



Fourteen Putnam County Nonprofit Organizations Receive Grants Totaling \$117,000

Putnam Agencies Have Received More Than \$1 Million in Grants From Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Since 2012

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – August 9, 2019 — Fourteen Putnam County nonprofit organizations were awarded grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 from the Frank V. Oliver, Jr. Endowment for Putnam County at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. A total of \$117,000 was granted in 2019, most of it through a competitive application process open to all Putnam County nonprofits who assist residents in the areas of hunger, education, and veteran’s issues. These areas of need were recommended by Mr. Oliver in his desire to improve the lives of his neighbors and fellow citizens. The 2019 grants went to:

- **Feed the Need of Putnam County** - \$5,000
 - for nutritious meals for food insecure children in Putnam County
- **Feeding Northeast Florida** - \$10,000
 - to help establish a Mobile Food Delivery Hub in Putnam County
- **Girl Scouts Gateway Council** - \$10,000
 - to expand Girl Scout programming to more 2nd & 3rd grade girls in Putnam County
- **Heart of Putnam Food Pantry** - \$1,000
 - to help provide food to people in crisis
- **Hunger Fight** - \$5,000
 - for nutritious meals and free books for children in Putnam County
- **Lift Putnam, Inc.** - \$15,000
 - to help 4-year old students participate in the Putnam County Schools Pre-K program
- **Middleton Burney Elementary School** - \$10,000
 - to help improve the literacy of Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students
- **Museum of Science and History of Jacksonville, Inc. (MOSH)** - \$10,000
 - for STEM curriculum & educational experiences for Putnam County elem. school students
- **Palatka Young Professionals** - \$2,000
 - to provide support to the Blue Crab Festival in Palatka led by the Palatka Young Professionals
- **Putnam County Library System** - \$11,000
 - to help adult learners benefit from Putnam County Adult Education and Literacy programming
- **Putnam County Schools** - \$20,000
 - to help support students pursue vocational and technical education in Putnam County
- **Rodeheaver Boys Ranch** - \$5,000
 - for tutoring services to the boys at Rodeheaver Ranch
- **St John River State College** - \$8,000
 - for 2nd year scholarships for eligible students who have already benefitted from a 1st year scholarship through the Frank V. Oliver Memorial Scholarship
- **Young Life** - \$6,000
 - to help launch a financial literacy and teen mother support program in Putnam County



Mr. Oliver also established separate funds at The Community Foundation to benefit specific agencies, 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 nearly \$170,000 in total grants for Putnam County in 2019, and a cumulative investment of more than \$1 million since the fund began making grants in 2012.

"It's remarkable that we have surpassed the \$1 million in grants milestone in just seven years of grantmaking," said Joyce Oliver, the donor's widow. "Frank would be delighted to see what a difference his generosity is making in Putnam County."

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 would benefit.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida's oldest and one of its largest community foundations, 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 55th year, the Foundation has assets of \$384 million and has made \$500 million in grants since 1964.

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