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Central Alabama Community Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary by Awarding First of 30 Surprise Grants

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 first of these 30 grants was awarded on Thursday, January 19 to That's My Child founder, Charles Lee. Foundation staff arrived at the Chisholm Community Center in north Montgomery to surprise Lee and "That's My Child" participants with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

That's My Child provides weekly arts programming, mentoring and other after school activities to underserved youth between the ages of 6-18 in Montgomery. Various nights of the week program participants can take classes in praise dancing or poetry writing, play in an organized basketball or football league, and male high school students can enroll in "Gents to Gentleman," a program pairing them with local adult mentors to learn valuable life skills.

"We decided that a great way to honor the vision of our founders and the ongoing generosity of our donors would be to award 30 surprise grants to 30 nonprofit organizations in Central Alabama. It is our honor to provide the funding to nonprofits doing the work that meets our communities most critical needs," said Burton Ward, CACF President.

The 30 surprise grants are in addition to CACF's community trust grants which are awarded quarterly.

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.

For more information about how you can be a part of the celebration by giving back, contact CACF Development Director Whitney Griswold Califf at (334) 264-6223 or whitney.griswold@cacfinfo.org

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