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## **Friends of the Autauga-Prattville Public Library Receives Twelfth ‘Surprise Grant’ from the Central Alabama Community Foundation**

MONTGOMERY – This year the Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF) is celebrating 30 years since its founding in 1987. To commemorate this milestone anniversary, CACF will award 30 surprise grants to local nonprofits. These grants will be awarded over the course of 2017.

The twelfth surprise grant was awarded Wednesday, July 12 to the Friends of the Autauga-Prattville Public Library. CACF staff surprised Autauga-Prattville Public Library Director Lindsey Milam with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

The Friends of the Autauga-Prattville Public Library is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the Autauga-Prattville libraries through fundraising and advocacy. The Friends of the Autauga-Prattville Public Library have helped the library gain access to the Camellia Net Digital Library, hosted various fundraisers, and provided matching funds to leverage federal grant money for library programming.

The library originated in 1956 as the Prattville Library, and later became the Autauga-Prattville Public Library in 1974 when a “city-county library system” was formed. The library now serves more than 130,000 patrons each year.

“CACF applauds the devotion and support of the Friends of the Autauga-Prattville Public Library for recognizing the vital need for library services in our community. With this grant, the Friends of the Autauga-Prattville Public Library will be able to further their mission of providing library programs across Autauga County,” said CACF President Burton Ward.

Donate to our surprise grants and help CACF celebrate our 30th anniversary, by making a contribution at [www.cacfinfo.org](http://www.cacfinfo.org) or by check to CACF, 35 S. Court Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. For more information, contact CACF Development Officer Whitney Griswold Califf at (334) 264-6223 or [whitney.griswold@cacfinfo.org](mailto:whitney.griswold@cacfinfo.org)

*CACF was founded in 1987 and has grown to hold over \$59 million in charitable assets while distributing over \$50 million to organizations that serve the community. CACF serves several counties including Autauga, Coffee, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Macon, and Montgomery.*

*Through its 200+ funds, CACF addresses a wide variety of concerns, supporting projects and programs in education, health, human services, cultural arts, recreation, historic preservation and other civic concerns. Each year, the Foundation distributes over \$3 million through hundreds of grants and scholarships.*

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