



Nearly \$75,000 Goes to Eight Putnam County Nonprofit Organizations

Total grantmaking from The Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Endowment Tops \$120,000 in 2016

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – August 25, 2016 — Eight Putnam County nonprofit organizations have received much-needed support to improve the quality of life for their clients, thanks to generous funding from the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Fund for Putnam County at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. The eight organizations were chosen via a competitive grant process in which selected Putnam County volunteer representatives served as an Advisory Committee, and assisted members of The Community Foundation staff in the vetting and review of submitted applications.

The 2016 grants from the Frank V. Oliver Jr Fund for Putnam County focused on supporting organizations that address gaps in service in the areas of health, hunger, veterans, poverty and education. The 2016 grantees include:

- **Calvary Missionary Baptist Church (CMBC):** A **\$6,336** grant to initiate a reading program assisting high school students with their reading skills. This program is being developed in partnership with Palatka and Edge High Schools, CMBC, and the Housing Authority.
- **Putnam Academy of Arts and Sciences:** A **\$10,000** grant to purchase four sets of interactive white boards and student response systems for four classrooms.
- **Putnam County Schools:** A **\$10,000** grant to provide assistance to Career and Technical Education (CTE) taking state exams and help with Price Middle School Greenhouse renovations.
- **North Point Youth, Inc.:** A **\$10,000** grant to help start an after-school sports program at Jenkins Middle School to assist male students with academics, character development and nutrition.
- **Catholic Charities Bureau, Inc.:** A **\$10,000** grant to help expand the Weekend Backpack Program at C.L Overturf School and the Back Roads Mobile Hunger program in South and West Putnam County.
- **Feeding Northeast Florida:** A **\$10,000** grant to help expand its Snack Pack program to 90 additional students in Putnam County Elementary schools.
- **GAL7 Foundation, Inc.:** A **\$10,000** grant to aid with a public awareness campaign to help recruit 45 new Guardian Ad Litem volunteers.
- **Putnam Habitat for Humanity:** A **\$7,000** grant to assist 15-20 veterans with necessary home repairs.

The 2016 grants are the second year of the competitive grants made possible by the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Fund for Putnam County.

“I am so pleased to see the progress in investments being made to the community by the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Fund,” noted Joyce Oliver, widow of Frank V. Oliver, Jr. “This year there was such a strong group of organizations doing amazing things. Putnam County has need, it is true, but we also have outstanding groups of non-profits and leaders serving our residents at many levels.”

The \$73,336 awarded to the eight organizations above is in addition to the grants made to the designated organizations for which Mr. Oliver established separate funds at The Community Foundation. 2016 grants to those organizations include grants totaling nearly \$47,500 to support Putnam County Bread of Life, Putnam County Elfs for Kids, Putnam County Gator Club, Putnam County Humane Society,



Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, and St. Johns River State College. Together, Mr. Oliver's philanthropic legacy carries on with a total investment of more than \$120,000 in his beloved Putnam County this year.

About Frank V. Oliver, Jr.

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.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 52nd year, the Foundation has assets of \$313 million and has made grants of nearly \$369 million since 1964.

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