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## **Foundation Invites Community to Submit Nominations of Nonprofit Organizations to Receive \$3,000 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Surprise Grants**

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.

CACF is inviting our community to help select nonprofit organizations to receive a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary surprise grant. Beginning Monday, June 5, CACF is welcoming the submission of names of local nonprofit organizations that are making a positive impact in our community. To submit an organization's name, please visit CACF's website at [www.cacfinfo.org/surprisegrant.html](http://www.cacfinfo.org/surprisegrant.html). The minimum grant amount will be \$3,000.

"Community is in our organization's name for a reason. CACF would not exist without the support of our donors across our communities, so who better to help us select deserving organizations than our neighbors. We encourage everyone to use their voice and tell us what nonprofit organizations they feel are making our area a better place to call home," said CACF President Burton Ward.

Nonprofit organizations must be a registered 501(c)(3) located in Montgomery, Autauga, Elmore, Lowndes, Macon, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry or Houston counties to be considered for an award. CACF or its affiliates do not fund individuals, annual fundraising drives, events or marketing campaigns, religious purposes (although we do support educational and social service programs offered by faith-based organizations), endowments, research, partisan political advocacy, regular operating support or capital projects, or sponsorship of fundraising events.

To date, nine local organizations: That's My Child, Macon County Humane Society, The City of St. Jude, Children's Center Adult Program, Mary Ellen's Hearth at Nellie Burge Community Center, Family Promise of Montgomery, Alabama Wildlife Federation, Transformation Montgomery, and One Church Mission Center (a program of Reality & Truth Ministries) have been awarded \$3,000 surprise grants. These organizations will not be eligible to receive an additional surprise grant.

*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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