLLAND FAMILY ADVISED FUND
IMBLER FOUNDATION
ITAWAMBA GOOD WORKS FUND - WALDORF
J.W. YOUNG, JR.
JACK AND LISA REED
JACK AND MARY LIB FRANCIS
JAMES D. BRYAN
JAMIE AND JOY EARP
JAN BOTTS
JANE SPAIN
JASON AND MELISSA HARRISON
JASON B. DEES
JEAN BAKER BUTLER
JEFF TOMLINSON
JEFFREY JOHNSON TURNAGE AND ANNE SANDERS TURNAGE
JENNIFER MOONEYHAM
JIM AND JENNIE MOUNCE
JIM AND LISA HAWKINS
JOE AND LAUREN BABB
JOE AND MAROLYN HESTER
JOE EDD AND SANDI MORRIS
JOE RUTHERFORD
JOHN AND JANET MATTHEWS
JOHN AND SARAH FRANCES HARDY
JOHN P. AND LINDA C. SULLIVAN
JOYCE AND HAL POLK
JOYCE B SUMNERS
JUDY AND BOB DAVIS
KAREN TAYLOR
KATY AND CLAYTON STANLEY
KELLIE AND BAIN NICKELS
KELLUM FAMILY FUND
KENNETH E. DEAN
KENNY AND ANNA DILL
KIRK AND TATE FORRESTER FAMILY ADVISED FUND

LARRY AND DELOIS MONTGOMERY
LAURIE HORN STEVENSON
LEN AND JEAN PINKLEY
LENHOFF FAMILY TRUST ADVISED FUND
LESLIE M WESTBROOK
LILLA REED
LINDA MADDEN MARTIN MEMORIAL DONOR ADVISED FUND
LONG FAMILY ADVISED FUND
LOUISE CAMPBELL
M AND A FAMILY ADVISED FUND
M/M RONNY ROWLAND
MARK AND HELEN MONTS
MARSHALL AND DAPHNE MONTGOMERY
MARSHALL OR SARAH JENKINS
MARTHA AND M.B. MARTIN
MARTHA SWINDLE
MARY AND CHARLES WERNER
MARY AND SAM PACE
MARY CHILDS
MARY FICKLIN ARNOLD
MARY JANE MEADOWS
MELVIN AND VALERIE RAY
MINGA FAMILY ADVISED FUND
MR. AND MRS. BRITT ROGERS, III
MR. AND MRS. ALAN BANK
MR. AND MRS. AUBREY B. PATTERSON
MR. AND MRS. BARRY FORD
MR. AND MRS. DENOTEE MARTIN
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MR. AND MRS. LARRY KIRK
MR. AND MRS. MIKE CLAYBORNE
MR. AND MRS. MORGAN BALDWIN
MR. AND MRS. OCTAVIUS IVY
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MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HULL DAVIS
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MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM RAY REED SR.
MR. KENNETH WILLIAMS
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MRS. CAROLYN BOGGAN
MRS. ELIZABETH ANN BROWN
MRS. GRACE DIRLAM
NELLAH TAYLOR AND J. MARK MERRITT
PAT AND JENNIFER CALDWELL
PHIL AND SUSAN MORRIS
PHIL AND VICKIE LITTLE
POWELL FOUNDATION
RANDY AND PENNY LONG
RAYBURN PARKS
RHONDA R. HANBY
RICK AND KATHRYN GRISWOLD GIVING FUND
ROBERT AND JANE BLACK
ROBERT AND JULIA MONTS
ROBERT W. AND KATHLEEN SEYMOUR
ROBERTS/MOLL ADVISED FUND
ROBIN AND ANNE HAIRE
ROBIN AND MIMI MCGRAW
ROBIN Y. MCCORMICK
ROGER AND MARTHA BLAND
RONNIE AND DONNA WEST
ROSS AND DIANA WILLIAMS
ROY AND LOU BOOTH FAMILY FUND
RUBY DEL HARDEN
RUSSELL AND LYNN GAINES
SANFORD AND SUSAN THOMAS
SARA AND MONTGOMERY BERRY
SARA M. AND HOWARD R. HINDS
SARAH DILL REILY
SCOTT AND ANNETTE REED
SHARION HARP AYCOCK AND WILLIAM R. AYCOCK
STAGGERS
STANLEY F. SIMPSON
STEVE AND JOY WEST
STEVE BRANDON AND PATSY L. FOWLKES
SUSAN AND GUY MITCHELL
SUZANNE SIMMONS DRESSSEL
SYDNEY PITTMAN
TERRE AND ORMA SMITH
TERRY AND KATHY JACKSON
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC. FUND
THE JESSOP FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND
THEMESHA, VERNON AND VINCENT RAYFORD FUND
TOM AND FREDDA ROBINSON
VAN OSTEN FAMILY DONOR ADVISED FUND
VICTOR AND STEWART MCMILLIAN
WENDELL WEAKLEY
WESLEY AND ELAINA BURGESS CHARITABLE FUND
WILCO CHARITY FUND
WILLIAM GRAHAM AND MARTHA F. WELLS
ZEKE AND KAREN HODGES
ZELL LONG

DONOR FUND SPOTLIGHT

NELLAH TAYLOR

I believe in the Donor Advised Fund because it simplifies the process of making charitable gifts. Using a donor advised fund helps individuals maximize the tax benefits of their gifts. By using the donor advised fund, we are able to use appreciated securities, real estate, retirement assets, as well as cash and insurance to make charitable gifts. Before my retirement, I advised many of my clients to establish and use Donor Advised Funds at CREATE.

-Nellah Taylor



ORGANIZATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

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AGAPE HEALTH SERVICE
AMERICAN LEGION POST 49
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF NEW ALBANY
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS - OXFORD FACILITY
DOORS OF HOPE TRANSITION MINISTRIES
EDWINA WILLIAMS "MOTHER GOOSE" ENDOWED FUND
FOR CHILDREN'S LITERACY AND ADVANCEMENT
FORTNIGHTLY MUSICALE AGENCY
GOOD SAMARITAN (FREE CLINIC)
GUMTREE MUSEUM OF ART
HOPE FAMILY MINISTRIES
INTERFAITH COMPASSION MINISTRY
JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF TUPELO
LA-MS-WEST TN KIWANIS FOUNDATION FUND
LEE COUNTY LIBRARY
LEE COUNTY LIBRARY BERRY
LEE COUNTY LIBRARY HELEN FOSTER
LEE COUNTY LIBRARY WALKER-MCGILL
MISSISSIPPI ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION
NEW BEGINNINGS AGENCY
NEWMS
NORTH MS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
OXFORD FILM FESTIVAL
OXFORD LAFAYETTE HUMANE SOCIETY
PAMELA MASSEY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THEATRE OXFORD
PUSHMATAHA AREA COUNCIL BSA
REGIONAL REHABILITATION
SANCTUARY HOSPICE FOUNDATION
STARKVILLE KIWANIS CLUB
TUPELO COMMUNITY THEATRE
TUPELO/LEE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
UNION COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM AGENCY (UNITE)
UNITED WAY
UNITED WAY OF OXFORD-LAFAYETTE COUNTY AGENCY
YOKNAPATAWPHA ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY

The CREATE Foundation's organizational endowments support a specific nonprofit organization and may be established by the organization or by a donor. An endowment fund allows an organization to provide a secure, stable, and permanent stream of income to support its areas of interest.

THE BENJAMIN AND CORINNE PIERCE FOUNDATION

The Pierce Foundation was established in 2001 by Corinne Pierce in memory of her husband, Benjamin, to commemorate his commitment to community and to honor his civic leadership. The 2021 Pierce grants and scholarships exceeded \$119,000, making the total investment by the Pierce Foundation in Alcorn County over \$5.4 million.



2021 Pierce Grants Exceeded
\$119,000

The Pierce Foundation awarded grants to the following in 2021:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Mississippi
- Corinth Area Arts Council
- Corinth Main Street Association
- Crossroads Museum Historic Depot
- Crosswind Ministries
- Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo
- Living Healthy Free Medical Clinic
- Living Free Ministries
- Sharing Hearts
- The Alliance
- The Lighthouse Foundation of Corinth

ENDOWMENT FUND LIST

Endowment Funds allow donors to provide a secure, stable, and permanent stream of income to support designated areas of interest.

Donors are assured that the funds will be provided to the causes they support now and in the future.

ALCORN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE
ENDOWED FUND
ALICE LITTLE ENDOWMENT
ALICE LYNN ROEBUCK ENDOWMENT FOR UNITED WAY
AMORY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY-JAMES VICTOR SMITH AND ELIZABETH LOUIS
SMITH ENDOWMENT
AMORY TRI-CENTENNIAL ENDOWMENT
ANDY HEWITT HELPING HANDS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
ANN R. KIMBERLANE ENDOWMENT
ARLAND A. AND GRACE DIRLAM ENDOWMENT
BENJAMIN AND CORINNE PIERCE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
BETH MCAULEY MUSIC ENDOWMENT
BOOTH FAMILY ENDOWMENT
BRIDGET ANN NICHOLS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
BRYAN YOUTH CENTER ENDOWMENT
C.A.R.E. CHARLESTON ENDOWMENT
CALHOUN CITY ROTARY CLUB ENDOWMENT
CAROLINE BRYAN HARRELL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
CARON-ROSE ART EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
CDF/LEHMAN LEADERSHIP
CHAD AND NICKY MCMAHAN ENDOWMENT
CHANGE AMORY ENDOWMENT
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF MISSISSIPPI ENDOWMENT
CLAUDE AND GUSSIE ROEBUCK MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FOR ST. LUKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CLAY COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT
COLUMBUS ARTS COUNCIL ENDOWMENT
COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDOWMENT
CORINTH COCA-COLA FAMILY LEGACY FOUNDATION
DR. MARSHALL E. HOLLIS KAMANORO MINISTRIES FOOD FUND
DR. MARSHALL E. HOLLIS RIPLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMP FUND
DREAMS UNIFIED ENDOWMENT
DUDLEY WEATHERS ENDOWMENT
ED AND BECKY MEEK ENDOWMENT
ELAINE DUNDY AND ROY TURNER ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
EVERGREEN DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT
FAYE'S PURSE ENDOWMENT
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PONTOTOC ENDOWMENT
FIVE SMOOTH STONES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT
FORRESTER FAMILY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
FOX FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
FRANKLIN ENDOWMENT
GLEN AND PAIGE EVANS FAMILY FUND
GRAHAM AND MARTHA WELLS ENDOWMENT
GUMTREE MUSEUM OF ART - NANCY DIFFEE EXHIBITION ENDOWMENT
HALFWAY HOME ANIMAL SHELTER ENDOWMENT
HANDS OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST ENDOWMENT
HARDY REED ENDOWMENT
HARRY AND ELLEN WALKER ENDOWMENT
HARRY LEE WILLIAMS, SR. ENDOWMENT (CARE)
HENRY MILLER ENDOWMENT
HHS MEMORIAL PLAZA ENDOWMENT
HTN ENDOWMENT
INGOMAR ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE
INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
ITAWAMBA CROSSROADS RANCH ENDOWMENT
JACK AND FRANCES REED ENDOWMENT
JACK REED, SR. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ENDOWMENT
JAMES HUGH RAY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
JOHN AND JANET MATTHEWS ENDOWMENT
JOHN AND SARAH FRANCES HARDY ENDOWMENT
JOHN PAUL FRERER MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
JOHN ROBERT ARNOLD ENDOWMENT
JOHNNY MORGAN FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
JOYNER FAMILY ENDOWMENT
KENNETH AND NANCY ANN WILLIAMS ENDOWMENT (CARE)
LAFAYETTE COUNTY AND OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ENDOWMENT
LARRY P. AND DELOIS C. MONTGOMERY CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT
LEE COUNTY LIBRARY YOUTH ENDOWMENT
LESLIE M WESTBROOK ENDOWMENT
LESLIE M. WESTBROOK ESTATE ENDOWMENT
LISA MITCHELL GROWING GREEN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
LOU-HOME, INC. ENDOWMENT
LOVE PACKS ENDOWMENT
LQC LAMAR HOUSE ENDOWMENT
MARCHBANKS FAMILY TRUST ENDOWMENT
MARY MALONEY EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
MEGAPOP ENDOWMENT
MIKE AND CATHY STEWART ENDOWMENT
MISS MS VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE FOR NONPROFITS AND
PHILANTHROPY'S ENDOWMENT
MISSISSIPPI ENTOMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT
MISSISSIPPI HEART ENDOWMENT
MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT
MIZE FAMILY ENDOWMENT
MONROE EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
MORGAN DALE ROEBUCK MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FOR SALVATION ARMY
MR. AND MRS. O.T. RAY ENDOWMENT FUND - FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF PONTOTOC
NATIONAL CTR FOR COMPUTATIONAL HYDROSCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING ENDOWMENT
NEMYF YOUTH ENDOWMENT
NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION
GUARANTEE ENDOWMENT
NORTHEAST MS FOUNDATION FOR PERFORMING ARTS ENDOWMENT
NORTHEAST MS REGIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENDOWMENT
ORMA SMITH JR. MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
OXFORD ENDOWMENT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION
PALMER HOME ENDOWMENT
PIRKLE LIBRARY ENDOWMENT
PONTOTOC CITY SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
POWELL FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
PROVERBS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
RANDY DUNNAM MEMORIAL CANCER ENDOWMENT
RJ WILEMON FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
ROBERT REED SPIRIT ENDOWMENT
ROBERTS/MOLL ENDOWMENT
ROSS AND DIANA WILLIAMS EXCELLENCE IN ATTENDANCE AND
LEARNING FOUNDATION
RUTH AND CLAUDE ROEBUCK ENDOWMENT FOR SALTILLO
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SALLY KATE WINTERS FAMILY SERVICES ENDOWMENT
SARA FRANCES MITCHELL EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT
SARAH AND MARSHALL JENKINS ENDOWMENT
SHOCKWAVE AQUATICS COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT
SPECIAL MISSIONS ENDOWMENT (FPC CORINTH)
TCPS ACADEMIC CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ENDOWMENT
THACKER MOUNTAIN RADIO ENDOWMENT
THE BERNICE GAMBREL ENDOWMENT
THE CORINTH-ALCORN ANIMAL SHELTER FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT
THE DEAN PROVENCE ENDOWMENT FOR EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION (UNITE)
THE HELEN AND JOE WATSON ENDOWMENT
THE JUDAH MARSHALL POWELL MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
THE MATT FUND
THE NETTLETON MEN'S CLUB ENDOWMENT
THE RHONDA R. HANBY FAMILY ENDOWMENT
TOMMY TOSH MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
TOYOTA WELLSRING EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
TUPELO COCA-COLA FAMILY LEGACY FOUNDATION
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDOWMENT
VIRGINIA H. CHRESTMAN MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE CITY OF OXFORD
WALTER FAMILY ENDOWMENT
WEITZENHOFFER MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
WELLSRING COMMUNITY CHURCH ENDOWMENT
WEST UNION ENDOWMENT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION
WHITFIELD LEADERSHIP FUND
WILDROSE SERVICE COMPANIONS ENDOWMENT

ALBERT HORN & FAHOMA CRUMBY HORN ENDOWMENT FUND

The Albert and FaHoma Horn Endowment Fund was created in 2013 by Albert Horn in memory of his beloved wife, FaHoma, in honor of her love of God, the church, and service to the community. The original gift was made in 2007 to First Baptist Church in Houston, MS, with instructions to preserve the fund's principal and disburse its earnings to worthy causes.

Over time, the family, and FBC, jointly decided the investment and disbursement services provided by CREATE would be a more ideal avenue to meaningfully support the fund's directives through an endowment fund.

In 2019, an additional gift was donated to the fund upon Albert Horn's passing. His four children then added his name to the fund to honor his renowned legacy of generosity to so many in his community and beyond.



"CREATE Foundation is the very embodiment of our parents' spirit of giving and we have found the staff to be so very attentive and a true joy with which to work. We are truly grateful for this exemplary organization as they perpetually care for this sustainable resource in loving memory of our parents."

-Lee Horn, M.D.
-Victor Horn, M.D.
-Laurie Horn Stevenson
-Jim Garth Horn



ENDOW MISSISSIPPI

2021-2022



STRENGTHENING CHARITABLE GIVING IN MISSISSIPPI

ENDOW Mississippi is a state tax credit program that is an incentive to encourage individuals, businesses and organizations to make lasting investments in their local communities through charitable giving. It was created in 2019 by the State Legislature to encourage gifts to permanent endowments at qualified community foundations, like the CREATE Foundation!

How does it work?

The ENDOW Mississippi tax credit applies only to gifts to permanent, endowed funds at qualified Mississippi community foundations. These gifts will generate many times the initial value of the gift and will always benefit Mississippi.

- Minimum gift is \$1,000 (\$250 tax credit)
- Maximum gift is \$200,000 (\$50,000 tax credit)

There is a LIMITED number of ENDOW Mississippi state tax credits to share for the entire state, so we encourage anyone who is interested to contact us promptly. Once available credits are claimed, the process will reset on January 1 of each year.

- Gifts can go to any endowment (an already existing endowment or a newly created one).
- An endowed fund is defined as one that benefits Mississippi charitable causes, is held at a qualified community foundation and has an annual granting policy less than or equal to 5%.

ENDOW Mississippi provides an incentive for Mississippians to give back to their local communities in a meaningful and lasting way. It promotes charitable giving in Mississippi, for Mississippi.

The initiative is administered for the state by the Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy.

For more information,
contact us at 662-844-8989.



25% State Tax Credit Savings At the CREATE Foundation

Donors are eligible to receive a 25% state tax credit for donations to endowed funds at the CREATE Foundation

How to make a \$1,000 donation cost only \$750 – even without itemizing*

- 1 You donate \$1,000 to your Community Foundation (\$1,000 minimum donation required tax credit for ENDOW MS tax credit)
- 2 Your state taxes are reduced by a \$250
- 3 Net cost to you

\$1,000
- \$250

\$750

*This is an example. Consult your financial advisor about your specific situation. If you itemize deductions on your federal tax return, your gift will also be eligible for the federal charitable tax deduction – reducing the cost to you even more. You can deduct the remaining 75% of your gift as a charitable gift for state tax purposes.

Key Dates

January 3
CREATE
begins accepting
intent to give
applications

October 31
Deadline to make
gift to ensure tax
credit for 2022

SPECIAL PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

The Northeast Mississippi Coalition Against COVID 19

The Northeast Mississippi Coalition Against COVID 19 is a 501(c)3 charitable organization with the goal of improving COVID 19 vaccine access, supporting COVID 19 vaccine providers, educating the community about the benefits of COVID 19 vaccination, and working to address the preexisting health challenges that have worsened during the pandemic. The Coalition works through public and private partnerships to serve our organization's goals. Our efforts began in the Spring of 2021 as COVID 19 vaccinations were being made available to the community. There were many challenges during the initial vaccine rollout that disadvantaged many members of our community. Our founding members and partners were able to organize and direct our resources to addressing these challenges. In support of our early efforts, we applied to CREATE for a special project fund while we pursued our tax-exempt status. We found the process simple and the assistance of Ms. Juanita Floyd and CREATE, to be instrumental in our early success. Through the special project fund we were able to buy needed equipment and to apply for further financial support from private partners like Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Mississippi, Incorporated. As a result of our efforts, in partnership with Twin Docs Healthcare LLC, Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses Association of Mississippi, Project E.L.E.C.T, the Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance and State Representative Rickey Thompson, the Coalition has given 2200 vaccines in rural and vulnerable communities across Northeast Mississippi since April 2021.

-Dr. Vernon Rayford



REDUCE COVID 19



SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

CREATE's special project funds allow community groups to carry out their charitable services while waiting for IRS designation as a 501(c)3 organization. CREATE serves as fiscal agent for the special project allowing the group to operate as a nonprofit under the auspices of the foundation.

A WAY OUT (FULTON)
ALCORN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION
FOR EXCELLENCE
AMORY COMMUNITY EVENTS (ACE)
AMORY FIRE DEPARTMENT ATV
AMORY POLICE DEPARTMENT
AMORY POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 PROGRAM
ANDY HEWITT HELPING HANDS FOUNDATION
ANTONE TANNEHILL GOOD SAMARITAN
HEALTH SERVICES (FREE CLINIC)
APRILS ANGELS
ASSOCIATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
BECAUSE ALL LIVES MATTER
BILL RASPBERRY'S BABY STEPS
BREWER COMMUNITY CENTER PLAYGROUND
BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY
BSA GRATITUDE COIN PROJECT
CAPTURING COLUMBUS
CARE BISHOP PARK PLAYGROUND
CARE COKE 10K KIDS GET FIT INITIATIVE
CARE KENNETH WILLIAMS CHARITABLE FUND
CARE ROSEMARY WILLIAMS CHARITABLE FUND
CARE SANDY WILLIAMS CHARITABLE FUND
CARE STREET SIGN FUND
CENTURY 21
CHARACTER EDUCATION
CHICKASAW FORWARD
CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF MISSISSIPPI
COLUMBUS AFB STATIC DISPLAY
COLUMBUS CHORAL SOCIETY
COLUMBUS POLICE ACADEMY ALUM
COLUMBUS SUZUKI-CARNEGIE
COLUMBUS-LOWNDES EXCEL BY 5 COALITION
COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF ALCORN COUNTY
COMMITTEE FOR KING
CORINTH BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM
CORINTH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION
CORINTH SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT
COTESWORTH CULTURE AND HERITAGE CENTER
COTESWORTH-BOND PROJECT
COVID-19 SUPPORT FUND
CREELY MUSEUM
CROSS 33 SALTILLO
CROSS OF MONROE COUNTY
DANCING AND SINGING WITH THE KING
EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION
ECEC ARTS INTEGRATION FUND
ED AND BECKY MEEK FOUNDATION
ED GOODMAN MEMORIAL
EE MANNY DAVIS FUND (PACE)
ELVIS PRESLEY FOUNDATION
ENDOW MISSISSIPPI
EXPECT
FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER
FORGE FOUNDATION
FOX FOUNDATION - FOX HOLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
FRANKLIN SPECIAL PROJECT FUND
FRIENDS OF LLO
FRIENDS OF MUSIC BEND NATURE TRAIL
FULTON COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS
FULTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL
FULTON PARKS PROJECT
GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MONUMENT FUND
GRILLING ON THE RIVER
GUMTREE MUSEUM OF ART-NANCY
DIFEE EXHIBITION
H.O.P.E - TEEN LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

HANNAH'S HOPE ADOPTION FUND
HELPING HANDS OF UNION COUNTY(UNITE)
HHS MEMORIAL PLAZA (PACE)
HOPE CONTINUES 5K RUN
HUNGER COALITION OF NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI
ITAWAMBA COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
ITAWAMBA COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
ITAWAMBA COUNTY SHERIFF
ITAWAMBA FOOD ANGELS
ITAWAMBA LEARNING CENTER
JOHN PAUL FRERER BICYCLE SAFETY FUND
KEEP STARKVILLE BEAUTIFUL
KEEP TUPELO BEAUTIFUL
KIDNEY HEAD
KMG CREATIONS COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS
KRISTEN MINGA FOUNDATION FOR TEEN CHALLENGE
L.Q.C. LAMAR
LEADERSHIP UNION COUNTY
LEE COUNTY HUNGER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
LEE COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION
LINK CENTRE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
LKT HYDROCEPHALUS MIRACLE FUND
LOWNDES COUNTY MONUMENT
RELOCATION FUND
MAMA'S GOT A BRAND NEW BAG
MASRO
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION
TUPELO READS
MEMORY'S MAGICAL FORMAL WEAR
MENT CONFERENCE
MILL VILLAGE HISTORIC
REVITALIZATION RENOVATION
MISS MS VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
MISSISSIPPI HILLS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
MLK CITY OF TUPELO RECEPTION
MS AVIATION MUSEUM AND LEARNING CENTER
MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CENTER (FORD PROJECT)
MY BOOK OF LOWNDES COUNTY NANCY ANN
KINCADE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL FUND
NEMS COALITION AGAINST COVID 19
NEW MS FAIRY GODMOTHER PROJECT
NEWMS
NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION
NMCC CHARITABLE RACES
NORTH MS COMMUNITY GREEK PICNIC
NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI CHERRY
BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
NORTHEAST MS BIRTHING PROJECT
NORTHEAST MS CHARITABLE
NORTHEAST MS DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY
OKOLONA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION CHARITIES
OPERATION FIT NATION
OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE ARTS GUILD
OXFORD RELIEF FUND
PAL POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE
PASTURE TO PANTRY
PLAYGROUND OF DREAMS
PONTOTOC HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM FUND
PRESERVING FULTON HISTORY
R.J. WILEMON MINISTERIAL ASSISTANCE FUND
REAL MEN STAND UP (RMSU)
REBEL VENTURE CAPITAL FUND
RED HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION
REGIONAL REHAB CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
RIPLEY CROSS FOR CHRIST
ROBINS FIELD/ELIZABETH C FORD INITIATIVE

ROTARY VETERANS PARK CLOCK PROJECT
SALUTE LOWNDES COUNTY FINEST
SEVENTH AVENUE HERITAGE FEST
SHINE - CELEBRATING KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
SHOP WITH A COP
SMILE INITIATIVE
SNUGGLE BUDDY
SOCIALLY AWKWARD TIME LORDS CLUB
SPORTSMEN ORGANIZED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
STARKVILLE KIWANIS
STARKVILLE OKTIBBEHA UNITY LEAGUE (SOUL)
START WITH THE ARTS
TALLAHATCHIE ARTS COUNCIL
TEACHER OF DISTINCTION
TEAM M.A.R.C.U.S./KIDS ACROSS AMERICA
TEAM TUPELO/RESIDENT LEADERSHIP COMM
THE 18TH WARD
THE CORINTH-ALCORN ANIMAL SHELTER
BUILDING FUND
THE JUDAH MARSHALL POWELL EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT IDS FUND
THE MAGGIE PROJECT FOR DIABETES
THE MESSIAH
THE PEOPLES BANK CHARITIES'
The ROAD LEE COUNTY
THE VISUAL STATUS CHECKLIST
THE WINDOWS INITIATIVE
THE WINDOWS STATE GRANT #1
THE WINDOWS STATE GRANT #2
THE WINDOWS STATE GRANT #3
THS ACTIVITY AND COMMUNITY FIELD FUND
THS BAND BOOSTERS
TMS WAVE MARKET
TOM TIMMS MEMORIAL FUND
TOYOTA IMAGINE
TPD ADVANCED TRAINING AND NMLET
TPSD SPONSORSHIP FUND
TUPELO AQUATIC CENTER MEMORIAL AND
HONORARIUM FUND
TUPELO ELVIS FAN CLUB
TUPELO FILM FESTIVAL SOCIETY
TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT COPS AND KIDS
TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD
TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT RESERVE
DIV I FUND
TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT RESOURCE
OFFICER/DARE FUND
TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT SWAT TEAM
TUPELO POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC
SAFETY FUND
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL PROJECT
FUND (GIFT)
TUPELO ROCKS
TUPELO VISION - GOODNIGHT MOON PROJECT
TUPELO VISION - MS HEALTHIEST CITY
TUPELO VISION - NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE
TYLER SLOAN MEMORIAL
VIETNAM REPLICA WALL
VISION 2040 - LOWNDES COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION TASK FORCE
VOLUNTEER NORTHEAST MS
WE CARE FOR KIDS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
WEST UNION PANTRY
WEST UNION TEACHER OF DISTINCTION FUND
WILDROSE SERVICE COMPANIONS
WINGS OVER COLUMBUS
WIVES OF WARRIORS
YOUTH ASSISTANCE FUND

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

CREATE's scholarship funds provide a way to honor and memorialize loved ones while giving deserving students the opportunity to further their education. Funds may be designated for a particular field of study, or a specific county, school, or area. CREATE has more than 90 scholarship funds. Anyone interested in establishing a scholarship fund, or who would like to make a donation to a fund, please contact the CREATE Foundation at (662) 844-8989.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS

ALBERT HORN AND FAHOMA CRUMBY HORN
ALLIENE GIBENS SCHOLARSHIP
AMORY ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
AMORY ROTARY HOLACE MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP
AMORY ROTARY LEE MCCOWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
BENNETT AND OMEGA BLANTON SCHOLARSHIP
BOB AND MARILYN MONROE SCHOLARSHIP
BOBBYE FRANKS JONES SCHOLARSHIP
BYRNE-FIELD SCHOLARSHIP (BUSH)
CASEY SPRADLING MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
CHRIS WALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CLAUDIA RUTH CASTENIR SCHOLARSHIP
CLAY WAYCASTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CLIFFORD M. AND MILDRED S. BROCK SCHOLARSHIP
COACH JOE BRIGANCE SCHOLARSHIP
COACH LYNN WOOD SCHOLARSHIP
CORINTH COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES
DAVID SKINNER SCHOLARSHIP
DOUGHERTY SCHOLARSHIP
DOUGLAS E. CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DR. AND MRS. WALTER BOURLAND SCHOLARSHIP
DR. MARSHALL E. HOLLIS FAMILY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF RIPLEY SCHOLARSHIP
DR. MARSHALL HOLLIS FAMILY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP
DR. MARSHALL HOLLIS FAMILY HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP
DR. MARSHALL HOLLIS FAMILY SCOUTING
ED AND BECKY MEEK SCHOLARSHIP
EE MANNY DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP (PACE)
ELGAR AND LUENE WAYCASTER MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ELISE MOBLEY SCHOLARSHIP (PACE)
EMILY MCDONALD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
EMILY WRIGHT HORNE MEMORIAL FUND
ERNEST CADDEN SCHOLARSHIP
ETHEL SIMPSON SCHOLARSHIP (PACE)
EVA ANN BEASLEY DORRIS SCHOLARSHIP
FRANCES MALLORY SCHOLARSHIP (CALHOUN)
FRANK BOUCHILLON-CHARLIE DUNCAN SCHOLARSHIP
G. HENRY SCHULTZ SCHOLARSHIP
GALE STAUFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
HARRISON AND WRIGHT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
IRENE ROGERS CARLISLE-HETTIE WOOD DUNCAN SCHOLARSHIP
J.C. MCDANIEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JACKIE FERGUSON PARKER MEMORIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
JAMES T. HARRELL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FUND
JEFFREY HINES HOPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JIM CRAIG ENDOWMENT
JIM WILLIAMS "FOLLOW AND FIGHT" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JORDAN LINDSEY CHRISTIAN CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP

JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF WEST POINT /MATT POSEY MEMORIAL
KAYLA SUE MIZE SCHOLARSHIP
KELLEY ELIZABETH HUMPHREYS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
KELLY CANTRELL CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
KIM GREEN SCHOLARSHIP
LARRY BROWN CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP (GOCF)
LD HANCOCK AWARD
LEE WESTON REED SCHOLARSHIP
LL ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP (PACE)
LORAIN ROBERTS BOUCHILLON SCHOLARSHIP
LUCY GAINES SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
M. GLEN AND LORA H. DAVIDSON SCHOLARSHIP
MARGARET BYRAM SCHOLARSHIP
MC LAUGHLIN HARRISON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
MICKY LINDER SCHOLARSHIP
MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP
MR. AND MRS. B.L. RIEVES SCHOLARSHIP
MS THEATRE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
NANNEY PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
NELLIE MORGAN BALLARD SCHOLARSHIP
NETTLETON CHURCHES BIBLE SCHOLARSHIP
NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI PURCHASING ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
OWEN B. WHITEHURST SCHOLARSHIP
PAT "ROBIN" DOWS ENDOWMENT FUND (GS)
PEBBLES EAST AULDS SCHOLARSHIP
QUEENIE BARNES "QUEEN B" EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
RENASANT BANK - JIM AND NANCY INGRAM SCHOLARSHIP
ROBBY HALE "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ROBERT P. CHASE SCHOLARSHIP (PACE)
ROTARY CLUB OF OXFORD EDWIN MOAK SCHOLARSHIP
ROWLAND JOYNER LEARNING SKILLS ENDOWMENT
RUSSELL DORMAN SCHOLARSHIP
SHERRY BUFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
STUBBS SCHOLARSHIP
TAMARA WALDROP "TOP DAWG" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
TAYLOR MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (UNITE)
THE GENTRY AND BRANDI LONG "BE A BULLDOG" SCHOLARSHIP
THE MARY KIRKPATRICK HASKELL SCHOLARSHIP
TODD HARDIN MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP (PACE)
TUPELO LUNCHEON CIVITAN SCHOLARSHIP TYLER SLOAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
VALERIA MORGAN WHITFIELD SCHOLARSHIP
WHITESIDE SCHOLARSHIP
WILLIAM "W.C." TUCKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
WINIFRED AND MAYFIELD RILEY TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP
WOOD COLLEGE INC. ENDOWMENT FUND

SCHOLARSHIP PASSTHROUGH FUNDS

BGC EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
COACH ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP OF BRAVERY
COACH JIMBO BYARS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CODY MICHAEL DANIELS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CODY SIMPSON LONG CROSS-COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
COREY LIPSEY "KEEP YOUR DREAMS ALIVE" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CORINTH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
DARREN FENTON NAVG SCHOLARSHIP
DORRIS J. OAKS SCHOLARSHIP
DR. J. BRUCE LESLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ED AND BECKY MEEK SCHOLARSHIP
ERBY CANNON SCHOLARSHIP
EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP
FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA (RUTLEDGE) SCHOLARSHIP
GEORGE MAYNARD CLASS TUTORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND/FUMC-TUPELO
HASKELL SCHOLARSHIP
IMPACT KIDS - DANIEL KNOX SCHOLARSHIP
J.T. NEELY SCHOLARSHIP
JAMES AND JEANETTE HALL SCHOLARSHIP
JAMES DALTON CODY RICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JEFF BOREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JO MILLER ORR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JOHN PAUL FRERER
JULIA BLAKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (LINK CULINARY ARTS)
JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF TUPELO SCHOLARSHIP
KAROL JEAN VOGUE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP
MAGGIE THOMPSON PHIPPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR VISUAL ART
MARSHUAN BRAXTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
MASON GREGORY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
PAL SCHOLARSHIP
PHILLIP NEAL JONES SCHOLARSHIP
PRESLEY WALLACE, JR SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP
RAY AND SHEILA HUTCHESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ROBBIE BUFORD SCHOLARSHIP
RYAN PETTIT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SAMANTHA RANKIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
SANDY AND ROSEMARY WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP
SAVANNAH STRONG SCHOLARSHIP
SHARON KEETON 70 X 7 FORGIVENESS SCHOLARSHIP
SIMPSON VICKERY SCHOLARSHIP
SOUTHERN MOTION SCHOLARSHIP
TEACHER OF DISTINCTION AWARD FROM TPSD ADMINISTRATION
TERRY MANN SCHOLARSHIP
THE DANIELLE ADAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
THE HOMESTRETCH SCHOLARSHIP
THE QUEENIE BARNES "QUEEN B" EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
TIGER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
TIMMY BRYANT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
TONY LAUNIUS SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP
UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP
VICKY RUSSELL FOUNDATION FOR HOPE
WALKER SCHOLARSHIP (MONROE COUNTY CAREER TECH CENTER)

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS WALL MEMORIAL FUND



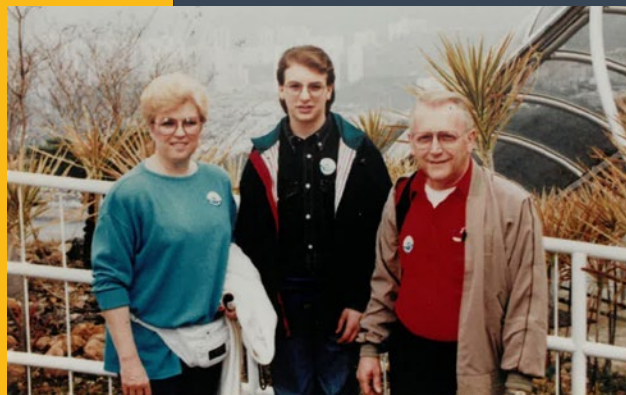
Chris was born on December 4, 1977, in Tupelo, Mississippi, the son of Herb and Glenda Wall and brother to Debbie, Scotty, and Ellen.

Chris loved sports and spent all his life involved in some way. He played all the team sports growing up including football, basketball, soccer, and baseball. At age 11, he started playing golf and tennis and won trophies in both. However, the last 2 years of his life bowling became the love of his life.

Chris' parents owned Rebelanes so he was exposed to bowling his whole life. At age 4, he bowled in 2 leagues. At age 7, he was awarded the Sportsmanship Award by the Tupelo Junior Bowling Association. At age 13, he joined Southern Scratch Junior Bowling Association (SSJBA) and for 2 years he was the only member who never missed a tournament, which were held throughout a 7 state area. After his accident, SSJBA established the Chris Wall Memorial Sportsmanship Award which was presented annually in Fort Walton Beach, FL at their year-end tournament.

In June 1993, Chris won the Mississippi State Junior Tournament All Events title in his age group. On September 6, 1993, one month before his accident, he won the Senior Division of Rebelanes first annual scholarship tournament. That scholarship tournament was renamed to the Chris Wall Memorial Scholarship Classic and was held every Labor Day weekend for the next 20 years. During that time junior bowlers earned nearly \$100,000 in scholarship money that would be paid to their school when they attended college. Today the Chris Wall Memorial Scholarship awards a \$1,000 scholarship each to a graduating senior from Tupelo High School and Tupelo Christian Preparatory School.

Chris was a loving and courteous young man. His parents knew that first hand. This positive trait was affirmed by many others who knew Chris through their cards and comments to his family after his accident. He lived his life as a Christian with good character.



TOYOTA WELLSPRING EDUCATION FUND

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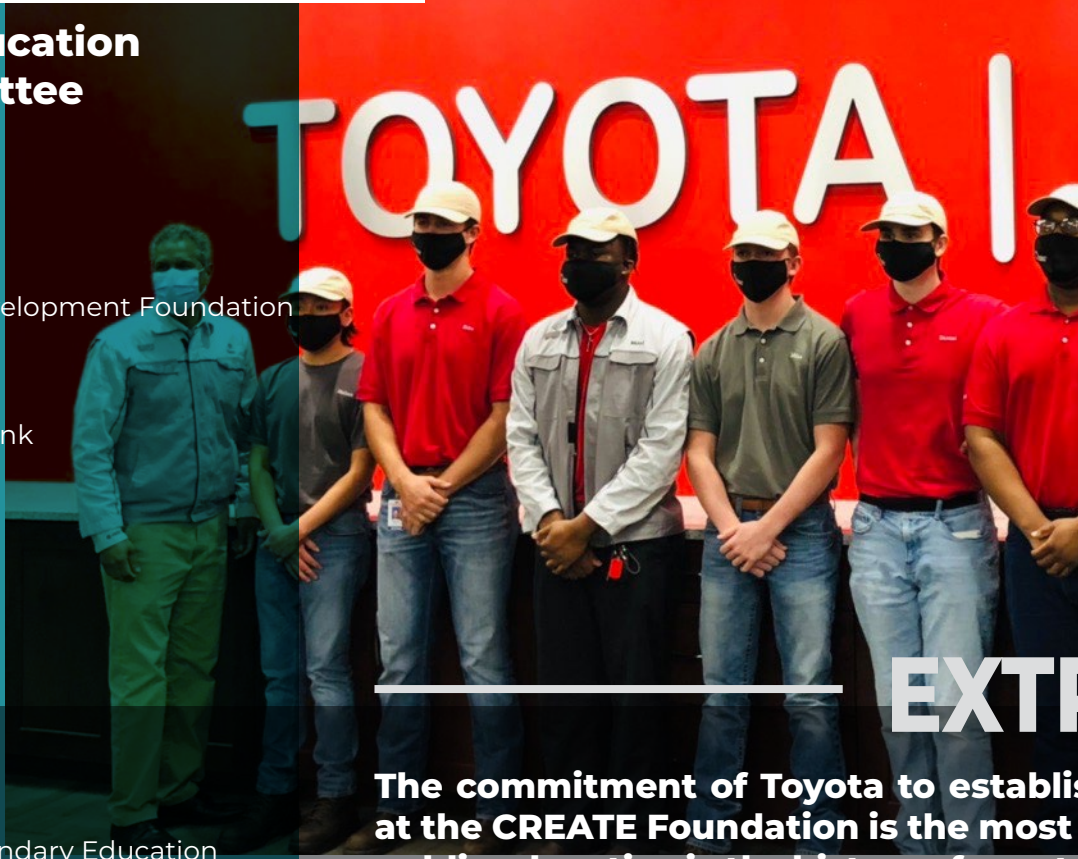
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The commitment of Toyota to establish
at the CREATE Foundation is the most
public education in the history of our state
CREATE, through the recommendation
Advisory Committee, used the proceeds
enhance education in Lee, Pontotoc and

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CAREER COACHES



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Career Coaches ensure students are exposed, prepared, and connected to their college and career goals.



Career Coaches participate in and provide opportunities for students to experience internships, summer camps, and business, industry and college tours, as well as training in transformational leadership skills.



12 Career Coaches in 14 high schools across districts in Pontotoc, Union, and Lee counties.

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES CAREER EXPO



For over five years, the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo has provided over 30,000 eighth graders from the 17 CREATE counties with the opportunity to experience careers in 18 career pathways.

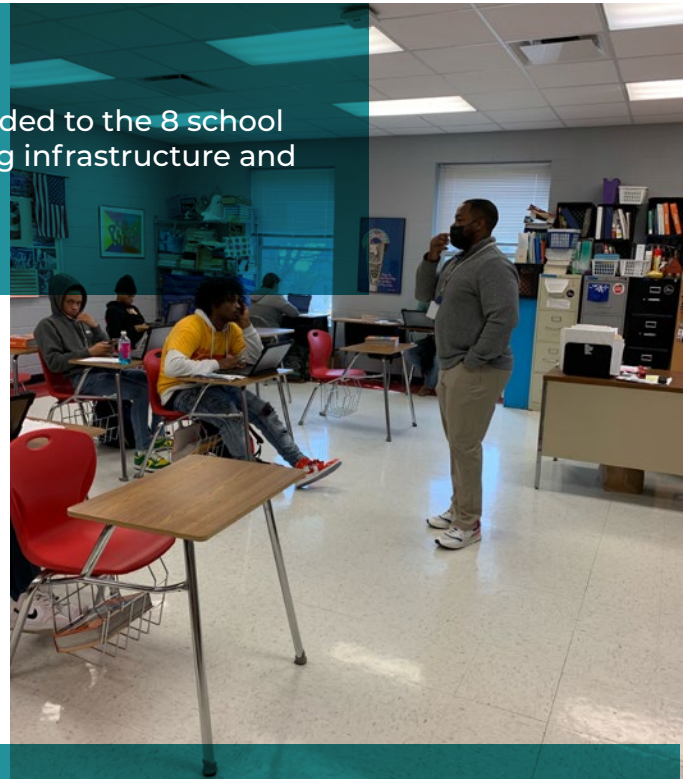
In 2020, Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo experience veered from an in-person event to a virtual format and prioritized 10th grade students. The virtual format includes a website, www.itpcareerexpo.com, and the **Imagine the Possibilities app** that is accessible via Apple and Android products. Students and parents can access information on all eighteen pathways with each pathway including a pathway overview video, pathway resources, a “day in the life” videos, mentor-for-a-minute clips, and a podcast.

All career pathways, with which students receive exposure align with the Mississippi Department of Education College and Career Readiness Standards.



CLASSROOMS TO CAREERS GRANTS

\$3.5 million in STEAM grants have been provided to the 8 school districts, enhancing STEM instruction, providing infrastructure and technology resources



The grants targeted high-demand workforce careers, paid internship opportunities for students, and covered fees for the WorkKeys assessments required by business and industry.



Implementation of internships, workforce engagement opportunities, and aptitude assessments assists students to better align their high school experience to their future careers.

MARCHBANKS ENDOWMENT FUND



John and Frances Marchbanks believed in giving back to their community. John, a native of Shannon, Mississippi, maintained a deep love for the area where he grew up, even though he had not lived there for more than 60 years. He and his wife, Frances, desired to help others overcome their problems, misfortunes and handicaps, and to assist them to achieve better lives and become productive citizens.

Having grown up during the Depression, John and Frances Marchbanks knew something about overcoming adversity in their own lives. They both suffered from the effects of Frances having polio as a child. The illness fueled their desire to help others overcome obstacles to better themselves. In 2005, the Marchbanks left a gift of \$8.7 million to benefit the region.



2021 MARCHBANKS GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2021
Grants and
Scholarships
Totaled
\$620,068

Tuition Guarantee Program – Annual commitment of up to **\$150,000** to support the Tuition Guarantee Program in Lee County.

\$50,000 grant to Tupelo-Lee County Hunger Coalition.

\$10,000 grant to North MS Industrial Development Association for broadband.

\$23,750 awarded in scholarships.

\$3,000 grant to Start with the Arts.

Lee County Excel by 5 - **\$20,000** grant to improve early childhood education

\$20,000 grant to Northeast MS Habitat for Humanity.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE



CENTER FOR FIDUCIARY EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATION

CREATE Foundation is the first foundation in the world to successfully complete the Center for Fiduciary Excellence (CEFEX) certification process. The CEFEX standard of excellence for investment stewards is based on 22 fiduciary practices that seek to increase long-term investment performance by diversifying the portfolio, evaluating investment management fees, and selecting investment managers. In 2020, CEFEX recognized CREATE for 10 consecutive years of fiduciary excellence.



CHARITY NAVIGATOR CERTIFICATION

In 2020, CREATE Foundation earned its tenth 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 3% of the charities rated have received nine 4-star evaluations, indicating that CREATE Foundation consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way and outperforms most other charities in America.



NATIONAL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

The CREATE Foundation has been confirmed in compliance with the Council on Foundations National Standards. The National Standards Seal signifies that CREATE Foundation has met rigorous National Standards and has demonstrated its commitment to financial security, transparency, and accountability.

Dear Friends,

CREATE had another outstanding year for investments. Our return was 14.40% for 2021, net of investment fees. For the ninth time in eleven years, our return performed better than other community foundations our size based on a national survey. Our three-year return was 15%, the five-year return was 9.97%, the seven-year return was 8.14%, and the ten-year return was 9.13%. We remain confident in our diversified portfolio approach to generate an appropriate, long-term return.

As we have seen in the beginning months of 2022, there will be periods of volatility as a result of market conditions and economic cycles and geo-political events such as the recent invasion of Ukraine. Our committee continues to believe the best way to navigate the road ahead is with an asset allocation model that has been proven over time. We are pleased to report to you the investment cost of our pooled investment fund continues to decrease as our fund value increases. The 2021 expense was 0.253%. We take our fiduciary responsibilities seriously and work to maximize investment returns with the least possible risk through a sound and consistent investment process. An external audit of that process ensures that it meets the highest standards of fiduciary excellence.

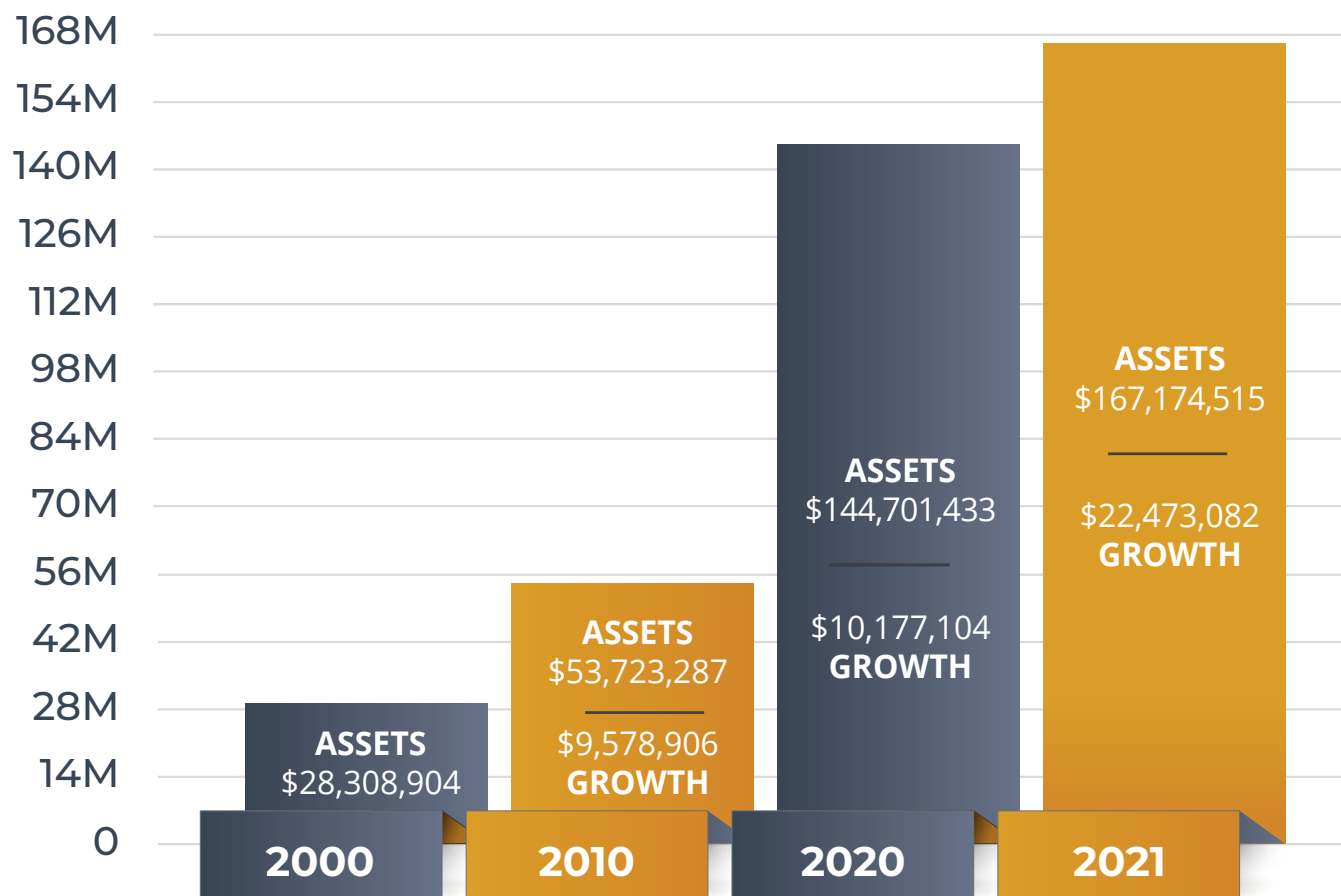
We hope you find the information contained in this letter to be helpful. If you have questions, please contact the CREATE office. Thank you for your continued support and confidence in the CREATE Foundation.

Sincerely,

Larry Kirk, Chairman
Investment Committee
CREATE Foundation Inc.

The CREATE Foundation annually engages the services of an independent accounting firm to perform an audit of the Foundation's financial statements. As part of the audit, the firm also reviews the internal controls and various policies and procedures to ensure the Foundation staff is adhering to the most current accounting practices. The Foundation's auditor, Nail McKinney Professional Association, has issued an unmodified audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021. Complete audited financials are available at www.createfoundation.com or may be obtained by calling the CREATE office at (662) 844-8989.

CREATE FOUNDATION 2000-2021 SCORECARD



<u>Assets</u>	\$28,308,904	\$53,723,287	\$144,701,433	\$167,174,515
<u>Contributions</u>	\$2,234,555	\$9,659,149	\$10,893,755	\$16,923,285
<u>Grants</u>	\$1,747,212	\$5,969,016	\$12,271,722	\$11,084,823
<u>Endowment Funds</u>				
Number	36	135	255	276
New	11	8	15	21
Amount	\$3,770,948	\$28,958,847	\$117,545,628	\$133,024,632
<u>Affiliates</u>	\$680,622	\$4,977,005	\$8,494,299	\$9,782,766
<u>Donor Advised Funds</u>	53	149	185	220
New	16	3	7	33
<u>Special Projects</u>	29	185	223	227
New	10	27	9	21



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VISION

As a premier community foundation, we strive for Northeast Mississippi to become the best place to live.

MISSION

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

To learn more about how to make a difference, please come by or call the CREATE Foundation.

