



**Putnam County to Benefit from the Frank V. Oliver Jr. Endowment at
The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

Putnam County Schools and St. Andrews Episcopal Church Receive First Grants

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – June 30, 2014—The generosity of the late Frank V. Oliver Jr. continues as the first grants were awarded from his field of interest fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org).

Putnam County schools are receiving a \$10,000 grant from the fund to help students in Career and Technical programs, while St. Andrews Episcopal Church is receiving a \$10,000 grant from the fund for its Fourth Friday program.

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.

To that end, part of the award to the Putnam County schools will be used to help defray the cost of taking industry certification exams for Putnam County's Career Technical Education (CTE) high school students, and part will renovate the greenhouses at Palatka High and Interlachen High. The renovations will enable the students to participate in more "hands on" activities in horticulture and increase the students' skill level and increase the probability of these students being able to pass the exam and earn the Horticulture Professional certification. Meanwhile, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Interlachen, the grant will be used to help provide needy individuals and families with supplemental food assistance, dental treatment and vision screening through its outreach on Fourth Fridays.

"Frank wanted to improve the quality of life for fellow Putnam County citizens by addressing the problems of poverty and hunger, veterans concerns, and educational support, among others," noted his widow, Joyce Oliver. "I think he would be very pleased to see that these first grants are going to such deserving organizations that work hard to do just that every day."

Frank Oliver established seven funds at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida as a way to continue his charitable giving after his death. His other funds at The Community Foundation include designated endowments for specific organizations: St. Johns River State College, Putnam County Bread of Life, Putnam County Gator Club, Putnam County Humane Society, Putnam County Elfs for Kids, and Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, Inc.

"Mr. Oliver's thoughtful, planned giving is a model for anyone who would like to ensure that those causes they hold dear during their lifetimes continue to be part of their legacy," commented Nina Waters, president of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. "We are honored that he chose to work with our foundation on his behalf, and we look forward to helping perpetuate his philanthropic vision for many years to come."



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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) 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 \$297 million in assets and has made grants in excess of \$278 million since 1964.

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