



Serving Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union Counties
An affiliate of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

Dear Friends:

In a few days, you will receive the 2012 Report to the Community from The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. The Suwannee Valley Community Foundation is an affiliate of The Community Foundation, meaning it provides staffing, accounting, and administrative support as well as inclusion under its tax exempt status.

We are excited to take this opportunity to highlight the Suwannee Valley Community Foundation's work in 2012 as an addendum to The Community Foundation's Report to the Community.

We were able to fund three parks in the region, one each in Raiford, Providence and western Union County. Safe spaces for children and families to gather and play are important for our communities and provide opportunities for people, young and old, to know their neighbors and enjoy fresh air.



Tropical Storm Debby created flooding across our region. The Foundation provided a targeted grant to pay rent deposits for displaced residents to acquire new housing.

We are pleased to announce three new advisory board members: Darren Driver of Lafayette County, Avery C. Roberts of Union County and Keith Hitson of Hamilton County. As new additions to the Board, they provide valuable insight and knowledge of the communities and region.

The Suwannee Valley Community Foundation is here to serve our region by joining community needs and opportunities for improvement with the philanthropic and charitable visions of donors. Our endowments provide on-going funding to address issues in the region and to support the charities, religious institutions and community organizations that improve our quality of life.

If you would like to know more about the Foundation or would like to discuss how the Foundation can help you to simplify your giving or preserve your legacy, please contact John Zell at 904-356-4483 or jzell@jaxcf.org

Thank you for making 2012 a great year and we look forward to a good finish to 2013.

Sincerely,

James Montgomery
Chairman

John Zell
Foundation Liaison

Suwannee Valley Community Foundation Advisory Board

James Montgomery, chairman
Mike Null, vice chairman
Joseph Persons, secretary
Thomas W. Brown
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Darren Driver
Keith Hitson
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Bettye Lane
Keith Leibfried
Dr. W. Benjamin Norris, Jr.
Earline Parker*
Avery Roberts
*deceased

Suwannee Valley Community Foundation Funds

Organization Endowments

- Rotary Club International
- United Way of Suwannee Valley Endowment Fund

Field of Interest Fund

- The Columbia County Senior Services Fund

Unrestricted Endowments

- Helen Davis Brown Endowment Fund
- James H. Montgomery Suwannee Valley Endowment
- Marion C. Persons Charitable Fund
- Suwannee Valley Grantmaking Fund
- Suwannee Valley Community Foundation Unrestricted Endowment

Designated Endowment

- Campbell Park Endowment
- Robert and Elizabeth Haven Fund
- Marion C. Persons Charitable Fund

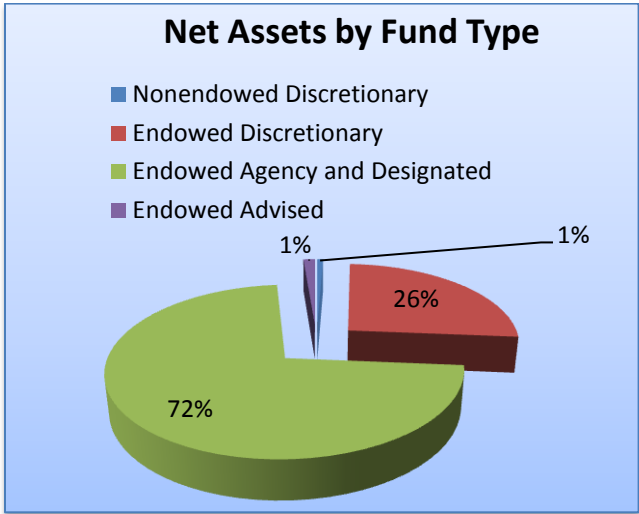
Legacy Society

- James Montgomery

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**Suwannee Valley Community Foundation
Statement of Activities as of December 31, 2012**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2012	\$1,736,625
Gifts received	6,100
Net investment return on pooled assets	159,058
Grants made	(62,104)
Operating expenses	(5,657)
Support paid to The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida	(15,973)
Ending Balance, December 31, 2012	\$1,818,049



Where Grant Dollars Go

2012 Grants from Unrestricted Funds – Donors create unrestricted funds to address the ever-changing needs and opportunities for positive change. They charge the Foundation’s Advisory Board with selecting grantees to improve the quality of life in the region. Donors may restrict uses to a specific geographic or field of interest (Children, Seniors, Wildlife, etc.)

- Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc. (Lake City) - \$5,000 to assist flood victims with rent deposits in the Suwannee Valley region.
- Union County Board of County Commissioners - \$4,991 to purchase playground equipment for Sarah’s Park and Providence Park.
- Town of Raiford - \$5,824 to construct a community playground.



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2012 Grants from Designated Funds – Donors create designated funds to provide on-going support to one or more organizations in perpetuity. If the donor desires that funds be used for specific purposes, the Foundation insures the donor’s intent is honored.

- **Campbell Park Endowment**
City of Lake City - \$1,753 to contribute to the annual cost to mow the park, weed and fertilize the flowers, mulch paths and trails and maintain the benches.
- **Robert and Elizabeth Haven Fund**
Lake City – Columbia County Humane Society - \$6,894 for staff training and benefits.
Community Concerts of Lake City, Inc. - \$6,894 for program support.
- **Marion Carson Persons Charitable Fund**
Hospice of North Central Florida - \$1,377 for general operating support.
Happy House, Inc. - \$4,589 for general operating support.
American Cancer Society – Alachua / High Five / Tri-County - \$4,589 for general operating support.
Christian Service Center of Columbia County, Inc. - \$4,589 for general operating support.
Pregnancy Crisis Center of Lake City - \$1,836 for general operating support.
United Way of Suwannee Valley - \$13,768 for general operating support.