



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
OF EAST ALABAMA



2024 **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**



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Our Partnership Program

CFEA Community Partners lead our community through philanthropy, volunteerism, and community engagement. Community Partners share in our vision to be a vehicle for generosity to improve the quality of life in our community. Our Community Partners invest in the Community Foundation's work to build the capacity of our local nonprofits, convene local leaders to address our community's most critical issues, and nurture a philanthropic spirit positively impacts a broad spectrum of issues in East Alabama.

Additional Benefits for Community Partners:

- Listing of business/organization featured on the Community Foundation website.
- A CFEA Community Partner seal for your website and other promotional materials.
- Company logo appears on eNewsletters sent to our subscribers, including corporate and community leaders.
- Company logo appears on Community Partner event materials, including our nonprofit seminars.
- Recognition as a featured Community Partner on our social media channels.
- Access to Community Foundation leadership for philanthropic consultation/presentations to your employees on topics related to charitable giving, corporate philanthropy, and the local nonprofits.

Community Partners: \$5,000 PER YEAR, RENEWABLE ANNUALLY



Community Partner Impact Areas

● Grantmaking

At our Community Foundation, our grantmaking efforts are aimed at stimulating non-profit growth and development within East Alabama. We firmly believe that non-profit organizations are the foundation to sustainable growth in our community. In becoming a *Community Partner* of the CFEA, you will directly support these efforts to stimulate non-profit growth in East Alabama. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant community where everyone can thrive. Your partnership will play a pivotal role in shaping a brighter future for East Alabama.

● Disaster Relief

We are committed to providing swift and effective assistance to those in urgent need during times of crisis. Your partnership will go directly to providing essential supplies, shelter, medical aid, or long-term recovery support. You will play a crucial role in helping affected individuals and communities rebuild their lives and regain their stability.

● Operating Budget

Ensuring that we have a healthy operating budget is vital in our efforts to run smoothly and efficiently. Your partnership will help to ensure that we have the necessary resources to sustain our day-to-day operations. By supporting our operating budget, you play an instrumental role in ensuring the long-term sustainability of our mission. By becoming a *Community Partner* you will help to maximize our impact and will allow us to continue working throughout East Alabama.





Recent Projects of the Community Foundation

Mini-Grants

Through our Mini Grant program, we award three \$500 grants to nonprofits annually. Preference will be given to non-profits that have been in operation between 2-5 years. These mini grants may be used for general operating support. General operating support provides unrestricted funding to help support and maintain an organization as it pursues its mission. This type of grant is flexible and gives the grantee the ability to use the funds where they are most appropriate. During our 2023 mini-grant cycle, the grant recipients were “worthy2”, “Redeeming Grace Ministries”, and the “Jesse Parkhurst Guzman Foundation”.

Caring For Dadeville

A horrific and senseless shooting occurred on April 15th, 2023 at a Sweet Sixteen Birthday Party in Dadeville, Alabama. To support the community of Dadeville during this time and moving forward, the Caring for Dadeville Fund was quickly established to manage the donations made in response to this tragedy. Donations given to the Community Foundation of East Alabama totaled over \$90,000. The Foundation, First Baptist Church of Dadeville, Dadeville High School, Members of the Mayor’s Office of Dadeville, and the Lake Martin Area United Way have all come together to create the Caring For Dadeville Committee to decide how to best help those impacted through the funds that had been given. All donations, minus credit card fees, will be distributed as grants to organizations that are addressing the ongoing needs of victims and community members.

Partnerships with Auburn University

During 2023, the Community Foundation of East Alabama partnered in multiple ways with Auburn University. Of note, we were excited to be able to provide \$2,500 in the form of a grant to a group of students learning about the grantmaking process in the College of Human Sciences. These students learned about the grantmaking process through hands on learning and awarded the \$2500 grant to the Twin Cedar’s Child Advocacy Center. The CFEA also enjoys the continual partnership with the Cary Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies. In 2023, the CFEA provided \$5000 to support the yearly programming of the Cary Center, which includes nonprofit seminars and other development events. We plan to continue this partnership into 2024.

Tornado Response

Within days of the March 3, 2019 tornadoes that primarily affected the communities of Beauregard and Smiths Station, the Community Foundation of East Alabama (CFEA) created the “Long Term Tornado Recovery Fund” to establish a reliable point for funds to be collected from all around the world. Community Foundations always try to address community needs by facilitating and pooling donations. A long term recovery funding group or table known as MEND was formed and consisted of the Community Foundation of East Alabama, EAMC Foundation, Catholic Social Services, the United Way of Lee County, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and Alabama Rural Ministries (ARM). MEND reviewed the needs presented by trained disaster case managers and provided the flow of information between the unmet needs in the affected communities and the funders.





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We invite you to join us in a transformative community partnership, where your support will empower us to make a lasting impact on East Alabama. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant community, creating a legacy of positive change that benefits us all.

**THANK
YOU**



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