



# ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

East Alabama Community Foundation (EACF) is an affiliate of the Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF) and offers citizens in the East Alabama region the opportunity to build long-term support for their communities. Individuals may establish new funds to support specific purposes or organizations, or they may contribute to existing funds.

Established in 2007 by community leaders, EACF serves the four-county Plains region of Chambers, Lee, Russell, and Tallapoosa counties. EACF became an affiliate of the CACF in 2024.

Through its multiple funds, EACF addresses a wide variety of concerns, supporting projects and programs in education, health, human services, cultural arts, recreation, historic preservation and other civic concerns.

EACF's Advisory Board of area citizens oversees an annual grantmaking program that determines the best investment of these community dollars.

*Community foundations are public charitable organizations, built through generous gifts of all sizes from a wide range of donors. There are more than 900 community foundations nationwide.*

*Funds and endowments share in any earnings realized from pooled investments of all gifts to the Foundation, which generate a sustainable source of support for local charitable projects for years to come.*

*Foundation staff work with donors to achieve their philanthropic impact on the community through a variety of fund options..*

## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



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## FUNDS OPTIONS:

*East Alabama Community Foundation offers different types of funds to help you meet your specific charitable objective. Establishing a fund with EACF is a simple procedure.*

*We offer a variety of options for making donations such as cash, appreciated stock, real estate, mutual funds and other assets. By combining your resources with others who share your interests, you can maximize the impact of modest contributions with minimal costs.*

**Community Trust Grant Endowment (CTGE) Fund -**  
Your gift allows us to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

**Field of Interest (FOI) Funds -** Your gift allows you to identify and support a broad charitable purpose or category of interest, such as the arts, education or human services, or a particular geographic area.

**Donor Advised Funds -** Your gift allows you the opportunity to be actively involved in providing grants from your fund to organizations you recommend. These flexible funds for individuals, families, and businesses or civic groups are ideal for satisfying a range of community interests.

**Restricted Funds -** Your gift allows you to choose one or more specific charitable organizations to support and EACF will "restrict" grants only to those nonprofit agencies.

**Scholarship Funds -** Your gift allows you to create a scholarship to benefit students graduating from a particular school or school system, attending a specified college or university, pursuing a particular field of study, or who meet other qualifying criteria you choose.

## QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Learn more at [cacfinfo.org](http://cacfinfo.org) or in person at **1944 Opelika Rd, Ste. 107, Auburn, AL 36830**. Please contact our President, Burton Crenshaw by calling **(334) 264-6223** or emailing [burton.crenshaw@cacfinfo.org](mailto:burton.crenshaw@cacfinfo.org)

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## EXAMPLES OF RECENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

**\$2,700 to Baby Steps** to enhance and expand our Enrichment Events for pregnant and parenting college students facing an unplanned pregnancy.

**\$3,000 to Mercy Medical** to support "Caring for Patients with Diabetes" to help improve the lives of patients with diabetes by decreasing healthcare costs and equipping them to accurately manage and control their disease.

**\$500 to Quiet Storm Outreach** to support the costs of essential resources such as nutritious meals, hygiene kits, clothing, and bus passes to facilitate job searches and ensure individuals in Tallapoosa County can attend interviews and employment opportunities.

**\$3,000 to Alabama Shakespeare Festival** to subsidize tickets for 300 students to participate in SchoolFest, a comprehensive student matinee program.

**\$2,995.05 to O Grows** to establish an accessible garden in Opelika (Lee County) to empower seniors and individuals with mobility limitations through inclusive gardening. The funds will be used to install four 24" raised beds and a shaded canopy tent to reduce physical barriers and heat exposure.