

**Putnam County Reaps Additional Benefit from the Frank V. Oliver Jr. Endowment  
At The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

*First Coast Technical College, Community Health Outreach & Heart of Putnam Food Bank are newest grantees*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – November 25, 2014—Putnam County residents have another reason to be thankful this season—the estate of the late Frank V. Oliver Jr. has awarded its third and final round of 2014 grants to agencies serving local residents in the area of Education, Health Care and Basic Needs. A total of \$80,000 has been awarded this year through Mr. Oliver’s field of interest fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)). The most recent grants are:

- **First Coast Technical College (FCTC)** is receiving \$15,000 to expand assistance to disadvantaged students who enroll in one of the following existing, accredited, postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs: Licensed Practical Nursing, Welding Technology, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning, or Culinary Arts. The grants will provide \$750 toward the costs of textbooks, supplies, and uniforms for each of 20 qualified students desiring to enter any of the targeted CTE programs.
- **Community Health Outreach (CHO)** is receiving \$10,000 to help with access to diagnostic testing (x-rays, ultrasounds, laboratory tests) to almost 75 patients residing in Putnam County. These services will be provided at two relatively new clinics in Palatka and Crescent City. At these two sites, medical services are available to uninsured adult patients with a family income less than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, under which 55% of the residents of in Putnam County would qualify.
- **Heart of Putnam Food Pantry (HOPFP)** will receive up to \$20,000 to help purchase a new van. As members of Feeding Northeast Florida, the Heart of Putnam Food Pantry needs to pick up a large portion of donated food from grocery stores and farms. The vehicle they currently use for the pick-ups is 20 years old, and in constant need of repairs. From their base of operations at the Palatka Christian Service Center, they serve hundreds of clients who each receive one bag of food per visit.

Earlier this year, the Frank V. Oliver Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida made the following grants:

- \$5,000 to Bread of Life
- \$10,000 to scholarships in Putnam County high schools
- \$10,000 to the Fourth Friday program at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Interlachen
- \$10,000 to Putnam County’s Career and Technical Education high school programs.

**About Frank V. Oliver**

A longtime Palatka businessman and quiet philanthropist, Mr. Oliver established a number of charitable giving vehicles when he died in 2010, including designated endowments for several beloved organizations. But his vision also created a more flexible field of interest fund for Putnam County, so that other deserving programs that might need assistance in the future might benefit.

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**About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)) is Florida's oldest and largest community foundation. The Foundation works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community – helping donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helping nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helping people come together to make the community a better place. The Foundation has more than \$300 million in assets and has made grants in excess of \$278 million since 1964.

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