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# *News Release*

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## Grants awarded to Autauga area organizations

The Autauga Area Community Foundation will award \$27,667 in grants Thursday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Prattville Chamber of Commerce to nonprofit organizations. Since AACF began in 1998, the Foundation has awarded more than \$300,000 in grants to organizations in the county.

For more information about the grants awarded or the Autauga Area Community Foundation, please visit [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org) or call Caroline Montgomery (334) 264-6223.

This year's grant recipients are:

**Alabama Shakespeare Festival awarded \$2000** to, in concert with their SchoolFest program, send artists into Autauga County classrooms to teach half-day workshops on a great work of literature.

**Autauga County Department of Human Resources awarded \$1000** to purchase a digital camera and underwrite efforts to recruit new foster parents for Autauga County.

**Autauga Interfaith Care Center awarded \$1267.3** to purchase industrial-strength shelving to organize, store, and distribute goods to the needy.

**Autauga-Prattville Public Libraries awarded \$2500** to provide matching funds for a federal grant that will supply audio books to the libraries in Autauga County.

**Camp Smile-A-Mile awarded \$2500** to provide year-round camps/educational retreats to patients/families who have been diagnosed with or have fully recovered from cancer.

**Child Protect awarded \$1400** to provide forensic interviews and 5 hours of counseling and family advocacy to two children and their nonoffending caregivers.

**District Attorney's Office for the 19th Judicial Circuit//Helping Families Initiative awarded \$2500** to offer interventions to Elmore, Tallassee, and Autauga students (and their families) who are displaying inappropriate behavior and demonstrating a risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

**Easter Seals of Central Alabama awarded \$1500** to publicize the CARE Project, a medical equipment reutilization program where donated medical equipment is repaired, refurbished, and made available at no cost to those in need.

**PASS: The Noble Idea, Inc. awarded \$1500** to expand the ID program to Prattville Christian Academy, where funds will be used for drug screens, supplies, evaluation and ID card materials.

**Pets Are Wonderful Support (PAWS) awarded \$500** to sponsor a summer reading program where dogs will be taken to the library 2 to 3 times per week, with an anticipated 1850 children having an opportunity to read to the pets, achieve reading goals, and attend special events.

**Prattville- Autauga Character Coalition, Inc. awarded \$1000** to provide character education curriculum to 3rd through 8th grade students at Autaugaville and Billingsley schools.

**Prattville Intermediate School awarded \$1500** to update the computer lab to provide training for students.

**Prattville Junior High School awarded \$2500** to underwrite expenses associated with Science Olympiad.

**Prattville Kiwanis Club awarded \$2000** to provide 4 hours of water safety instruction to all Autauga area second graders.

**Prattville/Autauga Humane Shelter awarded \$2500** to upgrade the outdoor containment areas -- including creating compartments, securing the bottom of the fencing to prevent escapes, and adding enhancements to offer protection from sun/rain.

**Southeastern Diabetes Education Services, Inc. awarded \$1500** to underwrite a variety of educational/recreational activities designed to motivate children/adolescents with diabetes and their families to manage their disease.