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**Photo Attached: (From left):** Debra Sweet, Weir Cook Memorial Project (WCMP) board member, Christy Broady, WCMP Board President, and Kara Harrison, Hancock County Community Foundation Community Investment & Grants Officer



The Hancock County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded the Weir Cook Memorial Project (WCMP) a \$1,000 grant from the W. H. and Lola Reason Endowment for Patriotism Fund and HCCF's Enrichment Fund, an unrestricted component fund of HCCF.

The mission of WCMP is to educate the public, especially youth, on the roles of aviation pioneers and military heroes through public displays, exhibits and events.

HCCF awarded the grant to WCMP to help fund the Weir Cook Community Day and Fundraiser on June 24, 2017 in conjunction with the Town of Wilkinson's annual garage sale. WCMP will particularly focus on educating the public that day about World War II and how the Tootsie Roll saved the lives of the "Frozen Chosen" with activities for all ages.

HCCF works with caring individuals, families, and organizations to create or grow existing permanent funds called endowments. These funds generate income that is distributed in the form of grants and scholarships to enrich and enhance life in Hancock County, as well as support the donor's favorite charitable causes, both at home and afar forever. HCCF has granted over \$10 million since its inception in 1992.

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