

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

May 10, 2017

**CONTACT:** Megan Stevens  
[Megan.stevens@cacfinfo.org](mailto:Megan.stevens@cacfinfo.org)  
(304) 633-0000 or  
CACF Office  
334-264-6223

## **Alabama Wildlife Federation Receives Seventh ‘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, by a group of civic leaders who had a vision to provide long-term financial support for nonprofit agencies in our community. 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 seventh surprise grant was awarded Wednesday, May 10 to the Alabama Wildlife Federation (AWF). CACF staff surprised Executive Director Tim Gothard with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

Founded in 1935, the AWF is the oldest and largest nonprofit conservation organization in Alabama. The Federation was established to promote the conservation of wildlife, forests, fish, soils, water, and air for future generations. AWF educates the public through programs at its Lanark property in Millbrook. Thousands visit each year during field trips, summer camps, and workshops.

AWF celebrates Alabama’s hunting and fishing heritage with events such as wild game cook-offs across the state, a youth fishing rodeo, a network for women to learn angling and hunting on their own, and through its magazine with a readership of 18,000 sportsmen, landowners, and conservationists across Alabama.

“We are fortunate to have an organization close by that teaches the importance of taking care of our community and state. We hope this \$3,000 Surprise Grant will be used to support the ongoing efforts of the Alabama Wildlife Federation to conserve natural resources and educate Alabamians about the wise use of our wildlife,” said CACF President Burton Ward.

If you, your family or business would like to match one of our surprise grants and help CACF celebrate our 30th anniversary, consider making a donation 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.*

**-END**