



February 27, 2010 Meeting Notes

Members met at The Community Foundation office on Saturday, February 27th. The meeting began with Janine Phillips explaining the service project for February, YGAB members collected donations for The Haven in Fairhope. The Haven is a no kill adoption animal shelter. Before The Haven opened its doors, some 40 percent of abandoned animals in Fairhope were euthanized. Now, the rate is well under 10 percent, as The Haven helps hundreds of dogs and cats find new homes each year. The Haven is located at 559 S Section St, Fairhope, AL 36532-1609 and you can visit them at <http://www.havenforanimals.org/>. YGAB members will go to The Haven on Thursday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m. to deliver the pet products that were donated. Melissa Creighton will be on hand to help with the delivery and take pictures. If you have any questions or need directions, please call Melissa at 251-404-0919.

The YGAB DEADLINE for donations being collected for the YGAB initiative is **March 19th**. The monthly goal for February was \$100 plus the \$50 from January to total \$150. The goal for the March 20th meeting is \$100 for a grant total of \$250. Don't forget that those of you who turned in your money at the February meeting will receive points towards Mr/Miss YGAB.

PLEASE remember that money NOT received by March 20 will be used NEXT YEAR!

Please remember donors **MUST** put the YGAB member's name on checks or letters to receive credit and earmark the check for YGAB and make the check payable to "The Community Foundation of South Alabama."

If you have any questions or problems please call Ms. Janine or Melissa NOW!

In order to be fair the YGAB Members present went over the Conflict of Interest Form and it was decided that no one present had a conflict of interest with the applicants.

Members then reviewed the Application Review Process, Evaluating Proposals, and the Score Sheet. Please read these forms online (www.communityendowment.org).

Next members were divided into three groups to review/evaluate 3 of the same applications. Individuals in each group read the proposals and discussed scores for each item on the Score Sheet, totaling scores for each of the three proposals. Each group wrote their reasoning's behind their scores on charts and their questions for the applicants if anything was confusing.

After lunch the YGAB Groups gave their reports on each of the three applications they reviewed. All the while each YGAB member took notes on the reports and wrote down questions to clear up confusion from missing information in the applications.

Mrs. Janine went over the important criteria for selecting finalists referencing the following questions:

- Will this project meet a community need and/or promote the common good?
- Will this project make a difference?
- Can this organization carry out the project effectively?
- Will CFSA and their donors want to fund this project?

The report for each applicant and their scores were as follows:

- **CareHouse – 36/55:** Target low-risk sex offenders; charge \$100 child; serves 10-12 youth/year; grant is mostly for teachers
- **Dearborn YMCA – 52/55:** Target disadvantaged youth; provides 3 different youth programs and variety of activities; may fund only 1 program
- **Drug Education Council – 43/55:** Target at-risk youth, ages 6-18, will help 150 youth in summer; would like to see year round program; plan for sustaining program is unclear
- **Eastern Shore Art Center – 27/55:** Not a good evaluation plan; variety and types of activities unclear; unclear budget; unsure if activities are captivating for youth; need more frequent meetings; maybe not enough art teachers for 60 children
- **Greater Praise Outreach – 31/55:** Not clear on funding sources; unclear about program implementation; has good evaluation plan; provides fun summer camp; only 15-20 youth ages 13-18 participating; budget includes 7 staff
- **Learning for Life – 41/55:** unclear about sustainability; unclear evaluation plan; budget is mostly for directors; targets large group in several counties; activities are unclear
- **Pine Grove Outreach – 33/55:** unclear about extra curricular activities; question if grant should go toward only computers, unclear about number of volunteers; does not closely follow YGAB criteria
- **SEEDS – 43/55:** Low attendance is questionable; probably need more staff; need more info on activities; provides a variety of activities; good summer program
- **United Methodist Inner City Mission – 47/55:** serves younger children; good program that has positive impact

The members collaborated and collectively decided on the following finalists and questions for the finalists:

- **Dearborn YMCA:** need more detail on activities (After School Academy & Teen Achievers); give other funding sources
- **Learning for Life:** need detailed info on activities; provide a detailed data driven evaluation plan; give future funding sources; provide staff qualifications
- **SEEDS:** need reasons for low daily attendance; give plan for recruiting more youth in the summer; give more detail on daily activities; give ages of youth to be served

- **United Methodist Inner City Mission:** request cost per child; give staff qualifications; provide more detail on activities; give sources of other funding

Ms. Janine will schedule site visits for these four finalists in the afternoons in March and send members the schedule soon. YGAB members should try and visit the Finalists with Ms. Janine and Melissa in order to have a better understanding of the program's environment and director.

YGAB members should review all four finalists CAREFULLY and select **two** to recommend for grants at March 20th meeting. Consider grant amounts as well. IF YGAB raises \$7,500, after CFSA's match, you will have \$11,250 to award. It all depends on each member.

Grant Presentation

The Grant Award Ceremony will be held May 2nd at 2:00 to 4:00 at a location to be determined later. At this Ceremony we will award the grants, certificates to YGAB members, T-shirts for members and the Mr. & Miss YGAB Award. Please email ideas for decor, theme & program to Ms. Janine or Melissa. Program decisions will be made at the March 20th meeting.

Service Project

For the March meeting, bring items on the list for Wilmer Hall (see handout). Wilmer Hall provides a safe, secure family environment for children who are unable to stay with their natural family. Wilmer Hall houses both boys and girls up to the age of 21. At Wilmer Hall, the children are given an opportunity to lead normal healthy lives.

Next Meeting.

Saturday, March 20, 10:00 to 1:00 at the Five Rivers Delta Center on the Causeway. Please park in front of the main buildings. You will decide on which proposals you will fund at this very important meeting. Members will see a video of the area and view the exhibit. After lunch members may have the opportunity to have a Boat OR Hiking Tour depending on interest from YGAB members. Ms. Phillips will email requests for reservations to members for the boat tour and give you the cost of the ticket. When everyone responds, then we'll decide if this is feasible. There is a minimum number that can be taken on the tour.