Our Mission:
The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson is a nonprofit, community corporation created by and for the people of Hinds, Rankin and Madison counties. We help charitable donors establish permanent giving funds that reflect individual philanthropic interests while also making a long-term, positive impact on our community. In other words, we connect people who give with needs that matter.

Adherence to national standards for community foundations — our commitment to accountability, excellence and service.

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Letter from the Chairman

This annual report marks another milestone for us – the 15th anniversary of the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson. In looking back through all of our accomplishments, it's clear that the Foundation has made a positive and lasting impact since its founding in 1993.

Donors, our Board of Trustees, staff members and so many others who've been a part of the Foundation have come from different backgrounds and walks of life, but all share a common motivation: to make our communities stronger.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than $19 million in grants that have served a breathtaking spectrum of vital needs throughout the metropolitan area.

Each one of the endowments at the Foundation has its own unique, moving and often unforgettable story. In many cases, donors found a way to transform their grief and loss into hope by establishing funds in memory of their loved ones. These acts of love and generosity have been humbling and awe-inspiring.

From the start, our goal has been to provide resources to serve the community, and the stories captured in these pages show that the Foundation has stayed true to its vision. We are inspired and energized by the momentum of our past, and we're also confident that our outreach will grow even stronger and open more doors of hope and opportunity for deserving people and charitable organizations in the community.

We would like to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to the countless friends of the Foundation who made all of this possible. As we've always said, the Community Foundation is “For Good. Forever.”

And we're just getting started!

Rick Fountain

Richard M. Fountain
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
From left: Chairman Rick Fountain, Treasurer Alveno Castilla, Secretary Ellen Leake, Audit Committee Chairman Jon Turner, Investment Committee Chairman David Hoster, Grants Committee Chairwoman Gwen Taylor, Public Relations Committee Chairwoman Stella Gray Bryant Sykes, and Development Committee Chairman Paul Varner.

CFGJ thanks those who “Partner” with us, providing significant support each year!

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**Financial Highlights:**
**Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, Inc.**

Following are condensed financial statements for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2008, and 2007, derived from our consolidated financial statements audited by HORNE-LLP. Copies of our Form 990 and financial statements are available upon request.

*Please write the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, 525 E. Capitol Street, Suite 5B, Jackson, MS 39201.*

**Consolidated Statement of Activities**
**For the Years Ended March 31, 2008, and 2007**

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<td>4,462,810</td>
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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**
**March 31, 2008, and 2007**

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Funds Held by the Foundation

Charitable Funds

The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson is pleased to administer charitable giving funds for many generous donors and for nonprofit organizations. Call us to find out how easy it is to support our community – and others' – through your own fund.

Unrestricted

Community Trust Fund
This fund allows the Foundation to address emerging needs in our community. Its use is not restricted to any area or purpose, and gifts of any size are welcomed. The Grants Committee of the Board of Trustees makes decisions about grants from this fund.

Field of Interest

These funds benefit a specific area of need.

Better Futures Endowment for the Education of Young Children

With a goal of seeking and supporting educational opportunities that help create and nurture better futures for young children, especially those who are most vulnerable and in distress, this endowment was created by matching a challenge grant from The Phil Hardin Foundation.

Fund for the Women and Children of Katrina
Started in December of 2005 through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the Women’s Funding Network, this fund enabled the Community Foundation to support the most vulnerable women affected by Hurricane Katrina, both on the Coast and in the Jackson area.

Donald Richard Hall Memorial Fund
After witnessing the tremendous outpouring of love and friendship for his son, Don, who died in 1996, Dick Hall created the Donald Richard Hall Memorial Fund in his memory. The fund endowed with the Community Foundation makes grants to organizations that work in the field of mental health.

The Learning Project
Founded in 1995 and one of the Foundation’s oldest funds, the Learning Project was funded through a challenge grant from The Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian. Believing that learning can take place at any age, the Hardin Foundation requires that the fund be used for learners of all ages, whether in a school environment or another venue.

Mississippi Arts Commission Arts Education Fund
Privately supported, this fund supports the organization, promotion and production of the Whole Schools Summer Institute which takes place in Oxford, Mississippi, each summer. Teachers from across the state spend a week learning the value of arts in the educational process and how to incorporate art into their curricula.

Mississippi Department of Corrections Hurricane Relief Fund
Established immediately following Hurricane Katrina, this MDOC fund provided help to employees of the Mississippi Department of Corrections affected by Hurricane Katrina, their families, and other hurricane victims.

Mississippi Department of Corrections Employee Relief Fund
Through this fund begun in 2008, MDOC employees, through payroll contributions, can provide assistance to fellow employees and their families who are affected by disaster, terminal disease or serious or fatal accident.

Mississippi Endowment for the Arts Fund
Initially started with gifts from the Chem First/First Mississippi Corporation Charitable Endowment Fund and the Hiatt-Ingram Fund, our state’s own endowment for the arts will provide funding for a wide range of artistic creation statewide.

Project Homeless Connect Fund
An outgrowth of the Mayor’s effort to end homelessness in Jackson, this fund provides support in a variety of ways, including funding for birth certificates and bus passes to enable the homeless to seek employment.

Betty Hunt Williams Charitable Fund
An endowment created to benefit children, the Betty Hunt Williams Charitable Fund was established at the Community Foundation by Raymond and Margery Martin of Jackson in memory of Margery’s mother, a school teacher. Since the fund’s creation in 1998, thousands of dollars have been granted locally to children in need.

Women’s Fund
Established in 2003, the Women’s Fund makes grants to address the needs of women and girls, focusing on teen health, domestic violence and early childhood. In addition, the Women’s Fund educates
women about charitable giving and how their investments in the fund can be used to support critical programs for women and girls throughout the community.

**Donor Advised Funds**

These funds allow generous people the flexibility to give cash, stock or personal property to establish a fund and then to enjoy the benefits of giving to the charities of their choice over a period of months, years, or forever.

Anonymous (2)
Cynthia B. Adams
Charitable Fund
Joan and Buster Bailey Fund
Jerald Beasley
Charitable Fund
Ruth and Carl Black
Charitable Fund
Dean and Ann Blackwell
Charitable Fund
Thomas M. Blake
Charitable Funds
Booth Family Fund
Brown Family
Charitable Fund
Robert C. Cannada
Charitable Fund
ChemFirst/First Mississippi Corporation Charitable Endowment Fund
Charlie Campbell
Charitable Fund
John A. Crawford
Charitable Fund
Elaine and Emanuel Crystal Charitable Fund
Kane and Betsy Ditto Charitable Funds
Al Doty Charitable Fund
Larry W. and Pamela B. Edwards Charitable Fund
Richard L. Forman Charitable Fund
The Forum Fund
Lawrence Franck Charitable Fund
Thomas G. and Louise H. Gresham Charitable Fund
Alferdeen Brown Harrison Charitable Fund
Hiatt-Ingram Fund
Dudley J. Hughes Charitable Fund
Robbie W. Hughes Charitable Fund
I Have a Dream Charitable Fund
Andrew Alexander Irby Charitable Fund
Charles Lyons Irby Jr. Charitable Fund
Charles and Kate Irby Charitable Fund
Irby Investments LLC Charitable Fund
Natalie Read Irby Charitable Fund
Stuart M. Irby Jr. Charitable Fund
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Earle and Irene Jones Charitable Fund
Dan McCullen Charitable Fund
Martin H. and Lyllian L. McMullan Charitable Fund
Dr. and Mrs. William C. McQuinn Charitable Fund
Selby and Richard McRae Charitable Fund
Eugene McRoberts Charitable Fund
Jean and Tim Medley Charitable Fund
Dorothy and Harold Miller Jr. Charitable Fund
MMI Hotel Group/MMI Dining Systems Charitable Fund
Aura Neely-Gary Memorial Fund
James W. O'Mara Charitable Fund
Janet and Luther Ott Charitable Fund
Parham Group Charitable Fund
Max Phar Estate Fund
Stephen W. Rosenblatt Charitable Fund
John and Lucy Shackelford Charitable Fund
Asoka and Seetha Srinivasan Charitable Fund
Gaines P. Sturdivant Charitable Fund
Jay A. Travis, III Charitable Fund
Tzedakah Charitable Fund
Wells Marble & Hurst Charitable Fund
Jay Wiener Fund
Julian and Kathryn Wiener Charitable Fund
Kelley and Jean William Family Fund
Liles Williams Charitable Fund
Doug and Melanie Wilson Charitable Fund
Linda and Wirt Yerger, III Charitable Fund

"The 'Teaming Up for Success' program was phenomenal, thanks to the grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson. It allowed a public school, Camden Elementary, to partner with a private nonprofit to provide opportunities and programs for children in the area that were not available before."

Rev. Michael Barth
Mission Director, Sacred Heart Community Center
Designated Funds

Designated funds are established by or for a particular nonprofit organization and are usually endowed funds. The Community Foundation provides annual support to each nonprofit from its fund.

Thomas M. Blake Funds for:
- Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Vanderbilt University

When Dr. Blake died in 2002, his legacy of philanthropy for the charities he loved lived on through endowments with the Community Foundation. Part of an endowment was used to create the Patrick H. Lehan Fund to benefit the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s Division of Cardiology. Other beneficiaries include UMC scholarship recipients, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and St. James Episcopal Church.

Zora A. Brown Memorial Fund

The Zora A. Brown Memorial Fund was created by Friends of Mississippi Public Broadcasting to maintain a garden planted in memory of their long-time executive director, Zo Brown, who died in 2002. A portion of the earnings invested with the Community Foundation is used for upkeep of “Zo’s Garden,” which is located on the grounds of the MPB building in Jackson.

Claiborne Avenue Park Fund

The Junior League of Jackson entrusted the Foundation with funds to develop acreage off Claiborne Avenue in West Jackson into a green space open to the community.

Clinton Community Nature Center Endowment Fund

A gift of thirty-three wooded acres from the Price Hall family of Clinton fifteen years ago formed the basis of the Clinton Community Nature Center, a scenic nature preserve that is widely enjoyed by the public.

Foundation for the Mid South Endowment Fund

Regional cooperation is at the heart of The Foundation for the Mid South’s mission in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Understanding the vital work done by FMS, the Stuart C. Irby Company of Jackson presented a stock gift to the Community Foundation in 2000 to create an endowment to fund FMS programs that address critical quality-of-life needs in the region.

Eddie Hodges Scholarship Foundation Trust Endowment Fund

Fifty years ago, Hattiesburg native and former child star Eddie Hodges created a trust in his name to provide scholarships for youth to continue their music education. Placed with the Community Foundation in 2001, the endowment has grown through the work of the Jackson Symphony League, which oversaw the establishment of Eddie’s trust and donates proceeds from fundraisers to augment the scholarship fund.

Fund for Excellence in the Arts of the Mississippi Arts Commission

The Governor’s Awards for Excellence in the Arts were started in the 1980s to recognize excellence in the arts in Mississippi and/or creative works by artists associated with Mississippi. This fund will help support the Awards in future years.

"On behalf of the Trustees, staff, and entire community of the Mississippi Museum of Art, we want to express our gratitude for the recent gifts from the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson has an enviable reputation for doing so much for so many, and we at the Mississippi Museum of Art are grateful to be among the recipients."

Betsy Bradley
Director, Mississippi Museum of Art
Ernest Williams Graves and Nancy Chenault Graves Charitable Fund
A number of organizations in Laurel and Jones County were beneficiaries of the Graves’ philanthropy throughout their lifetimes. To carry on their legacy of giving, their daughter, Nan Graves Goodman of Jackson, established an endowment fund in their names to continue providing support to groups that help to improve the quality of life in their hometown.

Jane Crater Hiatt Mississippi Invitational and Artist Fellowship Fund
Reflecting her long-time love of art and support of its creators, as well as her leadership of major arts organizations in Mississippi and Tennessee, Jane Crater Hiatt and her husband, Wood, endowed a fund that enables winning exhibitors in the Mississippi Museum of Art’s biennial Mississippi Invitational to travel and study to expand their vision, scope and skills.

The Jackson Fund
Established in 2001 by an anonymous Jackson couple, The Jackson Fund makes grants to programs that promote the advancement of civilization in the Jackson area.

Jackson/Hinds Library System Endowment Fund
The Library System’s fund with the Community Foundation supports its plans for future development and its ability to acquire public and private dollars to keep up with the rapidly changing needs of the community. The fund provides for long-term enhancement of book and audio-visual collections and other high-demand materials in local libraries.

Junior League of Jackson/UMC Children’s Cancer Clinic Endowment Fund
Junior League of Jackson/UMC Children’s Cancer Clinic Special Fund
In 1991, one of the Junior League of Jackson’s largest fundraising projects culminated with the opening of the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Funds remaining after construction and additional donations were placed with the Community Foundation to support the Junior League’s continued service and outreach for young cancer patients at UMC.

Millsaps Fund 2015
This fund supports specific programs at the College. The donors can vary the use of the fund as desired.

Mississippi Association of Grantmakers Fund
Family, private and corporate foundations and giving programs join representatives of Mississippi’s community foundations for programs related to philanthropy through the Mississippi Association of Grantmakers.

Mississippi Center for Nonprofits’ Nonprofit Management Education Endowment Fund
The Mississippi Center for Nonprofits’ endowment with the Community Foundation ensures that its many programs continue to strengthen the capacity of nonprofits to serve the people of Mississippi. This includes conferences, training workshops and networking opportunities to educate members of the Center and other professionals in the state’s nonprofit sector.

Mississippi Opera Association Endowment Fund
A gift in 2004 endowed this fund which supports the general operations and productions of the Mississippi Opera Association.
Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation Endowment Fund
Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation Reserve Fund
The band plays on for many appreciative Mississippians, thanks to a fund created by the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation. By moving its assets into a permanent endowment with the Community Foundation, the Symphony can continue to provide season after season of entertainment and cultural enrichment, as well as youth outreach and education.

Parents for Public Schools Mississippi Endowment for Parent Organizing, Leadership and Advocacy
Parents for Public Schools equips and empowers parents to strengthen public schools and to engage school administrators and policymakers to shape school programs, policies and governance. By training parent leaders to organize and advocate, the quality of public education opportunities for students across Mississippi will be impacted.

Pat Yarborough Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Leadership Jackson Alumni Association
Pat Yarborough, a member of the Leadership Jackson class of 1990-01, was regarded as an outstanding role model for community volunteerism and leadership. When he died in 1996, the Leadership Jackson program created one of the Community Foundation's first scholarship funds in Pat's name to provide financial aid for those attending future Leadership Jackson classes.

Peggy Mize Fund for the IBC
Jackson oil man William D. Mounger and his assistant of 45 years, Peggy Mize, were more than just devoted business associates — they were also avid fans of the USA International Ballet Competition. The fund he established after her death in 2006 provides scholarships for superior dancers from around the world who want to participate in the IBC.

New Stage Theatre's Eudora Welty New Play Series Endowment Fund
New Stage Theatre established a fund with the Community Foundation in honor of a founding member and one of Mississippi's most beloved writers, Eudora Welty. Each season a new play premieres as part of the Welty Series, which was begun in 1985 to produce original works by Southern playwrights.

Jason Darrell Roberson Memorial Mission Fund
Ken and Billie Jo Roberson established a fund to honor their son, Jason, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1999 at the age of 16. Jason's enthusiastic involvement in mission work in Central America inspired the Robersons to support ongoing mission projects sponsored by First Baptist Church of Flora, where their son served in the Youth Council.

Dorothy Shaifer Fund
Begun in 2001 in honor of Dorothy Shaifer to benefit the Mississippi Heritage Trust, the fund supports the various activities of the Trust. Among the Mississippi Heritage Trust's activities is the Ten Most Endangered historical site recognition each year.

"Getting to the core of the real issues was an essential piece in our efforts to improve upon the early childhood education opportunities in mid-Jackson. Through the Community Foundation's support, our initiative was given the opportunity to evaluate eight early childhood classrooms to establish the baseline for improving services to our children and families. Having this information in hand and being able to track our progress were the key pieces in determining success!"

Kristi Hendrix
Executive Director, Good Samaritan Midtown
Stewpot Community Services Endowment Fund
Stewpot Community Services Special Opportunity Fund
Providing basic necessities for those in need has been the mission of Stewpot Community Services since its founding in 1981. Stewpot chose the Community Foundation to manage its permanent endowment, in addition to a reserve fund, to support a variety of essential programs, including a community kitchen, Meals on Wheels, emergency shelters, a clothing closet, programs for the elderly and counseling services.

The Thomas Fund
The School of Business at Alcorn State University and the Department of Mass Communications at Jackson State University receive annual grants from this fund, which was established in 2001 by Jacksonians Matthew and Frankie Thomas.

Lucille Thomas Charitable Fund
Established in 2003 by the late Lucille Thomas of Meridian, this fund supports St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Meridian, Mississippi, through an annual gift.

Scholarships and Awards
Scholarship funds are established by organizations wishing to promote study in their particular fields or by families in memory of a loved one. Award funds recognize outstanding achievement in a field named by the donor.

Dennis Bomgaars Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dennis Bomgaars had a special place in his heart for children and mentored and trained young people for nearly two decades. After he died of cancer in 2006, his family established a scholarship fund for students in first through sixth grades at Mt. Salus Christian School in Clinton, where Dennis dedicated much of his life’s work.

John Robert Boswell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ernest and Rebecca Boswell of Jackson created a scholarship in honor of their son, John, who died of a brain tumor in 1993. John was a National Merit Finalist and STAR Student at Jim Hill High School and a Carrier Scholar at Ole Miss, where he graduated in 1984 with a degree in chemical engineering. His scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding senior in chemical engineering at Ole Miss.

Harrison Clark Scholarship Awards Fund
Jim and Molly Clark wanted to find a special way to pay tribute to their son, Harrison Hull Clark, a trumpeter and active member of Madison Central High School’s Marching Band and Symphonic Band who died in 1998. Built up by contributions from family, friends, faculty and student fundraisers, Harrison’s scholarship fund benefits outstanding graduates of Madison Central.

Aura Neely-Gary Memorial Scholarship Fund
Indianapolis resident Ted Gary, who grew up in Jackson and attended local public schools, wanted a unique way to honor his mother, Aura. The college scholarship endowed in her name with the Community Foundation is given to young women who need a helping hand – especially those who have dropped out of high school but are trying to turn their lives around.
Anthony "Tony" Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund
When Anthony "Tony" Gobar of Jackson died unexpectedly in 2004, his loved ones created a scholarship in his memory to help students planning to embark on careers in his field, juvenile justice. The fund awards an annual cash scholarship to a junior or senior majoring in criminal justice, political science or counseling at a public university in Mississippi or Southern University in Louisiana.

Charles E. ("Chuck") Griffin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Charles E. "Chuck" Griffin Jr. dreamed of one day becoming an attorney and joining his father's law practice. But on the eve of his 19th birthday in 2005, he was struck by a car and killed outside a friend's home in Jackson. To honor his memory, Chuck's parents established a fund at the Community Foundation to award annual scholarships to graduates of Jim Hill High School, Hinds Community College and Tougaloo College.

Bill Hunsberger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Established after the sudden death of The Clarion-Ledger publisher and CEO Bill Hunsberger, this fund awards scholarships, on a rotating basis, to journalism students at the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi and students in the political science department at Mississippi State University who have had media involvement. Bill's three daughters attended these three state universities.

Ryan Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
A bright, multi-talented and promising senior at Madison Central High School, Ryan Kirkpatrick was killed in a car accident on Oct. 3, 2003, at the age of 17. The Ryan Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by his parents as a tribute to his life. The fund provides scholarships to graduates of Madison Central.

Robert E. Luckett Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robert Luckett's lifelong commitment to education and children was memorialized in a fund established by his wife, Jeanne, and their son, Robby. Robert was director of special projects for Rankin County School District when he died in February 2002. He had served as principal of Richland High School for 19 years, and he and Jeanne were foster parents for 17 children during their 35-year marriage. The Luckett scholarship is awarded to graduates of Richland High School.

Bill Minor Journalism Awards Fund
To encourage and recognize quality news reporting in Mississippi, an anonymous couple endowed a fund in honor of veteran reporter and columnist Bill Minor, known as the "Dean of Mississippi Journalists." The fund provides cash awards to honorees selected by the Mississippi Press Association from among first-place winners in its annual Better Newspaper Contest.

Mississippi Chapter American Public Works Association Scholarship Fund
The Mississippi Chapter of the APWA established a scholarship with the Community Foundation to provide financial assistance for college juniors and seniors in Mississippi who plan to enter the field of public works after graduation. The scholarship has benefited majors in civil and electrical engineering, public administration, environmental engineering, biology and chemistry.
Outstanding Educator Awards Fund
Teaching is among the noblest professions in society, and those who excel deserve more than a simple “thank you.” That was the thinking behind an anonymous gift presented by a Jackson couple in 2001 to create the Outstanding Educators Fund, which presents a cash award to teachers and administrators selected each year by Parents for Public Schools as Jackson’s top educators.

Inez Lay Rosenthal Education Fund
Inez Lay Rosenthal’s children came up with a creative way to celebrate their mother’s 80th birthday. They established a fund in her name to celebrate her life as a devoted mother, writer, school and church volunteer and education advocate. The fund provides a book award to graduating high school seniors.

Dr. Satnam L. Sethi Scholarship Fund
Established in 2007 to honor the life and work of Dr. Sethi by his friends and family, an annual scholarship from the fund will be given to a Mississippi high school student in need of financial assistance in order to continue his or her education.

Mae Meriwether Zifcak Girl Scout Scholarship Fund
For more than four decades, Mae Meriwether Zifcak was a role model and steadfast leader of the Middle Mississippi Girl Scout Council. To memorialize her many contributions, the Council created a scholarship fund with the Community Foundation to help young women from Mississippi receive post-secondary educations, primarily at trade schools.

Memorials and Honoraria
A gift to a fund at the Community Foundation is a nice way to remember a loved one or friend through a memorial gift or through an honorarium to recognize someone living.

CFGJ Administrative Fund
Lesly Gaynor Murray and Stephen C. Edds in memory of Peggy Huff Harris
Mr. John T. C. Low in loving memory of his wife, Jeannie Low
Dr. Wm. C. McQuinn in honor of Ms. Neal McQuinn

Denise and Bob Owens in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Colbert

John Robert Boswell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jerald Beasley in memory of Johnny Boswell
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coghlan in honor of Mrs. Martha Farmer, Lena Marascalo and Dan Sorrells
Smith, Turner & Reeves, P.A. in honor of Rebecca H. Boswell

Dr. and Mrs. James Bassett Hurley
Ms. Phyllis Hurley
Ms. Cindi Jefcoat
Ms. Jane C. Long
Mr. Lee J. Pino

Inez Lay Rosenthal Education Fund
In memory of Inez Lay Rosenthal
Mrs. Kathryn Bryant
Ms. Clara B. Carter
Mrs. JoAnn Chinn
Mrs. Mozella P. Conville
Ms. Alicia M. Cullens
Ms. Minta A. Davis
Mr. Joe T. Dockins
Ms. Jewel P. Hines
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Hoffman
Mrs. Carolyn Robinson

Rosa Scott High School Reunion Class of 1963
U. S. Chamber of Commerce
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Ms. Carla Whitlock
Ms. Patricia R. Whitlock
Mr. Benjamin F. Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Woods
Ms. Jewel P. Hines in memory of Lillie Bell Coleman

Harrison Clark Scholarship Awards Fund
In memory of Harrison Clark
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark

Anthony "Tony" Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund
In memory of Anthony "Tony" Gobar
Ms. Angela M. Gobar
Charles E. ("Chuck") Griffin, Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund
In memory of Charles E. ("Chuck") Griffin, Jr.
Charles and Lora Griffin

In honor of Mr. Charles E. Griffin Sr.
Ms. Lutunya S. Bragg
Ms. Ana Crossley
Ms. Elekxi Griffin
Ms. Roslyn Griffin
Mr. Jacob M. Jenkins
Ms. Ruby M. Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Lowden
Ms. Barbara Thurman

Bill Hunberger Scholarship Fund
In memory of Bill Hunberger
Ms. Skippy Haik

Ryan Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
In memory of Ryan Kirkpatrick
Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brister

Dr. Satnam L. Sethi Scholarship Fund
In honor of Dr. Satnam L. Sethi
Mr. and Mrs. Ajay K. Aggarwal
Dr. and Mrs. Radhakrishna Baliga
Bhalla Family
Mr. Cecil R. Burnham
Carr Plumbing Supply, Inc.
Ms. Shashi Chandak
Ms. Shambhavi Chandraiah
Mr. Rakesh Chawla
Mr. Charles E. Courtney, Jr.
Dansun, Inc.
Shoba and Charles Gaymes
Mr. and Mrs. Avinash C. Gulanikar
Ms. Susan C. Harrigill
Philip and Kim Holman

Mr. Michael B. Infantine
Honey's Place
Dr. and Mrs. Sunder Jagwani
Mr. Nimal Jhala
Dr. Harriet Lowery Jones
Ms. Namita Khanna-Arora
Ms. Ravinder Kumar
Mr. R. H. Mehta
Mr. and Mrs. Hemant Mota
Quick E-Z Inc.
Mr. R. M. Padhiar
Mr. Jerry Patel
Mr. and Mrs. Manu S. Patel
Mr. and Mrs. Vikram D. Patel
Ms. Betty Sanders
Mr. and Mrs. Jagan Sethi
Mr. Krisham L. Sethi

The Women's Fund
Mr. and Mrs. James Aldy in honor of Ms. Carol Taff
Ms. Martha Bergmark in honor of Carol C. Bergmark
Ms. Miriam Bloom in honor of Jean Medley
Mr. John S. Clark in honor of Janet H. Clark
Mr. and Mrs. Larry W. Clark
Ms. Angeline Currie in honor of Ms. Alanece Currie
Spencer and Nancy Gilbert in honor of Ashley Nader
David and Kay Griffin in honor of their neighbors
Jane Crater Hiatt in honor of Ruth Batton Campbell and Kim Campbell
Susan and Howard Jones in memory of Carolyn Heminger and Marguerite Penick
Lee Ann Mayo in honor of Sandra Mayo
Linda Boswell Montgomery in memory of Sarah Laughon

Linda Boswell Montgomery in honor of Holly Lange
Mr. and Mrs. David S. Morse in honor of Ms. Emma Powell
Denise and Bob Owens in honor of Ms. Margarette Meeks
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson in honor of Anne Cooke
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Peaster in memory of Marguerite Penick
Dr. Nola K. Gibson in honor of Ms. Jennifer Mooneyham
Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Shaw in honor of Betsy Ditto
Betti and Walker Watters in honor of Connie McCa and Emily Dossert
Anne Wynn Weissinger in honor of Marianne and Billy Wynn and Maggie Fortier
Josh and Judy Wiener in memory of Sarah Laughon, Ruby Elizabeth Martin Simms and Barbara Johnson Moffitt
Kathryn L. Wiener in honor of Jane Emling

In honor of Diane Morse
Dr. and Mrs. Holland M. Addison, Jr.
Betty and John Allin
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Anderson Jr.
Mrs. Adrienne B. Boone
Mr. and Mrs. Thorne Butler
Mrs. Clyde X. Copeland, Jr.
Mrs. Pat B. Crockett
Dr. and Mrs. Carlton R. Daniel III, M.D.
Mr. and Mrs. James K. Dossett, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Duke
Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Evans
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Farr

Virginia and Clarence Foreman
Ms. Nan Graves Goodman
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hooker, Jr.
Susan and Howard Jones
Dana and Jonathan Larkin
Ms. Janice C. Luckett
Mr. and Mrs. William M. Luxford
Ms. Carol Mann
Mr. and Mrs. W. Holt McNease
Linda Boswell Montgomery
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moss
Bettie and Ed Nicholson
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson
George and Carol Penick
Dr. and Mrs. John M. Purvis
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ray
Betsy and Joey Samuels
Marcie and Billy Skelton
Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Shaw
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith
Carol Borne Stewart
Dr. and Mrs. David M. Temple
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Turner
Patsy and Dick Turner
Betti and Walker Watters
Ms. Elizabeth Weir
Ms. Sally Wilcox
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Williams
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Yelverton

In memory of Manibee Parks
Mr. and Mrs. David H Hoster II
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart M. Irby
Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Johnson
Nora Frances and Vaughan McRae

Carol Borne Stewart
Performance of a CFGJ fund December, 1995, through August 31, 2008

Gift 12/21/1995 _____________ $850,000
Grants since inception _______ $559,164
Market value August 31, 2008 ___ $1,059,711
Total Investment Return ________ $768,875

Grants

In fiscal year 2007-2008, the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson awarded $3.3 million from unrestricted, field of interest, donor advised, scholarship and non-profit funds.

The Community Foundation makes three types of grants. Individuals who have established donor-advised funds recommend to the Foundation those charities they wish to help with their personal funds. (See pages 18-19 for a list of those grants.) Scholarship and awards funds are given to those who qualify under the restrictions of the various scholarship and awards funds we hold. (See pages 15-16 for a list of these funds and those who received awards or scholarships.) For all other funds of the Foundation, a committee composed of members of the Board of Trustees and other volunteers read and study grant applications, visit the nonprofits requesting funds, and meet to decide how to distribute those funds. Grantees from this process are listed below.

While we are very happy to be able to award these grants, there is always more need than we have funds to address. If you would like to contribute to any of the funds listed, please contact our office at 601-974-6044 or by e-mail to info@cfgreaterjackson.org.

The Community Foundation’s Grants Committee awarded the following grants in 2007-08 from the Community Trust Fund, the A+ Fund, The Learning Project, the Betty Hunt Williams Fund, and the MMI Hotel Group/MMI Dining Systems Fund.

Camden Elementary School, $3,000 to provide 40 scholarships to summer academic camp for elementary students.

City of Canton-Central Mississippi Operation Unlock, Inc., $3,000 to support a mentoring program for youth of incarcerated parents.

Davis Magnet School, $1,000 to support an arts integration program.

Daylight Ministries, $3,500 to support a transitional home for female ex-offenders and others recovering from substance abuse.

Downtown Jackson Partners, $3,000 to support operations of the planning committee to establish a public plaza in downtown.

Jackson Gateway Rescue Mission, $4,790 to purchase 20 wooden bunk beds for drug and alcohol rehabilitation shelter for men.

Henley-Young Juvenile Justice Center, $1,000 to support art therapy program for juvenile detainees.

Jackson Public Schools, $1,500 to purchase books and incentives for Advanced Placement summer prep camp.
“Watching 75 students cheer as they received study guides at the Advanced Placement Prep Camp was exciting, but seeing an individual student work through sections of the book during lunch made me proud. At the end of the school year, several students donated their study guides to the school. The students’ generosity extends the benefits of the grant to future students taking Advanced Placement classes in the Jackson Public School District. Thank you, Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, for investing in the education of our children.”

Kimberly Van Uden
Mathematics Department Chair and Teacher
Murrah High School

The Links Foundation, Inc., $500 to support community awareness event for bone marrow, tissue and organ donation.

Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra, $500 to support one concert in the 2007-08 concert series.

Mississippi Music Educators Elementary Division, $2,500 to support artists’ fees for musical performance for elementary school students.

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, $3,500 to support music classes for college and high school students taught by MSO guest artists.

Stewpot Community Services, $2,000 to support installation of showers and restroom facilities in homeless day shelter.

Voice of Calvary Ministries, $1,000 to purchase supplies for summer math, science and arts camp for youth.

Grants from Scholarships and Awards

Dennis Bomgaars Memorial Scholarship Fund
Megan Causey (Mt. Salus Christian School), $750

Jodi Vance (Mt. Salus Christian School), $750

John Robert Boswell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sarah Mixon (University of Mississippi), $1,000

Harrison Clark Scholarship Awards Fund
Courtney Bolden (Mississippi State University), $500
Nolan Brown (Mississippi State University), $500
Cheryl Evans (University of Southern Mississippi), $500

College and trade school scholarships are a wonderful way to honor someone who has been important in one’s education or to perpetually remember someone who is deceased. Since the Community Foundation was established in 1994, it has awarded a total of $125,891.37 in scholarships. The young faces on this page are some of those who have benefited from the generosity of scholarship fund donors in our community. We know that they would want us to say “thank you!”
Meagan Kinsley (Mississippi State University), $500
Austin Moore (Holmes Community College), $500
Darryl Wilson (Morehouse College), $500

Charles E. ("Chuck") Griffin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kathlyn Castilla (Council on Legal Education Opportunity), $1,800

Anthony "Tony" Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund
Rebecca Francis (Jackson State University), $1,200

Bill Hunsberger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lori Holland (Mississippi State University), $1,000

Ryan Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Darryl Wilson (Morehouse College), $2,500

Robert E. Luckett Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sam Johnson (Belhaven College), $500

Bill Minor Journalism Prize Fund
Robin Fitzgerald, The Sun Herald, $1,650

Rachel Leifer, Hattiesburg American, $550

Aura Neely-Gary Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kahila Boyd (Holmes Community College), $2,200
Anna E. Oguibe (Mississippi University for Women), $2,200

Mississippi Chapter American Public Works Association Scholarship Fund
Tyler M. Moore (University of Southern Mississippi), $1,000

Moe Meriwether Zilcak Girl Scout Scholarship Fund
Ashlee Nicole Richardson (Copiah Lincoln Community College), $750

JPS Outstanding Educator Awards Fund
Ruby Funchess, Rowan Middle, $1,128
Voneka Jones, Northwest Middle School, $1,128
Marla Moore-Mondie, Jim Hill, $1,128
Jacquelyn B. Staffney, Clausell Elementary, $1,128
Charlotte Taylor, Walton Elementary, $1,128

Mississippi Department of Corrections Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund
39 grants totaling $46,800 were made for individual victims of Hurricane Katrina on the Mississippi Gulf Coast employed by the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

Grants from the Women and Children of Katrina Fund:
Moore Community House, Biloxi, $35,000

Grants from Designated and Nonprofit Funds:
Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, $23,299
First United Methodist Church of Laurel, $236
Jones County Chapter American Red Cross, $236

Jones County Community College Foundation, $236
Junior League of Jackson, $37,642
Laurel Little Theatre, $236
Lauren Rogers Museum, $236
Millsaps College, $5,000
Mississippi Bar Foundation, $236
Mississippi Center for Nonprofits, $47,000
Mississippi Museum of Art, $15,000
Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation, $75,000
New Stage Theatre, $4,385
University of Mississippi Foundation, $23,296
Vanderbilt University, $23,296

"I really appreciated the recognition and monetary award that I received as an Outstanding Educator. It makes me even more dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those I teach. We always say to praise and commend our children, but teachers need it, too. I sincerely thank all those involved in my receiving this award. I am truly delighted."

Charolette Taylor
Pre-K teacher, Walton Elementary
"Working with children has always been a passion of mine. I can't imagine myself doing anything else. To be recognized as an Outstanding Educator motivates me even more to reach out and help my students become productive citizens who give back to their communities. This award means more to me than you'll ever know."

Ruby I. Funchess
Rowan Middle School

"I am truly honored to be recognized and awarded as an Outstanding Educator ... Our work is often done without thanks, without praise. Thank you for demonstrating that it is not unappreciated or unnoticed! Thank you for your generous monetary reward! Thank you for such support and thoughtfulness! Thank you for the much-needed morale boost!"

Cindy Crothers
Spann Elementary

Grants from Educational Mini-Grant Programs

Jackson Public Schools Education Foundation Trust
30 grants totaling $55,184 to individual teachers in the Jackson Public Schools.

Nissan/BankPlus Education Mini-Grant Program
14 grants totaling $45,000 to individual teachers in the Canton Public School District and Madison County School District.

Educational Mini Grants

A+ Fund
Created in February of 2000 as a result of the Hardin Educational Leadership Program Campaign, the A+ Fund provides mini-grants to teachers in classrooms across the tri-county area of Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties for professional development and bringing in the latest educational ideas or initiatives.

Jackson Public Schools Education Foundation Trust Fund
Jackson is filled with talented educators who want all students to succeed – but their creativity is often stifled by the reality of limited school budgets. In 2001, the MetroJackson Chamber of Commerce entrusted the Community Foundation with management and oversight of the Jackson Public Schools Education Foundation Trust, Inc., which provides annual grant support to JPS teachers.

Nissan/BankPlus Education Mini-Grant Program
Begun in 2007, the Nissan/BankPlus Education Mini-Grant Program provides grants for teachers in the Canton Public Schools and the Madison County Public Schools through a partnership between Nissan North America, BankPlus and the Community Foundation. $45,000 was awarded in the first year.
## Donor-Advised Fund Grants

The following organizations received grants recommended by the advisors of one or more Donor Advised Funds:

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Highlights of the 2007-2008 Year:

In its fifth year of fast-paced growth, the Women's Fund published its second edition of A Celebration of Women 2008, a tribute to the women in our lives. The book and luncheon were a huge success, earning $84,000 for the Better Futures Endowment, which will make grants ... forever ... to benefit young children, especially those with special needs. Combined with the 2007 book and luncheon and a few generous gifts from individuals, the effort raised $250,000 needed to match a $125,000 challenge grant from The Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian.

The Women's Fund's Steering Committee, led by Dr. Geraldine Brookins, reassessed the overall goals of the Fund and restructured its grants program. During its one-year hiatus from grant making, the Discernment Committee looked at the needs and conditions of women and girls in Mississippi. Researcher Lynn Evans collected data on women statewide, including hundreds of statistics relating to economics, health, education, age, childcare, etc. After studying the report, the committee recommended that the Women's Fund focus on early childhood, teen health, and prevention of violence against women for the next 3-5 years. Focus groups were held with organizations working in the three focus areas so that the Women's Fund could get guidance on their needs. Together, the data and the focus groups will inform the Women's Fund's grant making in 2008-2009 and beyond with an emphasis on creating social change.

"Women in Construction"

Following on the success of the Women's Fund's grant making over the past three years related to Hurricane Katrina, the Women's Funding Network granted additional funds to the Women's Fund. Over $66,000 was dedicated to the “Women in Construction” program, a start-up program of Moore Community House in Biloxi.
Since the fall of 2007, thirteen women have been trained in building skills at the Gulf Coast Community College, supported through group meetings and helped to secure employment with construction companies. The Women's Fund grant enabled these women to find quality childcare and transportation so that they could attend the training. Because of the initial funding of "Women in Construction," the program is off to a good start and will continue to serve women on the Coast.

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