

## 2011 ACJF Grants

**Total Awarded: \$183,625.00**

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**Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, Inc. (Montgomery) \$10,000**

ACJF provided initial funding for a project aimed at engaging and utilizing Alabama attorneys more effectively in the efforts to reform Alabama's 1901 Constitution in order to break down the barriers to justice erected by this document.

**Alabama Association of Nonprofits (Birmingham) \$15,000**

ACJF funding helped to create and grow the Association's Alabama Advocacy Institute that will focus on training and encouraging advocacy among nonprofits as a means to accomplish their missions. The Institute will also address policies and legislation that will benefit the nonprofit sector as a whole.

**Alabama Center for Law & Civic Education (Birmingham) \$4,000**

Alabama's only non-partisan resource and training center dedicated to educating citizens by improving civic knowledge, civic skills, and civic character.

**Alabama School of Mathematics and Science (Mobile) \$10,000**

A residential public school that offers an accelerated curriculum for gifted Alabama students. ACJF funds used to renovate and furnish one floor of the girls' dorm that was closed due to budget cuts.

**Alabama School Readiness Alliance (Montgomery) \$2,500**

The Alabama School Readiness Alliance is committed to closing achievement gaps by helping children enter school ready to succeed. It works through innovative partnerships that help grow and support high quality pre-k.

**Anniston Community Education Foundation (Anniston) \$5,000**

The Leadership Honors Academy – a program of ACEF aimed at decreasing dropout rates in the Anniston, Oxford, Saks, and Wellborn high schools. The Academy will focus on 20 students in 9th grade who will be selected to participate in a modified curriculum that includes academic, social and personal skill building.

**Bayou Clinic, Inc. (Bayou La Batre) \$5,000**

This highly regarded community-based health clinic that is key to health-care in this low income area has faced severe financial hardships as a result of the BP oil spill. ACJF funds will support the addition of a much needed health professional.

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## *2011 Grants (continued)*

### **Better Basics, Inc. (Birmingham) \$6,000**

This organization works in many communities across the state to make a positive difference in the lives of children and their families by advancing literacy through enrichment and intervention programs. ACJF funds will help to increase literacy in Greater Birmingham through five programs: Reading Intervention, MORE, Schoolwide Enrichment, Ready 2 Read/Wise Words and After-school/Summer Camp.

### **Brantwood Children's Home (Montgomery) \$6,000**

Funding will assist with purchasing food and clothing for children that have been removed from abusive and neglectful homes and are placed at Brantwood Children's Home to live and be supported until their 21st birthday.

### **Child Abuse Prevention Services of Tuscaloosa (Tuscaloosa) \$3,500**

Safe Child is a violence prevention program of CAPS that teaches children about personal body safety and what to do when those boundaries are crossed. ACJF funds will help to purchase program materials.

**Easter Seals - K-9s for Heroes & Kids (Montgomery) \$3,000** Both of these K-9s programs are service dog programs for children with disabilities and military personnel home from the fight against terror. Easter Seals specialty trains service dogs and gives them free of charge to applicants who qualify.

### **Family Sunshine Center (Montgomery) \$5,000**

Family Sunshine Center (FSC) is a Montgomery-based nonprofit that offers hope and healing to victims of family violence and sexual assault. Its programs include a shelter, treatment services, child abuse and neglect prevention programs, court advocacy program, among others.

### **Geneva County Children's Nonprofit Council (Hartford) \$6,000**

Conduct Parent Project classes for parents with strong-willed or out-of-control children. These classes will build a stronger Family unit, improve child behavior and lead to a full nurtured child with supportive parents.

### **HandsOn South Alabama (Mobile) \$5,000**

The Volunteer Guardian program recruits and trains volunteers to serve incapacitated individuals through Court proceedings.

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## ***2011 Grants (continued)***

### **International Services Council of Alabama (Huntsville) \$2,500**

ISC will sponsor the first of a series of Transformative Justice Conferences on immigration challenges for AL communities aimed at providing a forum for an exchange of ideas and solutions that will work at the state and local levels.

### **Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program (Huntsville) \$10,000**

The Madison County Volunteer Lawyers Program (“MCVLP”) seeks funding for operation costs to provide pro bono attorneys to assist clients at or below the poverty level with basic civil legal needs.

### **McCoy Adult Day Care (Birmingham) \$3,500**

ACJF funds will enable the center to increase its public awareness capabilities so that the public and especially caregivers will be aware of these vital services available for disadvantaged and disabled seniors at this adult day care center.

### **Mobile Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Program (MBA VLP) (Mobile) \$10,000**

This VLP connects attorneys willing to provide civil legal assistance to low-income Mobile County citizens in need of counsel. ACJF funds will be used to expand their service area into Choctaw and Baldwin counties.

### **Pathways (Birmingham) \$3,500**

This Birmingham area organization seeks to end homelessness for women and children by providing basic needs, employment readiness, financial literacy and children’s life skills through hospitality, housing and hope.

### **Safeplace, Inc. (Florence) \$10,000**

Project is a collaborative effort to reduce domestic violence homicides and increase victim safety, access to resources and justice through the development of a domestic violence unit and the implementation of three strategic programs.

### **Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement, Inc. (Sylacauga) \$6,000**

Funding will assist a Juvenile Diversion Program, “Turning Point,” which will address community risk and protective factors related to child maltreatment targeting families of youth ages 11-17 utilizing the Parent Project and the LifeSkills curriculum.

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## *2011 Grants (continued)*

### **University of Alabama Domestic Violence Law Clinic (Tuscaloosa) \$15,000**

Serves as the first and only free legal service provider in west Alabama dedicated solely to assisting victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.

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## **Tornado Relief Grants / Trial Lawyers Care Fund**

### **Total Awarded: \$36,625.00**

*ACJF partnered with a campaign of the Alabama Association for Justice to provide assistance to victims of the 2011 tornadoes. The following organizations were provided funding:*

**Arts 'n Autism - \$3,125**

**Autauga County Tornado Relief - \$2,500**

**CASA of Madison County - \$5,000**

**Cullman Caring for Kids - \$3,500**

**Elmore County Tornado Relief - \$2,500**

**Harvest Youth Club - \$5,000**

**Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama - \$5,000**

**Lawrence County Red Cross - \$5,000**

**Missions Unlimited - \$5,000**