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OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

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Now, in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, it is crystal clear that nonprofit organizations, including our Community Foundation of Washington County, must continue to build their endowment funds. It is more important than ever! Endowment funds provide a "savings account" nonprofit organizations can draw on to bridge the gaps due to the cancellation of fundraising efforts or declines in memberships and donations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the perfect time to join with many others to build our long-term sustainability and support the expansion of programming within our strategic initiatives: Early Childhood Education, Workforce Development, and Downtown Revitalization.

In 2017, the Chuck Jordan Endowment Fund was established with a generous lead gift from Jane Jordan to honor and preserve our former Mayor Jordan's memory. With the Endow MS Legislation being signed into five-year law in March 2019, your gift to the Circle of Friends could come with an extra benefit to you or your corporation. There are still a **limited number** of tax credits available through the Community Foundation of Washington County for 2020. **Credits will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. If you donate at least \$1,000 and up to \$200,000, you could qualify to earn a 25% tax credit on your Mississippi State Income Tax Return this year (for example, a \$1000 gift would yield a \$250 tax credit).** With this new law in place, NOW is the perfect time to be in the Circle of Friends! **To this end, we invite you to join with the Circle of Friends in support of the**

Chuck Jordan Endowment Fund with a gift of at least \$1,000. Gifts of any amount are tax-deductible.

With 57 funds under our umbrella, we are truly increasing the charitable dollars being invested in all of Washington County. Your community foundation has been active this year. Major initiatives include:

- *Investing more than \$38,000 into immediate relief efforts, through grants awarded to nonprofit and faith-based organizations providing direct services, primarily surrounding food insecurity to the residents in the greatest need through the COVID-19 Community Relief Fund.*
- *Dedicating more than \$50,000 for training and testing of 30 early childcare specialists to allow them to achieve the nationally recognized Child Development Association (CDA) Credential. This partnership with Washington County childcare centers is designed to both provide better academic outcomes for children in the centers and enable the specialists to advance professionally and academically.*
- *Committing more than \$19,000 towards the Washington County High School Senior Scholarship Program. By offering training and certification in key areas through a partnership with The Capps Technology Center, students will be well prepared as they graduate and move into the technical and manufacturing workforce.*
- *Allocating more than \$17,000 towards Façade Improvement Grants, focused on the Downtown areas of Greenville, Leland and Hollandale, in collaboration with the Greater Greenville Development Association and the Leland Chamber of Commerce.*

You may donate by visiting our secure website at www.cfwashco.org to give online. You may also mail a check to the Community Foundation of Washington County at P.O. Box 5910, Greenville, MS 38704. **Be sure to include the Chuck Jordan Endowment Fund in the memo line.**

With your help, we can create a permanent legacy worthy of our former Mayor Jordan and can also ensure that his vision, his leadership, and his passion for our community will bear fruit for years to come.



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