

COMMUNITY TRUST GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND

The Community Trust Grant Endowment (CTGE) Fund, or unrestricted fund, began in 1987 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

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 the 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 or in person at **114 Church Street, Montgomery, AL 36104**. Please contact our President, Burton Crenshaw by calling **(334) 264-6223** or emailing burton.crenshaw@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 established in 1987 by a group of local civic leaders. Their vision was to create a permanent charitable foundation to support the work of nonprofits in the Montgomery area.

In 1996, affiliates were started in Autauga and Elmore counties-the Autauga Area Community Foundation (AACF) and Elmore County Community Foundation (ECCF). Southeast Alabama Community Foundation (SACF) became an affiliate in 2010 serving Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston counties. CACF also serves Lowndes and Macon counties. East Alabama Community Foundation (EACF) became an affiliate in 2024, serving Chambers, Lee, Russell, and Tallapoosa counties.

CACF has grown to hold over \$100 million in charitable assets. Through its multiple funds, CACF addresses a wide variety of projects and programs in education, health, human services, cultural arts, recreation, historic preservation and other civic concerns. Each year, the Foundation distributes millions through hundreds of grants and scholarships.