



More than \$161,000 granted to 19 Putnam County Nonprofit Organizations for 2018

Includes the largest grant ever from the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Endowment to Habitat for Humanity

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – June 19, 2018 — Nineteen Putnam County nonprofit organizations have been awarded grants in 2018 from the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Fund for Putnam County at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. A \$30,000 grant to Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County to support the construction of housing for military veterans is the largest single grant ever made from the endowment.

A total of \$161,165 was granted, most of it 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 2018:

- The American Legion \$4,500
- Browning Pearce Elementary School \$9,725
- Children’s Reading Center Charter School \$10,000
- Florahome Parks and Recreation Association \$5,000
- Feed the Need of Putnam Co. \$5,000
- GAL 7 Foundation \$4,000
- Hunger Fight \$5,000
- Lee Conlee House \$10,000
- Lift Putnam, Inc \$15,000
- Melrose St. Community Center \$5,000
- Putnam County Bread of Life \$4,500
- Putnam County Habitat for Humanity \$30,000
- Putnam County Medical Mission \$5,000
- Putnam County School District \$9,200
- Palatka Christian Service Center \$5,000
- St Johns River State College – 2nd Year Scholarship \$9,990
- St Monica Catholic Church \$7,000
- St Andrews Episcopal Church \$7,500
- UNF Foundation - Camp Osprey \$9,750

“As we considered the requests of these deserving agencies, we were again so grateful for Frank’s foresight in establishing this funding to assist Putnam County to move forward,” said Joyce Oliver, the donor’s widow. “We are pleased that the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Endowment for Putnam County has grown into The Community Foundation’s largest field of interest fund.”

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The \$161,000 awarded to the organizations above is in addition to the annual 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 \$216,000 in total grants for Putnam County in 2018, and a cumulative investment of more than \$850,000 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 54th year, the Foundation has assets of \$398 million and has made nearly \$450 million in grants since 1964.

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