



Seven Putnam County Agencies Receive \$65,000 in Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Endowment Funds

Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Endowment is now The Community Foundation's largest Field of Interest Fund

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – July 31, 2017 —Seven Putnam County nonprofit organizations have been chosen to receive grants in 2017 from the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Fund for Putnam County at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. A total of \$65,000 was granted in response to a competitive application process which was open to all Putnam County nonprofits. Organizations were asked to make their case for funding in the areas of hunger, education, health care and veteran's issues, based on the late Mr. Oliver's desire to improve the lives of his neighbors and fellow citizens.

Numerous grant applications were received, and the following have been awarded funding for 2017:

- Children's Reading Center Charter School (\$10,000) to fund the purchase of interactive whiteboards for four classrooms
- Putnam Academy of Arts and Sciences (\$10,000) to help fund a new greenhouse on the school's campus in order to launch their new agri-science track
- Putnam County Fitness Center (\$10,000) to fund the installation of a new A/C system for the Center's exercise facilities
- Putnam First Cancer Fund (\$10,000) to help fund a pilot program where financial assistance for home sitting services is provided to targeted cancer patients receiving outpatient chemotherapy in Putnam County
- South Putnam Christian Service Center (\$5,000) to purchase new refrigerators and freezers which will expand SPCSC's ability to feed people in South Putnam County
- United Way of Putnam County (\$10,000) to help provide crisis financial assistance for families, veterans and seniors living in poverty
- Waste Not, Want Not (\$10,000) to help with the rescue and delivery of fresh food to four Putnam County agencies.

"As we considered the requests of these deserving agencies, we were again struck by Frank's foresight in setting up this endowment so that Putnam County could continue to move forward with his help," said Joyce Oliver, widow of Frank V. Oliver, Jr. "We are so pleased that the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Endowment for Putnam County has grown into The Community Foundation's largest field of interest fund."

The \$65,000 awarded to the seven organizations above is in addition to the grants made to certain designated organizations for which Mr. Oliver established separate funds at The Community Foundation, including 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 more than \$105,000 in grants for Putnam County in 2017, and a cumulative investment of more than \$500,000 since the fund began making grants in 2012.

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 53rd year, the Foundation has assets of \$343 million and has made nearly \$410 million in grants since 1964.

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