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Grants awarded to Elmore County organizations

The Elmore County Community Foundation awarded \$27,531 in grants Tuesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Alabama Wildlife Federation, 3050 Lanark Road, in Millbrook. Since 1998, more than \$1.1 million in grants has been distributed by the Foundation to Elmore County. The Autauga Area Community Foundation's grants were also awarded at the same reception. For more information about the grants or scholarships awarded or the Elmore County Community Foundation, please visit www.eccfinfo.org or call Caroline Montgomery Clark at 334-264-6223.

The 2010 ECCF Grant Recipients are:

Heritage Training & Career Center, Inc.: \$1500 to provide literacy training, job readiness classes, and structure job search/placement, work adjustment and job coaches/family mentoring services to TANF clients in Elmore County.

Elmore County Food Pantry: \$2500 to purchase a 6x12 enclosed trailer to transport food from the Montgomery Area Food Bank monthly and aid in the distribution of food to some 400+ families.

Alabama Kidney Foundation, Montgomery Regional Office: \$1000 to offer financial assistance for medication purchases, handicap equipment, treatment-related transportation costs, physician bills, dialysis treatments, and high seasonal utility bills.

Child Protect: \$1200 to provide forensic interviews, counseling, and family advocacy for two children and their non-offending caregivers.

Family Sunshine Center: \$2500 to provide two Elmore County families victimized by domestic violence with two weeks of shelter and related services.

Sight Savers America: \$2000 to fund comprehensive follow-up eye care needs of 35 Elmore County children not covered by Alabama's Department of Education.

Communities Improvement Association: \$2000 to expand Kids Journey, a summer program offering activities to Millbrook youth daily, including reading/math tutorials and Health Rocks (to address childhood obesity).

District Attorney's Office for the 19th Judicial Circuit//Helping Families Initiative: \$2500 to underwrite a portion of this program offering interventions to Elmore, Tallassee, and Autauga students and families who are displaying inappropriate behavior and demonstrating a risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

Elmore County Board of Education -- HIPPY: \$2000 to employ an additional part-time educator to offer this home-based, early intervention program to help parents in the Holtville area provide early learning experiences for their preschoolers.

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama, Inc.: \$500 to improve girls' self-image and physical activity/confidence by offering Girl Scouts of the USA's healthy living programs (which encourage healthy nutrition and regular physical activity) for K-12 troops in Elmore County.

In addition, the following grants were made from Restricted Funds of the Elmore County Community Foundation:

Holtville High School's Green Machine Marching Band: \$1,000 from the Margaret & Austin Bridges Fund for Arts in Education to purchase new percussion equipment

Elmore County Historical Society & Museum: \$1,250 from the Margaret & Austin Bridges Fund for Historical Preservation to install signage outside the building

Wetumpka High School Library: \$1,985 from the Lucy Brooks Lull Library Fund to expand the library's book holdings

Wetumpka Elementary Library: \$373 from the Charles Horatio McMorris Library Fund to expand this elementary school library's book holdings

Wetumpka Middle School Library: \$373 from the Charles Horatio McMorris Library Fund to expand this middle school library's book holdings

City of Wetumpka: \$2,350 from the Clara Lull Robison Beautification Fund to install wrought iron posts with hanging baskets throughout downtown Wetumpka

Alabama Reading Association: \$2,500 from the Elmore County Public Education Fund to underwrite part of a statewide reading conference this fall