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Central Alabama Community Foundation Awards Second 30th Anniversary 'Surprise' Grant

TUSKEGEE – 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 second of 30 surprise grants was awarded on Friday, February 3 to the Macon County Humane Society (MCHS) Director and President, Susan Allen.

The Macon County Humane Society is a foster based organization dedicated to addressing the pet overpopulation problem and alleviating animal cruelty and suffering in Macon County. MCHS volunteers serve as a small foster care network for abandoned and neglected animals rescued in Macon County.

One week ago, MCHS made a public plea for financial assistance due to increased animal intakes, most of which required critical and costly medical care. These unfortunate circumstances caused the shelter to obtain a \$7,000 veterinarian bill. Allen explained that the financial burden would immediately impact the services MCHS currently provides, until the bill for care was reduced. Foundation staff recognized this was a time sensitive issue and acted quickly to help alleviate this debt and on Friday arrived at MCHS with balloons and a \$3,000 check.

CACF President, Burton Ward reiterated, “the best way we could 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 communities most critical needs. Macon County Humane Society is one such organization. After receiving our surprise grant, MCHS’ veterinary bill will almost be paid in full thanks to the generosity of our neighbors.”

The 30 surprise grants are awarded 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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