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Over \$40,000 in Grants will be Awarded to Elmore County Organizations

The Elmore County Community Foundation will award **\$40,204.82** in grants **Thursday, May 12 at 5:00 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 awarded or the Elmore County Community Foundation, please visit www.eccfinfo.org or call Caroline Montgomery Clark at 334-264-6223.

The 2011 ECCF Community Trust Grant Recipients are:

- **Alabama Kidney Foundation** will receive **\$2500** to provide financial assistance to dialysis patients in need through the Daily Living Needs program and two transportation programs.
- **Bridge Builders Alabama** will receive **\$1911.63** to extend this youth leadership/diversity training program to rising juniors from Elmore County, Holtville, and Wetumpka High Schools. Program will offer a weeklong, residential conference at Huntingdon College in Montgomery.
- **Communities Improvement Association** will receive **\$2373.83** to expand the physical education component of Kids' Journey's eight-week summer recreational program.
- **Eclectic Public Library** will receive **\$2500** to cover utilities expenses.
- **Elmore County Public Schools** will receive **\$2000** to purchase 3 to 5 used instruments for an instrument loan program benefitting students at Elmore County High School.
- **Heritage Training and Career Center** will receive **\$2500** to offer a literacy and job placement program to 100 individuals.
- **Montgomery Area Family Violence Program Inc. d.b.a. Family Sunshine Center** will receive **\$2000** to provide shelter and related services to Elmore County domestic violence and sexual assault victims.
- **Montgomery Area Nontraditional Equestrians** will receive **\$900** to provide scholarship assistance for 3 riders to participate in this 10-week therapeutic riding program for those with disabilities at a cost of \$300/rider.

- **Office of the District Attorney** will receive **\$2500** to support the Helping Families Initiative's efforts to target truant students and those with behavioral problems and to change behavioral problems before students become part of the juvenile justice system.
- **Sight Savers America** will receive **\$2500** to purchase a closed circuit television and other prescribed vision aids for a legally blind child living in Elmore County.

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- **Alabama Shakespeare Festival** will receive **\$2500** to offer 250 Elmore County students subsidized tickets for a matinee performance of one of ASF's plays.
- **Community Hospital, Inc.** will receive **\$2500** to offer the Meals on Wheels program to home bound individuals who are recovering from various illnesses and are unable to cook.
- **Easter Seals Central Alabama** will receive **\$500** to open an Autism Family Resource Center that will feature a computer resource lab and a library of information as well as host parent-to-parent support groups and educational workshops to provide the knowledge/skills to support children and adults with autism. ECCF funds will be used to develop and print marketing materials to educate parents in Elmore Co. about the resource center.
- **Elmore Co. Extension Office** will receive **\$1100** to offer the parents as Leaders Project, where parent volunteers will be utilized to assist facilitators in gaining a better knowledge of what Elmore County parents and their children need, establish a group of parents of Elmore county who desire to make a difference in their communities, train parent volunteers on the concept of parents as leaders including mandatory reporting, shaken baby syndrome, and utilizing community resources.
- **Horseshoe Bend Public Library** will receive **\$2500** to pay the salary of the person presenting the Elmore County weekly summer storytime program for ages 3-5. The program runs for 7 weeks in June and July, 2011.
- **McWane Science Center** will receive **\$2400** to deliver high quality educational outreach programs for 16 low-income classrooms in Elmore County. The outreach program cost is \$150 per classroom and covers staff effort, transportation to/from the school, and any consumable program supplies.
- **Montgomery Area Family Violence Program Inc. d.b.a. Family Sunshine Center** will receive **\$500** to provide shelter and related services to Elmore County domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

FIELD OF INTEREST AND OTHER GRANTS

- **Margaret and Auston Bridges Fund for Arts in Education**
Wetumpka High School Choir will receive **\$589.65** to purchase speakers and a CD recorder for students to perform and make CDs of their performances
- **Margaret and Auston Bridges Fund for Historic Preservation**
Communities Improvement Association will receive **\$1,143.19** to acquire a historical marker denoting the dates of Sandtown School's operation and have the building listed on the National Registry of Historic Landmarks and Heritage.

- **Clara Lull Robison Fund for Wetumpka Beautification**

Alabama River Region Arts Center will receive **\$2,093.52** to purchase new lighting fixtures to line the sidewalk leading to the building, repair existing sidewalks, landscape the lawn and flower beds at the 3 entrances (6 beds in all). A lawn sculpture in keeping with the mission of the Center is planned to be placed on the front lawn.

- **Lucy Brooks Lull Library Fund**

Wetumpka High School Library will receive **\$1,953.00** to purchase DVDs and books.

- **Charles Horatio McMorris Fund**

Wetumpka Elementary School and Wetumpka Intermediate School will each receive **\$370.00** to purchase books on their libraries.