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Today: Dr. Cheryl Fondren, Director Success by Six (United Way)

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Dr. Fondren had a long career with public schools in West Alabama, serving as: Director of Federal Programs, Pre-K Coordinator, principal, assistant principal, reading coach, and teacher. Dr. Fondren earned her PhD in Elementary Education and her Educational Specialist degree in Early Childhood Education from UA. She has a Master of Education and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary & Early Childhood Education from the University of Montevallo. Dr. Fondren received Certified Instructional Leader (CIL) certification from the Council for Leaders in Alabama's Schools. Dr. Fondren is also a graduate of The University of Alabama Superintendent's Academy and completed training as a mentor with the National Urban Alliance.

After 27 years of work in the public schools, Dr. Fondren "retired" to pursue a career with the United Way of West Alabama. As **Success By 6** Director she is able to continue to her passion for helping young children and families. The mission of **Success By 6** is to ensure every child in West Alabama enters first grade healthy, confident, and ready to learn. **Success by 6** Programs include the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Jump Start, and the Bright Minds Volunteer Reading Program. **Success By 6** also sponsors special events like *Read for the Record* and *Read Across America* to help emphasize the importance of early literacy.

Dr. Fondren is actively involved in her church and community and enjoys reading, gardening, and spending time outdoors with her family. She has three sons, Will & Zach (21) and Jake (16). When she's not at the office, you'll find her at the baseball field watching her youngest son's games or digging in the dirt at her home.



Photo for the Week

Te Rewa Rewa Bridge, a popular landmark in New Zealand, with Mount Taranaki in the background. Te Rewa Rewa Bridge is a pedestrian and cycleway bridge across the Waiwhakaiho River at New Plymouth. The bridge has won a number of awards including the Arthur G. Hayden Medal for a single recent outstanding achievement in bridge engineering demonstrating innovation in special use bridges and others for excellence, aesthetics category, industry Roading New Zealand, and commercial facilities.

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