

UNITED WAY OF ATHENS-LIMESTONE COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT



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**United Way of
Athens-Limestone County**

VISION

United Way of Athens-Limestone County will be a leader in our community where all individuals and families achieve their potential through education which leads to financial stability and healthier lifestyles.

MISSION

United Way of Athens-Limestone County secures resources to include financial support, volunteers, and in-kind donations of goods and services. We accomplish this by providing high quality community services through collaborations and partnerships aligned with our vision.

VALUES

- Trust and integrity through transparency
- Respect and dignity
- Innovative leadership
- Accountability
- Stewardship to our donors
- Responsive to our community

WHO WE ARE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Birdie Thornton Center

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Athens Limestone Counseling Center

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Misty Gilbert - Chairman
Chris Becker - County Coordinator
Lisa Towe & Chloe Wilson - Program Directors

RSVP

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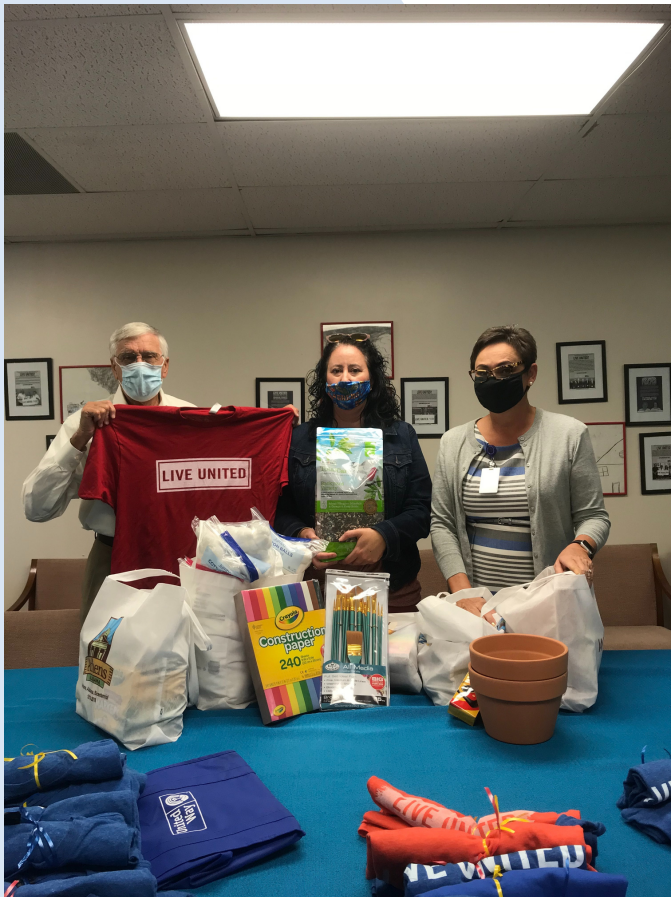
Beth Green - Chairman
Lt. Richard Watts - Executive Director

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Edward Powel - Executive Director

WEEK OF CARING

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our Week of Caring looked a little different this year. Instead of our usual hands-on projects, volunteers showered our agencies with various donations and supplies. This way, we were still able to have a Week of Caring while staying socially distant. It also helped our agencies as they were meeting the needs of the community during the pandemic.



The Mayor's Youth Commission did a great job collecting supplies for the Birdie Thornton Center!

Publix Supermarket at Eastside Junction donated toilet paper and other paper items for our agencies!



WEEK OF CARING T-SHIRT SPONSORS



WEEK OF CARING PARTICIPANTS

AsahiKASEI
Athens Mayor's Youth Commission
Dunn Building Company
First National Bank of Ardmore
First National Bank of Athens
Linda Stevenson
Lovvorn Farms
Morell Engineering
Publix Supermarket at Eastside Junction
Publix Supermarket at Village Shoppes of Madison
Rick and Mary Mould
Steelcase
Anonymous donors

All of our participating volunteers received Week of Caring t-shirts and deep gratitude for their work.

CLASS OF 2020 RETIRED EDUCATORS

Every year, United Way of Athens-Limestone County honors retired educators at the end of our Week of Caring. These educators are nominated by the community or former students, and it is a privilege to recognize them for their years of hard work!

This year, due to the pandemic, our Class of 2020 Retired Educators were honored through a virtual program. Their friends and families were able to watch the live stream, ensuring adherence to social distancing guidelines.

Class of 2020

Lynn Abernathy
Cindy Hall
Jennifer Hooper
Pat Lann

Class of 2013

Elizabeth "Lib" Brett
Carolyn Crow
Barbara Harrison
Evelyn Harrison
Dan Havely
Floyd Johnson Sr.

Class of 2014

Marcia Edmonds Black
Roberta Hamilton
Jan J. Hargrove
Sue Hobbs
Donna Dabney McDaniel
Ann Russell
Marjorie Walker

Class of 2015

Mary Ann Chambers
Helen Greenhaw
Howard Jaggars
Diana Meek
Jim Miner
Lester Smith
Margaret Scurlock

Class of 2016

Morris Schrimsher
Marsha Day
Bill Swindell
Bill Jackson

Class of 2017

Celestine Higgins Bridgeforth
Jane Davis
Patricia Hatchett
Guy McClure, Sr.
Cherry Ann Ward
Melanie Bridges
Donna Morris
Nanette Fairly

Class of 2018

Amy Edge
Sandra Chafin
Pam Hasting
Hedy Lou Cannon
Julie Prater

Class of 2019

Sandra Simmons
Naomi Lovell
Tee Jackson

LYNN ABERNATHY



Lynn Abernathy, affectionately known as "Ms. Lynn" by all of her former students and colleagues, has been a shining light in our community for many years. Owens Elementary School was blessed to have one of the best kindergarten teachers for 27 years. She started her career as a pre-school teacher but graduated to kindergarten. Kindergarten teachers are given the task to launch children into their academic lives. They are the ones that have to get the basics right so that children can progress to each new level. They have to instill in their students the fundamentals of math, reading, writing and science. They are the ones that will need to begin those lessons of self-control and expectations of what acceptable and kind behaviors are in and out of school. She was always positive and uplifting to her students. She taught them the skills they needed for kindergarten, but she also taught them kindness to last a lifetime.

She was a leader in the school. She would spearhead programs and community events to support the school and its families. She was a problem solver for her students and the needs of the school. She was the first one to welcome new teachers and give all of the necessary support to be successful. She also worked with AMSTI, teaching the best practices and procedures to educators all over the state of Alabama.

Since retiring, Ms. Lynn has continued to be a presence in our community. She has served as the coordinator of The Haven, an after school tutoring program sponsored by Central Church of Christ. This is a major commitment on her part. She is responsible for seeing that the children are welcomed, fed their snacks, and paired with the appropriate caring tutors. She is the liaison between the parents, teachers, volunteer tutors and the church administrators. She is also a volunteer with Hospice of Limestone County. In her neighborhood, she is known to walk, visit, and encourage her neighbors often with fresh homemade goodies. Her favorite role is that of being a grandmother to the three best grandchildren ever!

CINDY HALL



When we go to school, we are taught to read from kindergarten through the fourth grade. After the fourth grade, we read to learn for the rest of our lives. Without the ability to read, students will struggle to be successful in all aspects of their lives. Ms. Hall established the Dyslexia Center at Lindsay Lane Christian Academy. This center has been dedicated to the personalized learning of students with dyslexia. It has changed the academic lives of over 145 students that may have given up on their educational careers.

Students with dyslexia learn in different ways that are not traditionally taught in most classrooms. Ms. Hall gave her students the special tools that they needed to succeed in the classroom. That success in the classroom also gave students the self assurance that they needed to be part of the social network of their classmates. She also gave them the resources that they would need to excel in their future studies and chosen careers. Without her desire to help students with their complex and special skill sets, these students would not have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential in our community for their future endeavors.

JENNIFER HOOPER



After 30 years in education, Ms. Hooper demonstrated a deep desire to be a difference maker in the lives of the children and families she served. For the students that had her in their lives, she became one of those special teachers that they will be talking and thinking about long into their adults lives.

She spent the first half of her career in the elementary classroom, and she completed the last half of her career as an art teacher. In both areas of her career, she used her artistic side to enrich the lives of her students and fellow teachers. Those who know her well would readily acknowledge that art is her "language." This is best of all of her talents. This is where her light shines and she has helped others to uncover their own lights. Through art, she has helped her students tap into unknown talents and find their own voice. These newly found voices allowed her students to build a special kind of self confidence and expression.

Her art may be seen in the hallways of Athens City Schools. Murals that spark a smile and feeling of happiness shine in the hallways. There are places where even the most mischievous of students and faculty can try on angel wings just to remind themselves that goodness and optimism can happen at any time. When you look around Athens you can see her work in our murals that brighten our cityscape.

Once her students walked into her classroom, they also walked into her life. She felt an immediate responsibility to help them achieve their best selves. Her love for them extended beyond the confines of the classroom walls. She encouraged her students. She laughed with them and cried with them. She was a safe place for them. They knew she cared for them beyond the classroom and the grade book.

PAT LANN



Ms. Lann has always been passionate about teaching and doing whatever was needed to meet the varied needs of individual students. On any given day, you could find her going above to connect with students and building a relationship that was centered on trust, encouragement and love. She came with a purpose each and every day. She was determined for her students to be successful, even when it meant more work and preparation from her. She wanted to make a difference each day and was driven by her passion for students' success. She was the teacher who did not mind putting in the extra time to make the work interesting and the classroom pleasant and meaningful.

She loved reading! She would always spend time after lunch on her stool, reading to her class. She would conference with them regularly on the books that they were reading and recommend books she thought they might enjoy. She knew that if they enjoyed reading, they would have a lifetime of enjoyment and knowledge.

Ms. Lann also has a fun loving spirit. She knew how to bring laughter, smiles and encouragement at the right moment. She understood that even in our frustration of trying to make all of the pieces work, that a little joy could be the right salve to make it all better. You can bet on character day or dress up day that she was ready to share a little fun. She always put that something extra in her costume.

If you want to know the secret of her success, it is her keen intuition and her ability to have and share empathy. From her earliest years, her family and friends could attest that she had the ability to sense what was troubling people and find the right word or gesture to make it better. She could offer up the kindest and most pointed motivation. With this special gift, she has made all of those who know her better. Her example in and out of the classroom has made a real difference in many lives.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Honoring a Volunteer of the Year also marks the end of our Week of Caring. The volunteer is nominated by the community and affirmed by our Board of Directors. He or she is recognized at our luncheon. We were able to recognize our nominee virtually, rather than at our Week of Caring luncheon, due to the pandemic.



Joyce Counter
2020 Volunteer of the Year
Retired Board Secretary

Previous Winners:

2019

Kay Burlingame

2018

Dr. Denver Betts

2017

Jackie "Jack" Greenhaw
Frank Travis

2016

Jimmy Gill
Martha Jo Leonard

2015

Roy Shaw

JOYCE COUNTER

When our Board of Directors unanimously selected our Community Volunteer of the year, we started collecting the words that we use to describe her. Words like: dedicated, faithful, compassionate, insightful, wise, joyful, community oriented, family oriented, the quiet giant in the room, and busy. All of those words are correct and a few more like them.

When our nominee moved from the Mid-West with her family, she established her home for husband and four children. As the family became involved in their new community, a lifetime of volunteerism for Athens-Limestone County was established.

The first place she served was through First Presbyterian Church. She served as a teacher, youth leader, numerous committee roles, choir member, and most importantly, putting her hands and feet to help the mission of the Church. Her work continues today at First Presbyterian Church with historical insights that have help paved the way for those following in her footsteps.

In supporting some of the activities of her children, she began a career of supporting organizations such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the American Red Cross. She took on more of the leadership roles offered by these organizations. Those roles gave insight to the unique needs and opportunities of the work of non-profits; this would lead her to take the role as the Executive Director of an area non-profit called Keep America Beautiful after her children were older.

During her tenure at Keep America Beautiful, the organization grew. The initiatives that were started to educate and encourage everyone to be stop littering and preserve our area's natural beauty are continuing today. The work that she led with an army of volunteers has enabled us to enjoy our environment and do our part in maintaining it. As the director, she was mindful of the work of all of the other non-profits in our area and she supported their work with a helping hand and encouraging words.



JOYCE COUNTER

The role that she has played at United Way as a Board Member, Board Secretary, and committees---such as the Admissions and Allocations Committee---has made a powerful impact to the work of United Way and the agencies we support. She had unique skill sets to know the challenges and opportunities that our agencies face each day; after all, she had walked down the same road. She has been the face of reason, kindness, and accountability as United Way looked at concerns that faced our community. She had a perspective rooted in doing the right thing no matter what. She had the ability to use humor to break tension and the wit to show us when we were entrenched in our beliefs to stop and listen. This listening skill that she quietly taught enabled us as an organization to continue to move forward in a deliberate manner in seeking to do good and help many.

In seeking to find the right quote to describe the character of our nominee, I found two quotes from two totally different individuals. Both seemed to be speaking about our nominee. Joe DiMaggio said "A person always doing his or her best becomes a natural leader, just by example." To this, we will share with you that we often sought her counsel. She was someone who showed us that if we continue to do our best, then good things will follow. She also encouraged us to do our best even if we did not have the heart to do it at the moment.

The second quote spoke to us about her character. The person she showed us each day. "A godly woman is beyond average, because she keeps her word. She honors her vows. She exhibits great faith. She overcomes obstacles. And she affects her family, her community, and even the world."
Elizabeth George.

To that end, we are happy to present to you our United Way of Athens-Limestone County Volunteer of the Year, Joyce Counter.



STUFF THE SLEIGH



Our very first Stuff the Sleigh drive began in November of 2020, replacing our annual Stuff the Bus book drive. This drive was created to help provide children in our community with necessary school supplies, as many students would be returning to in-person learning in January. All donations were collected by local Beta Clubs and were distributed in conjunction with our Toys for Tots program. School aged children who had been registered for Toys for Tots, as well as in-need students who were identified by school counselors, received backpacks, notebooks, and other supplies.



Athens High School's Beta Club collected over 65 backpacks! They filled an entire car with backpacks, lunchboxes, and reusable water bottles.



Due to the generosity shown by our local schools, every school-aged child registered for Toys for Tots received a brand new backpack and reusable water bottle!

TOYS FOR TOTS



Every year, United Way of Athens-Limestone County partners with the Marine Corp to provide less fortunate children within our community with Christmas gifts. Even during a global pandemic, our community rallied around this program and ensured that every child would have a wonderful Christmas.

DONATION LOCATIONS

Alabama Veteran's Museum

AsahiKASEI

Athens City Hall

Athens Pharmacy

Big Lots of Athens

Dental Associates of Athens

Dollar General HWY 99

Dollar General HWY 251

First National Bank of Athens

First State Bank of the South

Hendricks-Patton-RANCL Furniture

Publix Supermarket at Eastside Junction

Salon 414

SportsFit

Tan Lines

The Children's Store of Athens

Toodlebugs

Trustmark Bank

U.G. White Mercantile

WestRock

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

Andrew and Beverly Bradley

Anthony Harbin and Family

Athens Dixie Stitchers

Betty Christopher

Carol Jones

Daisy McCormack

Helen Kerry

Michelle Beggs

Rita Murphy

Tammy Williams

Tom Hill

Winnice Pierce

CHRISTMAS POEM

Theresa Chambers is a client at the Birdie Thornton Center, and she is also the poet laureate of United Way of Athens-Limestone County. Ms. Chambers always writes a poem for our Day of Caring luncheon. Since the luncheon was cancelled due to the pandemic, however, Theresa utilized her talents elsewhere. Theresa Chambers wrote the following poem for our annual Christmas card:

Christmas Full Of Love And Joy

A baby of love
Came from Heaven above.
Come join along
Lets sing a song.
The weather is chilly
A cozy fire with family.
Christmas cards to send
To each and every friend.
“Merry Christmas” to you.

Theresa E. Chambers
Birdie Thornton Center

2020

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

FRONT DESK PROGRAM

United Way of Athens-Limestone County has had a volunteer front desk program for over 17 years. This program has been embraced by the volunteers, agencies, and clients.

The program has enhanced the way in which United Way works with the public. The volunteers serve to greet visitors, direct them to the appropriate agency or person, assist with referrals, answer phones, and help with special projects. The volunteers work three hour shifts either in the morning or afternoon.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In the summer of 2015, United Way of Athens-Limestone County launched an internship program to allow area students work with United Way agencies and other area non-profits to explore careers, have first-hand work experience, work for the betterment of the community, and fulfill volunteer hour requirements.

Each of the agencies are required to provide meaningful work or a long-term project for the students during their internships. The program has led to employment with our agencies and helped to secure employment in students' chosen professional fields.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Youth Volunteer Program offers opportunities for students to fulfill their goal of short-term volunteer projects within United Way agencies or other community partners. Many students who volunteer for this program are working as a part of a group, church youth group, or school organizations. The activities are diverse, meeting the varied needs of the agencies while utilizing the wide range of talents of the volunteers.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU



United Way of Athens-Limestone County is working with our area schools to supply subject matter experts through our Speaker's Bureau to speak to their students about careers and social issues. Mobilizing the people resource of our community has allowed students to have direct knowledge of current career choice and the path to obtain those careers.

We have worked with Athens Intermediate School to provide speakers for their AVID program. One of the objectives of the AVID program is to engage students with people in our community to discuss their careers and the paths that took them to that career.

United Way of Athens-Limestone County has been working with area counselors to provide speakers for middle and high school career days. To date, over 75 speakers have been secured for the various events. This has been well-received by the students and the speakers as well.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AVID program did not have any career events or speakers in 2020. They plan to resume having career speakers in 2021 through a virtual format.

COVID-19



The COVID-19 pandemic made a major impact on our outreach programs. With the state shutdown in March of 2020, United Way of Athens-Limestone County closed for a few weeks. Once we returned, our services were dramatically altered.

We were no longer able to have our front desk program, as we were trying to keep our staff, volunteers, and clients as safe as possible. Schools were also not allowing outside visitors once they reopened, so career speakers were not able to go to career events. Our youth volunteer program was also halted, in order to minimize possible virus exposure.

In the upcoming year, we hope to slowly return to our outreach programs. We plan to resume our front desk program this summer, with volunteers required to wear masks. Our Speaker's Bureau will be continuing virtually this year, to protect speakers and students.

PARTNER IN EDUCATION



United Way of Athens-Limestone County is glad to be Athens Elementary School's partner in education. Through this partnership, we are able to help AES prepare their students for bright futures.

We have been able to provide t-shirts and candy for teachers, reams of paper and folders, STEM Kits for each student, Sun Shades for picnic tables, and bubbles for students. Through this partnership, we strive to enhance the learning experience for each student at Athens Elementary, along with showing teachers the recognition they deserve.

CAREER AND COLLEGE

United Way of Athens-Limestone County is glad to offer Career and College programs designed to prepare high school students for their next phase of life. Whether they choose to enter the workforce or seek additional education, our Career and College Student Workshop provides guidance and financial advice that assist students in making a smooth transition into life after graduation.

Coving topics such as...

- Skills inventory and career research
- Time management and interview skills
- Paying for your education (parents invited)

and more!

Online
ZOOM
classes
available!

Certificate of
completion
provided at
the end of the
course



If you would like more information or want to register, please call (256) 233-2323 or email tanyagriffin@unitedwayalc.com

CAREER AND COLLEGE SEMINAR FOR PARENTS

United Way of Athens-Limestone County also offers Career and College seminars for parents of high school students. These seminars are designed to prepare parents for their child's next steps in life. Whether their student chooses to enter the workforce or seek additional education, our seminar for parents provides guidance and financial advice that helps parents plan for their child's future.

Online
ZOOM
classes
available!

FREE
one-hour
seminar



If you would like more information or want to register, please call (256) 233-2323 or email tanyagriffin@unitedwayalc.com

AGENCY PROGRAMS

American Red Cross

Single Family Fire Program

Birdie Thornton Center

Medicare/Medicaid Match

State and Federal Funding

Athens Limestone Counseling Center

At-Risk School Counselor

Boys and Girls Club North Alabama

Academic Success

Boy Scouts of America

Scouting Program

Crisis Services of North Alabama

Hope Place

Outreach Services

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Family Resource Center

Family Solutions Program

Girl Scouts of North Central Alabama

Leadership Experience

Hospice of Limestone County

Camp Hope/Bereavement Program

Indigent Care

Learn to Read

Basic Literacy

ESL

Computer Assisted Learning Labs

Limestone County 4-H Program

Youth Leadership

Youth Mentoring

Youth Basic Life Skills

Reading Buddies

RSVP

Tax Assistance Program

Salvation Army

Christmas Assistance Program

Material Assistance Program

Emergency Housing Program

Branch Transitional Living

USO

Troop Support



Leadership Giving

It is with gratitude and admiration that the United Way of Athens-Limestone County salutes each member of our Tocqueville Society, Red Feather Society, Torch Club, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Level Donors. We are proud of this group identified as this community's "Leaders in Giving."

Your involvement and support will provide the stability, character, and leadership to united people and resources in our community and to change lies for the better. For all of our donors, supporters, and volunteers, you understand best that:

Underneath everything we are. Underneath everything we so. We are all people. Connected. Interdependent. United. And when we reach out a hand to one, we can influence the condition of all.



UNITED WAY TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

\$10,000 - \$100,000

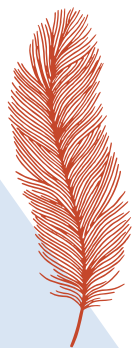
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Newby

Only 26 years old when he came to the United States and Canada in 1831, Alexis Charles-Henri de Tocqueville traveled extensively, recording his observations of life in young nations.

Though he only spent nine months in North America, he gleaned many profound insights about American society. His observations, readings, and discussions with eminent Americans formed the basis of "Democracy in America," a detailed study of American society and politics published in two volumes in 1835 and 1840.

Tocqueville recognized, applauded, and immortalized North American voluntary action on behalf of the common good. He wrote, "I must say that I have seen Americans make a great deal of real sacrifices to the public welfare; and have noticed a hundred instances in which they hardly ever failed to lend a faithful support to one another," eloquently capturing the essence of personal philanthropy that persists almost three centuries later.

The observations on philanthropy made by Alexis de Tocqueville in 1831 are true today; Americans understand that advancing the common good means creating opportunities for a better life for all. The name Tocqueville Society was chosen because of Alexis de Tocqueville's admiration for the spirit of voluntary association and effort towards its advancement.



RED FEATHER SOCIETY



\$1,000 - \$9,999

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\$400 - \$499

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Ms. Joanna Von Loh

Mr. Garrett Wilhite

Mr. Harold Young

SILVER CERTIFICATE

\$300 - \$399

Ms. Lindsey Anderson

Mr. Kenneth Arsenault

Mr. Gregory Barnett

Mr. Stan Bates

Mr. Rodney Battles

Ms. Pearlie Bridgeforth

Mr. Marty Burrows

Mr. Albert Bush

Mr. Don Byford

Ms. Tonya Carr

Mr. Dennis Clem

Mr. Rick Daws

Mr. Jeremy Flynn

Ms. Danielle Foster

Mr. Al Gaskin

Mr. William Ham

Ms. Gretta Harris

Mr. Jason Howard

Ms. Tina Journey

Mr. Chris Kellum

Mr. Phillip Lansdell

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Mr. Jason McGee

Mr. Abdullah Mirsepassi

Mr. Michael Motsinger

M, Jay Olson

Mr. Jason Posey

Ms. Harley Powers

Mr. Marcus Pressnell

Ms Valerie Rhodes

Mr. Anthony Sanderfer

Ms. Angela Scott

Mr. Peter Shtompil

Mr. Craig Silvey

Mr. Kenneth Sledge

Mr. Jared Smith

Ms. Natalie Stark

Ms. Lisa Sulkowski

Ms. Arlene Summers

Mr. Louis Tuck

Mr. Wesley Von Loh

Mr. Harold Young

Mr. Grant White

Ms. Allison Wilson

Ms. Patricia Woods

BRONZE CERTIFICATE

\$200 - \$299

Ms. Kimberly Atkins
Mr. Jeremy Aldridge
Mr. Jhermel Allen
Ms. Maria Alvarez
Mr. David Ansardi
Mr. Hunter Balthazor
Mr. Gary Bates
Mr. Stan Bates
Ms. Kristen Becatti
Ms. Amanda Beiler
Mr. Zach Bengé
Ms. Brenda Bennett
Mr. Larry Benson
Mr. John Birdwell
Ms. Karen Blankenship
Ms. Kelsi Blankenship
Ms. Donna Borden
Mr. Kedrick Bovia
Ms. Shirley G. Bozeman
Mr. James Bray
Ms. Margo Brackett
Ms. Joanne Brown
Ms. Dominique Burton
Mr. Mike Butler
Ms. Vanessa Byars
Mr. Ryan Camacho
Mr. Timothy Canerday
Mr. Joseph Cannon
Ms. Sonya Cannon
Ms. Christy Carter
Mr. Michael Carter
Mr. Christopher Chabaud
Mr. James Chambers
Mr. Rhett Christopher
Ms. Lisa Christy
Mr. Dennis Clem
Mr. Joshua Clements
Ms. Donna Clemmens
Mr. David Connolly
Mr. Jason Cornelison

Ms. Chesney Craig
Mr. Charles Crawford
Ms. Grace Crocker
Mr. John Cronin
Ms. Dornay Crosby
Ms. Mary Crosby
Ms. Annalise Curran
Mr. William Currin
Ms. Melissa Custer
Mr. Jacob Darrell
Ms. Carla Davis
Ms. Para Davis
Mr. Wesley Davis
Mr. John Deffenbaugh
Mr. Michael Doerr
Ms. Meredith Dorning
Mr. Benjamin Dougherty
Mr. Anthony Dutton
Ms. Rebecca Emery
Ms. Carolyn Farrar
Mr. James Forester
Mr. Zachary Francis
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fulton
Ms. Kim Gaines
Ms. Angel Garland
Ms. Ruth Ghoja
Ms. Kathy Gifford
Ms. Andria Gillespie
Mr. Thomas Goodin
Mr. Frank Gossett
Mr. Dylan Greene
Mr. Kevin Grisby
Mr. Aleksander Gryzlov
Mr. James Hanks
Ms. Sherri Harris
Ms. Tara Hargove
Ms. Brittany Harris
Ms. Sherri Harris
Ms. Shirley Harris
Mr. William Hayes

Ms. Jessica Hayslett
Mr. Kori Herron
Mr. Chris Hill
Mr. Tom Hill
Ms. Carolina Hinostrroza
Mr. Tyler Hodge
Mr. Clay Hogeland
Ms. Rebecca Holliday
Ms. Tiffany Hollingsworth
Ms. Doris Hollis
Mr. William Hornsby
Mr. Ty Hunt
Ms. Brianna Jackson
Mr. Elijah Jackson
Ms. Chelsea Jaudon
Mr. Antwan Johnson
Ms. Ramona Johnson
Mr. Christopher Johnson
Mr. William Johnson
Mr. Howard Jones
Ms. Noel Keenum
Mr. Caleb Keith
Ms. Tina Kilgo
Mr. Frank King
Ms. Mary Beth Lambert
Ms. Tarah Lankster
Ms. Sabrina Lewter
Mr. Darryl Long
Ms. Hannah Long
Mr. Dennis Lowe
Mr. John Lucius
Mr. James Malone
Mr. Willie Mangruen
Mr. Robert Maplesden
Mr. Gregory Marbut
Ms. Elizabeth Marks
Ms. Berenice Martinez- Santiago
Mr. Wes McCafferty
Mr. Andre McGahee
Ms. Paulene McLin

BRONZE CERTIFICATE

\$200 - \$299

Ms. Harriet McMeans

Mr. John Mercker

Mr. Adrian Michaux

Ms. Sally Miller

Mr. Robert Moore

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Ms. Tukeshia Moten

Mr. William Motes

Ms. Kristie Misterka

Ms. Christiana Nance

Ms. Monica Nelson

Mr. Johnny Newton

Ms. Kenneth Newton

Ms. Michelle Norris

Ms. Renita Odom

Mr. Lemlem Ollie

Mr. Andrew Owens

Mr. William Parker

Ms. Beth Petty

Ms. Winnice Pierce

Ms. Melanie Plouse

Ms. Connie Porter

Mr. Marcus Pressnell

Ms. Jan Price

Ms. Sharon Pruitt

Mr. Gregory Reece

Mr. Samuel Rhodes

Ms. Leslie Richerzhagen

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Mr. Jeff A. Ridinger

Ms. Kayla Riggs

Mr. Julian Roberts

Ms. Jessica Rogers

Mr. Brian Roggensack

Ms. Belinda Ruf

Mr. Reggie Sales

Mr. Matt Sanderson

Mr. Timothy Sandlin

Mr. Montel Shoulders

Mr. Hubert Sims

Mr. Scotty Slaten

Ms. Jackie Smith

Mr. Jerry Smith

Mr. Phillip Smith

Mr. Steven Smith

Ms. Connie Still

Mr. Billy Stevens

Ms. Dendra Stinnet

Mr. Monti Swann

Mr. James Taylor

Mr. David Terry

Mr. Daniel Thomas

Mr. Patrick Thornton

Mr. Charles Tomaszewski

Mr. Todd Tomerlin

Mr. Daniel Tomlin

Mr. Gary Tuck

Ms. Jovita Tucker

Mr. Tyler Tucker

Mr. Benito Valerianno

Mr. Shawn VanDer Velde

Mr. Nicholas Vinson

Mr. Jose Villafane

Mr. David Wallace

Mr. Aydin Wasmer

Mr. Jeffery Watkins

Ms. Joy Watkins

Mr. Edward Wales

Ms Jackie Walker

Ms. Melissa Walker

Ms. Tabitha Wenger

Ms. Angel West

Mr. Grant White

Ms. Ariel Wilson

Mr. Griffin Wilson

Mr. Carl Williams

Ms. Melissa Williams

Ms Michelle Williams

Mr. Ryan Wittin

Ms. Judy Winkler

Ms. Michelle Wojciechowski

Mr. Harry Woessner

Mr. Joseph Woodbury

Mr. Phillip Woodard

Ms. Patricia Woods

Dr. Cathy Woodruff

Ms. Latessa Yarbrough

Ms. Beverly Young

Mr. Daniel Zielinski

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MEMORIALS



Wesley Earl Alexander
Anita Page Anderson
Margaret Baker
Donna Hudson Barksdale
Jerry R. Barksdale
Hugo Bates
Eula Battle
Linda Locke Beasley
Mauvoline "Mot" Beasley
Herbert Eugene "Gene" Black
Debbie Blakely
Jerold Dean Blaxton
Rayburn Bolan
June Allfrey Booth
Richard Booth
Maria Bridgeforth
Barbara Lee Bridges
Jay O. Breeding
Avis Christine Wales Broadway
James Brocato, Jr.
Todd Brown
Charles Butler
Virginia Calvin
Jerry Carter
Marion Elizabeth Chisholm
Wynette Griggs Chittam
David Rowe Clem
Mollie Harrison Clem
Paul Wayne Clem
Jerry Boyd Crabtree
James Thomas Craig, Jr.
Robert Orville Craig
John David Crews
Betty Jean Higdon Croomes
John Marshall Crutcher, Sr.
Richard Hunter Dawes
Ruth Jones Dawson
Durwood Dean
James Dean
Marc Logan Dean
Williams Chisholm Downs, Jr.

William Jerry Durham
Richard "Buzz" Estes
Billie Faye Lawrence Fairly
Billie Gene Faulkner
Harold Fowler
Betty Gamble
Robert Ray Garret
Deborah Gill
Edith Marie Gooch
Zack Greene
Jo Ellen Greenhaw
Paul Jerry Greer
Christopher Shawn Griffin
Douglas Ward Griffin
Richard Henry Hall
Neil Douglas Hamilton
Norman L. Hamm
Jean Hardiman
Jeanette Smith Hargrove
Evelyn Harrison
Robert Hickman
Larry Gene Hicks
Jerry Hill
Jo Francis Hobbs
Jessica Jolley
Sarah B. Jowers
Anita Fay Lindsay Kay
Jean Hightower Keyes
Donald Gene Kimbrough
Lakin Lambert
Robert Lakin Lambert
Joyce Holland Layman
Kenneth Scott Lehman
Margaret Lovell
Eugene Marks
Guy Young McClure, Jr.
Gwen McClure
Richard Kent McCollum
Peggy McCormick
James J McCrary (Jimmy)
Margaret McElyea

Virginia Dare Christopher McLemore
Betty Ann Mullins McNeese
Matthew D Middleton
Jimmy Newby
Thelma Ollaween Norton
Julian Mark Owens
Ruth Prudence Peete
Andrew Chandler Pepper
Bea Pepper
Marion Kenneth Pepper
Sherrill William Pepper
Dee Wayne Poole
Bradley Pugh
Matthew Craig Ramsey
Linda B. Reed
Ros Richardson
Stanton Lee Roth
Delite Sawyer
Robert David Scates
Billy Settlers
Cecil Leon Simmons
Joyce Doreen Sims
Mattie Ola Sims
Horvie Siniard
Jackie Payner Skipper
Linda Smith
Charles Wilson Sowell
William Cub Stone
George Dwight Stovall
Peggy Joyce Brooks Todd
Theresa Marie Tompkins
Betty Turner
Sandra Turner
Carl Alan Vandiver
Alline Vanschoiak
Grady Paul Vinson
Rachael Christina Wales
Dr. Walter Walker
Joseph Allan Whitt
Peggy Worley
Avon Young
Thomas Edward Zirbel

UNITED WAY OF ATHENS-LIMESTONE COUNTY CIRCLE OF CORPORATE GIVING

Platinum Circle - \$15,000 or more

Publix
Steelcase Foundation

Gold Circle - \$5,000 to \$14,999

Athens News Courier
Carpenter Technology
CDPA
Target
TVA-Brownsferry

Silver Circle - \$1,000 to \$4,999

Arnold Foundation
Asahi KASEI
ATT/Bellsouth
Jack's
Johnson Feigley Newton and Brand, LLP
Lockheed Martin
Morrell Engineering
Raytheon
S & W Mini Storage
Snap-On Tools
Turner Industries
UPS
Valley Motors
WestRock

Bronze Circle - \$500 to \$999

Bank Independent
BBVA Compass Bank
Bush tax Services
Coil Plus
First National Bank
G.E.
Hendricks and Patton
IBM
Redstone Federal Credit union
Reliance Bank
Riddle tax Service
Staplcotn
Trustmark Bank

2019 - 2020 COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

3M

AIG/AGF

Alabama Cooperative Extension

ARC/Birdie Thornton Center

AsahiKASEI

Ascend Performance Materials

Athens Board of Education

Athens City General Fund

Athens-Limestone Counseling Center

Athens-Limestone Hospital

Athens Rotary

Athens State University

Athens Utilities

AT&T

BP

Bank Independent

BBVA Compass

Birdie Thornton Center

Boeing

Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama

Bush Tax Service

Calhoun Community College

Carpenter Technologies

CDPA

Century Link

Combined Federal Campaign

Costco

Comcast

Crisis Services of North Alabama

Dunn Building

Enterprise

Family Resource Center

FedEx

First National Bank

General Electric

General Motors

Girl Scouts of North Alabama

H&R Block

Hendricks and Patton Company

Hospice of Limestone County

IBM

International Paper

Jack's

JFNB, LLP

Kennametal

Lewit

Learn to Read Council

Limestone Board of Education

Limestone County Commission

Limestone County Counseling Center

Limestone County 4-H

Limestone County Economic Development

Limestone County Water Authority

Lockheed Martin

Lowes Home Improvement

Mental Health Center of North Alabama

Morgan Stanley Company

Morrell Engineering

MCAMRA

News Courier

Northrop Grumman

Orbutal ATK

O'Reilly Auto Parts

PNC Bank

Publix

Raymond James

Raytheon

Redstone Federal Credit Union

Regions Bank

Riddle Tax Service, Inc

S & W Mini Storage

Salvation Army

Snap-On Tools

Solutia

Springleaf Corporation

Staplcotn

Staples

State Combined Campaign

Steelcase

2019 - 2020 COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES

Swanner Real Estate
Target Distribution Center
TVA
Tris, USA
Trustmark Bank
Turner Industries
Union Parcel Service
United Health Group
United Way of Alabama
United Way of Allegheny County
United Way of Athens-Limestone County
United Way of Bergen County
United Way of Capital Area
United Way of Central Alabama
United Way of Central Florida
United Way of Central Indiana
United Way of Central NE Connecticut
United Way of Forsythe County
United Way of Greater Atlanta
United Way of Greater Kansas
United Way of Madison County
United Way of Marshall County
United Way of Metro Chicago
United Way of Metro Dallas
United Way of Metro Nashville
United Way of Morgan County
United Way of Northwest Alabama
United Way of Southeast Michigan
United Way of Williamson County
United Way Worldwide
UPS Logistics Group
UPS Retirees
Valley Motors
Vulcan Plastics
Walgreens
Wal-Mart
Wells Fargo
WestRock