THE CHEATHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
CONNECTING GENEROSITY WITH NEED

an affiliate of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee
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The Cheatham County Community Foundation is a pool of charitable resources dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the county’s residents, now and always, offering every friend of Cheatham County the opportunity to contribute to its future.

In 1998, a group of Cheatham County citizens were looking for a way to serve both current and future generations. Acknowledging that education is key to the development of both individuals and the community, these citizens sought to provide scholarships for local residents. Created through affiliation with The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, The Cheatham County Community Foundation established a vehicle for providing scholarships and learned about the ways a community foundation can help provide permanent funding to support local nonprofits.

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee provides a framework for the efforts of Affiliate Funds serving a particular community. By operating under this umbrella, the board of The Cheatham County Community Foundation can focus on the investment of charitable resources to support the community.

The Foundation is like a savings account for the community - the principal remains intact, and its earnings are used to make grants helping those in need. As a vehicle for civic-minded individuals, families and companies, The Foundation connects people with the causes and organizations about which they care most, improving Cheatham County, now and always. The Foundation is uniquely positioned to determine unmet needs and provide stewardship of charitable resources to benefit all citizens.

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WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Giving is simple. Whether you want to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, support a specific interest or organization, or memorialize a loved one, The Community Foundation can help. There are many ways to get involved and achieve your charitable goals, often with significant tax benefits. Gifts can be made to any existing Fund at The Community Foundation, or you can learn about establishing your own charitable fund. The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee can facilitate your charitable giving by accepting a variety of gifts.

- Cash
- Publicly Traded Securities
- Real Estate & Personal Property
- Planned Giving Vehicles - charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, life insurance policies, IRAs, and bequests
- Memorials - Many people have embraced giving to The Foundation in memory of loved ones.

Please contact The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee at 615-321-4939 if you are interested in making one of these gifts or want to learn about establishing a fund. The staff will be pleased to work with you or your professional advisor in tailoring a giving plan that accomplishes your goals.

“The Cheatham County Community Foundation is building an endowment to support both the current and future needs of our community. I became aware of the Foundation in 1998 when I created funds to provide scholarships and to assist community nonprofit organizations. I have been incredibly pleased with the results.

The Foundation has grown tremendously since its beginning with the help of dedicated volunteers and generous citizens, enabling us to provide scholarships and support local nonprofit organizations. The beauty of The Community Foundation is it will continue to invest our contributions wisely for the benefit of Cheatham County citizens for years to come.”

– John Mayfield, Cheatham County Community Foundation Board Member
SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cheatham County Community Foundation is committed to investing in education through scholarship assistance to residents who exhibit merit and financial need. This commitment to education is a cornerstone of the Foundation’s work. In 2002, the Cheatham County Community Foundation created a Scholarship Fund, which supports deserving students as they pursue secondary education.

The Scholarship Fund assists Cheatham County students with tuition and other school-related expenses and invests in education vital to the community’s future. Contributions from community members and organizations and the annual Cumberland Ball fundraiser help support the Scholarship Fund.

Haley Marshall
A Cheatham County Central High School graduate, Haley Marshall is now a Belmont University student majoring in both English literature and education. “The Cheatham County Community Foundation Scholarship has been very helpful, and I’m grateful for the support of my community as I pursue my degree,” said Haley.

Thomas Atkins
Pleasant View Christian School graduate, Thomas Atkins has had plans to attend Vanderbilt University and become a doctor since childhood. With the help of the Cheatham County Community Foundation Scholarship, he is attending Vanderbilt and studying pre-med neuroscience and political science. Thomas is on the path to fulfilling his dream of being a neurosurgeon.
In addition to providing scholarship assistance, The Cheatham County Community Foundation helps support local nonprofits to address unmet needs of the community. The leadership of The Foundation is particularly interested in ideas that will enrich the quality of life for all citizens in Cheatham County.

Gifts to The Cheatham County Community Foundation support The Foundation’s work and its discretionary grantmaking ability. Grants are awarded to nonprofits on an annual cycle. All local 501(c)3 agencies and public institutions are eligible to apply. Nonprofits must be profiled in www.GivingMatters.com to be eligible. A local grant committee reviews all applications and makes recommendations to the grant allocations committee of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

For more information, call The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee at 615-321-4939, or visit www.cfmt.org.

The Ark Community Resource and Assistance Center received a grant from The Cheatham County Community Foundation to provide meals to seniors living in South Cheatham County. The Ark’s Meals on Wheels program started with nine recipients and has expanded to feed almost 30 South Cheatham residents without a recipient waiting list.

GivingMatters.com, an initiative of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, is the place to make informed decisions about gifts to nonprofits serving Middle Tennessee. At GivingMatters.com, you will find detailed information on more than 850 local nonprofits and learn about community issues. You can give directly to nonprofits at GivingMatters.com.

The Web site allows donors the ability to get in-depth information about nonprofits’ missions, programs, finances, and management, and provides the option to give online with a credit card.

When you want to help support the growing needs of Middle Tennessee, visit GivingMatters.com to make the most informed decisions about your charitable giving.
ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee exists to promote and facilitate philanthropy. The Foundation works with nonprofits and donors to enhance the quality of life in the 43 counties it serves in Middle Tennessee and Southern Kentucky.

The Cheatham County Community Foundation chose to become an Affiliate Fund of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, recognizing the leadership and infrastructure it provides. Affiliate Funds are designated to benefit a particular geographic area, be it a county, a community, or a region. The affiliate is overseen by a committee of local leaders, and The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee handles administrative operations.

From its beginning in 1991, The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee has partnered with nonprofits and donors to create an endowment for the community and to identify and address community needs.

The Community Foundation is made up of more than 700 charitable funds established by individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Whatever your passion, The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee can help facilitate your charitable goals.

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**OUR COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

The Cheatham County Community Foundation is a pool of charitable resources. The following Funds have been established to enhance the quality of life in Cheatham County. Gifts of any size to any Fund at The Community Foundation are welcome at any time.

- The Cheatham County Public Library Endowment Fund
- The South Cheatham Library Endowment Fund
- The Ashland City Ministerial Alliance Designated Fund/The Bethesda Center
- Happy Hills Youth Ranch Endowment Fund (now Tennessee Children’s Home)
- Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency Endowment Fund
- The John E. Mayfield Scholarships for Cheatham County High School, Harpeth High School, Pleasant View Christian, and Sycamore High School

If you have a specific area of interest like scholarships, the arts, the environment, or helping youth or seniors; a nonprofit about which you care deeply; the desire to memorialize a loved one; or other ideas about starting a fund to benefit the community, contact The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee at 615-321-4939 or 1-888-540-5200. To give to any existing funds, call 615-321-4939, or visit The Community Foundation’s Web site at www.cfmt.org.
Since The Cheatham County Community Foundation began awarding scholarships, a total of $56,450 has been awarded to 40 individual students pursuing an education.

**2009**
- Melissa B. Bailey
- Rachel M. Balthrop
- Courtney D. Chance
- Kayla J. Fuqua
- Natasha L. Kinshaw
- Haley D. Marshall
- Jessica D. Parshall
- Thomas D. Pate
- Tara G. Villicana

**2008**
- George T. Atkins, II
- Courtney D. Chance
- Lauren T. Chance
- Nicole A. Denney
- Kayla J. Fuqua
- Danielle P. Gambrell
- Andrew T. Moore
- Jessica D. Parshall
- Gabriel B. Ragsdale
- Tara G. Villicana

**2007**
- Lauren T. Chance
- Danielle P. Gambrell
- Amanda N. Gann
- Megan N. Keeler
- Kimberly Monge
- Kymberly A. Rigsby
- Kelly L. Stack
- Rebecca Stanton

**2006**
- Amanda Crain
- Jessica Hampton
- Garth Kimbrough
- Ian O’Bryant
- Amber Bateman
- Nathan R. Batey
- Christa B. Dillahay
- Jennifer L. Jones
- Jackson M. Norris

**2004**
- Katelan M. Crawford
- Whitney M. Green
- Jacqueline B. Heath
- Nathaniel D. Hudson
- Bethany D. Parks

**2003**
- Katelan M. Crawford
- Heather M. Dunn
- James R. Hamdorff
- Jacqueline B. Heath
- Laticia Jenkins

**2002**
- Maranda L. Cripps
- Jacqueline B. Heath
- Savannah Helle
- Laticia Jenkins
- Melissa R. Thompson

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- Maranda L. Cripps
- Jacqueline B. Heath

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- Jacqueline B. Heath
- Carrie L. Lloyd
- Candice K. Morris
- David A. Shores

**CUMBERLAND BALL**

**SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Every year, The Cheatham County Community Foundation hosts the Cumberland Ball, which benefits the Scholarship Fund and draws hundreds of attendees to gather for an evening of dinner, dancing, and bidding on live and silent auction items. Since 1999, Middle Tennessee residents have attended the Cumberland Ball and given generously to help build an endowment for The Cheatham County Community Foundation Scholarship Fund.

For more information about the Cumberland Ball, call The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee at 615-321-4939.