



## December News and Updates



During the month of December, we thank all of you for partnering with us this year to 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.

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

*McLean Award for Philanthropy Recipients 2022*



The McLean Award for Philanthropy was established to honor those individuals, families, and organizations who exemplify CREATE George and Anna Keirsey McLean's spirit of charitable giving. It recognizes the extraordinary leadership of people working to improve the quality of life in their communities and in the northeast Mississippi region.

Four recipients of the McLean Award for Philanthropy were announced at CREATE's 50th Anniversary Gala - Elizabeth "Betsy" Brown, Larry and Judy Kirk, Jack and Lisa Reed, and Heywood and Sue Washburn. The fifth and final recipient in recognition of CREATE's milestone year was announced at the Corinth Rotary Club meeting on Thur., Dec. 1.

## *McLean Award for Philanthropy Recipient Hull Davis Family*



The fifth McLean Award for Philanthropy recipients are the Hull Davis family from Corinth. The Hull Davis family is passionate about supporting the next generation through supporting organizations including the Boy Scouts of America, United Way of Corinth and Alcorn County, and the Corinth School District Foundation.

You can watch the [McLean Award for Philanthropy 2022 Video](#) that includes all past recipients and the five recipients for CREATE's 50th Anniversary year. This video will be added to the website.

## *Northeast Mississippi Youth Foundation (NEMYF)*



### *December Meeting*

NEMY board members had their holiday meeting and service project on Sun., Dec. 4. The board members selected to support Shelter and Assistance in Family Emergencies (S.A.F.E., Inc.), and staff members Sandra Blanch and Takiva Bell attended the meeting to share about their work and thank the board.

### *Service Project*

NEMYF board members brought comfort essentials for families who need S.A.F.E., Inc. services this holiday season including blankets, warm socks/slippers, hats/scarves, and teddy bears. Pictured are board members from Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, and Tippah that brought blankets.







NEMYF board members were charged with wearing festive holiday attire to the meeting. Front Row Pictured (L to R): NEMYF Assistant Chair Whit Everitt (Union), Jason Dowling (Calhoun), Katelynn Kirkendall (Lafayette), and NEMYF Secretary Alea Hudson (Union) who were awarded best outfits.

NEMYF board members have started their fundraising efforts by bringing in **\$518** with a goal of raising **\$6,000** for their endowment. Please contact Stewart McMillan at [stewart@createfoundation.com](mailto:stewart@createfoundation.com) if you would like to learn about ways to support NEMYF.

## *United / Lane Employee Support Opportunity*

If you would like to donate to support our neighbors who lost their jobs at United/Lane Furniture, visit [unitedwaynems.org/unitedfurniture](http://unitedwaynems.org/unitedfurniture) or send a check to CREATE Foundation, PO Box 1053, Tupelo, MS 38802. Details on receiving assistance will be available in the upcoming weeks.

Show your support for former  
United/Lane employees



United Way of  
Northeast Mississippi

[unitedwaynems.org/unitedfurniture](http://unitedwaynems.org/unitedfurniture)

## *CREATE Foundation, Inc. Holiday Hours*

The CREATE Foundation, Inc. will be closed on **Fri., Dec. 23** and **Mon., Dec. 26** for the Christmas holiday. The office will be closed again on **Mon., Jan. 2** for the New Years Holiday. We look forward to supporting your end of year giving needs on any days other than these three.



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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