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INSPIRING ACTS OF KINDNESS

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has unfolded over the past few months, it has up-ended life for nearly everyone. While social distancing and stay-at-home orders have kept communities and families apart, people still find ways to be connected. And, in some cases, that connection has come by helping each other.

As financial insecurity and uncertainty about the future have risen, so have stories of acts of kindness from individuals and groups alike. Neighbors cooking meals for the elderly in their neighborhoods. Student groups collecting non-perishable food for families in need. Volunteers running errands for those in quarantine and most at risk for infection. And, we can't forget the remarkable acts of kindness from the front-lines of the pandemic; healthcare workers risking their own safety in service of others.

Here at Landon Padgett Memorial Fund, we've experienced our fair share of kindness as well. In early March, we knew we had to postpone our Run For a Dream 5K and 1M Fun Run to do our part to keep families healthy and safe. Postponing meant, though, that we would be limited in how many scholarships we could award this year - until we got a phone call. An incredibly generous donation from one of our founding donors and Landon's uncle, **Eddie Van Buren**, changed everything! Thanks in part to Eddie's sizable gift, we just awarded **\$7,000** in scholarships to six Bleckley County High School seniors. That means, in just two years of our **Landon Padgett Memorial Fund Scholarship** program, donors have funded **\$17,000** in awards to eleven college-bound seniors from Landon's high school alma mater. Thank you Eddie and the rest of our LPMF family for making this possible!

Remarkably, even with so much uncertainty, we continued to receive gifts in support of our other program as well - the **Landon Padgett Patient Family Assistance Program at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta**. This program, which we created to provide financial assistance to families of kids at the Sibley Heart Center Cardiology, has proven very popular with our donor family. And with COVID-19 related layoffs, furloughs and job cuts soaring, these families need our help more than ever. We're so excited to share that thanks to your many donations, this program now has **\$5,000** to help these families pay for gas, food, lodging and other short-term financial needs. With some of the financial pressure alleviated, families can now just spend time with their kids; helping them heal.

Through the pandemic, online donations kept coming. Checks still showed up in the mail. And a single phone call helped some incredible high school seniors realize their dream of going to college. During times of plenty, these acts of kindness would be remarkable. In the middle of an international health and financial crisis, though, they're humbling beyond words.

We recognized early on that our LPMF donor family was an amazing community of people. Now we see that you share Landon's giving spirit and commitment to serving those in need. We're honored to call you family and grateful for the inspiring acts of kindness you've shown in the first half of 2020.



TONY SHIVER

FOUNDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INTRODUCING THE 2020 LPMF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On May 11th, we awarded **\$7,000** in scholarships to six outstanding graduating seniors from Bleckley County High School. Like Landon, these young people have left an indelible mark on their communities. We're so proud of these students and know they'll do great things!

BROOKS BRASWELL

School: Middle Georgia State University
Intended Major: Electrical Engineering

This scholarship means that I can go to college without having to worry about money at all. I can relax and take the courses that I need to take without having to stress about if I have the funds to take a few extra classes.

Thank you for your generosity. Because of you, I am able to go into my first year of college and not worry about affecting my family's day to day life.



ANNA-CATHRYN BROWN

School: Lagrange College
Intended Major: Education

I am honored to have received the Landon Padgett Scholarship. He was a person who changed people for the better. I am thankful for the chance to continue his legacy of compassion and respect for others.

I would like to say thank you to the donors of the Landon Padgett Scholarship. I vow to continue to live my life in a way that honors Landon's memory.



Landon Padgett Memorial Scholarships honor Landon's pursuit of knowledge by recognizing incredible young people who share that commitment.

SHAYLA DEAN

School: University of Georgia
Intended Major: Biology

Winning this scholarship means the world to me. I plan to attend veterinary school, and every dollar of scholarship money helps this dream happen.

I'm so grateful to everyone who made this scholarship possible and supported the dreams of graduating seniors.



AUSTIN PEREZ

School: University of North Georgia

Being a recipient of the Landon Padgett Memorial Scholarships helps me move one step closer to my goal of becoming a pediatric oncology nurse practitioner. I am so thankful I get to continue Landon's legacy knowing he has contributed to my future.



To the donors, thank you so much for giving your hard earned money in memory of the life of Landon. Thank you for providing an opportunity for me to further my education. I hope one day I can "pay it forward" by entering the medical field, providing a positive influence on the world around me, and spending my life in the service of others.

EMILY SANDERS

School: Middle Georgia State University
Intended Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders

Being a recipient of the Landon Padgett Memorial Scholarship is a huge honor. Being awarded this scholarship allows me to continue my education and have the resources I need in order to be successful as I honor Landon's memory.

I would like to thank the donors who gave money to help fund my scholarship. I am so appreciative of your generosity and the opportunities this scholarship brings to me.



CAROLINE TURKNETT

School: University of Georgia
Intended Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders

Winning this scholarship means the world to me. I have always been very passionate about helping others and changing lives. I am honored to have the opportunity to help continue Landon's legacy.

I want to thank the Landon Padgett Memorial Scholarship donors for contributing to my education. I am thankful to be a part of a loving community that is willing to donate their time and money to help others like me pursue our dreams and goals so that in turn I can use my future degree as a speech pathologist to help others. It's a gift that keeps on giving!



2020 DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

The following organizations, families and individuals have made generous gifts and provided much needed support so far this year*.

Amanda Brown	Lonnie and Carol Thomas
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Julia Lucas	
Leanna Noah	

*Run For a Dream donors, participants and sponsors will be recognized in our next newsletter

LPMF STICKER - THANK YOU !

The enclosed sticker is a small token of our appreciation. We hope you'll display it proudly and remember how grateful we are for your support.



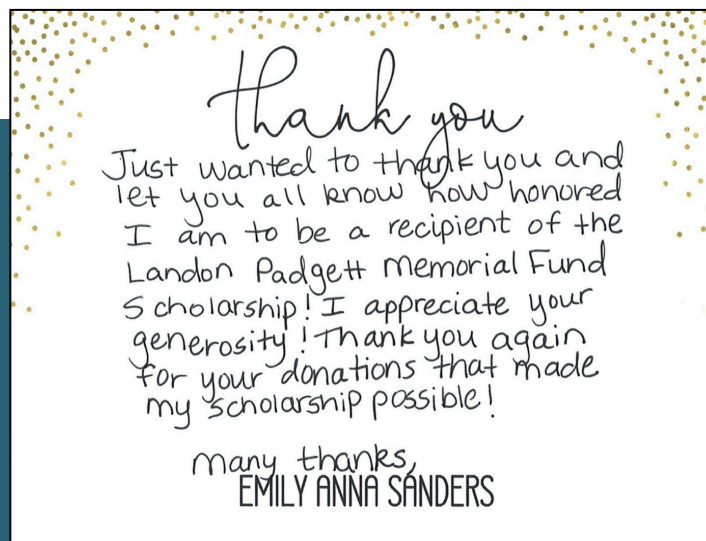
We are committed to maximizing the impact of your gifts. To ensure that 100% of your gifts goes to our programs, the Board of Trustees covered the cost of these stickers.



RUN FOR A DREAM 5K & 1M FUN RUN RESCHEDULED !!

Thank you for your patience while we worked to reschedule the inaugural **Run for a Dream 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run**. The event will now be held on **December 5, 2020**. Please visit londonpadgett.org/run for updated information about the event. And, like us on Facebook to receive regular updates as we get closer to race day.

Proceeds from the event will fund our two programs benefiting the health and well-being of children and young people. We designed this event to reflect Landon's love of running, his hometown of Cochran and the children and families he met as a nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.



Thank you card from Emily Sanders,
2020 LPMF Scholarship Recipient

A GIVING CHECKLIST



100% of your donation supports children and young people and is 100% tax deductible

Our donors have accomplished so much in nearly two years of Landon Padgett Memorial Fund. Your gifts have already changed the lives of children and young people.

How can you help Landon Padgett Memorial Fund do even more great work? Here are five simple things you can do:

GIVING IS EASY



ONLINE

Go to <http://www.landonpadgett.org/give>
Then, select which program you'd like to support.



MAIL

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VOLUNTEER

We are dedicated to delivering life-changing programs. That sometimes requires specialized skills in areas like marketing, social media, accounting and event planning. If you're interested in volunteering, email info@landonpadgett.org. Help us make a difference!



FACEBOOK

Donors and Board members have raised over \$6,000 for our programs by creating Facebook Birthday Fundraisers. So, like us on Facebook. Then, create a birthday fundraiser for LPMF. To get started, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/fund/landonpadgettmemorialfund/>



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