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**Habitat for Humanity of Autauga and Chilton Counties
Receives Fifteenth ‘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 nonprofit organizations. These grants will be awarded over the course of 2017.

The fifteenth surprise grant was awarded Wednesday, August 2 to Habitat for Humanity of Autauga and Chilton Counties. CACF staff surprised Executive Director Lisa Green at a local home build site with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

Habitat for Humanity of Autauga and Chilton Counties was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. To provide “a hand up, not a hand out” Habitat for Humanity of Autauga and Chilton Counties works in partnership with people in need to build quality, affordable housing. These houses are sold to people in need, at no profit, with no interest charged. Individuals or families must meet specific requirements to apply for repairs or construction of a new home. Applicants must live in Autauga or Chilton County, for at least nine months, be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident, be able to pay through monthly income or HUD (with a 2% down payment until move in date), and put in 100-400 sweat equity hours depending on how many family members are eligible.

“We know that building a home, from the ground up, is no easy task and greatly appreciate the work of Habitat for Humanity of Autauga and Chilton Counties. The work of this organization’s staff and volunteers continues to make the dream of home ownership a reality for hardworking families in our community,” 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 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

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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