



# COMMUNITY TRUST GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND

## TO ADDRESS EVER-CHANGING NEEDS

The Community Trust Grant Endowment (CTGE) Fund, or unrestricted fund, began 34 years ago with a vision from local philanthropists to help the Central Alabama Community Foundation address a wide range of needs and pressing issues in our community.

When you make a donation to the CTGE Fund with the Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF), your gift addresses a broad range of local needs — including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift allows your community foundation to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

Because you set no restrictions on the use of your gift, it enables our experienced program staff to do what they do best -- assess community needs and respond by awarding grants to the nonprofit organizations that undertake our community's most critical work. Unrestricted Funds help your community foundation to support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and meet changing social, cultural, educational, or environmental needs in our local community.

You may give your gift immediately or through your will or other estate planning strategy.

### CONSIDER DONATING TO THE CTGE FUND IF YOU:

- ✓ **Seek to support the changing needs in your community**
- ✓ **Believe in the research and community evaluation processes of the CTGE to determine the needs and effectiveness of nonprofit programs now and in the future**
- ✓ **Seek to make the greatest impact possible**

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### THE RICHARD ESTATE FUND

*In 1987 long-time Montgomery citizen Fred A. Richard, Jr. and a group of civic leaders had a vision that would provide lasting support for their community. They started the Montgomery Area Community Foundation (now CACF) and in its first year \$106,565 in grants were distributed to area charitable organizations. At the end of that inaugural year the MACF held \$616,000 in assets.*

*Richard had a history of philanthropic giving and interest in civic affairs, beginning with his service in WWII as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army. Richard died in 2002, leaving CACF a bequest of over \$5,000,000 to provide grants made from the Richard Estate Fund. This unrestricted fund has been used to support dozens of nonprofits over the years.*

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## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- 1. You can make a gift to CACF through a bequest in your will or another estate planning strategy. To make a gift to CACF immediately, you can give cash, appreciated stock, real estate, mutual funds or other assets.**
- 2. You receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.**
- 3. Through a community evaluation process, CACF determines the areas of community need that would be most impacted by grants from your gift.**
- 4. We handle all the administrative details.**

## QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Learn more at [cacfinfo.org](http://cacfinfo.org) or in person at 114 Church Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Please contact our **President, Burton Crenshaw** by calling (334) 264-6223 or emailing [burton.ward@cacfinfo.org](mailto:burton.ward@cacfinfo.org)

## ABOUT THE CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### MISSION

The Central Alabama Community Foundation is a nonprofit philanthropic foundation created by and for the people of central Alabama. Individuals and corporate donors make gifts and bequests of any size for the betterment of our community.

### ABOUT US

CACF was founded 35 years ago and has grown to hold over \$96 million in charitable assets while distributing over \$70 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 230+ 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 \$5 million through hundreds of grants and scholarships.