



## Foundation's News and Updates

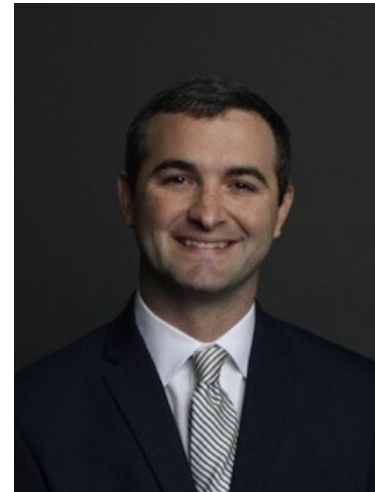
### CREATE Foundation announces staff changes, new staff member



Lewis Whifield



Kristy Luse



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The CREATE Foundation has announced a series of staffing changes that will help the community foundation further its goal of improving life for Northeast Mississippians. Read more about this announcement [here](#).

### *You are invited to State of the Region Meeting*

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
9:30 until 11:30 AM  
BancorpSouth Conference Center in Tupelo, MS.**

Please plan to attend and feel free to invite others you believe would enjoy and benefit from the presentation. Speakers for the meeting will be Ryan Miller,

Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development, and John Caldwell, Northern District Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Admission is free and reservations to the 9:30 meeting are not required.

## NEMYF GRANT DISBURSEMENTS 2021

The Northeast Mississippi Youth Foundation (NEMYF) has distributed \$5,520 in grant awards to 10 nonprofit organizations.

The nonprofit group announced the grant recipients and amounts during its annual press conference on Sunday, April 10, at First United Methodist Church in Tupelo.

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

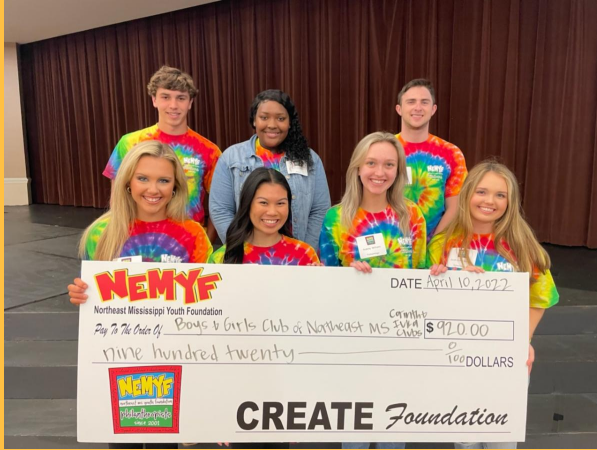
Since its founding in 2001, the NEMYF board members have grown the endowment to over \$173,000. The priority of this funding is to support programs related to four focus areas — youth, special needs and human services, education, and the arts. Each year the cohort can spend up to 4% of the endowment on grants that help youth in our region. The group has collectively given over \$53,000 in grants.

The NEMYF board of directors consists of 49 11th and 12th graders from 25 high schools across 14 counties. These counties include Alcorn, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Tippah, Tishomingo, and Union.

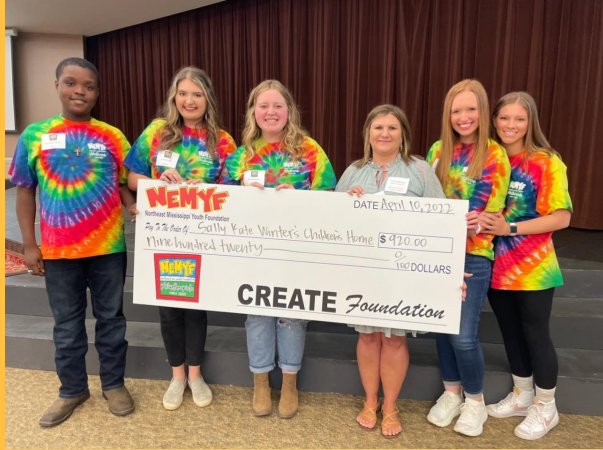


Pictured above: NEMYF 2021-22 Seniors





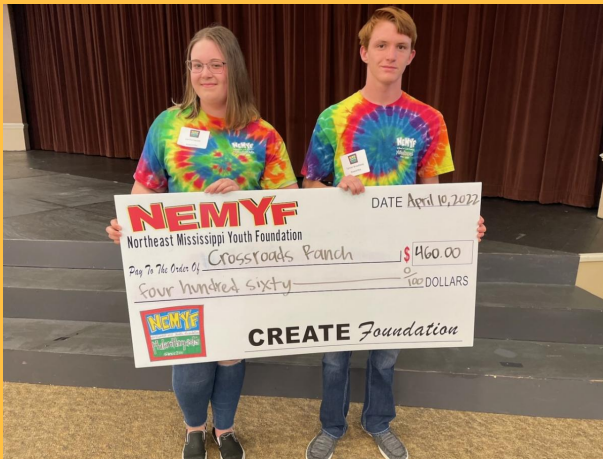
**Alcorn / Tishomingo  
(2 counties contributing)  
Boys & Girls Club of Northeast  
Mississippi  
(Corinth and Iuka Clubs)  
Grant Amount – \$920**



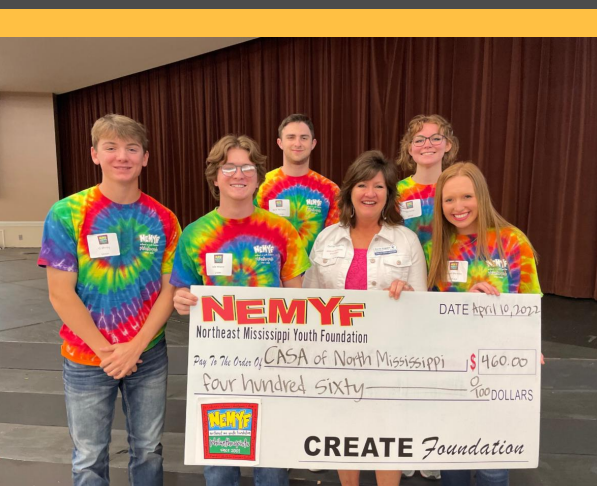
**Calhoun / Clay  
(2 counties contributing)  
Sally Kate Winters Children's  
Home  
Grant Amount – \$920**



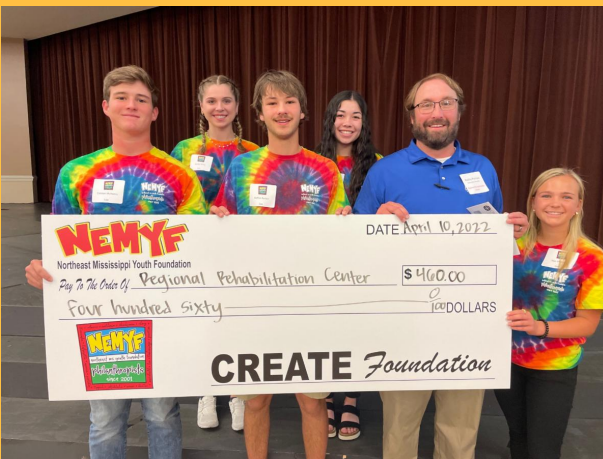
**Chickasaw  
Mission Okolona  
Grant Amount – \$460**



**Itawamba  
Crossroads Ranch  
Grant Amount – \$460**



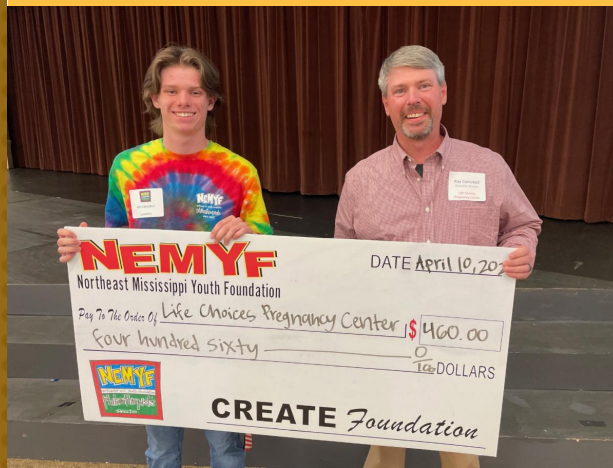
**Lafayette  
Court Appointed Special  
Advocates (CASA) of North  
Mississippi**



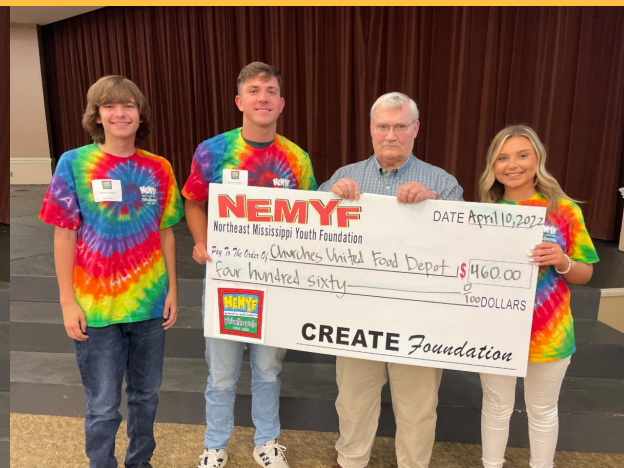
**Lee  
Regional Rehabilitation Center  
Grant Amount – \$460**



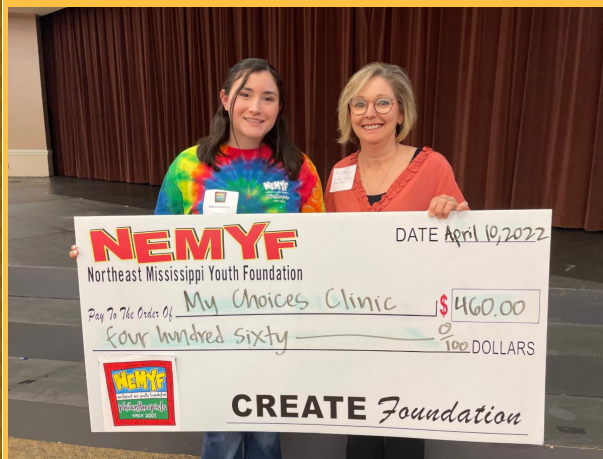
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**Lowndes**  
**Life Choices Pregnancy Center**  
Grant Amount – \$460



**Pontotoc**  
**Churches United Food Depot**  
Grant Amount – \$460



**Tippah**  
**My Choices Clinic**  
Grant Amount – \$460



**Union**  
**Agape Clinic**  
Grant Amount – \$460

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The Toyota Wellspring Education Fund (TWEF) at the CREATE Foundation has been the lead sponsor the last six 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 2021-March 2022 revealed a participation rate of **32.41%** across approximately 6,500 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!**

**LEVEL 1 BEATSX EARPHONES – 120 POINTS**

• Jamie Vinson, Tremont Attendance Center

• Emily Sullivan, Shannon High School

- Emily Anderson, Tremont Attendance Center
- Taylor Roberson, East Union Attendance Center
- Holly Edge, Mantachie Attendance Center
- Emily Sullivan, Shannon High School
- Quintasia Hodges, Columbus High School
- Michael Henderson, Tupelo High School

#### LEVEL 2 BEATS SOLO3 WIRELESS HEADPHONES – 220 POINT

- Cadie Clark, Tremont Attendance Center
- Garrett Weaver, Houston High School
- Kevin Taboada, Nettleton High School
- Izzy Park, Pontotoc High School
- Caroline Ward, Mooreville High School
- Jake Miller, Tupelo High School

#### LEVEL 3 AIRPODS PRO – 320 POINTS

- Jonathan Tesseneer, Smithville Attendance Center
- Ethan Nelms, Corinth High School
- Montana Foster, Nettleton High School
- Shelby Ragsdale, Mooreville High School
- Dillon Bishop, Saultillo High School
- Alexander Spearman, Tupelo High School

#### LEVEL 4 IPAD AIR – 420 POINTS

- Peyton Stallings, Biggersville High School
- Luke Hammer, Pontotoc High School
- Alexis Gann, Nettleton High School
- Seth Boland, North Pontotoc High School
- Sydney Palmer, Saultillo High School
- Desirae Mallard, Tupelo High School

#### LEVEL 5 MACBOOK AIR – 520 POINTS+

- Ava Lentz, Tremont Attendance Center
- Landon Johnson, Pontotoc High School
- Cameron Rickman, Alcorn Central High School
- Zmon Clay, Shannon High School
- Kiya Curry, Columbus High School
- Raymond Zhang, 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



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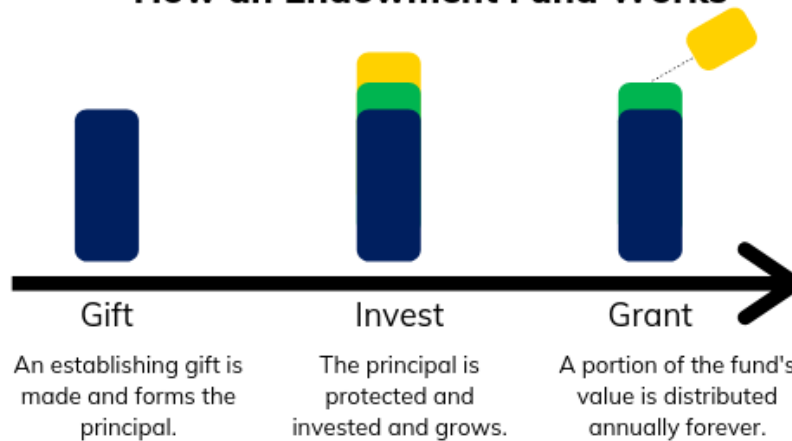
Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi Inc., (APMM) • B & B Concrete Co., Inc. • BancorpSouth  
Baptist Memorial Health Care • Calhoun County Endowment Foundation • First Choice Bank  
Lafayette Oxford Foundation for Tomorrow (LOFT) • Lowndes Community Foundation  
Starkville-Oktibbeha Achieving Results (SOAR) • South Monroe County Community Fund  
Tippah and Ripley Growing Excellent Together (TARGET) • Airbus

#### Patron Sponsors - \$500

West Point Community Foundation • Golden Triangle Development Link • SprintPrint • Pontotoc Electric Power Assoc.



## How an Endowment Fund Works



An endowment is a permanent fund of support for a specific purpose. CREATE currently has 276 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/>.



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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



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the possibilities

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## ENGINEERING YOUR FUTURE



Tony Hernandez, a Tupelo High School senior, landed a unique internship, with Rusty Waterer, owner of Stewardship Warehousing & Logistics. During his internship, Tony experienced firsthand a day-in-the-life of the e-commerce business. While learning the basics of logistics, paired with strong mentoring from his "cool" boss Rusty, Tony confirmed he wants to pursue engineering. Community partners that invest in internships are delivering the workforce of the future!

To learn more about the Toyota Wellspring Education Fund and the Career Coaches, visit [www.createfoundation.com](http://www.createfoundation.com)



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**JULIE HENRY**

CREATE Board Member

## *Where Legacies Live Forever*

At CREATE, we believe the future of our region is directly tied to enhancing the ability of our people to pursue their goals and aspirations. We encourage you to explore the many ways the CREATE Foundation can help you accomplish your charitable giving.

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## OUR MISSION

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

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