Forever Mississippi
NEWSLETTER
Winter Newsletter 2021

Innovative Partnerships with Jackson Public Schools
Dear partners and friends,

Traditionally, each new year brings with it hope, new possibilities, and a strong desire to make changes, large and small, that will improve our lives and the lives of others. As we enter 2021, we are reminded of the value of each day, the importance of friends and family, and the power of community.

Despite the challenges we faced in 2020, we found strength, unity, and resilience. No matter what this year holds, we know that we can face obstacles together. We are truly better together.

At the Community Foundation, we are excited about our bold new partnerships with organizations that are committed to ensuring people in Mississippi have an opportunity to thrive. We look forward to working with each of you to continue our critical work and mission to connect communities to resources, knowledge, and tools to create meaningful and lasting change – for Mississippi, for good. Forever.

Sincerely,

Jane Alexander
President and CEO
The Foundation has made significant investments in education for more than a quarter of a century. A recent commitment from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) strengthens our partnership with Jackson Public Schools (JPS) while providing a critical opportunity to expand access to technology for students in the Capital City.

The three-year, $3.5 million transformational grant supports virtual learning opportunities and capacity building for teachers and school administrators. Being in partnership with WKKF and JPS also demonstrates and deepens our dedication to creating meaningful partnerships with national and local philanthropic organizations and individual donors. These charitable organizations and individuals
are committed to creating thriving communities in which all citizens have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education at a well-resourced school.

"Our scholars are incredibly talented, and many have developed big dreams of who they want to become and what they want to do," said Dr. Errick Greene, superintendent of JPS. "They deserve an excellent education...Essentially, we're declaring how much we value them, how much we believe in their dreams, and that we remain committed to their success."*

The COVID-19 pandemic brought increased awareness to the inequities in technology access in communities of color. Although this grant is a step in the right direction, we encourage our donors and partners to join us in closing the digital divide that far too many Mississippi communities continue to experience.

If you are interested in supporting transformational change in your community, call us, and we will help you get started and reach your philanthropic goals.

*Abbreviated quote initially published in the W.K. Kellogg Foundation press release announcing the project.

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Make a Resolution: Amplify Your Giving in 2021

The 2021 Endow Mississippi Tax Credit Program is now available for gifts to endowments at Mississippi's seven community foundations. Donors who give $1,000 to $200,000 may qualify for a 25 percent state income tax credit. If you are interested in how you can increase your philanthropic impact, visit endowms.org to learn more or give us a call at (601) 974-6044.
Join us for the
Mississippi Literary Lawn Party

The Mississippi Book Festival will host its 7th Annual Literary Lawn Party on August 21, 2021. We are proud to continue our support of this important cultural event. For more details, visit MSBOOKFESTIVAL.com.

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