Portraits of Philanthropy
On the cover:
Asoka and Seetha Srinivasan
Don and Becky Potts
Dr. Alferdeen Harrison
Jim and Elta Johnson
Robert St. John and Mike Dixon
When writing the story of your life, don’t let anyone else hold the pen.” Harley Davidson said it best. But the truth is, sometimes you don’t hold your own pen. So much of life can seem scripted by circumstance.

For many of us, our charitable work is what we enjoy the most – the piece that gives meaning to the rest of life. The Community Foundation knows: it’s up to you to write this chapter of your life story – to hold your own pen.

This year we began celebrating Portraits of Philanthropy, a photographic project to document the people who are changing lives in our community – writing their own stories of philanthropy. All the stories began with an idea. And all of these people with ideas found their way to the Community Foundation for help turning ideas into real change – For Good. Forever.™

These are people just like you, who realize: it doesn’t take millions to be a philanthropist – it takes purpose, passion and a plan.

Asoka and Seetha Srinivasan and Don and Becky Potts each set up donor advised funds to focus their philanthropic vision into communities and causes they love. By using an easy and elegant – and accessible—tool for giving, they are thoughtfully shepherding their charitable resources and planning for the future. Ordinary people, extraordinary givers.

Dr. Alferdeen Harrison has fashioned a way to save two historic properties from destruction, to tell a little-told chapter of African-American history in the City of Jackson. Saving the structures means saving the story, which celebrates middle-class contributions to the life of our community. Her expertise in history, her ability to tell great stories, and her passion for the project has turned her into a fundraiser – marshalling resources of all types to share this story with all people.

Meet Jim and Elta Johnston. Jim established a field of interest fund to support finding solutions to urban blight. Elta, lately chair of the board for the Women’s Foundation of Mississippi, has used her time, talent and resources to create a better life for women in our state. By taking a hands-on approach to their causes, giving time, recruiting talent, raising awareness as well as money, they create a portrait in giving that can inspire us all.

Robert St. John turned his passion for food into a mission to help the hungry in Mississippi. Through Extra Table, he and his team are reaching every region in Mississippi with a unique approach to assisting food pantries and soup kitchens. Executive Director Mike Dixon has channeled his calling for ministry into spreading the word about food deserts with solutions to solve them.

What would your portrait in philanthropy look like? Where is giving in your life story? The Community Foundation can help you pick up the pen and start writing your chapter, your story. Churchill has been quoted, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Make it a good one.
The men and women who serve on the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson bring a wealth of professional and personal assets to their work. All are community leaders, with keen insight into local needs and opportunities. Many share experience and expertise in financial and legal matters. All are donors themselves, demonstrating their commitment to the community.

OUR MISSION

The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson is a nonprofit, community corporation created by and for the people of Hinds, Madison and Rankin 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. And we serve our nonprofit partners by managing and growing their endowment. In other words, we connect people who give with needs that matter.
Jon Turner - Chair
Partner
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Attorney
Watkins & Eager, PLLC

Candie Simmons - Treasurer
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Regions

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Associate Dean for Practice and Community Engagement
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Stephen Johnston
Entrepreneur and Investor
Venture Capital and Private Equity

Lee Unger
President, LEAD Foundation
Retired Director of Administration, City of Jackson

Jan Lewis
Partner, CPA
Haddox Reid Eubanks Betts, PLLC

Ashley N. Wicks
Attorney
Butler Snow

Mike McRee
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Investek, Inc.

Judy Wiener
Attorney
Community Volunteer

Jesse Mitchell, III
Founding Partner
The Mitchell Firm

Kelley Williams, Jr.
Principal and Co-Founder
Greenover Group

Chuck Nicholson, Jr.
President and CEO
Community Bancshares, Inc.

Lester Senter Wilson
Executive Director
Wideman International Piano Competition

Stacy Thomas
Shareholder
Baker Donelson

Kenneth Windham
President, Market Manager
iHeart Media

Luther Ott - Past Chairman
Episcopal Priest, Farmer
Retired Attorney
## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
### FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016 AND 2015

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### Change in Net Assets
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- 2015: $1,315,295

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER JACKSON, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS
In the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016, CFGJ formed CFGJ Properties, Inc., a wholly-owned, one member, limited liability company. The purpose of this LLC is to hold a timber lease for a CFGJ fund. All financial statements beginning this fiscal year will reflect the consolidated statements of CFGJ and CFGJ Properties, LLC.

REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT
Contributions includes all gifts made to CFGJ during the year including gifts to Donor Advised Funds, Designated Funds, and other Funds, as well as gifts made to the Community Foundation’s operating fund.

EXPENSES
Program Services describes grants and related expenses made by the Foundation on behalf of all its funds, including Donor Advised Funds, Designated Funds, Field of Interest Funds, Awards and Scholarships, as well as the Community Trust Fund. The Community Trust Fund is the community’s endowment, and grants from it are awarded annually through a competitive process. In 2015-2016, CFGJ awarded $98,150 through the competitive grant cycle. Competitive grants comprise only a small percent of the more than $2.7 million granted by the Community Foundation.

Supporting Services includes salaries and other operating expenses indirectly related to the Foundation’s granting tasks.

CFGJ’s operating expenses for the year were just over $581,000, 14% of total expenses and just 1.3% of total assets.

ASSETS
With the addition of fourteen new Funds, the Community Foundation’s assets grew by more than $8 million. This was due in part to two extraordinary gifts - an unrestricted bequest that will eventually total $8 million and a new Donor Advised Fund of $2.3 million. While many of the Community Foundation’s assets are invested in pooled funds at Medley and Brown, LLC, CFGJ does have accounts with other investment advisors who manage the investments of specific Funds. The threshold for suggesting an outside investment advisor for a Fund is $250,000.

At left are condensed consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. Copies of CFGJ’s Form 990 and financial statements audited by HORNE, LLP are available online at www.cfgj.org. Hard copies are available on request to CFGJ at 525 E. Capitol Street, Suite 5B, Jackson, MS 39201
The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson awarded $2.75 million from designated, donor advised, field of interest, nonprofit endowment, scholarship, award and unrestricted funds in the fiscal year 2015-2016. Please visit our website at www.cfgj.org for the complete listing of grants.

**GRANTS BY FUND TYPE**

- Designated - 31%
- Donor Advised Funds - 59%
- Field of Interest - 4%
- Scholarship/Awards - 1%
- Unrestricted - 4%

* as a percentage of total grant amounts, not total number of grants

**AMOUNT OF GRANTS BY CATEGORY**

- Educational - 27%
- Arts and Culture - 21%
- Religion - 14%
- Philanthropy - 13%
- Community - 9%
- Social Services - 8%
- Health and Wellness - 4%
- Scholarships - 1%
- Animals and Environment - 1%
- Civil Rights - 1%

* as a percentage of total grant amounts, not total number of grants
COMPETITIVE GRANTS AWARDED EACH SPRING

LEAD GIFT FROM HUMANA ADDED TO COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

While CFGJ makes grants on behalf of donor advisors and fund holders to nonprofits across the country, it also administers one competitive grant cycle each year to award grants to nonprofits in Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties from its own Community Trust Fund.

Established in 1995, the Community Trust Fund is an endowed unrestricted fund that awards grants for worthwhile projects in the community. Each spring local nonprofits are invited to submit grant applications for support funded by the Community Trust Fund. This year a major gift from Humana to the Community Trust Fund made it possible for CFGJ to award additional grants in the areas of health and wellness. CFGJ was able to fund 24 proposals for $156,150, which includes several multi-year initiatives designed to enhance the capacity and stability of nonprofit organizations.
The Foundation is honored to hold the endowments and special funds of these nonprofit organizations. By creating professionally managed endowments and providing the related administrative and investment services for these funds, the Foundation strengthens and supports our Nonprofit Partners.

NON PROFIT PARTNERS

Clinton Community Nature Center
Clinton Library Foundation
Construction Ministries
Extra Table
Fondren Renaissance Foundation
Fondren Yana Enhancement Group
Foundation for the Mid-South
Friends of Thalia Mara Hall
Greater Belhaven Neighborhood Foundation
Jackson Free Clinic
Jackson Zoo
Jackson-Hinds Library System
MISSISSIPPI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

One of CFGJ’s oldest nonprofit partners, the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation continues to add to the balance of its endowment. The Foundation’s annual contributions to the Symphony ensure long-term stability for the orchestra’s operations.
MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL
Festival organizers work with CFGJ to present Mississippi’s first Literary Lawn Party.
After two years of dreaming and planning, a group of dedicated book lovers created the Mississippi Book Festival. Held in August 2015 in and around the State Capitol Building and historic Galloway Methodist Church, the inaugural festival was unlike anything that had ever happened in Mississippi. Jackson State University’s renowned Sonic Boom marching band performed at an opening that can best be described as “once in a lifetime.” More than 100 authors, led by John Grisham, gathered to celebrate the written word, share common bonds and visit with upwards of 3,500 guests.

None of it could have happened without the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson. When organizers began, the first order of business was to establish the organization as a non-profit. The next logical step was to partner with CFGJ to manage the Book Festival fund, give prudent advice and keep the business side of the festival on solid footing. Mississippi Book Festival Board President Jere Nash says, “The Community Foundation staff has gone above and beyond to help the festival start-up. To them, it’s just another day at the office. We could not have afforded a full-time staff to manage the funds.”

It is all in a day’s work to the Community Foundation, albeit a pretty long day. President and CEO Jane
Alexander says, “It’s an essential part of our mission, to help nonprofit and charitable efforts. One way we do this is by serving as fiscal agents for projects – and the Mississippi Book Festival is an excellent example of how we work. Instead of having to spend time and effort and money on administrative staff, finance people and accountants, the festival organizers could concentrate on actually creating a fantastic event.”

As part of its ongoing partnership with the Mississippi Book Festival, the Community Foundation processes and acknowledges all contributions and pays the bills, freeing the fledgling organization to spend valuable staff and volunteer hours coordinating and presenting the festival. Community Foundation staff also volunteer to help – COO Jackie Bailey is now a pro at selling t-shirts and posters using a SQUARE reader.

Getting guests to reply to any event is nearly impossible, and festival director Holly Lange says she had no way of predicting how many people would actually show up for the book festival. “There was no formal invitation with a reply card,” she explains. “We simply worked to create a wonderful literary event for the state and then we held our breath. After the opening, Governor Bryant looked at me and said, ‘Well, we need to build you a bigger building!’ It was one of the most magical days of my life.”

While the focus was on literature, organizers jumped at the chance to bring to Mississippi wonderful exhibits from the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian, and C-SPAN provided ongoing coverage throughout the day. In addition, guests explored the sea of tents on the South Lawn of the Capitol to meet the authors, visit pop-up independent book stores, purchase merchandise and visit the various exhibitors, taking an occasional break to visit the food trucks.

Thanks to many generous public entities and private donors — including several funds donating through a special program with CFGJ — before the festival was over, plans were already underway for Mississippi’s 2016 Literary Lawn Party, celebrating both the 75th anniversary of Curious George and the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize.

For more information about the festival, please visit www.msbookfestival.com.
The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson was pleased to accept in December a non-traditional gift of a long-term timber lease. The donors, Valley Creek Land & Timber, wished to maximize their tax benefit and create a granting fund at the same time. Opening a fund at the Foundation was a natural choice.
The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson is pleased to welcome our new funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year:

- ENGAGE MISSISSIPPI Fund: Designated
- Fondren Renaissance Foundation Charitable Fund: Designated
- Fondren YANA Enhancement Group Inc. Fund: Designated
- Fred R. and Jean Reed Adams Charitable Fund: Donor Advised
- Governor’s Initiative for Volunteer Excellence Fund: Designated
- Kairos Fund: Field of Interest
- Livingston/McAnally Endowment for the Cedars: Designated
- Mississippi Bicentennial Charitable Fund: Designated
- Mississippi Community Disaster Recovery Fund: Field of Interest
- Mississippi Public Broadcasting Foundation Charitable Fund: Designated
- Positioned for Progress Conference Fund: Designated
- Robert M. Morris and Jean Reed Adams Charitable Fund: Donor Advised
- Scott Ford House Charitable Fund: Designated
- Valley Creek Land & Timber, LLC Charitable Fund: Donor Advised

“We have always admired the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson Board and Organization, and it was important to us to be able to give to people and organizations in need in a sustainable manner,” say the donors. “We would like to create an impact from this gift that encourages other land owners to give property and the capability to direct gifts to various charitable organizations.

“We decided to give timber directly to the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, then in turn make donations to help others. Establishing this fund has allowed us to make a one-time gift with the opportunity to make numerous donations to organizations helping others over several years. For us, it makes perfect sense, and by giving sustainable timber property, it is truly the gift that keeps on giving.”

The Community Foundation welcomes non-traditional gifts, as well as the more traditional cash and stock gifts, and specializes in personalized solutions and service for donors.

“For us, it makes perfect sense, and by giving sustainable timber property, it is truly the gift that keeps on giving.”
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. DAFs made 59% of CFGJ grants in 2015-2016.
DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated funds are established by or for the benefit of a particular nonprofit organization. The Community Foundation offers sustained support to nonprofits through designated funds. Designated funds made 31% of CFGJ grants in 2015-2016.

Armstrong-Branch Lecture Series Fund
Greater Belhaven Neighborhood Foundation Endowment Fund
Greater Belhaven Neighborhood Foundation Reserve Fund
Thomas M. Blake Fund for the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
Thomas M. Blake Fund for the University of Mississippi Foundation
Thomas M. Blake Fund for Vanderbilt University
Mississippi Boychoir Endowment Fund
Mississippi Boychoir Reserve Fund
Better Resources In Developing Greater Education Charitable Fund
Zora A. Brown Memorial Fund
Junior League of Jackson/UMC Children’s Cancer Clinic Endowment Fund
Junior League of Jackson/UMC Children’s Cancer Clinic Special Fund
Mississippi Chambre Music Guild, Inc. Charitable Fund
Clinton Community Nature Center Endowment Fund
Clinton Library Foundation Endowment Fund
Construction Ministries Charitable Fund
Elaine & Emanuel Crystal Memorial Family Fund
Jackson Public Schools Education Foundation Trust Fund
Extra Table
Meyer and Genevieve Falk Endowment Fund for Culture and Arts
Fund for Excellence in the Arts
Libraries of the Future Fund
Governor’s Mansion Art Rescue Project Fund
HeARTWorks Fund
Jane Crater Hiatt Mississippi Invitational and Artist Fellowship Fund
Peggy Mize Fund for the IBC
Jackson Free Clinic Renovation Fund
Jackson Free Clinic Endowment Fund
Peder R. Johnson Charitable Fund

TOTAL ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

- Designated - 39%
- Field of Interest - 4%
- Donor Advised Funds - 53%
- Scholarship - 1%
- Unrestricted - 3%

Irene T. Jones Charitable Lead Annuity Trust
Jackson Zoo Endowment Fund
Jackson Zoo Operating Reserve Fund
KIDS Fund
Angelina G. Kitchens Charitable Fund
Jackson/Hinds Library System Endowment Fund
Living Independence for Everyone Endowment Fund
Literacy for a Lifetime Charitable Fund
Lucille Thomas Charitable Fund
Mississippi Arts Commission Arts Education Fund
Mississippi Association of Grantmakers Fund
Magnolia Speech School Endowment Fund
Mississippi Children’s Museum Endowment Fund
Mississippi Department of Corrections Disaster Relief Fund
Mississippi Department of Corrections Employee Relief Fund
Foundation For The Mid-South Endowment Fund
Millsaps Community Engagement Fund
Field of interest funds are established to benefit a specific group or area of service. Four percent of CFGJ grants were from Field of Interest funds.

**DESIGNATED FUNDS (CONT.)**

- Dorothy and Harold Miller Jr. Charitable Fund
- Millsaps Fund
- Mississippi Museum of Natural Science Foundation Endowment Fund
- Mississippi Nurses Foundation Endowment Fund
- Mothers’ Milk Bank of Mississippi Special Projects Charitable Fund
- Moving Libraries Forward Charitable Fund
- Mississippi Book Festival Fund
- Mississippi Food Network Endowment Fund
- Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Charitable Fund
- Mississippi Opera Association Endowment Fund
- Mustard Seed Endowment
- Jere Nash and Holly Wagner Charitable Fund
- New Stage Theatre Endowment Fund
- Nonprofit Management Education Endowment Fund
- Parents for Public Schools Mississippi Endowment for Parent Organizing, Leadership and Advocacy
- Rebel Athletic Foundation of Mississippi
- Thomas G. Ramey and Peggy Huff Harris Fund
- Jason Darrell Roberson Memorial Mission Fund
- Mississippi Heritage Trust Dorothy Shaifer Fund
- Skate MS Foundation
- Stewpot Community Services Endowment Fund
- Stewpot Community Services Special Opportunity Fund
- Stricker Fund
- Women’s Foundation of MS Support Fund
- Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation Endowment Fund
- Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Foundation Reserve Fund
- Friends of Thalia Mara Hall Fund
- Thomas Fund
- Welty Biennial Fund
- Eudora Welty New Play Series Endowment Fund
- The Women’s Foundation Endowment Elise and William Winter Lecture Series Fund

**AWARDS**

Award funds are established to recognize individual achievement in specific areas.

- Bill Minor Journalism Prize Fund
- Mississippi Historical Society History Teacher of the Year Award Fund
- Outstanding Educator Awards Fund
- Richard Wright Literary Excellence Award Fund

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

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- The A+ Fund
- Betty Hunt Williams Charitable Fund
- Mississippi Arts Commission Avery B. Dille, III Fund for Art Acquisition
- Everybody Can Help Somebody Charitable Foundation
- Eyes on Mississippi Fund
- High Hopes Farm Fund
- Ace McNeely Music Fund
- Nissan/BankPlus Education Mini-Grant Program
- Pound Skateboards Fund
- Revitalize Jackson Fund
- The Learning Project
- Robert and Eleanor Weaver Fund
- Julian and Kathryn Wiener Charitable Fund
- Better Futures Endowment for the Education of Young Children
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship funds offer donors a way to support the next generation of our community’s leaders. They are often established by donors in memory or honor of a loved one or to support study at a particular school of field of interest.

Mississippi Chapter American Public Works Association Scholarship Fund
Dennis Bomgaars Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Robert Boswell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dave Cannada Memorial Scholarship Fund
Harrison Clark Scholarship Awards Fund
Aura Neely-Gary Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mae Meriwether Zifcak Girl Scout Scholarship Fund
Anthony “Tony” Gobar Juvenile Justice Scholarship Fund
Charles E. (“Chuck”) Griffin, Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund

Eddie Hodges Scholarship Foundation Trust Endowment Fund
Bill Hunsberger Scholarship Fund
Ryan Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robert E. Luckett Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rick Ross Madison Avenue Upper Elementary Honorary Scholarship
Magnolia Bar Foundation Scholarship Fund
Random Kindness Coalition Scholarship Fund
Dr. Satnam L. Sethi Scholarship Fund
Pat Yarborough Memorial Scholarship Fund

SCOTT FORD HOUSES TO PRESERVE AND INTERPRET AFRICAN AMERICAN MIDWIFE HISTORY

In September 2015, historian Dr. Alferdteen Harrison spearheaded an initiative to save and restore two historic properties built in the late nineteenth century by former slave Mary Scott Green and her midwife daughter Virginia Scott Ford.

Among the first African Americans to build and own homes in the Farish Street Historic District, the Scott Ford family kept these homes for more than 100 years. In danger of being lost forever, the houses are now being restored as interpretive sites and a house museum to reflect and interpret 19th and 20th century African American middle-class family life. The Community Foundation is proud to hold the Scott Ford House Charitable Fund, serving as the fiscal agent and manager of all Scott Ford House funds and grants.

Oral histories were collected at the Day of Sharing Midwife Stories event, supported by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council.
Community Foundation members, nonprofit partners and friends gathered at the Cedars on a beautiful spring evening to celebrate over two decades of philanthropy in Mississippi.

Sheila Grogan, Vice President of Community and Public Relations for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi, spoke of the commitment of the insurance company to the communities it serves and its partnership with CFGJ.

The Community Foundation introduced a new series, Portraits of Philanthropy, highlighting individuals and families who demonstrate charitable giving that is innovative, creative and deeply personal.
MEMBERS
CORPORATE PARTNERS $10,000+

BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi
It’s good to be Blue.

$5,000-$9,999
Ballew Wealth Management
Eastgroup Properties
Entergy
Janet and Luther Ott Charitable Fund
Mrs. Robert Weaver

$2,500-$4,999
The Wesley A. Caldwell Foundation
Community Bank
Kane and Betsy Ditto Charitable Fund
Larry W. and Pamela B. Edwards Charitable Fund
First Commercial Bank
Missy and David Hoster
Mike McRee
Trustmark
Kathryn L. Wiener

$1,000-$2,499
Jane and Brent Alexander
Jim and Suzanne Almas
Anonymous
Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
Baptist Health Systems, Inc.
BKD, LLP
Thomas M. Blake Charitable Fund
Butler Snow, LLP
Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.
William M Cooley
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Creekmore
Lynn Crystal
Eleanor H. Fontaine
Forman Watkins & Krutz, LLP
AMG Engineering and Machinery, Ted Gary
Mr. Eddie Guillot and Dr. Cris Glick
Ray and Monica Harrigill
Janet Y. Harris
Katy and Jamie Houston
John and Iris Isaacs
Jerry Johnson and Louisa Dixon
Stephen Johnston
Earle and Irene Jones Charitable Fund
Jones Walker, LLP
Junior League of Jackson
Jan F. Lewis
Betty and Con Maloney
Paul McNeill
Metropolitan Bank
Dick Malpus Foundation
Frances and Cooper Morrison
Hibbett and Susan Neel
Cynthia and Hugh Parker
Sara and Bill Ray
Regions
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Robinson, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. James Q. Sones, II
Asoka and Seetha Srinivasan
St. Dominic Health Services Foundation
Stacy and Ginger Thomas
Jon and Pam Turner
Kelley and Jean Williams Family Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Windham
Mary and Wirt Yerger Charitable Fund,
Mary Yerger Dunbar

Mary and Wirt Yerger Charitable Fund,
$500-$999
David and Pam Allen
Dr. Vinod Anand
Carol A. Biedenharn
Tam and Nora Etheridge
Mark and Kit Fields
Arty and Amy Finkelberg Fund
Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management
Dolly and Wesley Goings
Bobby Graham and Sharon Martin
Billie and Al Green
Alferdeen Harrison
Charles R. Lathem
Johnny and Sharon Maloney
Selby and Richard McRae Foundation
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