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REMY FUND ANNOUNCES 2016 GRANTS FOR COMPANION ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Remy Fund for Pets and Animal Services announced a record $50,000 in grants awarded to 11 companion animal (dogs, cats and horses) focused non-profit organizations. This is the largest amount of grants awarded to date by the fund. In the past six years the fund has granted nearly $200,000 to animal agencies serving Blount, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties.

Organizations receiving funds this year:
- **Shelby Humane Society, $9000**, for a variety of shelter needs including heartworm treatment, low-cost spay and neuter, and equipment
- **MomaKat Rescue, $6000**, for spay and neuter of free-roaming cats, as well as adoption support for at-risk kittens
- **Hand in Paw, $5000**, to support the agency’s training and volunteer expansion program
- **Special Equestrians, $5000**, to provide care for horses in the animal-assisted equine therapy program
- **The Red Barn, $5000**, to provide care for horses in the animal-assisted equine therapy program
- **Walker County Humane Society, $5000**, for the “Fix the Momma” program, providing no-cost spay services for dogs and cats in Walker County
- **Bama Bully Rescue, $4000**, to provide care for pit bulls and other “bully” breeds that have been abandoned, abused or neglected
- **Greater Birmingham Humane Society, $4000**, to support the Pet Pantry program, providing low-income individuals with pet food and other supplies to prevent unnecessary owner surrender
- **Equines Assisting Special Individuals, $3000**, to provide care for horses in the animal-assisted equine therapy program
- **Mustard Seed Society, $3000**, to provide care for horses in the animal-assisted equine psychotherapy program
- **Changing Leads, $1000**, to provide rehabilitation and rehoming of retired racehorses

The Remy Fund Grant Committee personally visits with each of the grant finalists. Remy Fund Grant Committee members include: Committee Chair, Debra Linton, Cathy Adams, Beth Franklin, Brenda Bell Guercio, Joey Kennedy, Sandy Logan, James “Murphy” Lynch, Beverly Virciglio and Cameron Vowell. Mr. Jackson serves as an Ex Officio member of the Committee.
Ken Jackson established the Remy Fund, a special Field of Interest Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, named for his late dog, Remy, in 2010. Jackson has provided **$750,000 to the fund** which, along with generous contributions from community donors, has enabled more grant-making dollars to go to animal related programs this year. Ken, who is an active member of the grant committee says, “These grants change the lives of countless companion animals, and the humans they touch.”

If you share a passion for pets and animal services, you can be part of the Remy Fund by making a gift on-line at [www.cfbham.org](http://www.cfbham.org) or by check. The grant cycle for 2017 grants from the Remy Fund for Pets & Animal Services will open for applications March 1, 2017. For more information about grants contact Kim Rogers at 205.327.3804 or [krogers@cfbham.org](mailto:krogers@cfbham.org).

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Founded in 1959, the Community Foundation leverages gifts and bequests from many people to drive positive change in the five-county area of Greater Birmingham through grants, initiatives and leadership. The Community Foundation is focused on achieving four results for our community through these grants, initiatives and leadership: children are successful along the education pipeline; people can lead healthy lives; communities are sustainable, livable and vibrant; and individuals and families are economically secure. For more information, go to [www.foundationbirmingham.org](http://www.foundationbirmingham.org) or call 205-327-3800.