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# A Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the **2025 Celebration of Philanthropy Awards Luncheon**. Today is a day of gratitude and recognition where we pause to honor the individuals and organizations who are truly shaping the future of Mississippi through their generosity and unwavering commitment to community.

Philanthropy is more than giving. It is the belief that we are all connected, and that by lifting others, we lift ourselves. It is about vision, compassion, and the courage to act. Each of today's honorees exemplifies these values in extraordinary ways, and we are proud to share their stories and celebrate their impact.

This event also serves as a reminder of the power we hold when we come together. Whether you are a donor, a nonprofit partner, a community leader, or a supporter of this work, your presence here matters. Your belief in collective efforts help lay the groundwork for lasting change.

On behalf of the **Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy**, thank you for being part of this celebration.

Thank you for believing in the power of giving—and for making Mississippi stronger, more connected, and more hopeful every day.

With deep appreciation,

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Ellen Collins

Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy



## Program

#### 2025 PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR

Honoring Mississippi's Changemakers

Hosted by Maggie Wade
Award-Winning Journalist, WLBT TV-3

11:30 a.m.

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**Fllen Collins** 

Executive Director

MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy

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#### LUNCH

#### PRESENTATION OF PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Haley Fisackerly President and CEO, Entergy Mississippi

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ann Marie Kinnel & Lloyd Gray
Board Chair & Vice-Chair
MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy

Music provided by Jessie Primer, Jazz Saxophonist

### Host

### MAGGIE WADE



Maggie Wade is a proud native of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and a graduate of Utica High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Mississippi College.

Maggie began her college journey at Jackson State University—becoming the 89th member of her family to attend JSU—before transferring to Mississippi College to pursue a career in corporate law. It was there she discovered a passion for broadcasting. While at MC, she worked with the campus radio station, WHJT-FM, and went on to serve as a radio announcer, marketing researcher, and weekend news anchor at WJDX-MISS 103.

Her broadcast career took a significant leap during her senior year when she joined WLBT as a news anchor. Maggie has since earned widespread recognition for her excellence in journalism, including an Emmy nomination. In May 2017, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Belhaven University in recognition of her contributions to media and community service.

Throughout her career, Maggie has received more than 500 accolades. Among the most notable, she was honored by the United States Congress in October 2011 as an *Angel in Adoption*, a distinction she also received in 2001. She was appointed by Governor Haley Barbour to a three-year term on the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service. In recognition of her lasting impact on broadcasting in the state, she is a distinguished member of the Mississippi Association of Public Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Maggie has also appeared on the silver screen, with roles in A Time to Kill and Ghosts of Mississippi, directed by Rob Reiner.

In addition to her work in media, Maggie has served as an adjunct professor at Belhaven University for nearly 14 years, sharing her knowledge and passion with the next generation of professionals. She is married to a proud U.S. Navy veteran, and together they have two children and one granddaughter.

## Keynote Speaker

### HALEY FISACKERLY



Haley Fisackerly is president and CEO of Entergy Mississippi, an electric utility that serves more than 459,000 customers in 45 Mississippi counties. He is responsible for the company's safe and reliable service, financial performance, customer service, regulatory and public affairs, resource planning, economic development programs, and charitable contributions.

A champion of workforce development, Fisackerly works with the Mississippi Economic Council and other partners to improve educational opportunities and job growth, and Entergy has committed millions of dollars toward workforce development in the Mississippi service territory. Under his leadership, the company played an integral role in securing Amazon Web Services' historic \$10 billion investment in Mississippi.

Fisackerly also spearheaded a partnership with C Spire and the Mississippi Public Service Commission to help bring rural broadband services to underserved communities in the state.

## 2025 Honorees

#### Corporate Philanthropist of the Year

#### Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Group, CORINTH, MS

Presented by Mike Clayborne
Executive Director, Create Foundation

#### Foundation of the Year

#### Maddox Foundation, HERNANDO, MS

Presented by Patrick Weems
Executive Director, Emmett Till Interpretive Center

#### **Emerging Philanthropist of the Year**

#### Temprance Williams-Bell, GULFPORT, MS

Presented by Dr. Christen Duhé
President & Executive Director, Gulf Coast Community Foundation

#### Legacy Philanthropists of the Year

#### Dave and Anna Treutel, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS

Presented by Dr. Christen Duhé
President & Executive Director, Gulf Coast Community Foundation

#### Community Impact Philanthropist of the Year

Junior League of Jackson, JACKSON, MS

Presented by Melanie Powell Executive Director, Women's Foundation of Mississippi Corporate Philanthropist of the Year

## **Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Group**

CORINTH, MS

Corinth Coca-Cola Bottling Group has exemplified exceptional philanthropy and community leadership since 1905. They are one of less than 70 independently owned U.S. Coca-Cola bottlers. Four generations of family have worked the business, with six facilities and almost 500 associates, the company has become a multigenerational workplace for many families.

They have become the cornerstone of philanthropic excellence and community leadership in Northeast Mississippi. Their contributions include support for Corinth/Alcorn Parks and Recreation, The Alliance, the Northeast Mississippi Recovery Fund, and a scholarship program for employees' children, fostering opportunities for the next generation of leaders in the community.

A key highlight of their philanthropy is their major support for the Corinth-Alcorn Reaching for Excellence Fund, which funded the CARE Honor Garden and Depot Complex in Downtown Corinth. This venue has hosted a variety of community events while maintaining its mission to celebrate the unique spirit of Corinth and Alcorn County. Coca-Cola's leadership extends to projects like the Corinth School District Foundation, Corinth Symphony, and the founding of the Corinth 10k race, which has been held for 44 years. Their unwavering dedication to making a positive difference in the community has inspired others to follow suit, and their legacy of giving continues to thrive.

### Foundation of the Year

### Maddox Foundation



HERNANDO, MS

The Maddox Foundation has proudly served as a trusted partner in philanthropy in Mississippi, known for making bold, transformational investments that leave a lasting legacy. Their work spans across racial reconciliation, food security, arts and education, and nonprofit sustainability. Notable initiatives include a seven-figure grant for the Emmett Till traveling exhibit, endowment support for the GRAMMY Museum Mississippi, and a multimillion-dollar commitment to combat food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Far beyond writing checks, the foundation's board actively engages with grantees through site visits, strategic planning, and operational support. Through its signature investments and endowment-building efforts, the Maddox Foundation has redefined what it means to be a philanthropic leader in Mississippi.

In addition to direct financial support, the Maddox Foundation demonstrates an unwavering commitment to systemic change by empowering nonprofits across the state..From establishing endowments to fostering a culture of giving, the Foundation's approach is strategic, hands-on, and deeply rooted in the belief that real change happens when communities are equipped with the resources and resilience to thrive. Through innovative partnerships, the Maddox Foundation continues to inspire a ripple effect of hope and progress throughout Mississippi.

Emerging Philanthropist of the Year

## Temprance Williams-Bell

**GULFPORT, MS** 

Temprance is a dedicated philanthropist, mentor, and community advocate with a deep passion for creating meaningful and lasting impact. Guided by a heart for service and a vision of collective uplift, she devotes her time and expertise to initiatives that promote empowerment, education, and overall well-being.

A proud member of the **Junior Auxiliary of Biloxi-Ocean Springs**, she supports programs designed to enrich the lives of children and families. As a mentor with **Our Village United**, Temprance empowers aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners by sharing her knowledge, insights, and experience to help them navigate their paths to success. In addition, she is an active contributor to the **Gulf Coast Community Foundation**, playing a pivotal role in strengthening the capacity of nonprofit organizations through program support and community outreach.

In 2024, she received several honors recognizing her leadership and contributions to her community, including: **Nominee**, *Top 100 Successful Women You Need to Know* (Class of 2024); **Entrepreneur Finalist**, *Lighthouse Business & Professional Women*; **Premier Featured Brand**, *Women Entrepreneurs Unleashed*; and **Cover Feature**, *Huami Magazine* (February/March 2024 Edition)

Her personal and professional philosophy is rooted in gratitude, service, and a commitment to uplifting others. Whether through mentorship, advocacy, or strategic philanthropy, she views every effort as an opportunity to spark meaningful change and inspire others to lead with purpose.

Legacy Philanthropists of the Year

## David A. Treutel & Dr. Anna Treutel

BAY ST. LOUIS, MS

David A. Treutel, Jr. is President and CEO of Treutel Insurance Agency and T&T Financial Services. A magna cum laude graduate of the University of Mississippi, he has served on multiple banking boards and helped launch key organizations such as the Gulf Coast Business Council and the Knight Nonprofit Center. After surviving leukemia in 2016, he deepened his commitment to community service, believing that meaningful change begins with small acts of kindness.

Dr. Anna Treutel holds a B.A. and MBA from Florida State University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Notre Dame. With extensive experience in healthcare administration, she is also deeply engaged in community work through Impact 100, the GivHer Circle, and The Shrine of the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Inspired by her father's belief in limitless potential and supported by her husband, Anna is driven by a shared mission to lead with purpose and give back.

## Community Impact Philanthropist of the Year

## Junior League of Jackson

JACKSON, MS

The Junior League of Jackson is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. The Junior League of Jackson makes a measurable impact through building partnerships and inspiring shared solutions to improve the quality of life of those in our community. Each year, the Junior League of Jackson contributes over 55,000 volunteer hours to community partners through more than 30 projects and initiatives. The Junior League of Jackson supports children and their caregivers in the Jackson area to increase student success through three focus areas: academic growth, essential needs, and health and mental well-being.

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