write your legacy story.

a story that lives on.
Katie's Statement:

"When I think of the concept of legacy, I think about how someone is remembered in a positive way by others after they are gone.

There are many people I can think of who have left a very inspirational legacy in Abilene, but one that has been important to the Community Foundation and so many others this past year is the one of Mrs. Julia Jones Matthews.

Each page in this report represents a facet of philanthropy in our community that Mrs. Matthews touched during her life, all areas that are still being impacted today as her legacy story lives on through us and this community. She had a heart for children, for the arts, for education, for animals, for history and for those less fortunate. Because of her generosity, she has inspired others to do what she has done.

At the Community Foundation, "legacy" consists of how someone impacts others' lives in a positive way through charitable giving. We help people write their own charitable legacy story and ensure that it goes on for years and years. We can help people do what Mrs. Matthews did through philanthropy, no matter the amount – it all makes a difference!"

Katie
and you’ll find an array of seemingly unending ways the so-called “Angel of Abilene” impacted our great community.

Julia “Judy” Jones Matthews did much more than bolster community institutions during her time with us; she also had a long-term vision for endowed philanthropy to support local causes for generations to come.

Thus, in 1985, the Community Foundation of Abilene was born. Mrs. Matthews seeded the Foundation with a $750,000 gift from the Dodge Jones Foundation, a gift that has gone on to impact community needs for 32 years and counting.

We endeavor to hold true to Mrs. Matthews’ vision still today. Her inimitable legacy is a story that can be seen all around us, a story that not only lived but lives on.

Mrs. Matthews & Legacy Society Members

The Legacy Society recognizes people who are planning for gifts today that will provide significant community benefits in the future.

Jim Alexander
Carolyn Barber
Grady Barr
Ann Bridwell
Nancy Brock
Kelly and Paul Cannon
Jo and Joe Ed Canon
Carl Childers
Thomas Choate
Joy and Glen Churchill
Kenneth Conrad
Mary and Vance Cooksey
Jackie and Bart Cox
Jana and Joe Crawford
Kay and Ray Denkhoff
Mike Dudley
Lale and B.J. Estes
Linda and Glenn Files
Ann and Doug Ford
Loretta Fulton
Nina Gifford
Mary and Larry Gill
Jean Hays
Pat and Delbert Hess
Marilyn Jacobs
Paul and Myra Johnson
Philip P. Johnson
Jane P. Jones
Nancy and Ross Jones
Beverly Kitzman
Rozlyn and Jerry Love
Gloria McDaniel
Kathy and Phil Morehead
Wanda Ragsdale
Becky and Jack Rentz
Karen and Jack Rich
Lavern Roeder
Michelle and Scott Senter
Nita and Steve Slaton
Norma Springer
James D. Tittle
Rhonda and David WTB
Kathy and Jim Webster
Linda White
Bill and Joni Wood
Alice and Bill Wright

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“The Community Foundation offers support in so many different ways on an ongoing basis.”
– Laura Moore
The Arts

Grants to Abilene arts organizations in 2017 supported programs that have served audiences in unique ways.

One such program was at the Paramount Theatre, where staff and volunteers created custom theatre productions tailored specifically for an audience of people with special needs.

“She loves the singing and she loves the dancing, and it was okay for her to stand up...in the aisle and watch and sing and dance,” says Susan Pate of her daughter Hannah’s experience seeing the special productions of Guys and Dolls, The Little Mermaid, and Shrek Junior.

Organizations like the Paramount, The Grace Museum, and the Center for Contemporary Arts are also examples of organizations supported through Designated Endowment funds.

Building a DESIGNATED or AGENCY ENDOWMENT provides organizations with future stability and a foundation from which to grow.

- **Amount of Designated grants:** $1,216,540
- **Amount of Agency grants:** $524,121
- **Number of Designated & Agency funds:** 153
- **Assets under management:** $59,025,858
Buddy is the sweetest and most active, too,” says 11-year-old Kayla Pendleton of her new cat, Buddy.

Buddy was found in July with a severe open wound on his back. After a few weeks under the care of the City of Abilene Animal Shelter, Buddy had healed and was ready for adoption. For Kayla, it was the perfect match. She hopes that Buddy’s adoption story will encourage others to consider adopting hurt animals “so they can learn to take care of the [animal] that needs more loving.”

Buddy’s story is an example of the animals that have access to medical care as a result of funds from the Pat Meleen Vaughn Fund for Humane Treatment of Animals, a Field of Interest fund.

FIELD OF INTEREST and DONOR ADVISED FUNDS are great options for donors to support personal areas of interest or remain involved in recommending grants to particular charities.
“Buddy is the sweetest and most active, too.”
– Kayla Pendleton
“This bike has been a great blessing to my son.” – Melissa Thornhill
Luke Thornhill is one of several children to receive a therapeutic tricycle as a result of grants made to AMBUCS, an organization dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities.

The AmTryke tricycles are adapted to allow a child with disabilities to experience all of the benefits of riding a bicycle. 6-year-old Luke received his bike just over a year ago and, as his mother explains, has loved his newfound mobility. “He drove it all around the board room at West Texas Rehab with a huge smile,” said Luke’s mother, Melissa Thornhill. “When we brought it home, he was very excited that he could now chase his kitty out in the front yard. Luke also used the bike to drive through the water sprinklers this summer.”

The Community Foundation of Abilene’s Future Fund provides grants to organizations serving children and youth in our community. Future Fund is an endowment fund with members whose membership fees are pooled and used for an annual grant cycle.

You are helping us grow the Future Fund Endowment, assisting with grantmaking, educating youth about philanthropy and underwriting Future Fund events.

FUTURE FUND GRANTMAKING

Future Fund is a group of people that believe in making a difference in the lives of children and youth in our community. Learn more at cfabilene.org/future-fund.

2017 GRANTEES

Abilene Cultural Affairs Council/Abilene Arts Alliance
Abilene Big Country Chapter of AMBUCS
Abilene Community Partners
Abilene Community Theatre
Abilene Independent School District
Abilene Performing Arts Company
Abilene Philharmonic Association
Abilene Zoological Society
Alliance for Women & Children
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Big Country Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
The Center for Contemporary Arts
Children’s Performing Arts Series
City of Abilene Recreation Division
Connecting Caring Communities
Junior Achievement
Kenley School
National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature
Noah Project
Regional Victim Crisis Center
The Grace Museum
Young Audiences
Young Life of Abilene

$73,960 Amount Awarded in Grants

cfabilene.org/future-fund
ne fund that was of great importance to Judy Matthews and is still active today is the Greater Abilene Ministers Alliance scholarship fund, which was established in 1988 to provide scholarships to minority students who are members of GAMA churches.

Tamika Braye, a 2013 recipient of the GAMA scholarship, graduated this year with her bachelor’s degree from Abilene Christian University and is now working on her master’s.

“Being a recipient of the GAMA scholarship made a great impact on my undergraduate experience at Abilene Christian University,” Tamika said. “Earning this scholarship award instilled a sense of pride and motivation throughout my educational journey because I knew that someone in the Abilene community believed in me.”

Number of Scholarship funds: 104

Amount awarded in FY 17: $362,889

Assets under management: $9,827,635
“...I knew that someone in the Abilene community believed in me.”

TAMIKA BRAYE
Community needs are ever evolving. Mrs. Matthews embraced that concept, which is why $500,000 of the $750,000 gift to establish the Community Foundation of Abilene was used to form a permanent endowment for unrestricted grants.

**UNRESTRICTED GRANTS**

- Amount of Grants: $579,432
- Number of Funds: 79
- Assets under Management: $13,678,456

**DISCRETIONARY GRANTS BY FIELD OF INTEREST**

- Arts & Culture: $48,343
- Children & Youth: $106,650
- Education: $87,350
- Health: $74,700
- Human Services: $262,389

**GRANTS from UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

- Abilene Arts Alliance
- Abilene Big Country AMBUCS
- Abilene Community Partners
- Abilene Community Theatre
- Abilene Hope Haven
- Abilene Independent School District
- Jefferson Center
- Abilene Philharmonic Association
- Abilene Youth Sports Authority
- Adult Protective Services Partners
- Advocates for Camp Able
- Alliance for Women and Children
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 61
- American Red Cross
- BCFS Abilene Transition Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star
- Big Country Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.
- Cancer Foundation for Life, Inc.
- Cancer Services Network
- Center for Contemporary Arts
- Children’s Performing Arts Series
- Chorus Abilene
- Christian Service Center
- City of Abilene Recreation Division
- Communities In Schools of the Big Country
- Disability Resources, Inc.
- Eternal Threads
- FaithWorks of Abilene, Inc.
- Friends for Life
- Hardin-Simmons University
- Harmony Family Services, Inc.
- Historic Paramount Theatre
- Interested Citizens of Abilene North (ICAN)
- JTC X-Change
- Junior Achievement of Abilene
- Kenley School
- National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature
- New Horizons (Audrey Grace House)
- Noah Project
- Presbyterian Medical Care Mission
- REACH for a Difference
- Regional Victim Crisis Center
- Special Olympics Texas – Big Country
- St. John’s Episcopal School
- St. Mark’s Baby Room
- Texas Ramp Project
- Texas State Technical College Foundation
- The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- The Salvation Army of Abilene
- United Methodist Service Center and Food Pantries
- YMCA of Abilene
- Young People in Recovery
“When you establish an unrestricted fund, you offer the ultimate flexibility to the Foundation, ensuring there will be resources tomorrow for needs we can’t even imagine today.”

– Katie Alford
OWNTOWN PRESERVATION

Some of Abilene’s most notable downtown landmarks – The Grace Museum, Paramount Theatre, and others – are here because of Mrs. Matthews’ vision to restore the old buildings and give them new life. The Community Foundation of Abilene aims to do the same through our new downtown home. Construction to restore and expand a longstanding building at 850 N. 1st Street began in March of 2017, and we anticipate being in our new home in early 2018.

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OPEN ROAD CONCERT SERIES

The inaugural Open Road concert series benefiting Future Fund was a success, thanks to organizers and Future Fund members Taylor Sturgis, Sam Vinson, and Jay Hardaway. The rooftop performances at The Grace Museum return in 2018. For updates, follow @openroadabilene on Twitter.

Quick Facts

- Amount of Grants: $468,024
- Number of Gifts: 2,554
- Nonprofit Participation: 119

ABILENE GIVES

We held our first 24-hour online giving event, Abilene Gives, in May, raising more than $468,000 for participating local nonprofit organizations. Save the date for Abilene Gives on May 1, 2018, and prepare to give where you live!

abilenegives.org
INVESTMENT PROCESS
The Foundation is focused on a long-term strategy for investing the community’s philanthropic dollars. We understand that endowments are created to serve not only the current generation but many generations to come. The Community Foundation continues to stay the course and remains fully invested and diversified.

TOTAL GRANTS AND TOTAL ASSETS
$115 million in total assets
$97 million in total grants made in CFA history
$5.5 million in total grants awarded in FY 2017

BALANCE BY FUND TYPE:
TOTAL $114,514,184

- Designated & Agency Endowments: $59,025,858
- Donor Advised: $20,802,231
- Discretionary: $13,678,456
- Scholarships: $9,827,635
- Field of Interest: $8,271,599

NEW FUNDS

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
- Jane and Otis Jones Donor Advised Fund
- Henry and Beverly Kitzman Donor Advised Fund
- First Financial Bankshares Employee Disaster Relief Fund - This fund was established to provide relief to First Financial Bankshares employees who are victims of a disaster, such as Hurricane Harvey.

AGENCY DESIGNATED FUNDS
- Abilene Police Foundation Project Fund (non-endowed)
- Abilene Education Foundation - Martha Kiel Scholarship
- Association of Christian Childcare Administrators Endowment Fund
- Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Operations Endowment
- Big Country CASA Agency Fund
- Pregnancy Resources Endowment Fund
- Young Audiences of Abilene Residency Program Endowment Fund

DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS
- Indigent Care Fund
- Wheat Family Fund for Winters Area
- Wright Fund for Photography for The Grace Museum

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
- McClellan “Think On” Memorial Scholarship Fund - This fund was established by Stanley A. and Russell L. McClellan, sons of Billy and Joy McClellan, to honor their family name and motto, “Think on”.
- Harold Dean Wade Memorial Scholarship Fund - This fund was established by Jennifer Shewmaker and Julie Crum to honor the memory of their father, Harold Dean Wade.

COMPETITIVE GRANT CYCLES = $922,445

- Discretionary Grantmaking: $579,432
- Regional Grantmaking: $269,053
- Future Fund: $73,960
The Foundation annually engages the services of an independent accounting firm to perform an audit of the Foundation's Financial Statements. As part of its audit, the firm also reviews the internal controls and various policies and procedures to ensure the Foundation staff is adhering to the most current accounting practices. The Foundation's auditor, Condley and Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, has issued an unqualified opinion on the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Audits and the IRS Form 990s are available upon request.

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<td>Cash value of life insurance</td>
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<td>$ 120,135</td>
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<td>Grants Payable</td>
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<td>$ 83,116,210</td>
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INVESTMENT RETURNS – FISCAL YEAR 2017
(as of June 30, 2017)

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*22% Russell 3000 Index, 23% MSCI AC World ex-US Index, 15% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Index, 20% HFRI Fund of Funds Index, 2.5% Thomson One Buyout Index, 2.5% Thomson One Venture Capital Index, 2% Thomson One Distressed Index, 2.5% S&P North America Natural Resources Index, 2.5% Thomson One Private Natural Resources Index, 2.5% S&P Developed BMI Property Index, and 2.5% Thomson One Private Real Estate Index.

ASSET GROWTH

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Unrestricted Funds

These funds are not specifically designated to particular uses, allowing the Foundation flexibility to respond to current needs.

Scholarship Funds

Funds can be designated for college or post-graduate education at the donor’s request.

Amount Awarded in Grants

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* New Fund
Donor Advised Funds

Donor advised funds allow donors to be actively involved in recommending grants to their favorite charities.

*LIMITED TERM*

- Shay Shelton Hoffman
- John and Tina Hunter
- In As Much
- Paul and Myra Johnson
- Bennie R. and Diane Jones
- Kickapoo Springs Foundation
- Henry and Beverly Kitzman
- Life to Life
- Robert and Louise Lockhart
- Sandip and Mish Mathur
- The McDonald Family
- McM Baseball Alumni Association
- Bobby and Doris Nelson
- Nelson Family
- Barbara and Byrn Miers
- Bob and Maggy Morford
- Tabitha Newcomb
- Syd and Evelyn Niblo
- Carol Christine Nichols
- Jack and Becky Rentz
- Rich Family

*ENDOWED*

- Janice and Bob Allen
- Lynn and Barbara Anderson
- Anonymous
- Steve Arthur Family Foundation
- Marty and Louise Ballard Foundation
- Harwell and Carolyn Barber
- Dr. Terry Bawcom Family
- Harwell and Carolyn Barber
- Dr. Brady Cox Memorial

- Jean K. Hays Charitable
- Delbert C. and Patricia A. Hess
- Eleanor and Robert Hoppe
- J2K Charitable
- Jeff and Susan Jones Family
- Jane and Otis Jones
- Blake Alan Korman Memorial
- Gerald and Bettye Lawler
- M.A.D. Foundation
- Tim and Debbie Manley Endowed
- Donor-Advised
- Lynn Beckham Marderosian
- Raymond and Gloria McDaniel
- Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Family Foundation

Field of Interest Funds

A fund is used for a specific charitable purpose according to the donor’s interest, such as human services or education.

*LIMITED TERM*

- E. G. and Janell Cockerell Fund for Animals
- Diane Denkoff Fund for Children’s Health
- Lale and BJ Estes Human Service Fund
- Elsie Lou and Edward H. Martin Memorial Fund for Eldercare
- Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Fund for Youth
- NAIFA - Abilene Fund for Children
- Gabriella Race Fund for Early Childhood Education
- Pete and JoAnn Peterson Fund for Children and Health
- Juanita T. Pollard Cultural Serendipity Fund
- Pat Meleean Vaughn Fund for Humane Treatment of Animals
- Pat Meleean Vaughn Fund for Celebration of Life
- Volunteer Fire Department Endowment Funds:
  - Brown County
  - Callahan County

*ENDOWED*

- Abilene Fire Dept Flexible Account
- Roy Helen Mingus Ackers
- Gary Ackers
- David and Kay Alexander
- Jim and Jerri Alexander
- Mike Alexander
- Mac and Marjorie Andrews Furniture
- Ann and Grady Barr
- Jim and Jerri Alexander
- David and Kay Alexander
- Gary Ackers
- Roy Helen Mingus Ackers
- Abilene Fire Dept Flexible Account
- Field of Interest Funds
- Donor Advised Funds
- Ruth and Bill Burton Family
- Tucker S. Bridwell
- Tucker and Gina Bridwell
- Bridwell Family Foundation
- Rob and Julie Beckham
- John and Carolyn Beckham
- Jane Varner Beard
- Dr. Terry Bawcom Family
- Harwell and Carolyn Barber
- Dr. Brady Cox Memorial
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- Raymond and Gloria McDaniel Family Foundation

**Amount Awarded in Grants**

- **LIMITED TERM**
  - $2,224,169
- **ENDOWED**
  - **$115,591**
Designated Endowment Funds

A fund allowing the donor to specify that the income or assets be used to help one or more specific charities.

- 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum Endowment Fund
- Abilene Arts Alliance
- Abilene Community Band Endowment Fund
- Abilene Education Foundation
- Abilene Education Foundation-AHS Alumni Scholarship
- Abilene Education Foundation-CHS Alumni Scholarship
- Royce Curtis Excellence in Education Scholarship
- Edwin and Agnes Jennings Teaching Excellence Award
- Martha Kiel Scholarship
- Abilene Hope Haven Endowment Fund
- Abilene Library Consortium
- Abilene Philharmonic Association
- Thile Walker Scholarship Fund
- William Davis Scholarship Fund
- Abilene Philharmonic Foundation Endowment
- Abilene Police Foundation Project Fund
- Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ARCoADA)
- Albany ISD Education Foundation
- Alliance for Women and Children, Elizabeth Baugh Fund
- AWC Educational Endowment Fund
- Douglas and Ann Ford Fund for Disability Resources, Inc.
- Grace Museum Endowment Fund
- Grace Museum Building Maintenance Endowment Fund
- Grace Museum Director’s Endowment Fund
- Robert and Anita Herron Memorial Endowment Fund
- Robert and Marilyn Hitt Charitable Fund
- Indigent Care Fund for Taylor County
- Kenneth and Marilyn Jacobs Fund for Education
- Marvin and Nancy Norman Jones Fund for Winters
- Morgan and Jessie Jones Fund for Day Nursery of Abilene and The Grace Museum
- Jerry and Rezlynn Love Endowed Fund
- Dr. Donald McDonald Fund for Children’s Health
- Magguy Morford Fund for St. John’s Episcopal School
- Mulberry Canyon VFD Endowment (Anonymous)
- Mulberry Canyon VFD Building Fund Project
- Jim and Bobbi Naler Endowment for Abilene State Living Center
- Narrow Gate Foundation Endowment established by John E. Pearson and Sons
- National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature Endowment Fund
- Marion and Harry Neeb Fund for Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Norman-Stevens Memorial Fund for Winters
- Haez/F. Nunn Endowment for Nolan County Library
- Dian Graves Owen Fund for St. John’s Episcopal School
- Historic Paramount Theatre Endowment Fund
- Paramount Theatre Fund for Excellence
- Lois Caldwell Peck Fund for Cancer Services Network
- Rescue the Animals Spay and Neuter Fund
- Wade Scoggins Memorial Fund for Young Life
- Herbert A. and Emma Bell Seidell Fund for Meals on Wheels
- Senter Family Fund for Abilene Hope Haven
- Shackelford County Community Resource Center Fund
- Major Charles P. Sherrill III Memorial Fund for Shearn Elementary, Houston, TX
- Ruby W. Shelton Endowment Fund for the Alliance for Women and Children
- Hudson and Martha Smart Endowment Fund
- Dick and Kaye Spalding Fund for Serenity House
- St. John’s Episcopal School Designated Endowment Fund
- St. John’s Episcopal School Headmaster Endowment Fund
- St. John’s Episcopal School Excellence Fund
- Swenson House Endowment Fund established by David and Sue Stubbleman
- Talafero Endowment Fund for St. John’s Episcopal School
- Dick and Beverly Tarpley Fund for Abilene Philharmonic and Abilene Zoo
- Pat Meleen Vaughn Designated Fund
- Robert, Elsie and Roberta Watters Endowment Fund
- Elwood B. and Shug Webb Designated Fund
- Dr. James D. and Kathleen J. Webster Designated Fund
- Grace Westfall Memorial Endowment Fund
- Wheat Family Fund for Winters
- Jim Wilburn Memorial Fund for No Need for Need, Fisher and Nolan County areas
- Wright Fund for Photography for The Grace Museum
- George and Marie Yaeger Philharmonic Fund

Agency Endowment Funds

Agency designated funds are established to provide an organization the ability to grow an endowment to assist with charitable programs, operations, or marketing of services available.

- 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum
- Abilene Arts Alliance
- Abilene Community Band Endowment Fund
- Abilene Education Foundation
- Abilene Education Foundation-AHS Alumni Scholarship
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- Association of Christian Childcare Administrators
- Ben Richey Boys Ranch Foundation
- Travis Cranfill Memorial Education Fund
- Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Endowment
- Big Country CASA Fund
- Center for Contemporary Arts Endowment
- Christian Service Center Endowment Fund
- Coleman ISD Foundation Endowment Fund
- Day Nursery - Bea Garson Endowment
- Day Nursery of Abilene Endowment Funds for Maintenance-Sherry Lane
- Day Nursery of Abilene Endowment Funds for Maintenance
- Disability Resources, Inc. Endowment Fund
- Friends of the Abilene Public Library
- The Grace Museum Endowment Fund
- The Grace Museum Facility Endowment Fund
- Hendrick Hospice Care
- Kentley School Endowment Fund
- Kentley School Endowment for Scholarships
- CJ Macion Scholarship Foundation Fund
- National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature Fund
- Paramount Theatre Memorial Fund
- Pregnancy Resources Endowment Fund
- Presbyterian Medical Care Mission
- Travis and Mary Katherine Smith Fund for PMCM
- Sam’s Place Endowment Fund
- St. John’s Episcopal School Endowment Fund
- St. John’s Episcopal School Learning for a Lifetime Fund
- Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing Fund
- Texas PrairieLand Foundation Fund
- Texas Trail Council
- Boy Scouts of America Fund
- Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) Endowment Fund
- United Way of Abilene Endowment Fund
- West Central Texas Regional Foundation
- YMCA Endowment Fund
- Young Audiences of Abilene Residency Endowment Fund
- Zambie Mission Fund

Amount Awarded in Grants

- $1,216,540
- $542,121

* New Fund
ndowment funds support distinct legal entities that serve outlying areas. These groups have their own advisory boards which govern and make grants, while the organizations benefit from the fund development, grantmaking expertise, legal knowledge, and administrative support of the Community Foundation of Abilene.

$57,053

**COLEMAN COUNTY FOUNDATION** — Established in 1999, the Coleman County Foundation is providing a means for Coleman County residents to make a difference in their community. Last year, the Foundation awarded over $57,053 in grants to agencies committed to making Coleman County better.

$20,000

**FRIENDS OF THE COLEMAN COUNTY FOUNDATION** — Friends of the Coleman County Foundation is designed for individuals who believe in the future of their community. Members contribute $100 (or more) annually to build their fund and provide grants to agencies in Coleman County. For more information, visit colemancountyfoundation.com.

$85,500

**NOLAN COUNTY FOUNDATION** — The Nolan County Foundation Fund was launched in 2000 by county and civic leaders wanting to make a positive impact in Sweetwater and Nolan County. Currently in fundraising mode, this group is working hard to build its fund for the good of Nolan County. For more information about the Nolan County Foundation, contact Carolyn Lawrence at jrcclawre@aol.com.

$8,000

**WINTERS AREA FOUNDATION** — The Winters Area Foundation Fund was established in 2006 to assist in funding projects from education, health, libraries, museums, parks and other projects that go beyond the normal responsibility of government funding.

The Future of Winters Club is designed for individuals and businesses who believe in the future of their community. Members contribute $100 annually to build their fund for the Winters area. For more information about the Winters Area Foundation, contact Susan or Randall Connor at 325-754-4542.

$98,500

**AVJ FOUNDATION** — The AVJ Foundation was established by the A.V. Jones family of Albany and Abilene in 1996. The charitable priorities of the AVJ Foundation focus on regional needs, with a particular interest in Albany and its educational and cultural activities.

*Funds designated for these areas are included in fund listings depending on fund types.*
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- Abilene Teacher’s Federal Credit Union
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- Abilene Women’s Club Educational Endowment Fund
- AC Nutrition
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- AC Nutrition Unrestricted Funds

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- Mary and Larry E. Gill
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Katie’s Statement: “When I think of the concept of legacy, I think about how someone is remembered in a positive way by others after they are gone.

There are many people I can think of who have left a very inspirational legacy in Abilene, but one that has been important to the Community Foundation and so many others this past year is the one of Mrs. Julia Jones Matthews.

Each page in this report represents a facet of philanthropy in our community that Mrs. Matthews touched during her life, all areas that are still being impacted today as her legacy story lives on through us and this community. She had a heart for children, for the arts, for education, for animals, for history and for those less fortunate. Because of her generosity, she has inspired others to do what she has done.

At the Community Foundation, “legacy” consists of how someone impacts others’ lives in a positive way through charitable giving. We help people write their own charitable legacy story and ensure that it goes on for years and years. We can help people do what Mrs. Matthews did through philanthropy, no matter the amount – it all makes a difference!”

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