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Wiregrass



Wiregrass United Way

2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

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"Empowering organizations to improve lives and provide lasting change for people in the Wiregrass."

FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to the WUW Annual Meeting! We started the year with a big number \$2,777,777.77, and we're ending the year with an even bigger number - \$2,809,442! As a WUW family, we've been focused on the number 7 for so long, it's only appropriate that I end the year with 7 important thoughts. **Number 1.** First and foremost, thank you to our generous supporters. You are the number one reason this organization is successful year after year. We are grateful for you. **Number 2.** Congratulations Walter on your 20th campaign as Executive Director of the Wiregrass United Way. We appreciate you and value your leadership. **Number 3.** Our 37 partner agencies are doing amazing work in our community and we appreciate you. Which brings me to **Number 4.** To our partner agencies, we see you and we are here for you. We stand behind our campaign theme, "we are here for the Wiregrass". **Number 5.** Over the past 19 years, this organization has raised over \$50 million dollars for our partner agencies. We acknowledge the dedication and work of so many others before us. **Number 6.** It took all of us working together in our 6 county area to reach our goal this year. A special thank you to our fantastic leadership in each county: Barbour County- Sallie Garrison, Coffee County- Toni Kaminski, Dale County- Brandon Benefield, Geneva County- Ron Snell, Henry County- Heather Shippey, and Houston County- Vincent Vincent. Plus a big shout out to our big-hearted Campaign Chairman Trent Dillard. And a sincere thank you to our Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, County Boards, County Campaign Chairs, Loaned Executives, Funds Distribution Committee, all volunteers, and incredible WUW staff. And finally, **Number 7.** Many people believe the number 7 is special. Some say it's a lucky number. What do I say? What I can tell you is this. Joseph and I say all the time how lucky we are to have built a life in the Wiregrass, and how very blessed we feel to be doing life with you. This community, filled with servant-hearts, never ceases to amaze and inspire us.

Sending my sincere appreciation and love to all,

Hope Johnson
BOT Chair

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICERS: **Chair:** Hope Johnson, Friend Bank | **Chair-Elect:** Trae Avant, State Farm Insurance | **Secretary:** Amy Butler, Flowers Hospital | **Treasurer:** Loretta Shapiro, Servis1st Bank | **Immediate Past Chair:** Scott Bowers, AAA Cooper Transportation

BOARD MEMBERS: Brandon Benefield, Frit Industries
Bobby Borland, City of Pinckard
Charles Buntin, Tom West Company
Mary Sue Cain, Community Volunteer
John Cawley, Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home
Jeff Collins, Community Volunteer
Sallie Garrison, Community Volunteer
Ken Grimes, Friend Bank
Claudia Hall, Southeast Health
Andy Hoekenga, Larry Blumberg & Associates, Inc.
Chris Kaminski, Attorney
Toni Kaminski, Community Volunteer
Linda Kelley, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce

Brad Kimbro, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative
Cher Marvel, Community Volunteer
Brian McLeod, National Security Insurance
Sarah Osmer, SunSouth Bank
Petra Prazinko, First United Methodist Church
Abby Rogers, Alfred Saliba Coldwell Banker Realty
Heather Shippey, City of Headland
Holle Smith, Dale County Economic Development
Ron Snell, Geneva City Schools
Tom Solomon, Community Volunteer
Angie Sullivan, River Bank & Trust
Misty Tindol, Brunson, Wilkerson, Bowden & Associates, P.C.
Vincent Vincent, City of Dothan
Trip Whatley, Holman, Whatley & Associates

2021-22 FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

INCOME

Pledges:	\$2,541,570
Interest Income:	\$7,146
Sponsorships:	\$27,182
Wiregrass Foundation Grant:	\$400,000
Total Income:	\$2,975,898

EXPENSES

Agency Allocations:	\$2,010,176
Wiregrass Foundation Grant:	\$400,000
Operating Expenses:	\$487,722
Special Event Expense:	\$36,164
Total Expenses:	\$2,934,062
NET INCOME:	\$41,836

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer & Chair: Loretta Shapiro, Servis1st Bank | **Barbour:** Sarah Osmer, SunSouth Bank | **Coffee:** Misty Tindol, Brunson, Wilkerson, Bowden & Assoc. | **Dale:** Tara Baker, All In Credit Union | **Geneva:** Jeff Collins, Community Volunteer | **Henry:** Pam Dyson, Henry County Revenue Commission | **Houston:** Hunter Skipper, MidSouth Bank

Top Companies

2023



\$100,000+

M1 Support Services/IAM 2003	\$212,187
Alabama Power/Southern Nuclear	\$206,453
Publix	\$184,129
Michelin	\$145,100
City of Dothan	\$118,181

\$99,999-
\$30,000

Flowers Hospital	\$84,009	Wiregrass Construction Company	\$47,740
Swedish Match Cigars, Inc.	\$77,591	Medical Center Enterprise	\$45,034
Mitchell Automotive	\$70,209	All In Credit Union	\$44,861
Dothan City Schools	\$68,185	SpectraCare Health Systems	\$44,463
Southeast Health	\$55,832	Larry Blumberg & Associates, Inc.	\$37,742
Coleman WorldGroup	\$52,403	AAA Cooper Transportation	\$31,762

\$29,999-
\$10,000

Reliable Products/Johnson Controls	\$29,910	City of Enterprise	\$15,159
Wiregrass Electric Cooperative	\$28,521	Merrill Lynch - Bank of America	\$15,124
Dunbarton Corporation	\$27,062	Qualico Steel Company	\$15,000
Lewis-Smith Supply	\$26,904	MidSouth Bank	\$14,050
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama	\$26,368	City of Ozark	\$13,727
Enterprise City Schools	\$25,489	Westrock	\$12,533
ServisFirst Bank	\$23,530	Henry County Schools	\$12,181
Johnson Outdoors	\$22,120	River Bank & Trust	\$12,082
Townsend Building Supply	\$22,032	State Combined Campaign	\$11,950
PR Companies	\$19,817	Flowers Insurance Agency	\$11,625
Troy Bank & Trust	\$18,920	Wiregrass Medical Center	\$11,433
Regions Bank	\$18,525	Friend Bank	\$10,809
Pea River Electric	\$17,917	Wallace Community College	\$10,090
Southeast Gas	\$15,950	William T. Flowers Foundation	\$10,000
		Georgia-Pacific	\$10,000

\$9,999-
\$5,000

National Security Group	\$9,592	Eufaula City Schools	\$7,617	Thompson Caterpillar	\$5,518
Dale County Schools	\$9,452	Dale Medical Center	\$7,611	Utility Trailer	\$5,399
Synovus	\$9,278	Prim and Mendheim, LLC	\$7,500	Dothan Housing Authority	\$5,257
Howell Hardwood Flooring	\$8,730	Ozark City Schools	\$7,430	Christian Mission Center	\$5,201
Slingluff United Insurance	\$8,726	SunSouth Bank	\$7,130	Bell	\$5,175
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	\$8,716	Ben E. Keith	\$7,129	Geneva County Schools	\$5,108
Geneva City Schools	\$8,660	Mike Schmitz Automotive	\$7,015	A.W. Herndon Oil	\$5,000
Houston County Schools	\$8,271	Vaughn Blumberg Center	\$6,091	Alfab, Inc.	\$5,000
Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC	\$8,183	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	\$5,914	Herndon Oil Company	\$5,000
Vivian B. Adams School	\$8,159	Wiregrass United Way	\$5,905	Julian Turner Charitable Trust	\$5,000
Jackson Thornton	\$8,041	McDaniel & Associates, P.C.	\$5,886	Marketing Services	\$5,000
		Bevis, Eberhart, Browning, Walker & Stewart	\$5,885		

TOP
SPECIAL
EVENTS

33rd Annual Home Oil
Company Charity Golf
Classic
\$45,555

National Peanut Festival
Fireworks at the
Fairgrounds
\$40,891



FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

Committee Volunteers



Overall Chair: Trae Avant, State Farm Insurance

SERVING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

CHAIR: Amy Butler, Flowers Hospital
 Jessica King, Westrock
 Audra Kelley, Alabama Power Company
 Kathy Haynes, Community Volunteer
 Danny Fell, M1 Support Services
 Gayla Land, All In Credit Union
 Richard Pickron, Reliable/Johnson Controls
 Debra Baker, Community Volunteer
 Tonya Dyer, Swedish Match
 James Ivey, Houston County Commission

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS:

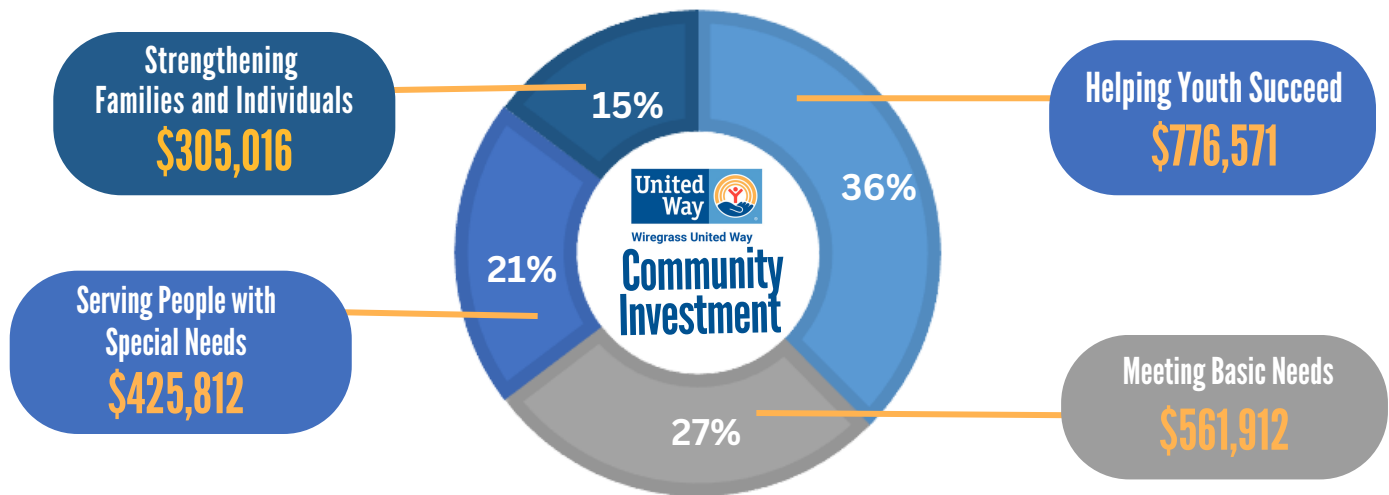
CHAIR: Katie Saliba, Personnel Resources
 Brooke Goff, Alabama Power Company
 Ben Bradley, All In Credit Union
 Lee Milliner, State Farm Insurance
 Andy Coleman, Coleman Worldgroup
 Nicole Alvestad, M1 Support Services
 Tory Hargrave, Friend Bank
 Russell Clausell, Geneva Christian Fellowship Community
 Heather Shippey, City of Headland
 Whitney Woodham, The Headland Bottletree
 Terressa McLeod, City of Dothan
 Judy Thomas, Houston County Schools

HELPING YOUTH SUCCEED:

CHAIR: Nikki Dyess, Geneva City/Co. Schools
 Terri Ricks, Wallace Community College
 Mallory Herring, Alabama Power Company
 Ashley Avery, Blue Cross Blue Shield of AL
 Mary Sue Cain, Community Volunteer
 Ben Baker, Dale County Schools
 Heather Cohen, City of Ozark
 Marlene Ferrell, Wiregrass Medical Center
 Pam Dyson, Henry County Revenue
 Gabby Johnson, Alfa Insurance
 Dr. Debra Wright, Dothan City Schools
 Sue Gilland, Dunbarton Corporation

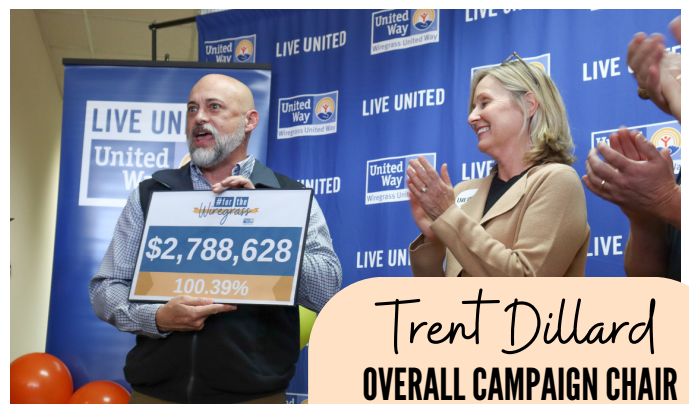
MEETING BASIC NEEDS:

CHAIR: Linda Cunningham, City of Dothan
 Sarah Osmer, SunSouth Bank
 Keisha Russaw, Alabama Power Company
 Bruce Faulk, Troy Bank & Trust
 Gabby Ingram, Medical Center Enterprise
 Tara Baker, All In Credit Union
 Laura Bruce, Ozark City Schools
 Tammie Byrd, Wiregrass Electric
 Lisa Hales, All In Credit Union
 John Brown, Regions Bank
 Wayne Hendley, ServisFirst Bank



Barbour Campaign Chair: Erin Wingate, Community Volunteer
Coffee Campaign Chair: Lee Milliner, State Farm Insurance
Dale Campaign Chair: Leah Harlow, Harlow Media
Geneva Campaign Chair: Jason Thrash, Wiregrass Electric
Henry Campaign Chair: Sara McKee, Community Volunteer
Houston Campaign Chair: Chris Etheredge, City of Dothan

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP



Trent Dillard
OVERALL CAMPAIGN CHAIR

PARTNERING AGENCIES

HELPING YOUTH SUCCEED

334 Prevention Project
 4-H Program Barbour County
 4-H Program Coffee County
 Boy Scouts of America
 Boys and Girls Club of Lake Eufaula
 Boys and Girls Club of SE Alabama
 Boys and Girls Club of the Wiregrass
 Christ Child Circle
 Enterprise School Health Services
 Enterprise YMCA
 Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama
 Girls Inc.
 Southeast Alabama Youth Services



MEETING BASIC NEEDS

American Red Cross, South AL Chapter
 Catholic Social Services
 Christian Mission Centers
 Salvation Army of Dothan
 Wiregrass Area Food Bank
 Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity
 Wiregrass 2-1-1

SERVING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind
 Guide Dogs of America/Tender Loving Canines
 Living Waters Counseling
 SpectraCare Health Systems
 Vaughn Blumberg Services
 Vivian B. Adams School
 Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

Alfred Saliba Family Services Center
 Coffee County Family Services Center
 East Geneva County Senior Citizens Center
 Enterprise Public Library
 Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention
 Family Service Center Barbour
 Mary Hill Family Service Center
 Ozark-Dale County Public Library
 The House of Ruth
 Wiregrass Angel House

The Wiregrass United Way does not charge our Partnering Agencies fees or dues.



CHALLENGE GRANT 2021 APPROVED PROJECTS

334 Prevention Project	Bluetooth speakers & microphone for events	\$500
Alfred Saliba Family Services Center	Renovation/Repair of two office suites	\$64,717
Boy Scouts of America	Camp AlaFlo Waterfront Dock renovation	\$18,465
Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Alabama	Ford Transit Van	\$35,000
Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Alabama	Replace flooring in portable classroom	\$5,160
Boys & Girls Club of Lake Eufaula	Playground at Chattahoochee Court Club	\$26,700
Boys & Girls Club of the Wiregrass	Replace gym lights with LED	\$10,000
Boys & Girls Club of the Wiregrass	Replace HVAC unite in video game room	\$4,000
Catholic Social Services	New flooring: All Things Thrift Store & carpeted office	\$30,000
Christian Mission Centers, Inc.	Hydri-vection oven	\$34,000
Coffee County Family Services	Large gas grill w/2 gas bottles, cover, assembly	\$1,221
Coffee County Family Services	4-Drawer locking lateral filing cabinet	\$980
Coffee County Family Services	2-Door locking storage cabinet	\$450
Family Service Center Barbour Girls, Inc.	Upright freezer	\$1,000
Living Waters Counseling	Cafeteria tables w/12 stools	\$9,145
Living Waters Counseling	Professional development fees	\$2,000
Living Waters Counseling	Counseling resources for clients	\$4,000
Mary Hill Family Service Center	Clothes racks & hangers	\$500
Mary Hill Family Service Center	LED light bulbs	\$200
Southeast Alabama Youth Services	Flooring	\$28,000
Spectracare Health Systems	Non-CDL passenger bus	\$24,250
Spectracare Health Systems	Lena Foster home - roof replacement	\$12,375
House of Ruth	Desktop computers for clients in shelter	\$700
House of Ruth	Folding table & chairs in shelter	\$600
Salvation Army	Building renovations	\$10,000
Vaughn Blumberg Services	Floor replacement repair	\$3,389
Vaughn Blumberg Services	Upgrade to security cameras	\$11,200
Vaughn Blumberg Services	Day habilitation needs for classrooms/instruction	\$9,029
Vivian B. Adams School	Tables & chairs for 2 adult programs	\$22,740
Wiregrass 2-1-1	Replace outdated computer software	\$198
Wiregrass 2-1-1	Increase storage space for office	\$656
Wiregrass Angel House	Repairing the flooring foundation on building	\$16,525
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	Industrial semi-automatic stretch wrap machine	\$8,300
Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	ADA/IFC Compliant concrete sidewalk	\$4,000

LOANED EXECUTIVES

Barbour

James Bailey, Eufaula City Schools
Sallie Garrison, Community Volunteer
Lorraine Richardson, Wallace Community College
Erin Wingate, Community Volunteer
Tamika Woodson, Johnson Outdoors

Coffee

Rusty Adair, Mitchell Nissan
Ashley Avery, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama
Bruce Faulk, Troy Bank & Trust
Dan Hale, Synovus Bank
Paul Ingram, General Dynamics IT
Aaron Jones, Edward Jones Investments
Heather Jones, Century 21 Regency Realty
Audra Kelley, Alabama Power Company

Dale

Tara Baker, All In Credit Union
Paige Knight, Mary Hill Family Services
Katy Sellers, All In Credit Union
Nikki Leatherwood, All In Credit Union
Les Perault, First United Methodist Church Ozark

Geneva

Melanie Brown, Geneva County Court System
Tammie Byrd, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative
Tory Hargrave, Friend Bank
Lea Scott, Wiregrass Medical Center

Houston

Tabitha Brannon, Southeast AL Youth Services
Melissa Bukowski, Ameris Bank
Megan Carter, Merrill Lynch
Brinley Culbreth, Like Mind Marketing
Chris Etheredge, City of Dothan
Debbie Geiger, Community Volunteer
Will Glover, City of Dothan
Richard Howell, Friend Bank
Christopher Jones, Synovus
Joy Kelley, All In Credit Union
Gayla Land, All in Credit Union
Allison Love, Townsend Building Supply
Tony Luker, Wiregrass Angel House
Andy McDuffie, Howell Hardwood Flooring
Kristen Miller, PNC Bank
Laura Murray, Publix
Anthony Pileggi, Community Volunteer
Melissa Roney, Southern Nuclear
Valerie Russell, WTVY
Katie Saliba, Personnel Resources
Blake Seymour, Edward Jones
Katie Woodham, Regions Bank
Jennifer Young, Flowers Hospital



SPONSORED BY:  Alabama Power

At the 2021 Pacesetter Kickoff, our 2021-22 campaign goal was announced—**\$2,777,777.77**. The announcement was followed by the Wiregrass Foundation issuing a \$400,000 challenge pledge for meeting that goal.

In the next hour, hundreds of WUW volunteers unified to package **40,000 MEALS** to fight hunger in our community! These meals were loaded on to Wiregrass Area Food Bank trucks and distributed to families across the Wiregrass through the Brown Bag program.

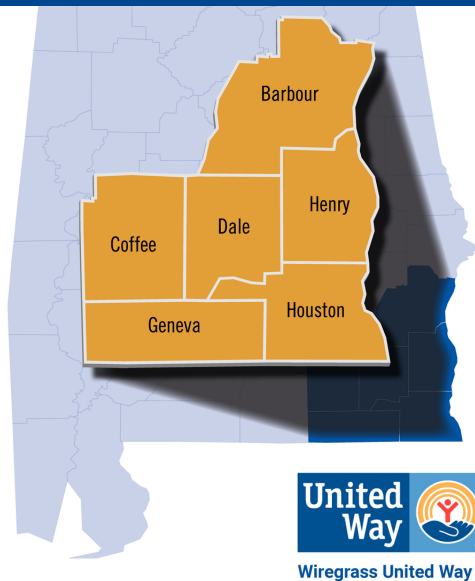
CAMPAIGN KICKOFF BUS TOUR

SPONSORED BY:  BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama

WUW volunteers and staff were accompanied by Lindsay Fincher, Miss Alabama 2022, to recognize companies as outstanding pacesetters across the Wiregrass!



2021-22 COUNTY BOARDS OF DIRECTORS



Dale

CHAIR: Brandon Benefield, Frit Industries

Trae Avant, State Farm Insurance
Tara Baker, All In Credit Union
Bobby Borland, Mayor of Pinckard
Laura Bruce, Ozark City Schools
John Cawley, Fuqua Bankston Funeral Home
Heather Cohen, City of Ozark
Andy Coleman, Coleman Worldwide
Meg DiFilippo, DiFilippo's Pizza
Vernon Johnson, Dale Medical Center
Ozzie Maianeto, Ozark Leisure Services
Sonny Moore, M1 Support Services
Les Perault, FUMC Ozark
Petra Prazinko, FUMC Ozark
Holle Smith, Ozark-Dale County Economic Development
Laura Thornton, Pea River Electric Cooperative

Houston

CHAIR: Vincent Vincent, City of Dothan

Scott Bowers, AAA Cooper Transportation
Manda Bryan, Wiregrass Construction
Charles Buntin, Tom West Company
Amy Butler, Flowers Hospital
Daniel Byrd, Southern Nuclear - Plant Farley
Robert Cannon, All State Insurance
Megan Carter, Merrill Lynch
Siera Doss, Blue Magma Residential
Walt Ellis, Troy Bank & Trust
Melanie Elmore, Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine
Delson Erb, Southern Nuclear - Plant Farley
Claudia Hall, Southeast Health
Andy Hoekenga, Larry Blumberg & Associates
Vince Jernigan, Flowers Insurance
Hope Johnson, Friend Bank
Linda Kelley, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce
Brad Kimbro, Wiregrass Electric
Katie Morris, DSI Security
Laura Murray, Publix Westway
Abby Rogers, Coldwell Banker Alfred Saliba Realty
Loretta Shapiro, Servis1st Bank
Hunter Skipper, MidSouth Bank
Judy Thomas, Houston County Schools
Trip Whatley, Holman, Whatley & Associates
Ashli Wilkins, Wallace Community College
JT Young, Dunbarton
Todd Youngblood, Howell Hardwood Flooring

Barbour

CHAIR: Sallie Garrison, Community Volunteer

James Bailey, Eufaula City Schools
Mitzi Clayton, Eufaula City Schools
Jessica King, MeadWestvaco Corporations
Sarah Osmer, SunSouth Bank
Craig Packard, Johnson Outdoors
Terri Ricks, Wallace Community College
Katie Vickers, The Walden Company
Tom Wachs, Eufaula Housing Authority
Tamika Woodson, Johnson Outdoors

Geneva

CHAIR: Ron Snell, Geneva City Schools

Russell Clausell, Geneva Christian Fellowship Community
Jeff Collins, Community Volunteer
Gavin Dunn, Olam Peanut Shelling Company
Nikki Dyess, Geneva City Schools
Ken Grimes, Friend Bank
Susie Parrish, State Dept. of Human Resources
Ralph Riley, Geneva County Schools
Stevie Sauls, Wiregrass Electric Cooperative
Judge Stephen Smith, District Court Judge
Janet Smith, Wiregrass Medical Center
Rachel Sullivan, Attorney



Coffee

CHAIR: Toni Kaminski, Community Volunteer

Mary Sue Cain, Community Volunteer
Oveta Carey, Retired Educator
Leigh Cassady, Community Volunteer
Jake Cowen, Troy Cablevision
Erik Ennis, Ben E. Keith
Gabby Ingram, Medical Center Enterprise
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Debra Baker, Community Volunteer
Pete Crews, Community Volunteer
Yvonne Davis, Community Volunteer
Pam Dyson, Henry County Revenue
Donya Flowers, Henry Co. Juvenile Justice
Bobby Hamil, SARCOA
Lesa Knowles, Community Volunteer

Ray Marler, City of Headland
Cher Marvel, Community Volunteer
Jeffrey McCord, HNB First
David Norwood, Alabama Power
Craig Retherford, River Bank & Trust
Linda Robinson, Robinson Tax & Accounting
Shannon Sampson, Community Volunteer
Betty Smith, Community Volunteer
Tom Solomon, Community Volunteer
Erin Stevens, Day Spring Hospice

WUW STAFF



Walter Hill Chief Executive Officer | Suzanne Barrick Administrative & Accounting Assistant | Mindy Collier Coffee/Dale/Geneva County Area Manager | Josie Shepard Houston/Henry County Area Manager, Director of Marketing | Angie Sherrill Finance/HR Manager, State Combined Campaign Manager | Kent Thomas Barbour County Area Manager

Fair Share Partners



EFSP FUNDS

The WUW staff manages Emergency Food & Shelter Funds (EFSP) from the federal government, issued in phases each year. These funds are used by local qualifying agencies to provide food, shelter and utility assistance to individuals in need. In 2022, two phases ran concurrently, and the WUW office managed a total of **\$176,000** from Coffee, Dale, Henry and Houston counties.

Special Thanks to...



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MARKETING SERVICES
for producing our
2022 campaign video

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