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Nehemiah Center Receives Seventeenth ‘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 nonprofit organizations. These grants will be awarded over the course of 2017.

The seventeenth surprise grant was awarded Thursday, August 31 to the Nehemiah Center. CACF staff surprised Nehemiah Center Director Rhonda Thompson with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

The Nehemiah Center is a ministry of the First Baptist Church Montgomery. The center serves at-risk children and families in the Chisholm community. Several programs are offered to carry out their mission to “equip and enable at-risk children and adults with lasting skills that will enable them to abundantly sustain themselves physically, spiritually and emotionally.”

These programs include parenting classes, mentoring, tutoring, assistance obtaining a GED, job-readiness skills, English as a Second Language courses, a Kid’s Club, and summer programs. The center also has a community garden, backpack food program, hosts a Friday Night basketball league for teens and young adults (8th grade and up), and supports a youth football team in the fall.

The Nehemiah Center partners with other nonprofit organizations serving the community such as the Chisholm Boys & Girls Club, Family Guidance Center, Success by Six, YMCA Montgomery, Team Focus, and 4-H.

"The important work the Nehemiah Center is doing to provide educational and recreational support for some of our most vulnerable young citizens is commendable. CACF is honored to be able to support that work with this financial gift, made possible by the generosity of our donors," said CACF President Burton Ward.

Donate to our surprise grants and help CACF celebrate our 30th anniversary, by making a contribution at 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

CACF was founded in 1987 and has grown to hold over \$60 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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