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## **Camp ASCCA Receives Tenth ‘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 tenth surprise grant was awarded Wednesday, June 7 to Easter Seals Camp ASCCA (Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults). CACF surprised Camp ASCCA Director Matt Rickman with balloons and a \$3,000 check during Montgomery Academy's Philanthropy 101 course site visit. CACF President Burton Ward recently served as a guest lecturer for the course and saw the students site visit to Camp ASCCA as a great “cover” to award the surprise grant.

Camp ASCCA was founded in 1976 to help individuals with disabilities and/or health impairments achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence. This is accomplished through camping, therapeutic recreation and education in a year-round barrier-free environment on beautiful Lake Martin. Campers can experience arts and crafts, horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, fishing, archery, zip-lining, water tubing and have use of wheelchair accessible facilities like a rifle range, mini-golf course, paved nature trails, splash pad and waterslides.

“Camp ASCCA offers some 7,000 children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to express their individuality and independence in a safe environment, each year. This camp promotes a healthier, happier, longer, and more productive life for children and adults of all abilities and we are proud to celebrate their work with this gift,” said CACF President Burton Ward.

Donate to our surprise grants and help CACF celebrate our 30th anniversary, by 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.*

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