Twenty-one members have been the first donors to the Committee of 100’s new Creative Cities Fund, setup within the Community Foundation of Huntsville-Madison County. Established with $10,000 from the Committee of 100 in December, member donations have raised the fund balance to $14,325.
“Through voluntary member donations, we hope to have $30,000 to spend on economic vitality and public education projects in 2015,” says Scott Averbuch, Finance Committee Chair. Finance Committee members developed the Creative Cities Fund concept to support economic vitality initiatives, long-term regional visioning, career/workforce projects and local education engagement programs.

“We hope all members will consider a donation of some amount when making their 2015 dues payments,” he added. 2015 dues invoices emailed to members in January include a request for have $100 or more as an individual donation and $500 or more from a business. Donors receive a charitable tax deduction for their contributions since the Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Donors can honor the Committee of 100’s Founding Members who are active in the organization and/or deceased members of the Committee of 100. To see a donor form with these individuals listed, click here.

The first 21 donors to the Creative Cities fund are:

$500 or more:

- Brown Precision, Inc. (Greg Brown) – Founders
- David Johnston – Roland Brown
- Carol Madry Bell – Founders & Sandra Steele Livingston, Gene Monroe, Buck Ozment
- Randy Schrimsher
- Toyota Manufacturing (Jim Bolte)

$250 or more:

- Lee Hoekenschneider – Oscar Maxwell (Founder), John Riche, Fred Wessel
- Ron Klein

$100 or more:

- Linda Akenhead – Buck Ozment
- Joe Alexander – Buck Ozment
- Scott Averbuch – Gene Monroe, Sandra Steele Livingston
- Anonymous
- Candy Burnett – Sandra Steele Livingston, Gene Monroe, Olin King, John Riche, Fred Wessel
- David Byers
- Mary Jane Caylor – Gene Monroe
- Kyle Findlay – Founders
- Paulus Title LLC (Craig Paulus)
- Jean Templeton
- Rick Tucker – Dr. Fred Burg
- Andy Whitt
- Charlie Wilson
Newly Elected Board of Directors

The Committee of 100 membership elected the following new board members at the December 3 Quarterly Meeting to take office on January 1:

Committee of 100 Board

- John Allen, President, Southern Construction & Design (renewed 3-yr term)
- Ronnie Boles, President, General Automotive & Machine (renewed 3-yr term)
- Greg Brown, Co-President & CFO, Brown Precision, Inc.
- Scott McLain, President, Coldwell Banker McLain Commercial Real Estate
- David Nast, Regional President, Progress Bank
- Mary Ellen Peters, Realtor, ReMax Alliance (renewed 3-yr term)
- Bill Sullins, Optometrist, Eye Care Associates (renewed 3-yr term)

BizPac Board

- Benjamin Cobb, Eastside Partners (YP)
- Tammy Leeth, Court Liason, Mental Health Center
- Kim Lewis, President, Project XYZ

Leah Hess Elected as YP Chair

Leah Amos Hess has been elected Committee of 100 YP Chair. She began her two-year term on January 1.

Hess is the owner of Paperclip47.com, a local online retail store selling new designer furniture, decor, outdoor, and lighting. Previously, Hess was an executive with Snelling & Snelling and is a former President of Junior Achievement of North Alabama. She is Chair of the Women's Economic Development Center’s new YP Milestones group, and a graduate of Leadership Huntsville-Madison County.

“Leah has been an active member of our organization since 2008, serving on the BizPac Board and helping us form our new EngageU program for local college students,” said Chris Hanback, outgoing YP Chair. “She has strong relationships across the business and education community that will be
(renewed 2-yr term)

- Beth Martin, Madison President, Progress Bank (renewed 2-yr term)
- Robert Mayes, President, Blue Creek Investment Partners (renewed 2-yr term)
- Al Sullivan, President, Alpha Beta Technologies
- Bree Wilbourn, Attorney, Grace, Matthews & Debro (YP)

valuable in further engaging our YP members in local issues.”

Save the Date

February 23 Quarterly Meeting
5:15-7 p.m.
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