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The Fund Memo



Donate your Gift to the
Fund this Christmas Season





Donor Matching Gift -- Will You Help?

Hello and Happy Holidays!!

Robin Morgan, President of Robin Morgan Financial in Madison, Mississippi has made an end-of-year \$20,000 gift to The Fund's Endowment. This generous donor has proposed that we seek matching funds for the gift, so we are reaching out asking you to consider an end-of-year gift as a matching contribution for Robin's \$20,000.

Of course if you would prefer to give to the grantmaking fund – OR if you want to contribute to both the grantmaking AND the endowment fund, we would be delighted. Long term sustainability depends on building the endowment, but of course we're already preparing for the 2025 grantmaking cycle as well.

There are two easy ways to make a gift --- but, whichever way you choose please be sure to indicate if it's for the grantmaking fund or the endowment fund. That way we will know how you wish your gift to be used.

And remember – if you make a gift to the endowment fund you can request 25% Endow Mississippi State Tax Credits through the Community Foundation for Mississippi (www.formississippi.org) – click on the Resources tab and then click on Endow Mississippi. Unfortunately, gifts to the grantmaking fund are not eligible for this special tax credit, but they can be claimed as charitable contributions on your regular federal and state tax returns.

To give you can:

- Mail a gift to The LGBTQ Fund --- Box 55903, Jackson, MS 39296 (note the purpose of your gift—endowment or grantmaking--on the check)
- Go to the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi's website (www.lgbtqfundms.org) and click the DONATE button. Indicate the intent of your gift (grantmaking or endowment) in the box that asks "what should be known about this donation."
- Scan the QR code on the cover page to access our online donation platform.

With gratitude and best wishes for the holiday season,

Sammy Moon,
Founding Donor



2024 *Grant Recipients*

Big House Books

Grant Amount: \$6,000

Purpose: To purchase and distribute LGBTQ-specific books to incarcerated individuals across Mississippi, ensuring access to culturally relevant literature.

Service Region: Statewide

Coastal Family Health Center, Inc.

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Purpose: To enhance healthcare services tailored to the LGBTQIA+ community in the southern region of Mississippi, improving access to quality, inclusive care.

Service Region: Coastal Counties

Five Horizons Health Services

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Purpose: To support general operations and capacity building, allowing the organization to expand its impact in serving the LGBTQIA+ population.

Service Region: East

Harrison County Library System: Book Club

Grant Amount: \$6,675

Purpose: To support the "Pride Without Prejudice Book Club," the first LGBTQ+ book club in Harrison County, promoting inclusivity and representation in local literature.

Service Region: Coastal Counties

Capital City Pride

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Purpose: To fund various initiatives that promote LGBTQ pride and awareness throughout Mississippi, enhancing community engagement and visibility.

Service Region: Statewide and Metro Area

Men in Action

Grant Amount: \$3,000

Purpose: To support initiatives that engage and empower LGBTQ+ young men in the community, fostering leadership and advocacy.

Service Region: Capital Area

Yoknapatawpha Arts Council

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Purpose: To promote and support LGBTQ+ artists through various arts initiatives and programs.

Service Region: North Hills Region

My Brother's Keeper/We The Positive

Grant Amount: \$11,000

Purpose: To support programs that address the health and well-being of LGBTQ individuals, particularly in underserved communities.

Service Region: Statewide

Pride of Tupelo

Grant Amount: \$4,500

Purpose: To fund Pride events and activities in Tupelo, promoting visibility and celebration of the LGBTQ community in northern Mississippi.

Service Region: Tupelo

South Mississippi AIDS Task Force

Grant Amount: \$2,400

Purpose: To provide essential services and support to individuals living with HIV/AIDS, with a focus on the LGBTQ community.

Service Region: South Coastal Counties

The Spectrum Center

Grant Amount: \$15,000

Purpose: To support general operations, ensuring The Spectrum Center can continue providing safe spaces and essential resources for the LGBTQ community in Northern Mississippi.

Service Region: Pine Belt Area

Tupelo Mutual Aid Inc.

Grant Amount: \$4,250

Purpose: To enhance planning and development efforts for mutual aid services that support the LGBTQ community in Tupelo, ensuring those in need have access to critical resources.

Service Region: Lee County

The University of Mississippi Foundation: LGBTQIA+ at UM

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Purpose: To support LGBTQ initiatives at the University of Mississippi, fostering a more inclusive campus environment.

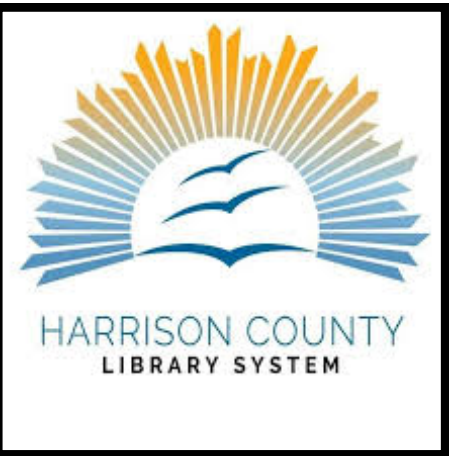
Service Region: University of MS LGBTQ+ students and community

Violet Valley Bookstore

Grant Amount: \$13,960

Purpose: To support operations and expand LGBTQ literary resources in the region, ensuring access to inclusive books and materials.

Service Region: Statewide



MISSISSIPPI LGBTQ BOOK CLUB WINS GRANT

The Harrison County Library System, headquartered in Gulfport, Mississippi, is pleased to announce that one of its book clubs is the recipient of a \$6,675.00 operations grant from the LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi for fiscal year 2025.

The Pride Without Prejudice Book Club, founded in 2023, is the first LGBTQ book club to be hosted by a public library in Mississippi. Past guest writers have included *Mississippi Sissy* author Kevin Sessums and Robert W. Fieseler, the author of *Tinderbox: The Untold Story of the Upstairs Lounge Fire and the Rise of Gay Liberation*.

The LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi, in partnership with the Community Foundation of Mississippi, develops and invests resources to support efforts that address the needs of LGBTQ Mississippians. For more information about The LGBTQ Fund of Mississippi, visit www.lgbtqfundms.org.

The Pride Without Prejudice Book Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Orange Grove Public Library in Gulfport, Mississippi. All book club meetings and events are free and open to adults. For more information about the book club, contact PWP Book Club Coordinator Richard Kalnins at r.kalnins@harrison.lib.ms.us. Office: 228.832.6924. Mobile: 202.550.3177.

Grantee Spotlight



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Merry Christmas