ETCF Ends 2021 with Largest Granting Year on Record

East Texas Communities Foundation achieved their highest granting year on record in 2021 by awarding more than $17.2 million to over 700 different nonprofit organizations.

“ETCF is honored to connect generosity with need,” said Kyle Penney, President of East Texas Communities Foundation. “Thanks to the support of our donors, and the work of dedicated and talented nonprofits, we are able to fund solutions that address community needs.”


The top categories were Education (21%), Religion (19%), and Human Services (16%).

“Our donors really stepped up to provide support for nonprofits,” said Penney. “This milestone year for grantmaking is a true reflection of our communities’ generosity and we are really proud to play a small part in that.”

In addition to the generous grantmaking seen in 2021, ETCF fundholders contributed more than $18.5 million for future charitable giving. ETCF ended the year with $138 million in charitable assets under management.

ETCF Appoints New Board Members

East Texas Communities Foundation welcomes Kris Gusa, Jeff Moore and Lonny Uzzell, to serve as new board members in 2022.

“We are very excited to add these three community leaders to our board,” said Kyle Penney, President of East Texas Communities Foundation. “Each board member of ETCF possess a variety of expertise and a shared understanding of how local giving can impact the needs of our community.”

Kris Gusa is a partner with Gollob Morgan Petty. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a degree in accounting. Mrs. Gusa is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the East Texas Estate Planning Council. She also serves on the board of ARC of Smith County and the Hospice of East Texas.

Jeff Moore is an officer and shareholder at Henry & Peters. Mr. Moore graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with an accounting degree. Jeff is a member of the American Institute of Public Accountants, and the Texas Society of Public Accountants. He is active in the activities of Longview Public Library Foundation, Spring Hill ISD Education Foundation.

Lonny Uzzell is Executive Vice President of Southside Bank. Mr. Uzzell has been with Southside Bank for over 40 years and has served on numerous nonprofit boards in Smith County.

2022 ETCF Executive Committee:

Chair – Tiffany Kirgan, Johnson Financial Group, LLC
Vice Chair – Shannon Glenney, Community Volunteer
Treasurer – John Jones, CEO Jones Legacy Ventures
Secretary – Gordon Northcutt, Vice President / Trust Officer Vera Bank
Marketing & Development Chair – Mark Hagan, Sr. Vice President- Wealth Management, CFP/CAP KNH Wealth Management Group UBS Financial Services
Audit Chair – Richard Perryman, Retired Investment Advisor
Grants Chair – Barbara Bass, Benefits/ Fundraiser Auctioneer
Immediate Past Chair – Tony Morgan, Founding Partner, Gollob Morgan Peddy, P.C.
Plunkett Foundation Awards Grants to Nonprofits Serving East Texas

Twelve nonprofits serving Gregg, Nacogdoches, Rusk, Smith, and Upshur counties were awarded grants totaling $100,000 from the T.J. and LaVerne Plunkett Foundation held at East Texas Communities Foundation in Tyler, Texas.

“The Plunkett Foundation has a generous history of supporting East Texas charities,” said Kyle Penney, President of East Texas Communities Foundation. “We are honored to continue their work making grants to worthy nonprofits serving our neighbors in need.”

Boys and Girls Club of Rusk County, received funding to assist with a new summer program aimed at helping students avoid losing ground academically during summer break.

“This grant could not have come at a better time,” said Peggy McAllister, Executive Director for the Boys and Girls Club of Rusk County. “Low income youth lose more than two months in reading achievement,” said McAllister. “Summer learning losses can stack up from year to year causing kids to get further and further behind. We will use funding from the Plunkett Foundation grant to implement Summer Brain Gain, a summer reading program with a new book presented each week, along with supporting activities that bring the book to life.”

The Boys and Girls Club of Rusk County provides safe facilities and enriching programs for all youth to help them develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens. Last year, the Boys and Girls Club of Rusk County served approximately 400 students.

T.J. and LaVerne Plunkett Foundation grant recipients for 2021 are:

Rusk County
- Boys and Girls Club of Rusk County: implementation of summer Brain Gain
- Christian Women’s Job Corps of Rusk County: general operating support
- Sonshine Lighthouse Ministries: GED onsite tutoring, smoking and vaping cessation program and general operating support
- Keep Henderson Beautiful: addition of safety features to the playground at Lake Forest Park

Gregg County
- Texas Shakespeare Festival Foundation: Texas Shakespeare Festival Summer Season
- Family Promise of Longview: rent & utility assistance for families
- Salvation Army of Longview: for the Commodities Closet and Food Pantry

Upshur County
- Presbyterian Camps at Gilmont: respite for caregivers of families with developmental disabilities

Nacogdoches County
- Boys & Girls Club of Deep East Texas: creation of the Torch Club
- Christian Women’s Job Corps of Nacogdoches County: general operating support

Smith County
- East Texas Food Bank: general operating support
- Habitat for Humanity of Smith County: assist with critical repairs for homes in Rusk County

ETCF hosted a reception for nonprofits that were awarded grants from the Plunkett Foundation. Pictured left to right: Peggy McAllister, with the Boys and Girls Club of Rusk County and Kyle Penney. Buzz Fullen, Carole Fullen, Monica Sanders, Yolanda Smith and Leon Harris with Keep Henderson Beautiful. Michelle Hutchins, Lea Medders with the Salvation Army of Longview and Kyle Penney.

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Additional information available at www.etcf.org. Returns shown are net of fees paid to money managers.
Hubert “Hub” McGlothlin, HMCS, USNR, was highly decorated and served with valor during his two tours of duty in Vietnam and service in many countries around the world. After retiring from the Navy, Hub graduated from Our Lady of Holy Cross College and went on to teach and coach in South Louisiana and East Texas for more than 20 years.

In 2021, Hub’s friends and family established the Hubert “Hub” McGlothlin Scholarship Fund as a legacy to him, so that deserving Winona High School and Cross Roads High School graduates may be able to attend college.

If you would like to discuss creating a scholarship at ETCF, please call 903-533-0208 to set up an appointment.

Take a look at what is happening around East Texas. The pictures below represent just a few of the ways fundholders are investing in our communities through ETCF.

**Education:** The Henderson County Clint W. Murchison Memorial Library in Athens, Texas serves the residence of Henderson County, Texas. The library received a grant to purchase books to grow its collection of diverse titles.

**Veterans:** Hookset Brothers Combat Recovery received a grant to assist with their mission of providing hunting & fishing trips to veterans recovering from combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

**Human Services:** A grant to Hiway 80 Rescue Mission provided warm meals to Gregg County area homeless. In 1955, Hiway 80 Rescue Mission was established to provide food, shelter, and the gospel with the homeless.

**Health:** Grants to the Tyler Swim Academy allow their instructors to fulfill their mission of teaching infants, youth and adults in East Texas how to swim so that they can become more experienced in the water.

**Youth Development:** A grant was given to the Concerned Black Men of Lufkin to provide financial support for students attending the Don Boyd Summer Camp. The camp provides reading, writing and math skills to students 6-12 years of age.
The power of **COMMUNITY**
starts with generous **PEOPLE**.

Whether your love of education leads to the creation of a scholarship, your support of a local charity inspires the creation of an endowment, or you wish to make donations to a variety of nonprofits from a Donor-Advised Fund, ETCF supports you by offering simple, tax-smart ways to achieve your charitable goals.

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**East Texas Giving Day**

April 26, 2022

6am - midnight

East Texas Giving Day is an online event that provides critical funding and celebrates the work of our area nonprofits.

**GO** to EastTexasGivingDay.org

**CHOOSE** a cause(s).

**GIVE** a minimum of $10.

**RAISE** money to help our community!

Can’t Wait to Give? Early Giving Starts April 4th!

EastTexasGivingDay.org

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