



Our Mission: To improve lives and meet community needs by uniting people and resources

FY 2018-2019 FUNDED PROGRAMS

Boys & Girls Clubs of North Mississippi's Power Hour program provides homework and tutoring assistance to Lafayette-Oxford-University (LOU) Barksdale Club members in first through third grade in order to improve reading proficiency and on-time grade progression. ***(Education)***

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lafayette County's programming provides trained volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the youth court system, with a primary focus on providing every vulnerable child a CASA volunteer to stand by his/her side. ***(Basic Needs)***

Doors of Hope Transition Ministries' Self-sufficiency Transition Empowerment Program (STEP) guides homeless families and at-risk homeless families toward self-reliance as well as stability through a holistic, individualistic approach that includes life-skills training, mentoring, and supportive housing. ***(Financial Stability)***

Exchange Club Family Center's Correcting Our Past and Establishing Skills (COPES) program seeks to help teens become drug free, remain drug free through high school graduation, and connect those on probation to a mentor by reducing risk factors, developing skills, making restitution, and becoming contributing citizens. ***(Health)***

Exchange Club Family Center's Raising Mothers to Rise (RMR) program seeks to prevent child abuse by providing first-time teen mothers with education and support while also aiming to prevent a second pregnancy, keep teen mothers in school on a graduation track, and improve maternal and fetal outcomes. ***(Health)***

Family Crisis Services of Northwest Mississippi's Victim Services program seeks to reduce the trauma of violence by providing immediate and long-term support to victims and survivors of sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and homicide. ***(Health)***

Girl Scouts Heart of the South's Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader (GIRL) on the Go program teaches girls how to make positive choices for physical and emotional health while also helping them develop a strong sense of self, positive values, healthy relationships, and problem-solving skills. ***(Health)***

Good Food for Oxford Schools' Growing and Learning: Culture of Health program helps students and their families learn about healthy meals and snacks, physical fitness, where their food comes from, and how to grow food, while also developing an appreciation for nature, animals, and the environment. ***(Health)***

Gordon Community & Cultural Center, Inc. seeks to prevent summer learning loss among rising first through sixth graders through its Abbeville School Educational Summer Enrichment Camp. Curriculum includes language, reading comprehension, math, physical education, nutrition, and financial literacy. ***(Education)***

Horizons at the University of Mississippi aims to eliminate summer learning loss for underserved students, positively impact student perceptions of school and learning, and increase student self-confidence through academics, enrichment, and recreation. ***(Education)***

Interfaith Compassion Ministry (ICM)'s Homeless Client Assistance program provides for the basic needs of local homeless individuals, including but not limited to counseling, food, temporary housing, and ultimately, safe, affordable residences. ***(Basic Needs)***

Interfaith Compassion Ministry (ICM)'s Indigent Client Assistance program seeks to assist local families with basic needs (rent, utilities, food, medical care, transportation to jobs, etc.), help stabilize them, prevent homelessness, and provide counseling, which may include prioritizing financial decisions. ***(Basic Needs)***

Lafayette County Literacy Council's Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) program offers a strategic approach to increase local literacy levels by increasing the number of community members who have a high school equivalency certificate through one-on-one coaching by trained volunteers. ***(Education)***

Lafayette County Literacy Council's Dolly Parton Imagination Library program provides a quality, age-appropriate book on a monthly basis to registered Lafayette County children between the ages of birth to five years. The program seeks to ensure all children have books at home, regardless of the environment in which they live. ***(Education)***

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library's Lucha Libros program is designed to address the reading achievement gap that exists along language lines in our local schools by increasing participants' reading comprehension and their time spent reading for pleasure. (*Education*)

LOU Saves seeks to increase rates of financial literacy and encourage active rates of saving for higher education among low-income families. The program works with local students to open savings accounts that are restricted for higher education expenses and parents to receive financial coaching and education. (*Financial Stability*)

LOU-Home, Inc. offers ethical as well as reliable counseling which aims to increase the financial literacy of low-income residents and increase the number of people who are prepared and eligible for owning/renting quality housing. (*Financial Stability*)

North Mississippi Kidney Foundation's Patient Assistance program provides individuals on life-saving dialysis with need-based assistance for expenses related to medications, transportation, and emergency financial needs. (*Financial Stability*)

North Mississippi Rural Legal Services (NMRLS) helps ensure financial stability for low-income senior residents through its Scams of Seniors (SOS) program, which provides education, legal counsel, and legal assistance to low-income senior citizens who may be victims of scams. (*Financial Stability*)

Oxford Community Market's Healthy Food, Healthy Families Outreach program builds skills and knowledge for lifelong healthy eating through cooking activities and educational resources while also increasing accessibility of fresh, locally-grown produce to families with limited incomes. (*Health*)

Oxford-Lafayette Habitat for Humanity's Helping Hands program seeks to improve quality of life for low-income and elderly residents by completing basic maintenance repairs and improvements such as cleaning drains, painting rooms, replacing light fixtures, and various other projects. (*Basic Needs*)

Southern Recovery Advocacy's programming seeks to educate the community about substance abuse disorder (SUD), reduce the number of community members suffering from it, assist individuals who cannot afford treatment to locate as well as pay for it, and reduce the stigma associated with addiction. (*Health*)

Special Olympics Mississippi – Area IV provides year-round sports training and athletic competition opportunities, health programming, and community inclusion activities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. (*Health*)

The Leap Frog Program is an after-school tutoring and enrichment program that provides a nurturing environment in which "at-risk" first-, second-, and third-grade students can develop and enhance necessary skills for academic success, build productive, ongoing relationships with adults, and improve their self-esteem. (*Education*)

Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging (AAA) provides senior citizens nutritional meals five days a week, keeps senior citizens in their home environment for as long as possible, and provides socialization as well as financial stability through the Meals on Wheels program. (*Basic Needs*)

FY 2018-2019 COMMUNITY IMPACT & COALITION WORK

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic assists low- and moderate-income residents of Lafayette County with free tax return preparation twice a week at the Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library during tax season. Students in the Tax Practicum at the University of Mississippi School of Law manage and staff the program.

LOU Reads Coalition is a group of local organizations and community leaders dedicated to ensuring that all children in our community can read proficiently by the end of the third grade. Coalition members focus their collective energy and expertise on school readiness, attendance, out-of-school time opportunities, and targeted efforts to promote grade-level reading. The LOU community's efforts to receive certification from **Excel By 5** as a child-friendly community fall under the umbrella of LOU Reads and its goal to ensure all children enter kindergarten prepared to succeed in school as well as life. Additional coalition goals include increasing the percentage of children who miss fewer than ten days of school on an annual basis, minimizing summer learning loss as well as increasing participation in quality out-of-school time programs, and improving supports so as to increase the percentage of students who end the school year as proficient readers.

FY 2018-2019 GRANT AWARDS BY PRIMARY APPLICATION CATEGORY

Health: \$75,940 | **Education:** \$92,260 | **Financial Stability:** \$44,000

Basic Needs: \$85,800 | **Community Coalitions:** \$7,000

Total FY 2018-2019 Grant Awards: \$305,000