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Community Foundation Going Forward

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When the Community Foundation of Abilene (CFA), chartered in 1985, celebrated its 10th anniversary, it had built a solid foundation of concept and process. It had, beginning with a \$750,000 grant from the Dodge Jones Foundation, amassed an amazing base of endowments and donor advised funds exceeding 10 million dollars and a strong track record of making an impact with grants and gifts totaling over 8 million dollars. At that point, it had a seasoned staff under Dr. Nancy Jones, who had led it from its beginnings, and a passion for moving the Foundation forward. A statement from the 10th anniversary history, “The most optimistic of the founder’s dreams would not have encompassed results that far-reaching,” is even more meaningful as the Community Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary. It now has over 75 million dollars at work and a record of grants exceeding 56 million dollars. *“Taking it forward had a meaning then that cannot but help fuel a vision for the future beyond the 25th year.”*

A review of those twenty five years is a tribute to a succession of aggressive, knowledgeable boards, Jones’ leadership and Abilene’s inherent commitment to move ahead on every front. While this may not be surprising for a small city of an increasingly diverse population, three Abilene-based universities, a community college branch, a pharmacy school, a branch of a state university, two regional medical centers, a major airbase, a strong financial sector and a growing base of emerging industries, it does help to explain why the Community Foundation of Abilene has very few peers in its 25-year record.

Listed in five-year segments on the following pages are the significant events of the period, including major grants, major funds established and the boards that led during those years. The list of grantees covers a wide range of what makes Abilene and its environs such a special, caring region. The lists of trustees include wide segments of the community and its most effective leadership.

From 1985 to 1990, the Community Foundation's initial vision came from the minds of progressive thinking Abilenians. These pioneers in philanthropy for Abilene began with the idea of forming an organization that could not only be another source of grants to agencies to improve the overall service to the citizens of Abilene, but would also provide community leadership and strengthen the infrastructure of the area.

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Grants</i>
1985-86	\$793,236	\$20,000
1987	\$1,760,319	\$137,448
1988	\$3,296,135	\$925,812
1989	\$5,041,679	\$1,125,223
1990	\$6,343,081	\$1,134,449

TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING
1985 - 1990

Harwell Barber*	Maggy Morford
Jane Varner Beard	G. Philip Morehead
Peggy Beckham*	Iris Nash
Tucker Bridwell*	James Parker
Nancy Brock	Frank Puckett
Joseph Edwin Canon*	Jack D. Ramsey, M.D.
Harold Crawford	John Shelton
Jesse Fletcher	John Stevens
Lawrence Gill	James D. Tittle
Elbert E. Hall	A. Sam Waldrop*
Bennie Jones	William P. Wright, Jr.
Bynum Miers	*SERVED AS CHAIRMAN

FUNDS ESTABLISHED AT CFA BETWEEN THE YEARS 1985 AND 1990
(IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER) THAT ARE STILL ACTIVE IN 2010

Larry and Mary Gill Unrestricted Endowment
Alpha Endowment
Hudson and Martha Smart Designated Fund
Jack and Joy Ramsey Donor-Advised Fund
Doscher Fund for Episcopal
Church of the Heavenly Rest
J.B. and Pat Fooshee Endowed
Donor Advised
Harold and Pat Crawford Fund-Alliance
for Women and Children
Bob and Peggy Beckham Family
Donor Advised
Carolyn and Harwell Barber
Designated-United Way
Carolyn and Harwell Barber
Unrestricted Fund
John and Susan Shelton Donor Advised Fund
Kenley School Endowment
McMurry Managed Scholarship
Endowment Funds
HSU Managed Scholarship
Endowment Funds
Mildred Morris Austin
Unrestricted Endowment
Abilene Regional Council on
Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Eddie and Nelda Hodges Unrestricted
Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Unrestricted
Dot, Jesse C. and Melissa Fletcher
Donor Advised
ACU Managed Scholarship Endowments
Ruth Guitar Alexander Memorial
Unrestricted Endowment
Bill and Alice Wright Donor Advised Fund
Bob and Maggy Morford
Unrestricted Endowment
James P. Hopper Memorial Scholarship
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
Endowment
Mrs. L.H. Beckham Unrestricted Endowment
Greater Abilene Ministers
Alliance Scholarship
CFA Scholars Awards
Arch and Patti Batjer Health Care Fund
Abilene Association of Insurance
Financial Advisors Scholarship
Jim and Kathy Webster Designated Fund
Lale and BJ Estes Human Service Fund
Abilene Fire Dept. Project Account
Bennie R. and Diane Jones
Donor Advised Fund
Bennie and Diane Jones Unrestricted

Joe Ed and Jo Canon
Unrestricted Endowment
S.M. and Portia Moore
Unrestricted Endowment
Jack and Joy Ramsey
Unrestricted Endowment
Presbyterian Medical Care Mission
Doris and J.H. Taylor
Unrestricted Endowment
Harold and Pat Crawford Unrestricted
The Grace Museum Agency Endowment
David and Sindy Durham
Donor Advised Fund
B.J. and Lale Estes Donor Advised Fund
Perry Bentley Memorial Fund
Clack Educational Fund
Dr. T.D. Young Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
George and Marie Yaeger Fund
for the Abilene Philharmonic
Todd Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund
Abe and Sariat Allen Critical Health Care
St. John's Designated Endowment Fund

Significant

events from 1985 through 1990:

1985 - On October 18, CFA completed all legal documentation such as bylaws and articles of incorporation to establish the Foundation, and received its 501c(3) ruling from the IRS designating it as a nonprofit organization.

Dodge Jones Foundation provided initial funding as start-up for the Community Foundation.

1986 - Nancy (Dark) Jones began as first President/CEO of the Community Foundation of Abilene on June 1st.

1986 - Terry and Elbert E. Hall established the first donor advised fund at the Foundation: John Joseph Deegan and John Sublett Hall Endowed Donor Advised Fund. (In 2007, with both donors deceased and by resolution from the Board of Trustees, the Community Foundation converted these funds to Field of Interest funds. The funds are now known as Abilene Fund for Helping Others and Abilene Fund for the Arts. The earnings of the funds shall be disbursed by the Grant Distribution Committee in the areas of interest listed in memory of the two men.

Lillian and W.P. Wright Sr. HSU Scholarship – First Educational Fund at CFA designated for a specific college.

1987 - ACU, HSU and McMurry Universities established Scholarship Endowment Funds.

CFA's assets reached \$1.7 million in 1st year.

First year grants provided by gift from Furr's Food Emporium and proceeds from Southwestern Golf Classic

In October, the first major economic blow: assets declined due to a 500 point drop in Dow Jones average, but fortunately the market recovered quickly.

Kenley School Endowment established as CFA's first agency endowment fund.

1988 - CFA's first memorial scholarship - James Hopper Memorial Scholarship for Panther Creek.

Under Jim Alexander's Chairmanship, CFA began providing deferred giving opportunities.

1990 - Dallas Meadow Foundation assisted with a \$75,000 – 3-yr grant to establish Abilene Center for Nonprofit Management for Abilene area nonprofits' benefit.

Various grants made through discretionary/field of interest grant cycle from 1985 to 1990 that made an impact:

1987

Abilene Day Care for Adults-A building addition to increase clients served \$ 4,100

Community Action Program-Education program for low income families \$ 4,000

Meals on Wheels - To provide meals for persons on waiting list \$ 3,000

1988

Food Bank Coolers for volunteer work area \$ 2,500

Family Outreach- For Volunteer Coordinator \$ 3,000

YMCA Juvenile Justice Program-Family Counseling \$ 2,500

Volunteer Services Council for construction of cabins in the State School's camping facility. \$ 4,000

Abilene Preservation League-Nominate all Abilene sites to the National Registry of Historic Places \$ 1,000

1989

Abilene Day Care for Adults - Passenger van \$ 6,000

Boys Club of Abilene-New facility at Fannin Elementary School \$ 5,000

1990

Abilene Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse-Update educational materials used in schools \$ 3,022

Hospice of Abilene-Staff training at state conference \$ 2,000

Meals on Wheels- Food warming cabinets \$ 4,700

Salvation Army-Trailer to serve as collection center \$ 3,500

From 1991 to 1995, the Community Foundation’s vision was to communicate through professional advisors (either estate lawyers or accountants) what the Community Foundation could do for individual donors. Also during this time, many nonprofits recognized the need to begin endowment funds for their long-term security. With ten years of community involvement, the Foundation was beginning to be known in the Abilene area for its grantmaking and community leadership abilities.

Significant

events from 1991 through 1995:

1992 - CFA was awarded an organizational development assistance grant from Mott Foundation and Council on Foundation (only 2nd grant ever given). The resulting study enabled trustees and President Nancy Jones to implement organizational refinements that led to significant growth in assets, grants and community awareness.

1993 - Tucker Bridwell, Chairman, established the first Administrative Endowment for CFA with 80% of \$1 million goal pledged the first year. Over the next five years, current and past Trustees along with a few community leaders, matched Dodge Jones Foundation’s generous \$500,000 grant. A second phase of the endowment later added funding generously matched by Dian Graves Owen Foundation and the Shelton Family Foundation.

1994 - Under Chairman Sam Waldrop’s leadership, The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, the first CFA pro-active grantmaking program, was provided. The Program continued through 2002 with a series of grants to agencies dealing with Teen Pregnancy Prevention issues.

Eight scholarship funds were established – (the largest number of scholarships established in any one year at CFA as of 2010)

1995 - CFA celebrates ten years. Dr. Jesse Fletcher writes “Touching Tomorrow” to record the Community Foundation’s first 10 years of history.

Future Fund began with a small group of people who wanted to establish an endowed fund that would provide grants to agencies working with children; this group wanted to make a difference in their community.

CFA received its first bequest from the estate of Ralph Hooks.

TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING

1991 - 1995

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| Jim Alexander* | Patty Jones Holloway | Rev. Leo Scott |
| Carolyn Barber | Bennie Jones | John Shelton |
| Grady Barr* | Raymond McDaniel | Dian Graves Owen Stai |
| Peggy Beckham* | Bynum Miers | James D. Tittle |
| Tucker Bridwell* | Maggy Morford | A. Sam Waldrop* |
| Nancy Brock | G. Philip Morehead | Stanley Wilson |
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| Dave Copeland* | James Parker | |
| Harold Crawford | Jack D. Ramsey, M.D. | |
| B.J. Estes, M.D. | Wayne V. Ramsey | |
| Jesse C. Fletcher | Betty Ray | |

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Grants</i>
1991	\$7,475,198	\$1,143,316
1992	\$8,152,248	\$1,380,442
1993	\$8,787,551	\$1,310,919
1994	\$8,995,236	\$998,200
1995	\$10,217,567	\$928,070

FUNDS ESTABLISHED AT CFA BETWEEN THE YEARS 1991 AND 1995
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Bob and Peggy Beckham Family Unrestricted	Mabel Winton Educational Fund
Bill Cunningham Memorial Donor Advised	Zach Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bob and Maggy Morford Donor Advised Fund	Mike and Suzanne Alexander Donor Advised
Abilene Philharmonic Foundation Endowment	Bob and Laurie Eagle Donor Advised Fund
Nellie Parramore Sellers Endowed Donor Advised	Jim and Jerri Alexander Unrestricted Endowment
Price and Nancy Brock Donor Advised Fund	Juanita T. Pollard Cultural
Ralph and LaVerne Donnell Unrestricted	Horace M. Condley Scholarship
Moss Charities Unrestricted	Cearley and Jane Kinard Unrestricted Fund
Dian G. Owen St. John's Designated Fund	Ginny Ryan Memorial Scholarship
Dian G. Owen Unrestricted Endowment	DRI Agency Endowment
Bobby and Doris Melson Donor Advised Fund	Jimmie and Mary Lynn Cantrell Unrestricted
Abilene Library Consortium Endowment	Jimmie and Mary Lynn Cantrell Donor Advised
YMCA Endowment Fund	Sam and Susan Reeves Unrestricted Fund
Hendrick Hospice Care	B.J. and Lale Estes Unrestricted Fund
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Scholarship	Future Fund Endowment
Rob and Julie Beckham Donor Advised Fund	Coleman ISD Foundation Project Account
CFA Administrative Endowment	Coleman ISD Foundation Endowment Fund
Stanley and Claudie Wilson Donor Advised	J.D. and Elsie Magee Unrestricted Fund
Doscher Charitable Fund	Ruby Shelton Endowment for Alliance for Women and Children
Travis and Mary Smith Endowment for Medical Care Mission	Wayne and Marie Ramsey Donor Advised Fund
Condley and Company Donor Advised Fund	HSU-Guy Caldwell Western Heritage
St. John's Agency Endowment Fund	Johnathan Tschaar Memorial Scholarship
Jane Childers Unrestricted Endowment	Emily T. Files Charitable Donor Advised
United Way of Abilene Endowment Fund	Jane A. Rhodes Scholarship
Ben Richey Boys Ranch Foundation	Jim and Jerri Alexander Donor Advised Fund
Bea Ganson Day Nursery Endowment	Dorothy and John Pope Donor Advised Fund
Davis-Kinard Donor Advised Fund	Syd and Evelyn Niblo Unrestricted Endowment
Stanley and Claudie Wilson Scholarship	Grady and Ann Barr Unrestricted Fund
William Davis Philharmonic Scholarship	Gerald and Christie Galbraith Donor Advised
Thile Walker Philharmonic Scholarship Fund	C.G. and Carol Whitten Unrestricted Fund
J. Middleton Memorial Scholarship	

Various grants made through discretionary/field of interest grant cycle from 1991 to 1995 that made an impact:

1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Ben Richey Boys Ranch-Renovation of bathroom & laundry \$ 5,000	Family Outreach-Visitation center for court system families \$ 5,000	Habitat for Humanity-Building homes in Holiday Hills area \$ 4,000	Habitat for Humanity-Sponsored home as partners with local churches \$ 5,000	Community Action Program - Provide medication, fans and heaters to low income families \$ 1,500
Habitat for Humanity-Renovation of homes for low income families \$ 4,000	Food Bank of Abilene-Computer system to track food contributions \$ 2,345	Medical Care Mission-Assist 19,000 patients without medical insurance \$ 2,500	Hendrick Home for Children-Renovation of dining room \$ 2,500	House that Kerry Built- Equip referral center for chronically ill children \$ 2,000
YWCA-Commercial refrigerator for the Y's latch key program \$ 2,750	Meals on Wheels-Double convection ovens \$ 3,000	Food Bank of Abilene-Overhead doors to meet food inspection criteria \$ 3,600	Sears Methodist Retirement Center-Handicapped equipped van \$ 15,500	Salvation Army-Purchase a van. \$ 3,000
Museums of Abilene-Grace Cultural Center Building Fund \$ 4,000	Serenity House-Used van to transport clients \$ 5,000	Alzheimer's Association-Train emergency personnel assisting elderly \$ 1,000		Volunteer Center of Abilene-Supplies used by volunteers in household repairs for elderly \$ 1,000
	Abilene Cultural Affairs Council-Part-time Coordinator \$ 4,000			

From 1996 to 2000, the Community Foundation's vision was to increase assets so that more grant capability would be available to the community. The CFA Administrative Endowment Fund received additional funding during these years. The fund's purpose continued to be to assure the Foundation's operations could continue during economic downturns.

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Grants</i>
1996	\$12,989,907	\$1,294,418
1997	\$17,402,247	\$1,979,640
1998	\$20,633,837	\$2,360,577
1999	\$25,798,041	\$2,617,911
2000	\$31,943,453	\$2,105,255

(In the years that follow, the Administrative Endowment Funds proved to be the reason CFA could weather financial storms and be able to continue providing grants to nonprofits struggling with the unstable economy.)

Significant events from 1996 through 2000:

1996 - AVJ Foundation began as a source of grants for Albany area (CFA's first regional fund).

CFA Scholars program began to provide awards to students attending local universities in hopes of keeping students in Abilene.

1997 - CFA Legacy Society began as donors recognized the philanthropic options offered through estate planning.

1998 - I-Can Fund was established to assist with neighborhood issues.

1999 - Coleman County Foundation established as an affiliate of Community Foundation of Abilene.

2000 - Carl S. Shoults, Jr. Memorial Endowment added \$3 million to discretionary assets for grantmaking to the community.

Funds established at CFA between the years 1996 and 2000 (in chronological order) that are still active in 2010

Taliaferro Endowment Fund for St. John's Episcopal School
 A.V. Jones Family Unrestricted Endowment
 Lila and Bill Senter Unrestricted Endowment
 Center for Contemporary Arts Endowment
 Roy Churchill Memorial Scholarship
 John and Carolyn Beckham Endowed Donor Advised
 Arthur Beitscher Memorial Fund
 Dave and Laura Copeland Donor Advised Fund
 Jo Ann Hamil Donor Advised Fund
 Tillie Odam Memorial Scholarship
 Terrell Tone Owen Memorial Endowed Donor Advised
 Herman Ray (Buz) Buzbee, Jr. Memorial
 Ann and Grady Barr Donor Advised Fund
 R.C. and Elizabeth Hoppe Memorial Scholarship
 Ben M. and Bonnie Davis Donor Advised Fund
 Rick and Pam Rhodes Family Endowed Donor
 Janet Parkey Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Boys and Girls Club of Abilene Designated
 Morgan and Jessie Jones Designated Fund
 Ralph and Nelle Hooks Unrestricted Fund
 Ralph and Nelle Hooks Donor Advised Fund
 Dr. Donald McDonald Fund for Children's Health
 Arch and Patti Batjer Fund for Children and Youth
 Tucker and Gina Bridwell Unrestricted
 Allen and Mary Wright Unrestricted Endowment
 Allen and Mary Wright Donor Advised Fund
 David and Kay Alexander Donor Advised Fund
 John and Carolyn Beckham Donor Advised Fund
 Abilene A&M Club Scholarship Fund
 Mel Richards Memorial Endowment
 Maggy Morford Designated Fund - St. John's School
 Elsie Lou and Edward H. Martin Memorial Fund
 Independent Insurance Agents of Abilene Scholarship
 Catherine M. Benson and Joseph Chaffin Benson Memorial
 J. Henry Doscher, Jr. Scholarship Fund
 Texas Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America Designated
 Dr. Terry Bawcom Family Endowed Donor Advised
 Lee and Callie Hampton Donor Advised Fund
 Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Family Foundation Endowed Donor Advised
 Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Fund For Youth
 Bill and Alice Wright Family Foundation Endowed Donor Advised
 John and Tina Hunter Donor Advised Fund >>

TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING *1996 - 2000*

Jim Alexander*	Gayle Gray	Bob Surovik*
Clyde Allen	Myrle Greathouse	Kathy Webster
Grady Barr*	Raymond McDaniel	Howard Wilkins
John Beckham*	Betty Ray	Stanley Wilson
Dave Copeland*	Sam Reeves*	Bobbie Wolfe
Jackie Cox*	Carlos Rodriguez	H.C. Zachry
B.J. Estes, M.D.	Rev. Leo Scott	*SERVED AS CHAIRMAN
Charles Ezzell	Lila Senter	
Patty Jones Holloway	Dian Graves Owen Stai	

Various grants made through discretionary/field of interest grant cycle from 1996 to 2000 that made an impact:

1996

Breakfast on Beech St.-Startup
Costs for the organization
\$ 2,500

Abilene Center for Nonprofit
Management-Provide
management assistance
services to area agencies.
\$ 4,000

1997

Boy Scouts-Chisolm Trail
Council-Printed material for
establishing a crime prevention
program.
\$ 2,087

Taylor County Historical
Commission- To research and
design a black history exhibit
featuring Woodson School
\$ 3,700

1998

Abilene Volunteer
Weatherization-Materials to
weatherize 20 homes for elderly
and handicapped
\$ 2,000

Carver Neighborhood
Redevelopment-Partial funding
to establish organization for
neighborhood revitalization
\$ 5,000

Noah Project-Legal advocacy to
work with local doctors to assist
victims of family violence
\$ 5,000

1999

Big Brothers / Big Sisters of
Abilene-Program to match high
school student leaders with
elementary school students.
\$ 5,000

Grace Museum -Exhibit
"Children of Children" -Michael
Nye's Video of impact of teen
pregnancy on young women's
lives
\$ 9,500

Love and Care Ministries-
New shower facility
\$ 8,000

Just People, Inc. -Building
Materials for Work skills
Development Center.
\$ 5,000

2000

Abilene Chamber of Commerce-
Wheelchair accessible park at
Abilene State School.
\$ 7,500

Day Nursery of Abilene-
Cribs, swings, bouncers and
rocking chairs for infant room
\$ 7,500

Food Bank of Abilene-
Construction of two drive-in
freezers and two walk-in coolers
\$25,000

Nelson Park Zoo Foundation-
Partial funding for Canyon River
Project at Abilene Zoo
\$ 5,000

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Lee and Callie Hampton
Endowed Donor Advised
Derwood and Billie Langston Unrestricted
Bob and Elaine Surovik Unrestricted Fund
Delbert C. and Patricia A. Hess Endowed
Jim and Kathy Webster
Unrestricted Endowment
WesTex Drilling Co.-Robert B.Cockrell
Memorial Scholarship
Mary and George Minter
Memorial Scholarship
Chuck and Doris Moser Scholarship Fund
Sam and Susan Reeves Fund for Benevolent
Care for Sears
Coleman County Foundation
National Center for Children's
Illustrated Literature

Abilene Arts Alliance
The Grace Museum Designated Agency
The Grace Museum Director's
Endowment Fund
St. John's Headmaster's Endowment Fund
Tom Kutch Memorial Scholarship Fund
Grace Westfall Memorial Endowment
Abilene Coalition for Homeless Project
Jean Stockton Scholarship Fund
Diane Denkhoff Fund for Children's Health
Harwell and Carolyn Barber Endowed Donor
Harwell and Carolyn Barber Donor Advised
Howard and Hope Wilkins Unrestricted Fund
Charles and Leigh Black Donor Advised Fund
Bob Alvis Memorial Scholarship
Hispanic Leader Council Project Account
Don Bierwagen Endowment for
Barbershop Harmony Society

Travis Cranfill Memorial Education Fund
- Ben Richey Boys Ranch
Kemper Scott Hamilton
Memorial Scholarship
Friends of the Abilene Public Library
Gil and Holly DeShazo Charitable Fund
Bart and Jackie Cox Donor Advised Fund
Major Charles Paul Shearn, III Memorial
Carl S. Shoultz, Jr. Endowment Fund
Jay Hatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lady Clyde Hooper Memorial Scholarship
Nolan County Foundation Discretionary
Roy Helen Mingus Ackers
Donor Advised Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Caldwell Endowed
Donor Advised

From 2001 to 2005, the Community Foundation's vision was to find ways to be seen as a partner in community initiatives, to be pro-active in convening nonprofits for core strengthening seminars, to assist nonprofits in increasing their "friends" and to build stability for their organizations. During these tough economic years, the Foundation staff and trustees sought ways to minimize operational costs and streamline as many projects as possible in order to stay within budget. The Community Foundation received the Council on Foundations National Standards Compliance Certification to indicate CFA's policies, procedures and programs meet national regulations for a nonprofit community foundation.

Significant events from 2001 through 2005:

2001

Abilene Hope Haven receives the first Tone Owen Impact Grant of \$75,000 to improve organization effectiveness and ability to fulfill mission.

2002

Non Profit Resource Center moves from Foundation offices to Abilene Christian University.
"Friends of the Community Foundation" program formed to help with administrative budget.

2003

The Community Foundation continued to closely monitor investments.

An Investment Policy statement was opted to guide the CFA Investment Committee.

2004

Nine designated endowment funds established for nonprofits in Abilene area by an anonymous donor resulting in over \$13 million to be added to designated fund assets at CFA in year 2006.

2005

"Friends" of the Coleman County Foundation Fund established to provide additional grants to Coleman Area.

Achieved compliance with National Standards for Community Foundations; earned Council on Foundations "accreditation."

CFA celebrates 20th Anniversary.

Created "Community Connections" pamphlet to inform donors of community needs and potential opportunities for grantmaking.

Received record number of contributions to endowments: almost \$13 million added during this period.

Largest bequest ever given to CFA (as of 2010) in May, 2005 - The Pat Vaughn gift designated for a combination of field of interest and designated endowments.

TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING
2001 - 2005

Clyde Allen	Mark Hudson
Tom Allen	Joe Johnson
Lynn Anderson	Leigh King
John Beckham*	Kathy Merrill
Lee Caldwell*	George Nichols
Paul Cannon*	Sam Reeves
Thomas W. Choate*	Carlos Rodriguez
Jackie Cox*	Lila Senter
Gil DeShazo	Billye Proctor Shaw
Bob Eagle	Bob Surovik*
Don Fitzgibbons	Howard Wilkins
Bill Franklin	Bobbie Wolfe
Bobbie Gee	H.C. Zachry
Gayle Gray	*SERVED AS CHAIRMAN

Funds established at CFA between the years 2001 and 2005 (in chronological order) that are still active in 2010.

Day Nursery of Abilene Designated Endowed Fund
Buffalo Gap Historic Village Designated Endowed Fund
National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature Designated Endowed Fund
Historic Paramount Designated Endowed Fund
Paramount Theatre Memorial Fund
Rescue the Animals Designated Endowed Fund
12th Armored Division Memorial Museum Designated Endowed Fund
Andrew David Durham Donor Advised Fund
Wendy Hanks Durham Donor Advised Fund
C. Christine Nichols Donor Advised Fund
Nicholas Whitaker Memorial Scholarship
Paul Graham Donor Advised Fund
John A. Wright Memorial Endowment Fund
Linda A. Murphy Donor Advised Fund
Douglas and Ann Ford Designated Fund for DRI
Ruth and Bill Burton Endowed Fund
-First Church of Christ, Scientist
Emily T. Files Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Blake Alan Korman Memorial Endowment Fund
Jean K. Hays Charitable Endowment Fund
Friends of the Coleman Foundation Fund
Coleman County Marketing Fund
Swenson House Endowment Fund
Paul and Vera West Fund for Children
Neighborhood Small Grants Fund
Jean and Curly Hays Scholarship Fund
Ruth and Bill Burton Memorial Scholarship
St. John's Episcopal School Excellence
Barbara and Norman Smart Memorial Scholarship
Renny Reynolds Endowed Fund for Children
James and Kay Pearce Donor Advised Fund
The McDonald Family Donor Advised Fund
Scott and Michelle Senter Charitable Fund
Abilene Education Foundation Designated Endowed Fund
Jeff and Susan Jones Family Fund
Shackelford County Community Resource Center

Various grants made through discretionary/field of interest cycle from 2001-2005 that made an impact.

2001 Neighborhoods in Progress- Computers for G.V. Daniels Recreation center. \$ 8,800	2003 Abilene Child Centered Educational Support Services- Summer reading camp for at-risk youth \$13,700
Abilene Habitat for Humanity- Operations grant for "ReStore" that provides low cost building/ maintenance materials to residents \$ 3,000	Presbyterian Medical Care Mission-Additional Mission doctor \$15,000
Day Nursery of Abilene- Renovations for facility on Ash St. \$25,000	Boys and Girls Clubs of Abilene- Summer camp for 11 boys \$ 3,500
Rescue the Animals-Adoption Trailer to transport animals to events. \$16,975	2004 Abilene Adult Day Care- Installation of new heating/ AC units \$ 4,710
2002 Classical Youth Chorus of Abilene-Percussion instruments \$ 2,500	Abilene Fire Department- Manikins for training in CPR \$ 5,000
Abilene Education Foundation- SOAR Accelerated academic curriculum (paid over 3 years) \$24,000	Cancer Services Network- Prescription assistance for over 400 clients \$10,000
Cancer Services Network- Computer system and office machines \$ 7,000	2005 Big Brothers/ Big Sisters- Reading Buddies Program \$ 5,960
Harmony Family Services- Emergency assistance for client families \$10,000	Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing- Purchase Laedal Sim Man for nursing skill lab and critical care courses \$28,980
Love and Care Ministries-Equip a mobile medical van \$19,500	
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Abilene-Mentoring program for at-risk teen girls \$10,000	

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Grants</i>
2001	\$34,588,741	\$2,379,815
2002	\$35,003,658	\$2,628,452
2003	\$33,416,782	\$2,269,735
2004	\$40,132,138	\$3,617,865
2005	\$44,044,934	\$3,570,809

From 2006 to 2010, the Community Foundation's vision was to provide professional advisors with estate planning options and promote unrestricted funds to provide more grants for the community. The Foundation assisted with neighborhood grants and hosted brown bag lunches for agencies to network about community needs. During the latter part of this 5-year period, the Foundation focused on basic needs and many of the grants reflected the Foundation's concern for families struggling with the economic situation.

	<i>Assets</i>	<i>Grants</i>
2006	\$62,295,702	\$4,003,232
2007	\$72,576,674	\$5,088,950
2008	\$76,421,965	\$5,345,406
2009	\$63,562,218	\$4,134,605
2010	\$70,145,582	\$3,428,564

TRUSTEES WHO SERVED DURING

2006 - 2010

- TOM ALLEN
- LYNN ANDERSON
- ROB BECKHAM
- LEE CALDWELL*
- PAUL CANNON*
- THOMAS W. CHOATE*
- JOE CRAWFORD
- GIL DESHAZO
- LAURA DYER
- BOB EAGLE
- DON FITZGIBBONS
- ALLAN FRIZZELL
- BOBBIE GEE
- MARK HUDSON
- PETTY HUNTER
- LEIGH KING
- TIM LANCASTER
- MISHI MATHUR
- GEORGE NICHOLS
- DANNA OLIVER
- SAM REYES
- JACK RICH
- VIANEI LOPEZ ROBINSON
- SCOTT SENTER
- BILLYE PROCTOR SHAW
- MARELYN SHEDD

*SERVED AS CHAIRMAN

Significant

events from 2006 through 2010:

2006 - Revised Investment Policy Statement.

CFA announced its spending policy would result in a transition to a lower spend rate over a three year period (5% - 4.5%).

The Friends of the Coleman County Foundation Grant Cycle.

Just People, Inc. recieved Tone Owen Grant.

2007 - Winters Area Foundation established.

2008 - Childhood Obesity Initiative was granted funding from the CFA Discretionary Grant Cycle and several CFA donor advised funds.

2009 - Nancy Jones, President and CEO, resigned after 24 years of service to the Foundation.

Katie Alford, becomes new President/CEO

CFA announced its spending rate was lowered to 4%.

2010 - Future of Winters Club was established with 42 memberships.

Future Fund celebrates 15 years.

First scholarship awarded from the Winters Area Foundation for a graduating senior from Winters High School

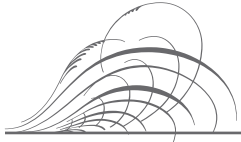
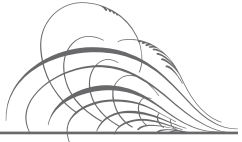
Community Foundation of Abilene celebrates 25 years of service to Abilene and surrounding Big Country area.

Various grants made through discretionary/field of interest cycle from 2006-2010 that made an impact.

2006	2007	2008	2009
Connecting Caring Communities/HSU-Items for Friendship House \$ 3,240	International Rescue Committee- ESL and Life Skills Classes \$ 6,052	Abilene Hope Haven- 20 sets of bunk beds \$12,330	Abilene Police Dept.- Police education center - Safety City \$20,000
Reach Out and Read- 2,000 books for children in four reading sites \$ 5,000	Center for Contemporary Arts- Expansion of ArtReach program \$12,000	Alliance for Women and Children- Case management for early detection of breast and cervical cancer \$20,200	Abilene ISD- ESL Refugee interpreter \$15,000
Faithworks of Abilene- Professional counseling for participants training to enter workforce \$10,000	Frontier TexasI- Replacement of projectors in Experience Theater and Beehive Saloon \$35,000	Food Bank- Refrigerated bobtail truck \$30,000	Alliance for Women and Children- A-teens Program \$12,000
Love and Care Ministries- Meals at new on-site kitchen \$ 6,720	Breakfast on Beech Street- Repairs/replacement of kitchen equipment. \$ 5,350	Harmony Family Services- 12 seat passenger van \$15,000	American Cancer Society- Transportation assistance to cancer patients \$5,000
Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center- Intervention counseling and direct victim support services \$10,000		New Horizons- Support of building Audrey Grace House \$25,000	Dog Park- Fencing for the Dog Park at Nelson Park \$ 3,000
Fellowship of Christian Athletes- "One Way to Play" Program \$10,000		Friends of Abilene Public Library- Books for north side Library \$10,000	Presbyterian Medical Care Mission- Women's Health Medical Expansion \$26,500
		Hendrick Medical Center- Two rooms in new children's hospital for children receiving chemotherapy \$50,000	St. Mark's Baby Room- Cribs, bedding, high chairs, car seats and strollers for families in need \$10,000

Funds established at CFA between the years 2006 and 2010 (in chronological order) that are still active in 2010.

Ray and Kay Denkhoff Charitable Endowment	Abilene Library Consortium Project Account	Linda Murphy Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Abilene Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs Scholarship	Charles and Sue White Endowment for the Needy	TOMSCO Investments Unrestricted Endowment
Jim and Kim Snyder Texas A&M Scholarship	Ruth and Lee Caldwell Family Fund	Leo and Piney Scott Scholarship Fund
Kenley School Endowment for Scholarships	Beitscher Family Fund for the Abilene Philharmonic	Jack Mildren Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Pat Meleen Vaughn Unrestricted Fund	Rescue the Animals Spay and Neuter Fund	Judy Dudley Memorial Fund for Education
Pat Meleen Vaughn Designated Fund	Senter Family Foundation Fund	Barbara B. Hardy Endowed Donor Advised
Pat Meleen Vaughn Fund for Celebration of Life	Ross and Nancy Jones Donor Advised Fund	James S. Westfall Memorial Donor Advised
Pat Meleen Vaughn Fund for Humane Treatment of Animals	Trio Sharegiver Community Fund	Tim and Debbie Manley Endowed Donor
Abilene Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship	Trio Sharegiver Community Endowment Fund	The Grace Museum Building Maintenance Fund
Wade Scoggins Memorial Fund for Young Life of Abilene	Coy and Elizabeth Gene Warren Discretionary Fund	The Paramount Theatre Fund for Excellence
Jesse M. and Bernice M. Pyeatt Scholarship Life to Life Fund	Abilene Fund for Helping Others	Joy and Gary DeShazo Unrestricted
Glenn and Lyliya Bennett Donor Advised Fund	Abilene Fund for the Arts	Jim and Bobbi Naler Endowment for Abilene State School
Glenn and Lyliya Bennett Discretionary Endowment	Abilene Fund for the Arts	Benjamin T. Allen Memorial Endowment
Margaret Wheeler Kennedy Scholarship Fund	Dr. Edgar Martin Harp Memorial Scholarship for Medicine	Hazel Nunn Endowment of the Nolan County Foundation
Cearley and Ruby Kinard Endowed Charitable Fund	Dollie Lane Harp Memorial Scholarship for Classical Music	Paul and Myra Johnson Donor Advised Fund
Lois Caldwell Peck Fund	Richard and Betty Bacon Discretionary	Paul and Myra Johnson Unrestricted Endowment
Louis S. Gee and Bobbie A. Gee Discretionary Endowment	E. G. and Janell Cockerell Fund for Animals	Jack and Becky Rentz Donor Advised Fund
Hazel F. Nunn Endowment for the Nolan County/City Library	J Neil Daniel Unrestricted Fund	Kenneth and Marilyn Jacobs Fund for Education
Beckham Family Fund for Youth and Elderly in Need	J2K Charitable Fund	Elwood B. and Shug Webb Designated
Beckham Family Fund for Ben Richey Boys Ranch	William R. Lutz Memorial Fund	Alistair Baldwin Scholarship Fund
Syd and Evelyn Niblo Donor Advised Fund	Doris Miller and Don Fitzgibbons Donor Advised	Abilene Hope Haven Endowment Fund
Zach Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund	Ruth and Lee Caldwell Unrestricted Fund	Hispanic Senior Recognition
Paul and Kelly Cannon Endowed Donor Advised	Building Maintenance Endowment for Day Nursery	Sandpip and Mishi Mathur Donor Advised Fund
Brock Latham Memorial Scholarship Fund	Gail and Howard Tobin Fund	Rich Family Donor Advised Fund
Eileen Taylor Massey Memorial Fund	Steve Arthur Family Foundation	Winters Area Foundation Scholarship
Women's Giving Circle Fund	Cathy Springer Leavell Memorial Scholarship	Narrow Gate Foundation Endowment
Winters Area Foundation Fund	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Abilene Endowment Fund	APC Endowment for Mental Health
Ruth Hatcher and Joe Williamson Memorial Music Scholarship	Robert and Louise Lockhart Donor Advised	James J. Williams "JJ" Scholarship for Boy Scouts
	Mrs. J. Neil (Weeze) Daniel Donor Advised	Abilene Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarships
	Robert and Anita Herren Memorial Fund for Haskell	
	Julius M. Kubena Scholarship Fund	
	Hazel Nunn Scholarship Endowment Fund	
	David Taubert Memorial Fund	



In its 24th year, the Community Foundation lost its veteran director, Dr. Nancy Jones, to a Ft. Worth- based foundation, established much earlier. The move represented a major challenge for Jones and a compliment to Abilene where Jones' work and the Foundation's progress had attracted national attention by its growth, structure and innovation. Despite a significant recession, Jones left the Foundation in a strong position with a seasoned and competent staff including chief financial officer, Katie Alford. In Alford, the CFA board found a ready successor for Jones because of Katie's training and skills, and her experience working alongside Jones.

A west Texan from Seminole, Katie Alford moved to Abilene to pursue her degree in finance at Abilene Christian University, married an Abilenian, had two children and began her career. The decision she and her husband, Jason, made to raise their family in Abilene had been made before she took a position as an accountant with Hendrick Medical Center. Her confidence in that decision and her awareness of the role of the Community Foundation in Abilene made the move to the CFO position at the Foundation a natural for her. In the four years that followed, Jones was more than gratified with Alford's progress and obvious gifts and thus applauded the board's decision to turn to Alford as the second president of the Community Foundation of Abilene following Jones' resignation.

Setting up a solid recovery from the slowly receding recession, filling out her staff and getting to know her board proceeded in an orderly fashion for Alford as she worked with both staff and board to make plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary. But none of the business of these issues eclipsed her passion to generate a clearly conceived vision of the Community Foundation's future. Board and staff planning sessions led to creative efforts to generate key strategies and actions and are already being reflected in both board decisions and a rapid return to pre-recession growth and outreach.

The Touching Tomorrow theme of the 10th anniversary history* led to the unprecedented progress detailed in the foregoing review, but the "Visions Achieved. Visions to Come." theme of the plans unfolding now hold even greater promise. It's clear that in what is still a formative stage as such institutions go, the Community Foundation is poised to make an even greater difference in the quality of life in Abilene and West Texas as it celebrates its 25th year with steady growth and life giving and life changing gifts and grants.

* Jesse C. Fletcher, Ph.D.

"Touching Tomorrow – A Brief History of the Community Foundation of Abilene 1985-1995."
October, 1995

HERE'S TO ANOTHER *twenty-five years*



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