THE Michael James Cotton FOUNDATION

One Heart Touching Many

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FOUNDERS CORNER



Welcome to our newsletter's new look!

Our momentum is truly building — we are proud to share that we have now awarded 225 grants in less than three years. Beyond the numbers, our mission is defined by the real lives transformed through this support.

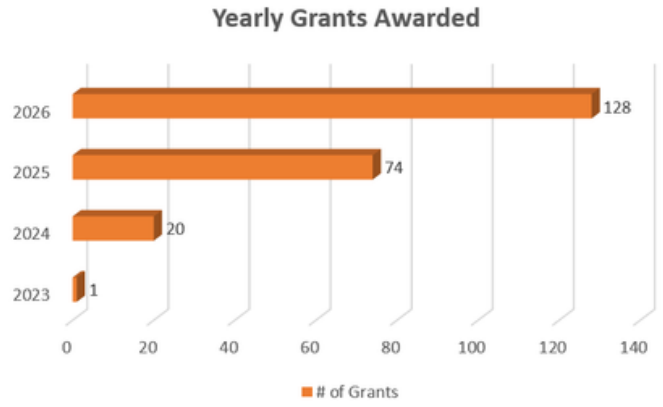
This quarter, we are honored to celebrate a major milestone with one of our grant recipients, Aaron, who recently reached two years of continuous sobriety. His courage and dedication are a powerful reminder of why this work matters.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we are actively saving and restoring lives.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

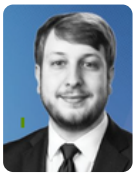
Achieving Record Growth:
221 total grants awarded

In 2023, 1 grant was awarded.
In 2024, 20 grants were awarded.
In 2025, 72 were awarded.
In 2026, year to date, 128 grants awarded.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

"Sober living saved my life - I only wish I had found it sooner"



Click here to read Chris Zollman's powerful story of recovery, the brotherhood behind Stepping Stones of Atlanta, and how hands-on foundation support is opening doors for young men in need.

TESTIMONIALS



From a life-changing grant in 2024 to two years clean and sober — Aaron's journey is proof that recovery is possible. It hasn't always been easy, but it's been a massive success.

Click here to read more about Aaron's success

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WHERE HEALING BEGINS

Real healing begins after rehab. When you give monthly, you step into the gap—providing young adults with vital Sober Living and aftercare support right when they need it most.

The reality? **40% to 60% of individuals relapse within their first year when returning directly home from rehab.***

Your recurring monthly gift changes that narrative. By providing immediate housing, accountability, and continued care, you give young adults the runway they need to thrive in recovery.

Stand with someone rebuilding their life.

Click here to start your recurring gift

*National Institutes of Health

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Planning is officially underway for our (4th annual) **2027 Gala June 5, at Lakeway Resort and Spa**, and we need your time and talent to make it our most impactful event yet!

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to join our existing committees:

- **Sponsorship:** Connect with corporate partners and donors to fuel our mission.
- **Live Auction:** Source exclusive packages and unique experiences for the main stage.
- **Silent Auction:** Gather and curate items for our silent auction bidding.
- **General Operations**: Assist with event planning, logistics, and execution.

Our annual gala directly funds the life-changing grants we award every year. Whether you have professional expertise or simply a passion for giving back, your support makes a tremendous difference.

Get involved with a minimal time commitment and be part of a bigger team!

To join a committee or discover how you can help, contact us at contact@themjcfoundation.org

CORPORATE MATCHING

We're grateful to the corporations that amplify their employees' generosity through matching gifts. If your employer offers this benefit, we'd love to help you get connected.

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