

# THE GOOD NEWS

AMERICAN LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION  
**GOOD DEEDS**  
FOUNDATION



## Thank You All

I can't believe it. I can't believe that, in just four months, the American Land Title Association stood up a non-profit organization. I can't believe that, in less than a year, ALTA members donated more than \$600,000 to the ALTA Good Deeds Foundation. I can't believe it—and yet I knew we could do it.

Your donations have allowed the Foundation to support the charitable efforts of title professionals—your peers—as they work to build and strengthen their local communities and exemplify the title industry's values of We Lead, We Deliver, We Protect. It is your mindset of service and community that provided the inspiration for this project. In truth, community is not based on our ability to physically see and touch each other, but rather the connection and care we show for each other, especially in times of need. It was your good deeds—from the donations of face masks, food and funds to those in need at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to the late-night meetings and extra miles traveled to make real estate transactions more convenient for your every-day customers—that made us want to amplify the ways in which you're giving back to communities all around the country.

I have been honored to serve as Chair during the Foundation's inception. I would like to thank the other Foundation Board Members who have volunteered their time and resources to support this endeavor. They are: Cynthia Durham Blair NTP, Blair Cato Pickren Casterline LLC; Steven Day NTP, FNF Family of Cos.; Donald Kennedy,

First American Title Insurance Co.; Richard Welshons, DCA Title; and Diane Tomb, American Land Title Association.

So far, the Foundation has awarded \$130,000 to 22 non-profit organizations! From food banks to housing- and mortgage-assistance programs to a community for homeless U.S. veterans, we are all incredibly proud of our ALTA members who work to support these charities as well as the Foundation's ability to further these good deeds through fundraising.

We have received a record 75 applications for the next round of grants that will be awarded in October. I cannot wait to stand on stage at ALTA ONE in New Orleans and announce all of the organizations that will be receiving funds from the Foundation. Of course, we cannot continue our efforts without your support! If you would like to donate to the Foundation, please visit [www.altagooddeeds.org/donate](http://www.altagooddeeds.org/donate).

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for helping make this dream a reality.

Regards,

ALTA Past President Mary O'Donnell  
ALTA Good Deeds Foundation Chair

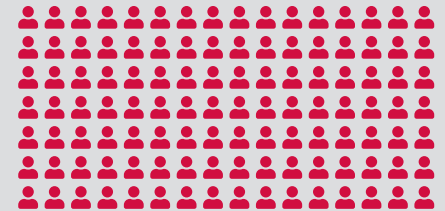


## YEAR ONE By the Numbers

6 VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS



112 INDIVIDUALS DONATED



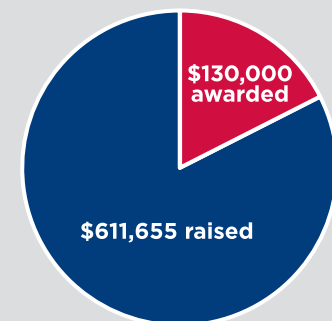
72 COMPANIES DONATED



22 ORGANIZATIONS  
RECEIVED FUNDING



54 APPLICATIONS  
RECEIVED IN  
ROUND ONE



# The Impact of Your Gifts

*Thank you so much! This is wonderful news. You chose an excellent and worthy cause to support. I appreciate all ALTA does to help our communities. We were fortunate to be in an industry that did not suffer economically during the last year. I know the homeless population has had an extremely hard year.*



Amy von Seebach  
nominated Be a Blessing Birmingham

*These have not been easy times for any of us. The climate of uncertainty makes it even more challenging. The one thing we know for certain is that now, more than ever, HOME matters... We have 18 more families waiting to purchase their Habitat home and every single one of them is in desperate need of an affordable place to call home. Your donation of \$6,000 helps us continue building so that these families will have the opportunity to purchase their homes as soon as possible.*



Cathy Collins  
CEO of Habitat for Humanity – Coastal Fairfield County

*There are no words to express the jubilation and appreciation as a recipient of the ALTA Good Deeds Foundation grant. Thank you for your support to our military and OASIS. We cannot continue our mission of sending care packages to our troops serving on the global war on terror, or provide ROTC scholarships without the support from organizations such as yours. There are no words. It is both an honor and privilege to be selected as a grant recipient. Please know we are humbled and proud to be chosen for this commemorative award. On behalf of the OASIS organization and its members, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*



Tess Brady Heribacka  
nominated and co-founded  
Operation America Standing in Support

*Thank you to you and the ALTA Good Deeds Foundation for selecting the William Michael Stromsodt Memorial Foundation as a 2021 grant recipient. This is an extremely generous grant, and a gift of this magnitude significantly impacts our ability to function as a small non-profit organization for years to come... We would also like to extend our thanks to the many generous donors who made the grants possible. It is unique to see an industry as a whole rally behind its people to support the programs and causes that are important to them. These grants not only extend serious financial support, but also validate the hard work that they do to make their communities better.*



Nick Stromsodt  
nominated and president of  
WMS Memorial Foundation

## Local Spotlight: Harper TX



## AGDF Awards \$125k in Grants



# Year One Grant Recipients



Burlington  
Recreation  
Commission



| 2021 Giving Levels | Underwriter       | Partner<br><i>vendors, associate members</i> | Agency or Individual |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| Protector          | \$25,000+         | \$25,000+                                    | \$10,000+            |
| Dream Maker        | \$15,000-\$24,999 | \$15,000-\$24,999                            | \$5,000-\$9,999      |
| Guardian           | \$10,000-\$14,999 | \$10,000-\$14,999                            | \$2,500-\$4,999      |
| Closer             | \$5,000-\$9,999   | \$5,000-\$9,999                              | \$1,000-\$2,499      |
| Defender           | \$2,500-\$4,999   | \$2,500-\$4,999                              | \$500-\$999          |
| Coach              |                   |  | \$250-\$499          |
| Problem Solver     |                   |  | \$100-\$249          |

# 2020 Grant Recipients and Nominees

## Alabama

### **Be A Blessing Birmingham**

*Birmingham*

*Amye von Seebach*

*Canopy Title*

## California

### **Hamilton Families**

*San Francisco*

*Matt Kaufman*

*Qualia*

## Connecticut

### **Habitat for Humanity - Coastal Fairfield Chapter**

*Bridgeport*

*Robert Picone*

*CATIC*

## District of Columbia

### **GRACE in Action**

*Washington*

*Katie Griffin*

*KVS Title*

## Florida

### **H.O.M.E.S., INC.**

*Fort Lauderdale*

*Michael Abbey*

*First American Title Company*

### **Operation America Standing In Support (OASIS)**

*Merritt Island*

*Tess Brady Heribacka*

*Attorneys Title Fund Services*

### **Rebuilding Together North Central Florida, Inc.**

*Gainesville*

*Crystal Curran*

*Alachua Title Services, LLC*

## Kentucky

### **Greenhouse17**

*Lexington*

*Sharon Crissey*

*All Kentucky Title, LLC*

## Maryland

### **Caring Cupboard LLC**

*Pasadena*

*Susan Coakley*

*Security Title Guarantee*

*Corporation of Baltimore*

## Minnesota

### **Spare Key**

*St. Paul*

*Barbara Rodriguez*

*Network Title, Inc.*

### **William Michael Stromsodt Memorial Foundation (WMS Memorial Foundation)**

*Fisher*

*Nicholas Stromsodt*

*Neil Law Firm, P.C.*

## New Jersey

### **Revive South Jersey**

*Bridgeton*

*Carolyn King*

*Dominion Title Services/Bridgeton, Inc.*

## New York

### **Tunnel to Towers Foundation**

*Staten Island*

*ALTA Good Deeds*

*Foundation Board*

## North Dakota

### **Burlington Recreation Commission**

*Burlington*

*Paula Bachmeier*

*North Dakota Guaranty & Title Co.*

## Ohio

### **Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland**

*Cleveland*

*Glen Stout*

*NATIC*

### **The Baldrick Group Nonprofit, LLC, dba "The Columbus Project"**

*Columbus*

*Ken Donchatz*

*Apex Title Agency*

## Pennsylvania

### **Owen J. Roberts**

### **Education Foundation**

*Pottstown*

*Danielle Ewing*

*Fidelity National Title Insurance*

*Company*

## South Carolina

### **The Literacy Center**

*Bluffton*

*James Bannon*

*Bannon Law Firm*

## Texas

### **Harper Volunteer Fire Department**

*Harper*

*Aaron Davis*

*Florida Agency Network*

## Washington

### **2nd Harvest**

*Spokane*

*Anthony Carollo*

*Vista Title & Escrow*

## West Virginia

### **Kanawha Valley Collective**

*Charleston*

*Tamara Strickland*

*Fidelity National Financial*

## Wyoming

### **AMNACS (Veteran Village)**

*Sheridan*

*Sasha Johnston*

*Sheridan County Title Insurance*

*Agency*