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Your community foundation is broadening its scope, widening its reach, and deepening its commitment to help make a better Mississippi.

From the start, we’ve reached communities and individuals far beyond the Metro Jackson area, touching lives across the country through donor-advised funds and scholarships. But we always imagined a time when we could help more Mississippians reimagine their communities.

As we begin our efforts to expand the reach of community foundations in the state, we need YOU to help us. Those who know us best can introduce us to those who don’t.

The expansion of our work will allow other communities to benefit from the more than two decades of experience and extensive network we have built over the years. Working together we can do more than imagine—we can transform intentions into good work to benefit Mississippi forever.

Sincerely,

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For more than two decades, the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson has worked to provide people the tools they need to invest in the communities and causes they care about. Since our founding in 1994, we have worked diligently to make philanthropy more democratic and accessible partnering with organizations of all sizes and individuals from all backgrounds who simply wanted to improve their communities.

In 2017, as we approached the eve of our silver anniversary, we engaged in a process of reflection, research, evaluation, and planning alongside our partners, which included a host of donors, fund holders, volunteers, grantees, and advocates. The process revealed an overwhelming need to bring people and communities together to solve the complex challenges in our state.

Understanding our role and responsibility in confronting a number of these challenges, the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson elected to become the Community Foundation for Mississippi (CFM) to more adequately reflect our larger vision and our willingness to serve as a point of connection for people, communities, nonprofits, philanthropists, and community foundations across the state.

Now, with our broadened scope of work, we plan to create spaces and opportunities for community conversation and offer more people the place to pool their resources to address critical needs in their communities. All of our work is for Mississippians—in every community and every county—who want to do something for their community.
Better Together Commission

In 2018, the Community Foundation for Mississippi received a $3 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to support the efforts of the Better Together Commission to improve student outcomes in the Jackson Public School District (JPS). One of the primary roles of the Community Foundation is that of a facilitator and convener for people seeking to transform their community. We were excited to bring our experience serving the community and connecting people to the work of the commission.

The 18-month grant to the Community Foundation provided administrative support to the commission while also supporting robust communications and community engagement, ensuring full transparency with the commission's work and the inclusion of all JPS stakeholders in the process.

New Funds

The Community Foundation for Mississippi is pleased to welcome these new funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

- Barbara Austin Charitable Fund
- Better Together Engagement, Analysis, Outreach and Support Fund
- BIA Beautify Belhaven Charitable Fund
- CCID Support Fund
- IMAGINE! Downtown Fund
- Janet Leach Memorial Fund
- LGBTQ Fund/Mississippi
- Dennis Purduski Charitable Aviation Fund

TOTAL GIFTS TO FUNDS

$4,568,632 for 2017-2018
Making Community Their Heir

John and Lucy Shackelford’s bequest of $8.8 million was inspired by their affection for place.

John Shackelford made his fortune in trees and lumber. So perhaps it's fitting that, when he and his wife created a plan to leave a legacy, it included the Community Foundation for Mississippi. That's because, since 1994, we have served as a place to grow philanthropy to build stronger communities. John and Lucy had deep roots in Mississippi and understood CFM's role as a place to make the impact of their gift spread, branch out, and ultimately, inspire others to create legacies themselves.

A native of tiny Eden, Mississippi, John F. Shackelford grew up in another time and another place. He met and courted Lucy by visiting Jackson, the "big city," to window shop and dream along Capitol Street. And though they retired to another state, their affection for Jackson never waned. After Lucy's death in 2015, the Community Foundation received a bequest—half of their remaining estate—valued at $8.8 million. That's a lot of trees. But more important was the example of making the community their beneficiary.

"This was an incredible, game-changing gift that clearly shows people can impact their communities long after they are gone," says Jon C. Turner, board chair of the Community Foundation for Mississippi. "We hope this gift will inspire others across the state to consider leaving a legacy that will benefit the communities they love in a very tangible way."
The Community Foundation for Mississippi awarded grants of just over $5 million, most of which came from its restricted funds. Grants from restricted funds include designated, donor advised, field of interest, nonprofit endowment, scholarship and award funds that have been established at the Foundation.

A full list of this year's grant recipients can be found on the CFM website.

TOTAL GRANTS $5,042,424

GRANTS BY FOCUS AREA

GRANTS BY TYPE OF FUND
Mississippi Children's Museum Measures Impact of Literacy Grant

Since 2011, the Mississippi Children's Museum has offered Planting the Seeds to Read, a family literacy program for elementary students and their parents. The weekly sessions include a healthy dinner, read-aloud time, student activities, and museum playtime. Since the program's inception, more than 91 percent of children have shown growth in reading skills, and 96 percent of caregivers reported using the program techniques at home. This year, Planting the Seeds to Read was a repeat recipient of a competitive grant from CFM.

Major Grant Awarded to Two Museums of Mississippi

The Community Foundation Board of Trustees has created a fund honoring John and Lucy Shackelford designated to improve the community, with specific emphasis on the downtown area of Jackson, Mississippi, which will support permanent beautification, restoration, and enhancements in and around downtown.

The first major grant from this fund was a $750,000 gift to the Two Museums of Mississippi that helped complete the permanent exhibit space of the Mississippi Museum of History.
A Lasting Difference for Mississippi

Stories connect us and remind us both of where we've been and where we're going. At the Two Mississippi Museums, stories come to life and bring Mississippianst together to remember the past and celebrate the future of our state. We were privileged to be a part of the Two Mississippi Museums project with a $750,000 gift to the Museum of Mississippi History.

Located in downtown Jackson, the museums share the rich history and diversity of our state and invite visitors to become a part of the story with interactive exhibits. For many years to come, the Two Mississippi Museums will welcome families from our state and around the world to learn about Mississippi while contributing to the vibrancy and economy of downtown Jackson.

We anticipate working closely with donors in communities across our footprint to leave a lasting legacy. We remain dedicated to fostering community, facilitating collaboration, and furthering our commitment to connecting people to the philanthropic tools they need to make a lasting difference for the communities that matter most to them. For Mississippi. For good. Forever.
It's an organization [that] wants to do good for Mississippi by saying "for." "For", that's just amazing what [you] can create in a single word ... It makes me want to learn more. It's positive.

-Community member responding to the name Community Foundation for Mississippi

"New Name, New Places Same Vision"

History was made when the Two Mississippi Museums opened in December, bridging the state's past with a pathway to a brighter, more inclusive future. Book lovers celebrated Mississippi's literary achievement at the Mississippi Book Festival. Scores of nonprofits and hundreds of individuals made the decision to support worthy causes in their community, and now countless lives across the state have been affected and improved.

All of this happened last year because the Community Foundation for Mississippi has been helping each of those stories come to life. For nearly 25 years, we've been doing what community foundations were designed to do—pursue the things that matter the most, no matter how challenging or difficult.

As the Community Foundation of Greater Jackson, we have served Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties for over two decades.

But it's time for every county in Mississippi to have access to a community foundation, so we have expanded our work and changed our name to the Community Foundation for Mississippi.

Our new name reflects our vision to strengthen philanthropy in all corners of the state. By working with our fellow
community foundations and expanding our footprint to include 22 counties, we have ensured that every county in Mississippi is served by one of us. At the same time, we continue to work with donors, philanthropic partners, and nonprofits to meet the needs of the metro area.

We hope this expansion opens doors to new ideas, new communities, and most of all, new people who want to collaborate to benefit the state of Mississippi.

For Mississippi. For good. Forever.
Financial Highlights

Following are condensed consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. Copies of our Form 990 and financial statements audited by HORNE LLP are available on our website at https://formississippi.org. Paper copies are available upon request to the Foundation at 119 South President Street, 1st Floor, Jackson, MS 39201.
Consolidated Statements of Activities  
*For the Years Ended March 31, 2018 and 2017*

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Position  
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“Every community foundation should make its case for support to donors every year. It's one way to make sure you are still relevant and continue the dialogue about the impact you have and want to have.”

-Steve Alley, Exkstrom, Alley, Clontz and Associates
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The Foundation holds the endowments and special funds for these nonprofits, providing operating sustainability.

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Mississippi Nurses Foundation
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Mississippi Opera has thrived through the long term partnership with the Community Foundation for Mississippi to promote and encourage the enjoyment, study, and appreciation of Opera and to provide cultural enrichment for the public through operatic performances and educational outreach.

-Tippy Garner, Executive Director
Mississippi Opera

The Mississippi Opera staged Puccini’s Turandot as its season finale.
The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes those who have included the Foundation in their wills or other deferred giving plans or who have established permanent funds at the Foundation. If you want to create a legacy for the charities you love, CFM will work with you to design a custom solution. Call or email us to start the conversation.

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What We Do
Community foundations build endowments that serve the community and its charitable organizations. That’s why we say, "For Good. Forever." If United Way is the community checking account, we are the community retirement account.

Did You Know
Attracting funds, particularly endowed funds, is our purpose. We have many types of donors and many types of funds, too.

Perpetually Local
The defining characteristics of a community foundation are that we are designed to exist in perpetuity, and our Board can and will ensure charitable dollars are always directed toward the community's needs.

Why We Exist
Community foundations were invented in 1914, by a bank trust officer who was concerned that many charitable trusts paid out nothing to charity – because the intent of the trust was narrowly drawn, distributions could (literally) not be made. The solution? The community foundation, with boards which have the ability to insure charitable dollars are able to serve community needs. Forever. No matter what may change in society.

About Us
Because we are a 501(c)3 organization, each year the Community Foundation files Form 990 with the IRS, our tax return. We register as a charity with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office. We have an extensive annual audit, and our audited financials are posted publically.
The Community Foundation for Mississippi is nationally recognized for meeting the highest standards for giving and is accredited with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations™, a program that establishes legal, ethical, effective practices in philanthropy for community foundations across the U.S.

The National Standards Seal is an indication of our commitment to excellence, maintaining sound policies and responsible practices for the public good.

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