



## **Youth Grant Allocation Board Seeks Request for Proposals for Grants up to \$15,000 by February 1, 2009**

**December 18, 2008 – Mobile, Alabama** – The Youth Grant Allocation Board of The Community Foundation of South Alabama has announced the availability of grants to help with Teen Mentoring Programs in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. Grant applications will be accepted through February 1, 2009 for up to \$15,000 with awards announced in May.

After assessing the needs within Mobile and Baldwin counties, The Youth Grant Allocation Board created the Teen Mentoring Program initiative to address the lack of motivation and self esteem of the young people in our community. This problem is made apparent by the high percentage of school drop out and the number of young adults that are unemployed or underemployed.

Any government agency or nonprofit organization with an IRS 50(c)(3) tax status in Mobile or Baldwin County is eligible to submit a grant proposal. Grant funding will be provided for programs that utilize peer mentoring for middle school or high school students; and programs that provide educational path guidance for careers.

Details about the requirements for submitting a proposal and the review process can be found online. Go to [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com) and select “Youth Grant Allocation Board”. For more information please contact Janine Phillips, Program Officer, The Community Foundation of South Alabama, at 251-438-5591, or [program@communityendowment.com](mailto:program@communityendowment.com).

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### **About The Youth Grant Allocation Board**

The Youth Grant Allocation Board (YGAB) of The Community Foundation of South Alabama is a group of sophomores, juniors, and seniors nominated by public and private high schools in Mobile and Baldwin Counties who are given the opportunity to learn about community needs and grant making. The students are trained and directed by The Community Foundation of South Alabama staff to function as a grant committee. YGAB participants are taught to assess the deficiencies within their community; develop an initiative to meet specific needs; review grant applications; conduct site visits; and select nonprofit recipients for grants.

### **About The Community Foundation of South Alabama**

The Community Foundation of South Alabama (CFSA) is a publicly supported, nonprofit foundation that plays a key role in addressing the needs of the community through leadership and funding. In 2008, over \$3,000,000 was awarded by the CFSA to nonprofit organizations to subsidize innovative programs that make life better in Southwest Alabama. The CFSA provides funding to nonprofit organizations in an eight county region including Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties. By building permanent endowments, The Community Foundation of South Alabama can ensure grants are available to support the community forever.

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