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Children's Center Adult Program Receives Fourth '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 fourth surprise grant was awarded Wednesday, February 22 to the Children's Center Adult Program (CCAP) located in Montgomery. CACF staff surprised CCAP Executive Director, Cynthia McCaghren, during one of the arts and crafts classes with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

CCAP is a productive day program for young adults age 21 and over with disabilities. Students participate in stimulating classes including arts and crafts, physical education and therapy, gardening, and life skills. The program allows students to learn and socialize every day in a safe environment while their parents work.

"For CACF's 30th Anniversary we want to honor the vision of our founders and ongoing generosity of our donors is by providing essential funding to nonprofits doing the work that meets our community's most critical needs. With the four grants we have awarded so far, we have reached nonprofits making a difference by providing services to people with disabilities, mentoring youth, the hungry and an animal shelter during a financial crisis. Please join us in the celebration of our anniversary and the hard work of nonprofits by making a contribution to support our 30th Anniversary Surprise Grants. Your donations will make an impact right here in our community," said CACF President Burton Ward.

Donations to support the 30 surprise grants and the work of the Central Alabama Community Foundation, can be made online via the Foundation's website at www.cacfinfo.org or by check to CACF, 35 S. Court Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. For more information, contact CACF Development Director Whitney Griswold Califf at (334) 264-6223 or whitney.griswold@cacfinfo.org

CACF was founded in 1987 and has grown to hold over \$58 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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