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## **LGBTQ FUND OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVIDES GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

BIRMINGHAM, AL – The LGBTQ Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham announced **six grants totaling more than \$20,000** awarded to area nonprofits at the 2017 LGBTQ Grantee Awards luncheon held today at The Club. This is the second year that the fund has provided grants in the community; in 2016 they granted \$10,000 to four area nonprofits.

The LGBTQ Fund is a charitable endowment at the Community Foundation that supports programs in Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Blount, and Walker counties which:

- Strengthen the infrastructure of organizations led by or serving LGBTQ persons
- Support the provision of services to LGBTQ youth, individuals and families
- Provide educational opportunities that highlight the needs of the LGBTQ community
- Advance collaboration between LGBTQ organizations and other community organizations
- Support nonprofit partners advocating on public policy and social justice issues that intersect with LGBTQ concerns

Organizations receiving funds this year:

**AIDS Alabama – \$3,000** to provide “Welcome Home Kits” and emergency hotel vouchers for homeless LGBTQ Youth (18-24 years of age) and chronically homeless Trans individuals.

**Alabama Safe Schools Coalition (UAB Educational Foundation) – \$3,000** to expand “Safe Schools” training for teachers and administrators to reach 150 – 250 additional educators.

**Birmingham Aids Outreach (BAO) – \$3,400** to reinstate Magic City Acceptance Center’s (MCAC) monthly arts classes taught by professional artists, monthly social-emotional learning workshops facilitated by ACE and quarterly “positive body image” yoga classes with a professional yoga instructor.

**Transgender Advocate Knowledgeable Empowering (TAKE) – \$3,600** to sponsor a Trans Women of Color Caucus to be held in Birmingham to promote leadership and community organizing. Create a Trans Crisis Fund to provide safety net purchases like groceries, utilities and food for Trans Women of Color.

**UAB Department of Pediatrics, Pediatric Endocrinology – \$4,300** to fund the staff time (clinic coordinator and nursing staff) necessary for expansion of clinical services to allow for an additional half-day Clinic each month.

**YWCA Central Alabama – \$2,700** for six scholarships for Anytown (summer leadership camp) for LGBTQ youth, within the Fund's five county service area, with a focus on recruitment of (and transportation for) students in St. Clair, Blount, and Walker Counties.

For more information about the LGBTQ Fund or to make a gift, visit [www.cfbham.org/lgbtqfund](http://www.cfbham.org/lgbtqfund). The grant cycle for 2018 grants from the LGBTQ Fund will open for applications in May, 2018. For more information about grants contact Kim Rogers at 205.327.3804 or [krogers@cfbham.org](mailto:krogers@cfbham.org).

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**About The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham:**

The Community Foundation unites the power of philanthropy with innovative strategies and connects people from all walks of life to understand community issues and create opportunities for positive, lasting change and improve the life of our region. The Foundation has served as permanent, charitable endowment for Jefferson, Blount, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties since 1959. We awards grants to nonprofits throughout the area from donor-advised funds as well as through a biannual competitive grant process. Through grantmaking, convening and leading, the Community Foundation empowers donors to pursue their own personal passions and to collaborate with us in transforming the Greater Birmingham area. For more information, visit [www.cfbham.org](http://www.cfbham.org) or call 205-327-3806.