THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

OUR FIRST NAME IS COMMUNITY

1978 to 2008
30 YEARS OF HOMEGROWN PHILANTHROPY
2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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What We Do

The Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization, created in 1978, that provides:

**Personalized service** to make your giving easy, flexible and effective. We accept a variety of gifts, offer custom fund options to suit your needs, and all gifts receive maximum tax advantages. We do all this with operating costs of less than one percent of our assets.

**Local expertise** with a professional staff that understands the issues and opportunities shaping our region. We monitor all areas of community need and can help you learn about the most effective organizations and programs serving your areas of interest.

**Strong leadership** that invests in the most promising endeavors for our mountain communities and responsibly manages $164.4 million in charitable assets. We ensure your giving will effectively benefit generations to come.

Our Mission

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina promotes and expands regional philanthropy and develops local funds that address changing needs and opportunities in the 18 counties of Western North Carolina.

WNC Counties

Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey

On The Cover:
Farm and Fence Lines in the Snow, 1991
Lake Junaluska, Haywood County, NC

Pictured Right:
B. W. Payne and Family, Taking Break, 1981
Little Pine Creek, Madison County, NC
THREE DECADES AGO  The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina began planting the seeds of philanthropy that enhance and preserve our mountain way of life. This year, we awarded our one hundred millionth charitable grant dollar. These dollars have addressed many of the pressing issues facing our region’s communities in the eighteen counties of Western North Carolina we call home. By connecting our donors’ passion with purpose, The Community Foundation has become a leading voice and catalyst for solutions to the region’s most challenging problems and promising opportunities. Thanks to these visionary donors, future generations will reap a bountiful harvest from homegrown philanthropy that supports and sustains our way of life. After all, our first name is community.
Family Putting Up Hay, 1986
Shelton Laurel
Madison County, NC
It is with great pride that we celebrate 30 years of serving the 18 counties of Western North Carolina, and reflect on the growth and change of our region and The Community Foundation along with it.

Founded in 1978, the Foundation awarded its first grants of $7,575 in 1980. By comparison, grantmaking totaled more than $11 million in 2008 to hundreds of nonprofits, many of which did not exist 30 years ago. Thanks to a strong partnership with our donors, The Community Foundation has distributed more than $100 million in grants and scholarships over the past 30 years. This $100 million investment, primarily in the nonprofits across our mountains, has helped us face the compelling issues of our time: assisting the needy when the economy struggles; developing the talent of young citizens so our future will be strong; cleaning up the environment so we can enjoy healthier lives and protect our region’s natural beauty; and addressing local needs when government support falls short and services are cut.

As our mountain communities are facing unprecedented growth and change, The Community Foundation has stepped up to bring together local citizens to develop local solutions. Backed by two years of planning and research, the Mountain Landscapes Initiative unfolded during the past year. We hope you will read, on page 24, about this important long-term effort to help citizens and communities in our 18 counties plan for development and economic growth that doesn’t sacrifice community character or threaten the natural assets that attract new people and new investment to our mountains.

The importance of building private resources that will provide a strong helping hand from one generation to the next has never been greater. The wonderful news is that our never-ending help will continue to grow as The Community Foundation grows, demonstrated over the past 10 years by growth in assets from $50 million in 1998 to a wonderful pool of homegrown philanthropy that topped $170 million in 2008. We thank more than 800 people, who have each established their own unique charitable fund, for this precious community treasure and powerful impact. Countless others have made gifts to these funds and the many important issues the Foundation strives to address.

Today, The Community Foundation is a strong, vibrant agent of change in Western North Carolina. In the coming year, we will begin a new era of executive leadership as Pat’s 25 years of extraordinary service to the Foundation comes to a close. There is exciting and important work to be done and a tremendous legacy to carry forward. Please join us as we look to the future and continue to build philanthropy for this wonderful mountain region that we all love.
Board of Directors
Since 1978, 132 men and women have served as Directors of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, ensuring the Foundation is governed with community input. Their oversight guides all aspects of the Foundation’s operations, from grantmaking to investments, fundraising to special initiatives.

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Celebrating 30 Years of Homegrown Philanthropy
MORE THAN $100 MILLION IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Thirty years ago, retired businessman Ray Hust and a group of local visionaries decided to create a permanent and lasting resource that would enhance and improve our quality of life. The Community Foundation exists today thanks to their foresight and through the generosity of thousands of people since who have chosen to partner with the Foundation to support important causes, nonprofit organizations and communities large and small throughout Western North Carolina. Thanks to this “homegrown philanthropy,” the Foundation has grown to $164.4 million in charitable assets while distributing more than $100 million in grants and scholarships across our 18-county mountain region and beyond.

**ASSET GROWTH 1978 - 2008**

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**GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS 1978 - 2008**

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**Founded**
1978

**Assets**
$164.4 million

**Operating Costs**
less than 1% of assets

**Contributions Received**
$16.5 million year ended 6/30/08

**Funds**
97 new funds established during the year
28 new planned gifts created this year
828 total funds created by individuals and families since 1978

**Grants**
$11.9 million awarded this year
» $9 million in donor-advised distributions
» $2.5 million in competitive grants
» $415,604 in scholarships

**Types of Support**
Broad-based grantmaking in the areas of:
- Advancing the Arts
- Assisting People in Need
- Building Community and Economic Vitality
- Improving Educational Opportunities
- Enhancing the Environment
- Promoting Quality Health

**Area Served**
18 western counties of North Carolina
More than $100 Million Distributed Since 1978
THIS YEAR’S GRANTS AND GIVING: $11.9 MILLION

A Advancing the Arts
$634,835
Expanding cultural and heritage offerings, assisting museums and cultural institutions

B Assisting
People in Need
$3,579,467
Meeting basic needs, reaching the disadvantaged through early intervention and helping people facing challenges become more self-sufficient

C Building Community and Economic Vitality
$2,159,687
Providing economic opportunities, improving affordable housing, and encouraging civic engagement and community improvements

D Improving Educational Opportunities
$1,853,043
Supporting creative approaches to improve education in the public schools and the community

E Scholarships
$415,604
Helping WNC students pursue higher education

F Enhancing the Environment
$924,792
Addressing challenges through education and initiatives to preserve and protect our natural resources

G Promoting Quality Health
$1,104,691
Extending access and supporting health services, encouraging health and wellness programs

H Religion
$1,260,113
Donor-advised gifts to churches and religious institutions
Major Milestones in Our History

1978
December 20, 1978
The Community Foundation begins as “The Community Foundation of Greater Asheville” thanks to founder Ray Hust and support from United Way and the Junior League. Operations are run by dedicated volunteers in donated office space.

1982
The Board expands the scope of service of the Foundation to the 18-county mountain region, and the organization becomes “The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.” Assets reach $310,000 and the first competitive grants, totaling $10,600, are awarded.

1985
Foundation assets triple to reach more than $1.5 million. Charitable distributions top $450,000 and competitive grants for the year – ranging in size from $1,000 - $2,500 – total $10,275 to eight nonprofits.

1990
Pat Smith is hired as the Foundation’s first full-time executive director. The Community Foundation surpasses $5 million in assets. The Forster-Stevens Scholarship program is established, providing scholarships to more than 40 WNC students each year.

1991
Philanthropist Julian Price creates the multi-million dollar Dogwood Fund, the Foundation’s largest endowment at the time. As a result, competitive grantmaking expands significantly.

1992
The first affiliate fund of the Foundation, the Cashiers Community Fund, is established. Eight affiliates follow in later years in the communities of Highlands and Black Mountain and counties of Haywood, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Transylvania and Yancey.

1993
In the 15th anniversary year, the Foundation has three staff members. Assets top $10 million.

1994
Frances Farningh establishes a fund to support hands-on learning in rural mountain classrooms and the Learning Links grant program is born.

1995
Assets jump to $25 million and grants total $1.2 million. Two new grant programs begin: Summertime Kids, providing summer activities to disadvantaged children; and the Pigeon River Fund, established by CP&L and the State of North Carolina to improve water quality in Haywood, Buncombe and Madison counties.

1998
The Community Foundation celebrates its 20th anniversary with more than 400 charitable funds and $50 million in assets.

1999
The Melvin R. Lane Fund is established and provides significant multi-year capacity-building grants for nonprofits. The Foundation has a staff of 10 and distributes $4.2 million in grants.

2000
The Foundation makes its eighth move to offices in the BB&T Building in downtown Asheville.

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<td>2001</td>
<td>CFWNC joins 18 North Carolina funders to form the North Carolina Funders’ Collaborative for Strong Latino Communities with the purpose of strengthening the capacity and infrastructure of the Latino nonprofit sector. Two new grant programs are launched: Medication Assistance, to distribute prescription medicines to people in need, and Organizational Development, to strengthen the capacity of nonprofits. The Asheville Merchants Fund is created to continue this once private foundation’s work to support economic development and improve the quality of life in Buncombe County.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>WNC is ravaged by two hurricanes, taking lives and causing widespread flooding and damage. CFWNC and United Way create the Flood Relief Fund to collect and quickly distribute almost $500,000 in emergency funds. The Foundation’s assets exceed $100 million.</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>The Foundation celebrates 25 years of service to Western North Carolina and manages more than 650 charitable funds with $98 million in assets.</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>The Foundation creates its women’s initiatives: a giving circle of women philanthropists, Women for Women, and The Women’s Fund. With the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Mission Healthcare Foundation, United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County, and University of North Carolina at Asheville, The Community Foundation develops and launches WNC Nonprofit Pathways to build the capacity of the nonprofit sector. The Foundation’s Nonprofit Economic Impact Study is released showing that nonprofits pump more than $1.8 billion into the WNC economy each year and that one in every 11 workers in the region is employed by a nonprofit.</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>The Board approves the Mountain Landscapes Initiative, a regional effort to address the impact of unprecedented growth of our landscapes and communities. The Foundation partners with the Southwestern Commission to launch a pilot project in our region’s seven far western counties and invests more than $100,000.</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>More than 1,000 local residents in the far western NC counties participate in the Mountain Landscapes Initiative that culminates in an eight-day planning charrette at Western Carolina University. A “toolbox” of best practices, guidelines, and examples for mountain development is released, along with a “Next Steps Fund” to aid counties and municipalities with implementation.</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Foundation assets total $164.4 million in 828 funds, while charitable distributions during CFWNC’s first 30 years top $100 million. More than $1 million has been raised for the Foundation’s women’s initiatives and grants to help local women in need exceed $780,000. A staff of 20 professionals supports Foundation operations. CFWNC is the third largest community foundation in the state and 58th in the nation.</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>CFWNC meets the first National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. The Community Foundation conducts an assessment of needs in our 18-county region. Growth management and preservation of natural resources emerge as areas of primary concern and interest.</td>
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GRANTS
CFWNC
Competitive Grant Programs

Asheville Merchants Fund (AMF)
Up to $50,000 over two years to support economic growth and improve quality of life in Buncombe County
Deadline: Spring 2009

Biltmore Lake Charitable Fund Grants (BL)
$500 or more to support charitable projects in the Enka-Candler area
Deadlines: April 1 & October 1

Learning Links Grants (LL)
Up to $800 for public schools in Avery, Graham, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford and Swain counties to offer hands-on learning activities in the classroom
Deadline: Last Friday in September

Melvin R. Lane Fund Grants (MRL)
Up to $150,000 over three years to support organizational development and collaborative approaches for human service nonprofits
Deadline: 2011

Joseph F. Mongovis Charitable Fund (JFM)
Up to $5,500 to assist people in need through designated charitable organizations

Opportunity Grants (OG)
Up to $7,000 to nonprofits in the 18-county region to support the arts, environment, education, health care, people in need and building stronger communities
Deadlines: February 1 & August 1

Organizational Development Grants (OD)
Up to $7,500 to nonprofits in the 18-county region to hire a consultant or receive training to build their capacity to serve the community
Deadlines: January 15; March 15; May 15; July 15; September 15; November 15

Ramble Charitable Fund Grants (RAM)
$2,500 or more to support charitable projects in southern Buncombe communities
Deadlines: April 1 & October 1

Strategy Grants (SG)
Up to $25,000 for outstanding projects in the 18-county region that promise significant impact and address critical community needs
Deadline: Letter of Intent by November 14

Summertime Kids Grants (STK)
Up to $2,000 to nonprofits in the 18-county region that provide disadvantaged children with enriching summer activities
Deadline: March 1

Pigeon River Fund Grants (PRF)
Up to $25,000 to improve water quality in Haywood, Madison and Buncombe counties
Deadlines: March 15 & September 15

Rutherford County Foundation GIFT Awards (RCF)
Grants up to $1,000 to support charitable projects in Rutherford County
Deadline: December 1

Women for Women Grants (WFW)
Grants up to $100,000 to improve the lives of less fortunate women and girls in the 18-county region
Deadline: January 23

Other Resources
Nonprofit Resource Center
CFWNC maintains a resource center at Pack Memorial Library in downtown Asheville with information about nonprofit funding and management. It is a Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center.

We also offer a free quarterly session about the Nonprofit Resource Center and how to search for grants through the Foundation Center. Contact Virginia Dollar (dollar@cfwnc.org) to register.

Before submitting a grant request, nonprofit 501(c)(3) or public agency representatives should review current guidelines on the CFWNC website: www.cfwnc.org. For additional information about the Foundation’s grant programs contact Virginia Dollar (dollar@cfwnc.org) or (828) 254-4960.

Pictured Left
Rolling Hills and Truck, 1988
Paint Fork,
Yancey County, NC
As gas prices and the cost of food skyrocketed this year, more and more people turned to MANNA FoodBank for help.

Executive Director Kitty Schaller estimates a 20 percent increase in demand as people across the mountains, who never thought they would need to turn to a charitable organization for help, are now looking for ways to feed themselves and their families.

MANNA works with 325 agencies across Western North Carolina, supplying 13,000 meals a day, every day, for people in need. Over the years, The Community Foundation has provided grants to support this important organization at critical junctures. The Foundation provided the second grant in MANNA's history — $1,500 in 1984 — to help get operations started, and has continued to provide support as the organization grew and evolved with grants to: purchase refrigeration systems for fresh food, expand distribution, begin new programs, assist with long-range planning, and participate in a national study on hunger.

Schaller says that results from that study have influenced how the organization is now moving forward to end hunger in the mountains. “For example,” she said, “we discovered that 63 percent of people coming to area food pantries are not receiving food stamps and that many have never even applied.” She says that whether due to mountain pride or lack of awareness, people who can benefit from government assistance aren’t taking advantage of it. For the past two years, the Foundation has supported MANNA’s work to explain this program to those in need and help them apply for benefits.

In addition to distributing more than six million pounds of food annually, MANNA has also begun to advocate for ways to change U.S. food-related policy. “No matter what we do, power rests across the whole society and what we all do together — and that’s public policy,” said Schaller.

A SAMPLING OF GRANTS OVER THE YEARS

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<td>To Loving Food Resources for seed money to start this organization and provide meals for terminally ill people with HIV/AIDS.</td>
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<td>1998</td>
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<td>To Hinton Rural Life Center to teach low-income clients in Clay and Cherokee counties organic gardening as a step toward better nutrition and independence.</td>
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<td>2000</td>
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<td>To Meals on Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County to conduct a needs assessment with their elderly, homebound clients, and also to implement a weekend meal delivery program.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
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<td>To Beacon of Hope to expand meal services for the disadvantaged of Madison County.</td>
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<td>To Bread of Life to purchase equipment for this Transylvania County soup kitchen.</td>
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<td>2006</td>
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<td>Melvin R. Lane Fund Grant to build the capacity of the Outreach Center, a food distribution organization in Burke County.</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>$7,000</td>
<td>To Community Table for a take-home, weekend food program serving disadvantaged children in Jackson County.</td>
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Youth from the Beverly Hills Baptist Church volunteer on a regular basis at MANNA FoodBank. On this day they sorted and packed food that will be distributed to less fortunate school children. Through “backpack” programs, children can confidentially receive food and carry it home on weekends when they otherwise might go hungry.
Assisting People in Our Mountains: $3,579,467

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: $2,813,208
Competitive Grants: $766,259

American Red Cross of Rutherford County $1,000 (RCF)
Asheville Middle School $2,000 (STK)
Baptist Children’s Homes of NC - $4,800 to teach independent-living skills to older youth who are preparing to leave the Haywood County facility. (OG)
Basilica of St. Lawrence $5,500 to provide meals to the hungry. (JFM)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC - $4,525 to increase the capacity to provide children in Haywood County with mentors. (OG)
Bountiful Cities Project $2,000 (STK)

Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County $50,000 to expand programs for disadvantaged youth by recruiting more volunteers and increasing contributions from individuals to the organization and its endowment. (MRL)
Boys and Girls Club of Transylvania County $25,000 to implement a science-based program designed to help young people become more active and healthy. (SG)
Catholic Church Extension Society - $5,500 to subsidize staff serving Madison County. (JFM)
Catholic Social Services Diocese of Charlotte $5,500 to provide immigration services at satellite offices around WNC. (JFM)
Cherokee County Schools $2,000 (STK)
Children & Family Resource Center of Henderson County - $25,000 to continue a community effort that identifies critical needs of children and addresses them through governmental and private agency partnerships. (SG)
Children First of Buncombe County $95,000 to advocate for social changes, including a living wage and equitable child care subsidy, that will improve the lives of low-income women. (WFW)
Children First of Buncombe County - $7,500 for community-wide diversity training. (OD)
Children First of Buncombe County $2,000 (STK)
Clay County Health Department - $2,000 (STK)
Cleveland County Family YMCA - $2,000 (STK)
The Council On Aging of Buncombe County $7,000 to help create a new client database and reporting system that will accommodate increased growth in services for older adults and their families. (OG)
The Council On Aging of Buncombe County $2,500 (OD)
Family Resources of Rutherford County $1,000 (RCF)
F.I.R.S.T. - $2,000 (STK)
First Stage Youth Theatre $2,000 (STK)
Foothills Equestrian Nature Center - $7,000 (OD)
Foothills Equestrian Nature Center - $2,000 (STK)
Friends Across North Carolina - $2,000 (STK)
Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council - $2,000 (STK)
Girls on the Run of WNC $6,500 (OD)

Graham County Schools $2,000 (STK)
Health Adventure $1,993 (STK)
Helpmate - $7,500 (OD)
Helpmate - $7,000 to implement web-based donor and volunteer management software to help support services for victims of domestic violence in Buncombe County. (OG)

Henderson County Council on Aging - $50,000 to expand a partnership with the Department of Social Services and serve more at-risk seniors, enabling clients to live independently in their own homes. (MRL)
Homeward Bound - $20,000 to expand the hours of the A-HOPE Center and services offered to those who are homeless. (SG)
Hope for Abuse Victims through Education and Nurturing - $7,000 to purchase equipment and child-friendly furniture for a new Cherokee County facility that serves victims of child abuse. (OG)
Irene Wortham Center $7,000 to install a closed-circuit television security system for the Early Learning Center in Buncombe County. (OG)
Isaac Dickson Elementary School - $2,000 (STK)

Jewish Community Center of Asheville - $25,000 to offer culturally sensitive social services to families in Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties. (SG)
Judicial District 29A/Drug Treatment Court - $6,720 for educational materials and equipment to support a drug treatment program in Rutherford County. (OG)
Latino Advocacy Coalition of Henderson County
$42,436 to strengthen marketing and fundraising as well as complete a strategic plan for programs and services that assist the growing Latino population in Henderson County. (MRL)

Magical Moments
Therapeutic Riding Center
$4,000 to purchase equipment and provide therapeutic riding lessons to individuals with mild to moderate disabilities. (OG)

MANNA FoodBank
$25,000 to decrease hunger by increasing the number of individuals and families receiving food stamps in Buncombe, Henderson, Avery, Cherokee and Macon counties. (SG)

MANNA FoodBank
$7,500 (OD)

McDowell County Senior Center - $25,000 to purchase food-preparation equipment for the A.C. Bud Hogan Community Building, a new center that will serve as a nutrition site for seniors in Old Fort. (SG)

Meals On Wheels of Buncombe County
$1,260 (BLCF)

Mountain Area Child and Family Center - $25,000 for an early childhood nutrition program that will increase the consumption of high-quality food and serve as a replicable model for other childcare centers in the region. (SG)

Mountain Area Residential Facilities - $7,000 to promote independent living skills to people with developmental disabilities through group and individual counseling sessions. (OG)

Mountain Housing Opportunities - $7,000 toward purchase of an agency truck for emergency home repairs in Asheville and Buncombe County. (OG)

North Carolina Cooperative Extension - Avery County
$2,000 (STK)

Optimist Santa Pal Club of Asheville - $5,500 to purchase holiday presents for children living in financial difficulty. (JFM)

Pigeon Community Development Center
$7,000 to involve Haywood County’s Latino community in multicultural after-school and summer programming. (SG)

Pigeon Community Development Center
$2,000 (STK)

Pisgah Legal Services
$25,000 to continue regional work to remove barriers that prevent victims of domestic violence from becoming self-sufficient. (SG)

Pisgah Legal Services
$7,000 to purchase an agency car to facilitate economical staff travel serving clients across Western North Carolina. (OG)

Power Partners
$2,000 (STK)

Presbyterian Home For Children - $2,000 (STK)

Rutherford County Air Rescue Squad
$1,000 (RCF)

Rutherford County Judicial District 29A - $625 (RCF)

Rutherford County Rescue Crew - $1,000 (RCF)

Rutherford Life Services
$25,000 to expand adult day care services for families in Rutherford and Polk counties. (SG)

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Buncombe County
$25,000 to prepare teenagers in Black Mountain and Swannanoa for the future by teaching career exploration and financial-management skills. (SG)

The Salvation Army of Buncombe County - $5,500 to assist people in financial crisis with rent or utility assistance. (JFM)

Shiloh-Danieltown-Oakland Volunteer Fire Department - $625 (RCF)

South Mountain Christian Youth Camp - $750 (RCF)

Stecoh Valley Arts, Crafts and Educational Center
$2,000 (STK)

Task Force on Family Violence/REACH
$3,500 to purchase new furniture for a domestic violence shelter in Cherokee County. (OG)

Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry - $7,000 to help provide nutritious food on the weekends to low-income children attending Polk County Schools. (OG)

Transylvania Christian Ministry - $7,000 to expand technology that supports integrated case management, record keeping, outreach, and program evaluation. (OG)

Volunteer North Carolina
$300 (STK)

W.A.M.Y. Community Action - $7,000 to recruit minority youth to participate in the Avery Youth Opportunities after-school program. (OG)

W.A.M.Y. Community Action - $2,000 (STK)

Western Carolina Rescue Ministries - $5,500 to develop an innovative learning program. (JFM)

Yancey County Schools
$2,000 (STK)

YWCA of Asheville
$625 (RCF)

YWCA of Asheville
$7,500 (OD)

YWCA of Asheville
$2,000 (STK)
Music therapist Lauren Patrick DiMaio knows the powerful effect music can have on the body and spirit. She’s seen how it helps the clients she serves through CarePartners Hospice cope with the pain, stress and depression that come with a terminal illness. And she’s seen the comfort it brings to the loved ones they leave behind.

Kenneth Gibbs knows, too, that music is good medicine. The Asheville man saw how playing the piano was one of the few things that lifted the mood of his companion, Knight Houghton, during his declining health.

“Music really made a difference in his life,” Ken said. “He was working with a piano teacher doing jazz improv. He practiced for a couple of hours every day, a new song a week. He practiced up to the day before he died.”

In fact, music had such a positive effect that Knight and Ken discussed the idea of establishing a fund that would provide music lessons for other people who are homebound and terminally ill. After Knight passed away in 2006, Ken contacted staff at The Community Foundation who worked with CarePartners Hospice to create a new music program as part of their end-of-life and bereavement services. The donor advised fund Ken established to honor Knight has since provided 67 music lessons, guitars, keyboards, a laptop computer and special music software.

The arts were always important parts of Knight and Ken’s lives. While living in Chicago, they had season tickets to the opera, symphony and the city’s theaters. They traveled extensively, soaking up the culture of many faraway places. And from a very early age Knight studied and played piano, only to find it again late in his life.

Ken is pleased the Foundation was able to help him create a fund that so perfectly honors Knight and something that mattered so much.

“If you have something very specific you want to do, I think The Community Foundation is your best bet. Because they work with so many organizations, they can piece everything together for you. I called them up and they’re doing exactly what I wanted done,” said Ken.

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**A SAMPLING OF GRANTS OVER THE YEARS**

**Over the past 30 years, CPWNC grants have enhanced life through the arts.**

**1983** - $2,000 to support Asheville Art Museum’s “Learning to Look” program for youth.

**1993** - $5,000 for the N.C. Center for Creative Retirement to initiate an intergenerational arts program.

**2001** - $10,000 to help start Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts and Educational Center’s program that teaches middle school students to play traditional Appalachian musical instruments.

**2002** - $4,020 to use creative writing in high school classes to address emotional distress from a fire at the Mitchell County Jail that impacted many people in the community.

**2004** - $7,000 for the Toe River Arts Council to develop a program for Mitchell County and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians high school students to explore their cultural connections.

**2007** - $20,000 to help Arts for Life expand a program that allows local artists to teach visual arts and music as therapy to young patients at Mission Hospitals.
Knight Houghton passed away in 2006, but his love of music endures through the Knight and Jenette Houghton Memorial Fund of The Community Foundation of WNC.
Above: Music therapist Lauren Patrick DiMaio and her intern Shontaé Alston work with their client, Charles Parton, during a guitar lesson at his assisted living facility in Asheville. Parton is participating in a music therapy program that provides music lessons to homebound or terminally ill clients of CarePartners Hospice. The program is made possible by the Knight and Jenette Houghton Memorial Fund of The Community Foundation of WNC. Knight Houghton is pictured far right.
Advancing the Arts: $634,835

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: $493,968

Competitive Grants: $140,867

Asheville Art Museum Association - $7,500 (OD)

Asheville Choral Society - $7,000 to improve fundraising and marketing activities. (OG)

The Bascom - $7,000 to equip a new ceramic studio that will serve students and adults in the Highlands community. (OG)

Black Mountain Swannanoa Arts Center - $3,000 to purchase equipment for new dance and music programs. (OG)

Brevard Chamber Orchestra Association $4,500 to expand music programs for elementary and middle school students in Transylvania County. (OG)

Davidson’s Fort Historic Park - $7,000 toward development of a fort, museum and park as part of Old Fort’s plans for heritage education and economic revitalization. (OG)

Health Adventure $7,500 (OD)

North Carolina Stage Company - $25,000 to create a marketing and branding campaign for Asheville’s nonprofit performing arts community. (AMF)

North Carolina Stage Company - $4,367 for marketing and other efforts to increase the visibility of the organization’s physical location in Asheville and upgrade the facility's lobby. (OG)

Pack Place Performing Arts - $7,500 (OD)

Penland School of Crafts $12,500 toward the second year of a program that provides Mitchell County students with outstanding art instruction and exposure to the field of crafts. (SG)

Toe River Arts Council $12,500 to increase and expand art education programs in Mitchell and Yancey counties. (SG)

Town of Dillsboro - $7,000 toward a master plan for the Monteith Farmstead that includes creation of the Appalachian Women’s Museum at the historic farmstead. (OG)

Valleytown Cultural Arts & Historical Society $25,000 to upgrade facilities at an historic building used for community and arts performances in Andrews. (SG)

Yancey County Cultural Resources Commission $3,500 to purchase professional video recording equipment to capture and preserve examples of mountain heritage. (OG)
In 1988, a full-page ad in The Wall Street Journal featured Charles C. “Chick” McKinney, co-founder and creative director of McKinney & Silver in Raleigh, the first advertising agency in the Southeast to top $100 million in billings.

In it, McKinney said, “Talent alone doesn’t really count for much. Success comes from focusing singlemindedly, with the intensity of a laser, on your craft, on your goal. It’s not complicated; just decide what you want to do, where you want to go, what you want to achieve, and then don’t let anything or anyone distract you.”

Chick McKinney spent a lifetime following his own good advice. It led him from humble beginnings growing up in Western North Carolina to become a legendary figure in the world of advertising.

He was born in 1931 in Newdale, where he spent his early years on a small farm near the South Toe River. At age 12, he moved to nearby Spruce Pine to live with his sister and her husband who encouraged his desire for an education. His first experience with advertising came at a small newspaper where his brother-in-law taught him to lay type for the classifieds.

McKinney began his advertising career in 1957 at the Howard Merrell agency in Raleigh after working his way through school and graduating with a bachelor’s degree in business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He co-founded McKinney & Silver in 1968.

At a time when most great advertising was thought to be generated only in New York, McKinney & Silver’s reputation for creative excellence won numerous awards and coveted accounts, including MasterCard, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and Piedmont Airlines.

Chick McKinney’s passion for advertising and attention to detail was legendary. At McKinney & Silver, he inspired and critiqued the work of many while producing a prolific amount of his own extraordinary ads; print ads were his particular passion, and he especially loved typography.

Mabon Childs, a former colleague, fondly remembers how McKinney would champion the work of his employees. “Chick always stood up for the creative people at the agency,” said Childs. “He wouldn’t let ‘the suits’ kill an ad he believed in.”
McKinney also understood the balance that was required between the two to be successful. In 1989, when he was inducted into the Advertising Hall of Fame at UNC’s School of Journalism, the late Watts Hill, Jr. said McKinney was the only person he had ever known who was uniquely creative and also a great businessman.

When Chick retired in 1990, he and his wife, Suzanne, turned their attention to restoring an historic property in Surry County, aptly named “Devotion.” The estate had fallen into disrepair but with the same passion for precision and attention to detail, they lovingly and painstakingly restored Devotion to greatness over the next 18 years.

McKinney understood the value and power of education, and he never forgot his childhood home. When he and Suzanne established a foundation to provide scholarships to students at Mitchell County High School, McKinney said he wanted to help those who were “reaching for the stars” and could not otherwise afford a college education. Suzanne said that education had profoundly transformed Chick’s life, and that he wanted others to have the same opportunity.

Courtney Mauzy, a friend of the McKinneys who now lives in Little Switzerland, served on the scholarship selection committee with the family for several years. “It was an uplifting experience,” he said. “The scholarship basically offered a ‘full ride’ to deserving students, but the McKinneys didn’t stop there. If a scholarship recipient attended college anywhere near Raleigh, the McKinneys would have him or her over for dinner at their home. They took a real interest in those students.”

Shortly before Chick McKinney died on September 12, 2007, he and Suzanne decided to bring their foundation under the auspices of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. They created the Charles C. and Suzanne R. McKinney Scholarship Fund to ensure that young people growing up in the mountains of Mitchell County would continue to dream big dreams and focus singlemindedly on achieving their goals, as Chick McKinney did.

About CFWNC Scholarships

» The Community Foundation manages 54 scholarship funds worth in excess of $10 million.

» More than $400,000 is distributed from these funds each year to help students across the Western North Carolina region pursue their higher education goals.

» Over the Foundation’s history, $3.7 million has been awarded in scholarships.

More Support for Education

» Each year, the Foundation awards $250,000 or more in competitive grants to support education in the mountains.

» In 1996, Frances Farthing established The Ben W. and Dixie Glenn Farthing Charitable Endowment Fund in memory of her parents to provide hands-on learning grants to public schools in our region’s most rural counties.

Over the years, 259 “Learning Links” grants totaling $165,611 have been awarded to help impart to students a love of learning and desire to stay in school.
Improving Educational Opportunities: $2,268,647

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: $1,598,684
Competitive Grants: $254,359
Scholarships: $415,604

Asheville Catholic School
$5,500 to provide nutritious food to disadvantaged children. (JFM)

Asheville City Schools Foundation
- $7,000 to fund a listening project that will explore how schools, nonprofits and other community agencies can best serve middle-school youth and their families. (OG)

Avery Middle School
two grants totaling $1,400 (LL)

Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library
- $3,500 to provide nonprofit organizations and individuals with services and grant resource information. (OG)

Bountiful Cities Project
$3,832 (RAM)

Brush Creek Elementary
three grants totaling $1,996 (LL)

Buladean Elementary School
- three grants totaling $2,024 (LL)

Candler Elementary
$23,316 to equip a new computer lab. (BLCF)

Cherokee Middle School
- $700 (LL)

City of Asheville
- $25,000 to place students in meaningful public-sector internships, exposing them to career opportunities and helping them earn money for college. (SG)

Communities In Schools of Rutherford County
$25,000 to expand a county-wide, in-school mentoring program. (SG)

Cranberry Middle School
- $700 (LL)

Crossnore Elementary School
- two grants totaling $1,400 (LL)

Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
- two grants totaling $1,369 (LL)

Deyton Elementary School
- two grants totaling $1,227 (LL)

East Rutherford High School
- $625 (RCF)

Enka Middle School
$12,500 to improve the performing arts program with an amplification system. (BLCF)

Fairview Elementary School
- $678 (LL)

Freedom Trail Elementary School
- $640 (LL)

Greenlee Primary School
- three grants totaling $1,976 (LL)

Harris Middle School
- three grants totaling $1,995 (LL)

Haywood Community College Foundation
$7,000 to provide resources for small business entrepreneurs. (OG)

Hot Springs Elementary
- two grants totaling $1,400 (LL)

Junior Achievement of Western North Carolina
- $4,200 (OG)

Kidsenses Children’s InterACTIVE Museum
$25,000 for continued support to bring a traveling planetarium and science programs to elementary school students in six WNC counties. (SG)

Laurel Elementary School
- three grants totaling $1,582 (LL)

The Literacy Council of Highlands
- $7,000 to expand the computer lab for children and adults to learn basic skills. (OG)

Madison County Schools
$25,000 toward the home-building skill development program at Madison High School. (SG)

Madison High School
- $700 (LL)

Madison Middle School
- $700 (LL)

Mars Hill Elementary
- $687 (LL)

Newland Elementary School
- two grants totaling $1,400 (LL)

North Asheville Baptist Church
- $5,500 to provide scholarships. (JFM)

Oakley Elementary School
$5,000 for a phonic-based learning program. (RAM)

Robbinsville Elementary School
- $700 (LL)

Robbinsville Middle School
- $535 (LL)

Rutherford County Schools Parents as Teachers
- $625 (RCF)

Sand Hill - Venable Elementary
- $7,500 to help finance an outdoor walking trail. (BLCF)

Smoky Mountain High School
- $599 (LL)

Summit Charter School
- $700 (LL)

Summit Charter School Foundation
- $7,000 for library and classroom equipment at a new campus and instruments for a music program in Cashiers. (OG)

Swain County East Elementary School
- two grants totaling $1,378 (LL)

Swain County High School
- $700 (LL)

Swain County Middle School
- $675 (LL)

Swain County West Elementary School
- two grants totaling $1,400 (LL)

YMCA of Western North Carolina
- $25,000 to provide at-risk youth with an intensive after-school program designed to meet specific education needs and behavior management issues. (SG)
Scholarship Recipients:

Richard M. Arnold Scholarship Fund
2007 recipients: Keilah Clayton, Rick Riley

Asheville Young Women Leadership Award Fund
2008 recipient: Colleen Daly

William Bradley Ayers Memorial Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Chris Lindsay

Alan Bruckner Young Life Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Lauren Hill

J. Jerry Cabe Dental Scholarship Fund
2007 recipient: Melissa Snyder

John Francis Amherst Cecil Foundation Fund
2008 recipients: Emily Barnhardt, Julie Carter, Casey Conard, John Halvorsen, Joanna Johnson, Bridget Sluder

Chattanooga Club Employee Scholarship Endowment Fund
2007 recipients: Robin Bishop, Jake Spitler

Harry W. Clarke Scholarship Endowment Fund
2008 recipients: John Bourscheid, Jessie Whitby

Nelle Crowell Fletcher & G.L. Crowell Fund
2008 recipients: Levi English, Justin Parker, Kristina Rayburn

Mike Davis Team Spirit Award Fund
2008 recipient: Andrea Mull

Jim Duyck Memorial Scholarship Fund
for Mountain Youth Baseball, Inc.
2008 recipient: Zach Hall

Joheen Roth Epstein Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Whitney Gruber

Newton Academy-William Forster, Jr. & Nancy Forster Stevens Scholarship Fund

Londell J. Foster-Thomas Scholarship Fund
2007 recipients: DJenne Henry, DeShawn McGahee

Captain John G. Gardner, USMC, Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Jackson Clemens, Austin Mack, Meredith Whatley

R. Walker Geitner III Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Michael Crossa

Margie McCluney Hamrick Nursing Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Kaitlin Ledford

Wellington Hamrick Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Andi Gronzo

Chuck D. Hargrove Memorial Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Mary Krekelberg

Hefington Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Megan Lewicki, Kayla McCall, Marlene Morales, Ryan Smith, Taylor Stinson

Highlands Falls Country Club Employee Scholarship Fund
2007 recipient: Jiyai Ruiz

Yates L. and Louise D. Holland Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Matthew Dawkins

Walter “Pop” Jarvis Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Isaiah Aldridge, Dalton Buchanan, Damaris Bustos, Miles Farthing

Lucius Lanier Memorial Fund
2008 recipient: Dalton Buchanan

McDowell Medical Associates, P.A., Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Sonum Patel

Charles C. and Suzanne R. McKinney Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Sydney Schultz

Gene and Lee Meyer Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Daniel Ferguson, Alyssa Lane, Ben Pacey, Ashford Smith

Brandon F. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Kimberly Weinkle

Roger W. Morrison Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Charity Rayburn

NC Alpha Epsilon Memorial Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Dresden Lackey

Cal and Carol Peddy Memorial Fund
2008 recipients: Lilly Hughes, Steven Profitt

Elda C. Penny-Graham Co. Woman’s Club Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Shandy Collins, Gena Huffman

Irving Jacob Reuter Award Fund
2008 recipients: top awardees, Allie Lundblad; also receiving awards: Brooks Frederick, Chris Lindsay, Tia Simpson, Sarah Varner

S. Hayes Robinson Memorial Dance Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Courtney Andrews, Meredith Whatley

Rotary Club of Asheville Harry R. Morrill Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Tracey Barrett, John Halvorsen, Cameron Huntley, Nathan Otterness, Bre Przestrzelski, Sarah Varner, Dakota Williams

Charlie R. & Charles J. Silver Family Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Hannah Roberts

Lynn Brown Slater Memorial Scholarship Fund
2008 recipient: Keaton Mash

Murice C. Talley Memorial Endowment Scholarship Fund
2008 recipients: Sara Alexander, Megan Lester, Jordan Parker

Transylvania County New Century Scholars Fund
2007 recipients: Patrick Cable, Lindsey Chappell, Matthew Kelly, Cole Snipes, Kristin Weikle

Transylvania Excellence in Education/Chamber of Commerce Award Fund
2007 recipient: Brevard Middle School

Transylvania Excellence in Education/Excellence Award Fund
2008 recipient: Marshall Harrison

Transylvania Excellence in Education/Holbrook-Nichols Achievement Award Fund
2008 recipient: Marshall Harrison

Wildcat Cliffs Country Club Employee Scholarship Fund
2007 recipient: Tyler Shook

Clyde and Mildred Wright Endowment Fund
2008 recipients: Mark Clarke, Marshall Harrison, Elizabeth Littauer, Charity Rayburn, Miah Williams, Colleen Young
After more than two years of research and planning, this year The Community Foundation’s Mountain Landscapes Initiative took off.

This ambitious regional initiative helps citizens and community leaders address the impact of unprecedented growth on Western North Carolina through community-determined standards for responsible planning and development that balance economic prosperity with protecting the environment and natural beauty that is our hallmark.

This spring, the Foundation launched a pilot project in the region’s seven far western counties through a partnership with the Southwestern Commission that serves Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties.

More than 1,000 residents of these counties and the Qualla Boundary participated in interviews and community forums that generated a list of questions and concerns (see page 26) examined in an eight-day planning charrette held at Western Carolina University in May.

The charrette was led by the Charlotte-based Lawrence Group. They worked with a team of experts in planning, engineering, environmental science and other specialties to create a “Toolbox” of best practices, guidelines, and examples for mountain development. This 250-page document is now available. It includes state-of-the-art planning resources for elected officials, local government staff, citizen boards, builders and developers.

“We are proud of the way so many people in our region got involved in this process,” said Vicki Greene, assistant director of the Southwestern Commission. “It’s a made-in-the-mountains guide for how we want to grow into the future.”

The Community Foundation has invested more than $110,000 in the pilot and has launched a “Next Steps Fund” to assist communities and nonprofit organizations with implementing the ideas and recommendations outlined in the Toolbox. Other funders include: The Cherokee Preservation Foundation, The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, the Appalachian Regional Commission, six of the seven counties that make up Region A and numerous businesses in the far western region.

A downloadable copy of the Toolbox and more detailed information about the Mountain Landscapes Initiative can be found at www.mountainlandscapesnc.org.
Development can be a blessing and a burden — creating jobs where they are scarce and taxing natural resources that will forever change our mountain region. The Mountain Landscapes Initiative seeks balance in Western North Carolina.
Based on analysis and input gathered through interviews and community forums, ten common issues were identified. The agenda of the May charrette, held at Western Carolina University, and the contents of the Toolbox were driven by the following most frequently-cited issues:

1. How can mountainside and ridgetop development be done responsibly, safely and in a visually sensitive way?
2. How can new development respect the character of local landscapes?
3. How can water quality be protected?
4. How can the region’s natural beauty and open space be protected?
5. How can quality jobs be created and sustained?
6. How can quality, affordable housing be created?
7. How can the region’s infrastructure keep up with the rate of growth?
8. How can farmland and local markets for food be protected and enhanced?
9. How can natural resources be protected?
10. How can growing communities remain respectful of local cultural heritage?

Over the past 30 years, CFWNC grants have helped build communities.

1987 - $1,000 to Asheville-Buncombe Discovery for “Design Asheville: Discovering and Enhancing the Authentic Image” to help the community decide how Asheville’s unique identity should affect planning policy and urban design decisions.

1997 - $8,050 to the Town of Spruce Pine for a conservation development plan for sub-dividing rural land, in a way that retains the area’s natural character.

1999 - $5,000 to the Nature Conservancy to develop a management plan for preservation of the Hickory Nut Gorge.

2001 - $15,000 to the Pack Square Conservancy for workshops that engage the public to help redesign and revitalize Asheville’s Pack Square and City/County Plaza.

2004 - $6,825 to WNC Alliance to develop “Macon Voices” a project that incorporated local perspectives on issues of community change and land use policies.


Below Left:
The Community Foundation's investment in the Mountain Landscapes Initiative was made possible thanks to Francine Bowman who established a fund at the Foundation to address issues she found compelling, including the changing landscapes of Western North Carolina.

Below Right:
Jill Gottesman leads a group discussion at a community meeting held in Haywood County. Nine other forums were held in Region A to help inform the week-long May charrette.
Building Community and Economic Vitality
$2,159,687

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: $1,657,647
Competitive Grants: $502,040

ABCCM - $25,000 to enhance an employment and training program for veterans by developing a vegetable oil recycling program with area restaurants and businesses. (AMF)

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
$7,000 to boost marketing efforts for 10 farmers’ markets in Buncombe and surrounding counties. (OG)

Center for Dialogue
$7,000 to increase awareness and local support for mediation services in Transylvania County. (OG)

Center for Participatory Change
- $7,000 for a grassroots program that encourages people in low-wealth areas to support each other as they collectively move themselves, their families and their communities out of poverty. (OG)
- $3,000 (OD)

Community Empowerment Project - $49,920 to hire the organization’s first paid executive director and strengthen internal operations to better provide social and economic development programs for low-income people in Rutherford County. (MRL)

Community Progress Association of Union Mills
$7,000 to complete renovations of the school auditorium for community use by citizens of northern Rutherford County. (OG)

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina Foothills
$1,000 (RCF)

Graham Children’s Health Services of Toe River
$7,000 toward renovation of the community gym at the old Burnsville School. (OG)

Graham Revitalization Economic Action Team
$25,000 for staff to coordinate volunteers and address economic development opportunities in Graham County. (SG)

HandMade in America Foundation - $25,000 to open new markets for local craftsmen by developing a sourcebook of home furnishings, accessories, and architectural products that will be distributed to area architects, designers and developers. (AMF)

Housing Authority of the City of Asheville - $7,000 to help create a community garden program at Pisgah View Apartments. (OG)

Land-of-Sky Regional Council - $25,000 for continued development of a regional green infrastructure plan to guide future growth for Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties. (SG)

Mountain BizWorks
$25,000 to provide planning services through a one-on-one business consulting program. (AMF)

Mountain Mediation Services - $7,000 to expand mediation and conflict-resolution services to Latino populations in Macon and Jackson counties. (OG)

Realize Rutherford - $5,520 to develop and implement a capacity-building center for nonprofit organizations in Rutherford County. (OG)

Rural Southern Voice for Peace - $25,000 to continue working with local churches and engage citizens in discussions about caring for mountain resources in Yancey and Madison counties. (SG)

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity
$1,000 (RCF)

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity
$48,100 to strengthen the organizational and financial sustainability of Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity and the Rutherford Housing Partnership, thereby encouraging access to safe and affordable housing for people in need. (MRL)

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - $7,000 toward interior building improvements at the Habitat ReStore. (OG)

Rutherford Housing Partnership - $1,000 (RCF)

Service Center for Latinos - $7,000 to expand a program of learning, service and support for Spanish-speaking people in Mitchell County. (OG)

Southwestern Commission
$110,000 for a pilot program of the Mountain Landscapes Initiative, a special project of The Community Foundation to help citizens and community leaders begin to address the impact of unprecedented growth on Western North Carolina.

Western Carolina Community Action
$25,000 to address emerging affordable and workforce housing opportunities in Transylvania County. (SG)

Western North Carolina Green Building Council
$7,000 to support a community build project of two “green” bus shelters to serve City of Asheville transit riders. (OG)

Western North Carolina Regional Economic Development - $25,000 to provide technical assistance, marketing and food manufacturing support for small businesses using the Blue Ridge Food Ventures facility, a shared-use food processing center located on the A-B Tech Enka Campus. (AMF)

WNC Slavic Ministries
$7,000 to hire a part-time administrative staff to better serve the growing Slavic population in Buncombe County. (OG)

YMCA of Western North Carolina - $5,500 to provide after-school care. (JFM)
Eight tiny teeth have emerged in one-year-old Sharen’s mouth, teeth that Dr. Randy Levine at the Collins Dental Center in Columbus can’t wait to examine.

In a 2003 Polk County needs assessment survey, dental care for local children surfaced as a major concern. With untreated dental problems found in 38 percent of kindergarteners, and few providers accepting uninsured or Medicaid patients, Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry formed a task force of local dentists and community leaders and decided to build a dental care center. The nonprofit, run by six paid staff members and more than 130 volunteers, assists people in crisis situations and helps them move toward self-sufficiency.

The Community Foundation awarded a grant in 2005 for a coordinator to oversee the project: to work with the builder and dental suppliers, manage incoming grant funds, hire a dentist and continue local fundraising. The grant came at a critical juncture, says Becky Collins, a lead volunteer for whom the dental center is named. “Having a dedicated staff person was key,” she said. “The funding allowed the center to move from a dream to a reality.”

Thanks to many committed volunteers and more than $800,000 in contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations, the center did become a reality and today serves almost 3,000 active patients, mostly children, from Polk and Rutherford counties.

Over the past 30 years, The Community Foundation has made numerous grants to help start, staff and equip clinics across the mountains that serve people who cannot afford or access quality dental or health care services. You can read about more of them below.

A Sampling of Grants Over the Years

Over the past 30 years, CFWNC grants have helped improve access to health care in WNC.

1994 - $5,000 for WNC Community Health Services to help start a center in Buncombe County to serve adults with HIV or AIDS. Another $12,000 was awarded to the program in 1999 to expand dental services.

1998 - $5,000 to Haywood Christian Ministries to equip a free medical clinic that serves low-income and elderly people.

2001 - $6,000 for the rural Celo Clinic in Yancey County to purchase equipment for trauma victims who would otherwise have to travel to a more populated area to receive care.

2003 - $5,000 to help start a free medical clinic in Brevard, now known as Transylvania County Volunteers in Medicine.

2006 - $25,000 for start-up costs of the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, which serves people who cannot afford health services.

Other Support

2001 - The Community Foundation helped secure funds from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to create a grant program that distributed $600,000 over three years in prescription medication assistance to help people in WNC.
Promoting Quality Health: $1,104,691

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: $706,820
Competitive Grants: $397,871

- **Addiction Recovery Institute** - $25,000 to support a community-wide response to addressing mental health and substance abuse disorders for people in Polk County. (SG)

- **Asheville Buncombe Institute on Parity Achievement** - $25,000 to provide education, support and screenings that will reduce cardiovascular disease among African-American women in Buncombe County. (SG)

- **Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center** - $24,900 for a new center that will provide mental health services. (SG)

- **Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project** - $5,000 to purchase equipment that sterilizes dental instruments at the free dental clinic in Cashiers. (OG)

- **Buncombe County Medical Society** - $7,500 (OD)

- **CarePartners Foundation** - $5,500 to provide low-income patients with medication or equipment. (JFM)

- **CarePartners Hospice Foundation** - $5,500 to provide bereavement counseling to any child grieving the death of a loved one. (JFM)

- **Community Clinic of Rutherford County** - $24,300 to serve diabetic patients who are of low-income, uninsured and medically indigent. (SG)

- **Heartbeats Pregnancy Center** - $250 (RCF)

- **Hospice of Avery County** - $7,500 (OD)

- **The McDowell Hospital** - $3,400 to purchase two new microscopes, tools that will assist in making accurate diagnoses and determining appropriate treatment options for patients. (OG)

- **Mission Healthcare Foundation** - $5,500 to purchase hospital grade breast pumps for use by low-income mothers. (JFM)

- **Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC)** - $25,000 to integrate mental health and substance abuse services into primary medical practices and clinics for uninsured adults and children in Haywood County. (OG)

- **Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC)** - $7,000 to help purchase an ultrasound probe. (OG)

- **Planned Parenthood Health Systems** - $96,781 for an education program that teaches older, at-risk teen girls how to educate their peers about topics that include: hygiene, abstinence, teen pregnancy, self-esteem and preventing sexually transmitted infections. (WFW)

- **Planned Parenthood Health Systems** - $7,500 (OD)

- **Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care/ARP Phoenix** - $7,000 to provide transportation for people staying at the Mary Benson House, a residential treatment center for mothers with substance abuse or mental health disorders and their children. (SG)

- **T.H.E. Center for Disordered Eating** - $7,000 to purchase resources on eating disorders for a library located in the Women’s Resource Center of Mission Hospitals and to support related educational events. (OG)

- **Transylvania County Volunteers in Medicine** - $5,700 to support patient education and counseling for medically indigent patients with diabetes. (OG)

- **WNC AIDS Project** - $88,540 to use peer-to-peer education methods among African-American women who are living in poverty so that they may inform and educate each other about the spread of HIV and AIDS. (WFW)

- **WNC AIDS Project** - $7,000 to expand and enhance the organization’s website and print materials and improve communication with constituents. (OG)

- **WNC AIDS Project** - $5,000 (OD)
In the shadow of Cold Mountain, made famous by Charles Frazier’s novel, lies the pastoral community of Bethel. Families have farmed the land for generations, land that has been made rich by periodic flooding of the Pigeon River.

As more and more people are drawn to this gem of Haywood County, so is development. The people of Bethel, like many other rural communities in Western North Carolina, are struggling to balance growth with preservation of land and natural resources.

In partnership with the Bethel Rural Community Organization, the Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council is using a Pigeon River Fund grant to secure long-term protection of these rural lands. By maintaining the farming and floodplain areas, they hope to maintain high water quality and the land’s capacity to moderate heavy rains and floodwaters.

Many still vividly remember 2004, when floodwaters ravaged much of Western North Carolina, including Haywood County. George Ivey, who is coordinating the project, says the damage could have been much worse, had residents not “respected” the upper headwaters of the river and the floodplains of Bethel. By keeping the land in a rural state, landowners maintain the capacity to help absorb heavy rains and floodwater.

Ivey is working with landowners to voluntarily conserve more than 500 acres in this year alone. “By protecting Bethel’s rural heritage, we’re also protecting Clyde and Canton from more dangerous flooding in the future,” he says. “At the same time, we are protecting the drinking water source for towns and safeguarding habitat for rare aquatic species.”
Enhancing the Environment: $924,792

Donor Advised and Designated Contributions: $503,645
Competitive Grants: $421,147

American Farmland Trust - $24,000 to assist the Buncombe County Agricultural Advisory Board and local partners with implementation of the Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan. (AMF)

Animal Friends for Life - $7,000 toward expansion of the dog care facility at the Forever Farm Sanctuary in Lake Toxaway. (OG)

Animal Protection Alliance of Rutherford County - $625 (RCF)

Clean Air Community Trust - $6,920 to launch a service-oriented training program designed to inspire youth to pursue “green collar” jobs. (OG)

Clean Water for N.C. - $6,000 to support a volunteer-based stream monitoring program. (PRF)

Conservation Trust for North Carolina - $25,000 toward a conservation acquisition that will help protect a 78-acre property containing headwaters of the Cove Field Branch, a tributary of Allen Creek in Haywood County. (PRF)

Environmental & Conservation Organization - $7,000 toward a program designed to draw attention to water quality issues in Henderson County watersheds. (OG)

Environmental & Conservation Organization - $5,500 (OD)

Haywood County Schools Foundation - $18,650 to integrate environmental topics in Haywood County Schools’ science classes. (PRF)

Haywood Waterways Association - $39,500 to educate the public and support projects under the Haywood Watershed Action Plan. (PRF)

Highlands Biological Foundation - $4,425 to underwrite speaker costs and to market the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series, an annual public forum for regional environmental organizations and residents. (OG)

Little Tennessee Watershed Association - $7,000 to expand citizen-based, bio-monitoring of streams in Macon, Swain and Jackson counties. (OG)

Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District - $25,000 for an educational outdoor classroom at Brush Creek Elementary and a trail project that will teach students and the public about storm water runoff. (PRF)

Mountain Valleys RC&D Council - $28,000 for the Town of Mars Hill Governmental Center Storm Water Management Project. (PRF)

Mountain Valleys RC&D Council - $20,604 for demonstrating water conservation and protection issues at the Madison County Cooperative Extension Office. (PRF)

Nature Center Society - $14,878 for demonstrating water conservation and protection issues at the Nature Center and in Buncombe County Schools. (PRF)

North Carolina Arboretum - $15,000 to provide educational programs and demonstration sites about storm water runoff, stream enhancements and reduction of sedimentation. (PRF)

North Carolina Rural Communities Assistance Project - $17,500 to support statewide volunteer installation of septic systems/repairs in Madison and Buncombe counties. (PRF)

RiverLink - $24,750 for a statewide initiative that trains volunteers to identify and report non-compliance with sedimentation and erosion regulations, especially related to construction projects in Buncombe and Madison counties. (PRF)

Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - $25,000 to support planned giving programs for local land trusts members of the Blue Ridge Forever collaborative. (SG)

Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council - $8,500 for a stream bank stabilization project in Cruso. (PRF)

Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council - $6,500 to purchase a weed-removal machine and reduce the need for pesticides. (PRF)

Southwestern NC Resource Conservation and Development Council - $6,500 for a fishing pier at Canton Recreational Park. (PRF)

SouthWings - $4,500 (OD)

The Village Conservancy - $7,000 to start construction of two restrooms and a small gift shop in an existing unfinished building. (OG)

Western Carolina Pacesetters - $25,000 for an environmental education center to serve youth from Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Swain, and Graham counties. (SG)
According to the United States Department of Agriculture, North Carolina leads the nation in the rate of lost farmland. Since 2002, the state has lost more than 6,000 farms and 300,000 acres of farmland. In Haywood County alone, farmland has diminished by 18.8 percent.
WOMEN’S PHILANTHROPY
Initiatives Raise More than $1 Million for Women and Girls

This year the Foundation reached an important milestone in its funding for women by women. Since the launch of our women’s initiatives in 2005, The Community Foundation has now raised more than $1 million to improve the lives of women and girls in Western North Carolina. Through Women for Women, The Women’s Fund, and Women’s Conversations, women have been inspired to give, and give generously, reaching out to improve the lives of less fortunate women and girls in Western North Carolina.

Women for Women

More than 300 women have joined our giving circle, Women for Women. Members pool their money to make high-impact grants to improve the lives of less fortunate women and girls in our region. By harnessing the power of collective giving, women in our community have awarded more than $780,000 in grants over the last three years.

This year’s grants of $280,321 funded health education for teens, HIV-prevention programs for African-American women, and social change advocacy to benefit low-income women.

Members make a tax-deductible gift of $1,100 each year for three years. Because women have many demands on their time, each member chooses her level of involvement in volunteer activities.

If you or someone you know would like to receive more information about Women for Women, please call (828) 254-4960.

The Women’s Fund

The Women’s Fund is a permanent endowment established to help less fortunate women and girls in Western North Carolina. The Women’s Fund receives tax-deductible gifts of any amount from individuals, as well as the proceeds from our annual celebration of women’s philanthropy, the Power of the Purse Luncheon and auction. The Women’s Fund’s assets now exceed $250,000, and each year it supports competitive grants serving disadvantaged women and girls.

Women’s Conversations

These informal gatherings are designed to create a space where women can talk freely about money, philanthropy, and the legacies they want to create. Women’s Conversations are open to all interested women, and are a wonderful way for women to align their charitable interests with their values and passions. Group sessions are held periodically; members of the CFWNC staff are always available for private one-on-one conversations. Contact us to learn more.
Graduating as valedictorian of your class is no small feat, but imagine achieving the distinction as a teen mother raising a two-year-old daughter.

This year, Sandy Lozano graduated at the top of her class from Balfour Education Center, an alternative school in Henderson County. In addition to the classes students need to graduate, this unique school offers parenting classes, a four-star childcare facility and special transportation that includes car seats for children of teen mothers. Without this transportation, the chance to interact with her child during the day, and a supportive educational environment, Lozano says she would have been forced to abandon her dreams of education and drop out of school. Without a high school education, she and other teen mothers attending the school would likely not be able to obtain a living wage job, creating a downward spiral for mother and child.

As the first person in her family ever to finish high school, Lozano now plans to attend college and earn an associate’s degree in surgical technology. And she hopes to be the best mom she can be for her daughter, Jassell.

Women for Women awarded a two-year grant to this program for 2007 and 2008. For other examples of programs funded by the Foundation over the years that have helped women and girls, see below.

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**A SAMPLING OF GRANTS OVER THE YEARS**

Over the past 30 years, CFWNC grants have helped to improve the lives of women and girls.

1994 - $7,500 to Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice to support prison alternatives for women convicted of crimes.

1995 - $3,000 for REACH of Jackson County to help establish a resale shop and generate income to serve domestic violence victims. Today the store provides a steady stream of income, contributing 15-18 percent of the organization’s total annual budget.

2002 - $10,000 to ABCCM to help cover first-year costs of a women and children’s shelter for the homeless in Asheville.

2007 - $25,000 to Pisgah Legal Services to remove barriers that prevent victims of domestic violence from becoming self-sufficient.

The Community Foundation has provided more than $1 million in funding to combat domestic violence, helping start shelters and provide ongoing support for organizations in 14 WNC counties.
2008
Women for Women Grants

Three grants totaling $280,321 were awarded to the following organizations:

Children First - $95,000 to advocate for social changes, including a living wage and equitable child care subsidy, that will improve the lives of low-income women.

Planned Parenthood
$96,781 for an education program that teaches older, at-risk teen girls how to educate their peers about topics that include: hygiene, abstinence, teen pregnancy, self-esteem and preventing sexually transmitted infections.

WNC AIDS Project
$88,540 to use peer-to-peer education methods among African-American women who are living in poverty so that they may inform and educate each other about the spread of HIV and AIDS.
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Top: Nontombi Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, spoke eloquently to more than 650 women who gathered for this year’s Power of the Purse Luncheon on June 9 at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa. Guests celebrated more than $1 million that has been raised to help less fortunate women and girls since the Foundation’s women’s initiatives began in 2005. The luncheon and auction raised $64,000 for The Women’s Fund.
FUNDS

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These funds offer broad flexibility for addressing the region's changing needs.

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Field of Interest Funds

These funds support broadly defined areas of charitable interest.

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Robert and Lucy Schell Fund
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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Schwarzkopf Fund
Dick and Nancy Sennett Charitable Fund
William L. and Susan S. Sewell Charitable Fund
Nancy A. Shaffer Charitable Fund
James A. and Anna S. Shivers Charitable Fund
Clarke Davis Skelton Fund
Fred and Ellen Slosman Charitable Fund
SLP Charitable Fund
Canie B. Smith Fund
John J. and Yvonne M. Smith Fund
Source Fund
Kathy Spencer Fund
Tom and Bonnie Spradling Fund
Hal and Alberta Starnes Fund
Louise M. Stelling Charitable Fund
Andrea Stolz Charitable Fund
Sylvia and Karl H. Straus Fund
Andrew and Holly Strauss Charitable Fund
David C. and Nancy C. Swann Fund
Sycamore Fund
Charlie and Dottie Sykes Charitable Fund
James T. Tanner and Ellyn P. Tanner Charitable Fund
Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Taylor Fund
Tempelaar-Lietz Charitable Fund
Rita G. and Luther B. Thigpen Fund
Betty E. Thum Fund
Trillium Fund
Randall and Patricia Vanderbeek Fund
Vanderwaal Family Fund
Jon and Patricia Vannice Fund
Pat and Angie Vest Charitable Fund
Virgil and Margaret Wagner Charitable Fund
Elaine and Bob Walker Fund
Jane B. Weis Fund
Widman Family Fund
G. Wallace Wilcox, Jr. Fund
Glenn W. Wilcox Sr. Fund
Karen Wilde Memorial Fund for Brevard Police Department
Dick and Martha Wilkins Charitable Fund
Vance and Willis Willey Charitable Fund
Maurice H. and Virginia Winger Charitable Fund
Anne Winner Charitable Fund
Harriette Winner Charitable Fund
Larry Winner Charitable Fund
Richard A. Wood, Jr. Charitable Fund
Stephen and Mary Bruce Woody Fund
Murf and Marty Young Charitable Fund
15 Anonymous Funds

Organization and Designated Endowment Funds

These funds benefit one or more named charities for a designated period or in perpetuity.

Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM):
Urgent Needs Fund
Building Maintenance Fund
Christian Ministry Endowment Fund
Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers
Community Library Endowment Fund
Ralph Neely Fund for Albert Carlton-Cashiers
Community Library Periodicals

All Souls Counseling Center Endowment Fund
Arc of Buncombe County Endowment Fund
Arthur Morgan School Endowment Fund

Arts For Life:
Endowment Fund
Dickson Art Fellowship Fund
Funds an art or music fellowship position at the WNC chapter of Arts For Life

Asheville Area Center for the Performing Arts:
Legacy Fund
Margarete W. Moon Charitable Fund
Asheville Art Museum Endowment Fund
Asheville Bravo Concerts:
Endowment Fund
Payne Fund
Asheville-Buncombe Library System Trust Fund
Asheville Chamber Music Endowment Fund
Christy Sloan Memorial Award at Asheville Christian Academy
Asheville Civitani:
Foundation Special Fund
Scholarship and Education Endowment Fund
Asheville Community Theatre Endowment Fund
Asheville Symphony:
Companion Endowment Fund
Endowment Fund
Payne Fund
Lucia Ward Memorial Fund

Bayer Family Designated Fund
George W. Beverly, Jr. and Sandra M. Beverly Designated Fund
Big Brothers-Big Sisters of WNC Endowment Fund
Black Mountain Center for the Arts Endowment Fund
Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation:
Elspeth and James McClure Clarke Fund
Imerys K-T Endowment Fund
Houck and K.B. Medford Fund
Museum of North Carolina Minerals Endowment Fund
ZAP Fitness Endowment for Moses H. Cone Memorial Park
Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County Endowment Fund
Brevard Chamber Orchestra Endowment Fund
Brevard Little Theatre Building Fund
Beth and Baxter Butler Memorial Fund
Jean Bates Dunagan Cagle Fund
Camp High Rocks Campership Fund
CarePartners Hospice Foundation Fund
Caring for Children Endowment Fund
Carolina High Country Section 1103 of the American Society for Quality Education Endowment Fund

Center for Dialogue Endowment Fund

CFWN Sustainability Fund
Supports CFWNC operations
Cherokee County Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
Children First - Anderson/Longstreet Fund
Colburn Earth Science Museum Endowment Fund
Communities In Schools of Rutherford County Endowment Fund
Community and Economic Development Alliance Endowment Fund
Congregation Beth Israel: General Endowment Fund
Slosman Endowment Fund
Sollod Endowment Fund
Conservation Trust for North Carolina: Blue Ridge Parkway Land Protection Fund
North Carolina Land Trust Endowment Fund
CooperRis Endowment Fund
Nancy Crosby Endowment for Literacy
Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund
Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community Residency Fund

**WCCJ and Neighbors-in-Ministry Dugger Fund**

Ebben Foundation Endowment Fund
Elida Foundation Endowment Fund
First Baptist Church Endowment Fund
First Baptist Church of Waynesville Housing Trust Fund
Organ Maintenance Fund (for First Presbyterian Church of Highlands)
First Presbyterian Church of Swannanoa Cemetery Fund
Four Seasons Hospice Chaplaincy Endowment Fund
French Broad River Foundation Fund
French Broad River/Steel Fund
Arthur J. Fryar Charitable Fund
Dorothy Brown Gowen Scholarship Fund
Wilford Hayes Gowen Scholarship Fund
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church: Building Endowment Fund
Mitchell Carlisle Memorial Fund
Hungry Children's Fund
Lecture Series Endowment Fund
Scholarship Endowment Fund
Unrestricted Endowment Fund
Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park Endowment
Green River Preserve Endowment Fund
Clementine Gregory Designated Fund
Jane Guy Endowment Fund
Gwynn Valley Campership Foundation
John D. Crosby, Jr. Fund for Habitat for Humanity
Evan James Moseley Endowment Fund (for Hampton School)
HandMade in America Endowment Fund
Haywood Animal Welfare Association Endowment Fund
Haywood County Arts Endowment Fund
Haywood County Public Library Trust Fund Endowment
Haywood Waterways Association Endowment Fund

**John and Margaret Hazlehurst Fund**
The Health Adventure Endowment Fund
Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival Endowment
William R. Phillips Endowment for the Hinton Rural Life Center
Hopkins Chapel AME Zion Church Endowment
Hospice House Foundation of WNC Endowment Fund
Industrial Opportunities Endowment Fund
Rex Mosley and Irene Wortham Center Endowment Fund
Bill and Sue Ives Scholarship Fund
Jewish Community Center Endowment Joanna Cornerstone Ministries: Mike Godfrey Memorial Scholarship

**Madelyn Lea Memorial Music Scholarship**
Leroy Ripper Scholarship Fund

**Robert and Julie Johnson Designated Fund**
Junior Achievement of Western North Carolina Endowment Fund
Junior League of Asheville Endowment Fund
Kiwanis Club of Black Mountain - Swannanoa Foundation:
Ernest S. DeWick Memorial General Charities Fund
Ernest S. DeWick Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lake Logan Episcopal Center Endowment Fund
Lake Toxaway Charities Legacy Endowment Fund
Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church Endowment
Lewis Rathbun Wellness Center Endowment Fund

Little Mountaineer Scholarship Fund
Lou Pollock Memorial Park Fund

**LTLT Stewardship Fund**
Supports mission and charitable purposes of the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, Inc.

**MANNA FoodBank:**
W. Earl Mitchelle Endowment
Endowment in Memory of Don Schaller
Mayland Community College Foundation Endowment

**Walter and Nancy McConnell Designated Fund**
Charles T. and Shirley Anne McCullough Designated Fund

Mcdowell Arts & Crafts Association Endowment Fund
Public Schools of McDowell County:
Virginia Staples Blanton Scholarship
Baldon Family Scholarship
Endowment Fund
Nebo Elementary School Fund
New Century Scholars Scholarship Fund

**Chris McMillan Designated Fund**
Meals On Wheels of Buncombe County Endowment Fund
MindCare:
Endowment Fund
Noel Family Fund
Mental Health Association in Yancey County Endowment Fund
Mills Memorial Fund
Mitchell County Schools Endowment Fund
Montford Park Players Endowment Fund
Hollie and Sherman Morris Endowment Fund
Mount Zion Community Development Inc. Endowment Fund
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville Endowment Fund
Mountain Area Child and Family Center:
Kristina and Savannah Keels Scholarship Fund
Martha Launderbaugh Robbins Endowment Fund
Danny Verner Scholarship Fund
Diana Wortham Endowment Fund
Mountain BizWorks Endowment Fund
Mountain Housing Opportunities Endowment Fund

**Mountain View Baptist Church Cemetery Fund**
Supports upkeep and maintenance of cemetery at Mountain View Baptist Church, Black Mountain, NC
Elizabeth Chambers Endowment Fund
for Mountain Youth Resources
J. L. Murray Endowment Fund
Cherie Roth Nata Scholarship Fund
Fay Coker Walker Endowment Fund
(for Neighbors in Ministry)
Mary Louise and Richard E. Nelson, Jr. Endowment Fund
Newland Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund
Newton Academy Cemetery Fund
Zeffie and Arch Nichols Fund
Mebane Memorial Endowment Fund (for Norris Public Library Foundation)
On Stage Fund
Optimist Santa Pal Club of Asheville/Florence
Jarrett Memorial Endowment Fund
Pack Place Education, Arts and Science Center:
Capital Endowment Fund
Roger J. McGuire Memorial Endowment Fund
Permanent Endowment Fund
Repair Reserve Fund

**Partnership for Pastoral Counseling Endowment Fund**
Lewis Rathbun Legacy Fund (for Pathways - Life After Cancer)
Pisgah Legal Services Endowment Fund
Preservation North Carolina:
Endowment Fund
Publications Endowment
Preservation Society of Asheville & Buncombe County Fund
R & R Endowment Fund
Rainbow Mountain Foundation Fund
Gertrude W. Ramsey Fund for Children

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Ratcliffe Cove Cemetery Endowment Fund
Rotary Club of Asheville Charitable Needs Endowment
Susan H. Rozelle Fund
Sue Gowen Samson Designated Fund
Robert and Lucy Schell Designated Fund
Mary Helen Schwarzkopf Designated Fund
Ralph Schwarzkopf Designated Fund
Sharing House Endowment Fund
Smith-McDowell House Endowment Fund
Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy: Endowment Fund
Highlands Fund
Land and Conservation Easement Acquisition Fund
Land and Conservation Easement Stewardship Endowment
Southern Dharma Retreat Center Endowment Fund
Edna Hampton Endowment for St. Francis Episcopal Church
St. Matthias Scholarship Fund
Jenkins Episcopal Church Cemetery Endowment Fund (for St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Brevard)
Summit Charter School Foundation Endowment Fund
Swannanoa Valley Medical Center, Inc.: Capital/Major Maintenance Fund
Ernie DeWick Fund
Toe River Arts Council: Endowment Fund
Scholarship for the Arts
Towery Scholarship Fund
Transylvania 4-H Foundation, Inc. Fund
Transylvania Community Arts Council Endowment Fund
John Whitworth Fund for Transylvania County (for Transylvania Community Hospital)
Transylvania County Historical Society Endowment Fund
Trinity Episcopal Church of Asheville: Endowment Fund
McLeod and Nancy Patton Endowment Fund
Ann Cannon Smith Endowment Fund
Trinity Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, Spruce Pine
United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County Fund
United Way of Transylvania County Endowment Fund
University Botanical Gardens at Asheville: Endowment Fund
John and Elizabeth Andrews Izzard Horticulture Fund
Watauga Library Endowment Fund
Jane B. Weis Designated Fund
Rebekah Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund (for West Asheville Assembly of God)
Ruth Hensley Camblos Fund for the Western North Carolina Historical Association, Inc.
Glenn Wilcox Fund for First Baptist Church
Glenn W. Wilcox, Sr. Designated Fund
Wildlife Rehabilitation Endowment Fund (for Wildlife Care Center of the Blue Ridge)
WNC Aids Project Endowment
WNC Communities: Endowment Fund
Dairy Commission Endowment Fund
Journey Endowment Funds
David H. Levitch Memorial Endowment for W.N.C. Housing, Inc.
WNC Medical Peer Review Foundation
Physicians’ Endowment Fund
WNC Partners for Nonprofit Success Fund
WNC Public Radio
McGuire Program Fund
Unrestricted Fund
Jessica Hamilton Foundation for Africa’s Children (for Woodland Hills Baptist Church)
Honors the life of Jessica Marie Hamilton by awarding support for young people wishing to carry on Christian missions in Africa
Laurie Robeson Wright Charitable Fund
Greta K. Yager Charitable Fund
YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly Endowment Fund
YMCA of Western North Carolina: Endowment Fund
John Abbott Scholarship Fund
Charlotte Carlisle Scholarship Fund for Teens
Joe Mongovis Scholarship Fund
Phil Sales Scholarship Fund
Vest Family Fund
YWCA Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds

These funds provide assistance to students pursuing their higher education.

Richard M. Arnold Scholarship Fund
Asheville Wilbert Vault Service Scholarship Fund
Asheville Young Woman Leadership Award Fund
William Bradley Ayers Memorial Scholarship Fund
Alan Bruckner Young Life Scholarship Fund
J. Jerry Cabe Dental Scholarship Fund
John Francis Amherst Cecil Foundation Fund
Johneen Roth Epstein Scholarship Fund
Jim Duyck Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Francis Amherst Cecil Foundation Fund
J. Jerry Cabe Dental Scholarship Fund
John Francis Amherst Cecil Foundation Fund
Johneen Roth Epstein Scholarship Fund
Jim Duyck Memorial Scholarship Fund
for Mountain Youth Baseball, Inc.
Johneen Roth Epstein Scholarship Fund
Newton Academy-William Forster, Jr. & Nancy Forster Stevens Scholarship Fund
Londell J. Foster-Thomas Scholarship Fund
Captain John G. Gardner, USMC, Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Scholarship Fund
R. Walker Geitner III Scholarship Fund
Martha Guy Educational Fund
Margie McCluney Hamrick Nursing Scholarship Fund
Wellington Hamrick Scholarship Fund
Chuck D. Hargrove Memorial Scholarship Fund
Heffington Scholarship Fund
A. Joe Hemphill, Jr. Scholarship Fund
Mary R. Hemphill Scholarship Fund
Highlands Falls Country Club Employee Scholarship Fund
Yates L. and Louise D. Holland Scholarship Fund
Walter “Pop” Jarvis Scholarship Fund
Lucius Lanier Memorial Fund

Marilyn Lester and William Lester Scholarship Fund
Established to assist an Asheville High School graduating senior each year through four years of higher education.
McDowell Medical Associates, P.A., Scholarship Fund
Charles C. and Suzanne R. McKinney Scholarship Fund
Established to assist a Mitchell High School graduating senior each year through four years of higher education.
Gene and Lee Meyer Scholarship Fund
Brandon F. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
Roger W. Morrison Scholarship Fund
NC Alpha Epsilon Memorial Scholarship Fund
NC Association of Electrical Contractors Fund
Ruth Paddison Scholarship Fund
Established to enable graduating high school seniors whose primary residence is in Madison County obtain a higher education.
Cal and Carol Peddy Memorial Fund
Elda C. Penny-Graham Co. Woman’s Club Scholarship Fund
Irving Jacob Reuter Award Fund
S. Hayes Robinson Memorial Dance Scholarship Fund
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Established in 1999
$402,668 in assets
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center
» Black Mountain Swannanoa Arts Center
» The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Buncombe County
Total Grants: $52,900*

The BMCEF Board is also the advisor to the Buckner Family Endowment Fund and the Helen S. and Jerry M. Newbold, Jr. Endowment Fund, which also contribute to grants for Black Mountain, Montreat, and the Swannanoa Valley.

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Established in 1999
$1,072,607 in assets (does not include pledges)
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» Animal Friends for Life
» Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project
» Mountain Landscapes Initiative
» Summit Charter School
» The Village Conservancy
Total Grants: $38,000*

The Fund For Haywood County

The Fund for Haywood County will celebrate its 15th anniversary during 2009. The group continues to be a substantial contributor to nonprofits in the community. To further spread the word about the unique opportunities offered by the endowment, the board has enacted an awareness-building campaign as this year’s focus.

Board members: Louise W. Baker and Kenneth F. Wilson, Co-Chairs; Peggy C. Melville, Secretary; William C. Allsbrook Jr., Karla S. Escaravage, Roif Kaufman, Bruce Kingshill, Ron Leatherwood, Linda W. Manes, William Owen, Jim Phillips, Phyllis Prevost and Asa “Buck” Williams

Established in 1994
$162,071 in assets
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» Baptist Children’s Homes of NC
» Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina
» Haywood Community College Foundation
» Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC)
» Pigeon River Community Development Center
Total Grants: $48,325*

The Fund for Haywood County Board is also the advisor to the J. Aaron and Adora H. Prevost Endowment Fund, which contributes to grants in Haywood County.

Highlands Community Foundation

Combining generous gifts, bequests and pledges, the Highlands Community Foundation exceeds $1 million in assets. This fund makes much-needed grants to local nonprofit organizations from both its endowment and gift fund. The board is continually taking steps to learn more about community needs and how their resources can help address local issues.

Board members: T. Wood Lovell, Chair; W. Jack Brinson, Treasurer; Judy Michaud, Secretary; Laney Capron, Richard Demetriou, Robert W. Fisher, Richard W. Freeman, cris Hayas, Suzanne Inman, Judy Kight, Nancy Parker, Emily “Mimi” W. Tynes and Willis H. Willey

Established in 1996
$803,038 in assets (does not include bequests and pledges)
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» The Bascom
» Highlands Biological Foundation
» Highlands Community Child Development Center
» Highlands Emergency Council
» International Friendship Center
» The Literacy Council of Highlands
» Performing Arts Center
Total Grants: $38,425*

The Highlands Community Foundation Board is also the advisor to the Mildred Miller Fort Fund and the Hertwig Fund, which contribute to grantmaking in Highlands.
The McDowell Foundation
The McDowell Foundation hosted a donor appreciation reception this year to thank donors for their loyal support over the past 13 years. The occasion was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the grants to local nonprofits that the board has been honored to support. This year, The McDowell Foundation supported programs and projects for senior citizens, school children, children with disabilities, and patients at The McDowell Hospital.

Board members: Sharon L. Parker, Chair; W. Hill Evans, Vice-Chair; Laura Dover Doran, Secretary; Ellen “Bunnie” S. Burgin, G. Simeon Butler, Rebecca B. Cross, Simeon R. Cross, Barbara W. Dark, Amy England, James S. Gibson, Albert C. “Bud” Hogan and Joy Shuford

Established in 1995
$312,560 in assets
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» Davidson’s Fort Historic Park
» KidSenses Children’s InterACTIVE Museum
» Magical Moments Therapeutic Riding Center
» McDowell County Senior Center
» The McDowell Hospital

Totals Grants: $64,400*

*The McDowell Foundation Board is also the advisor to the Margaret Westmoreland Gibson Memorial Fund and the A.C. Hogan Family Fund, which also contribute to grantmaking in McDowell County.

Foundation For Mitchell County
This year, the Foundation for Mitchell County substantially invested in projects serving their increasingly diverse community. This year the board chose to support programs for the arts, education, and small business entrepreneurs among others. The board continues to build awareness about the Foundation’s opportunities for nonprofits and donors.

Board members: Bill Weeks, Chair; Leland Riddle, Vice-Chair; Cynthia G. Nash, Secretary; Harry Anderson, A. Christopher Day, Patty Elkins, Kenneth Fox, Phillip Frye, Rhonda Gunter, Susan Larson, Cindy Lindsey, Ronald B. McKinney, Sallie McKinney, Jean McLaughlin, Anne Rhine and Doug Sudduth

Established in 1999
$142,911 in assets
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library
» Mitchell County Development Foundation
» Penland School of Crafts
» Service center for Latinos
» Toe River Arts Council

Total Grants: $85,500*

Rutherford County Foundation
The Rutherford County Foundation was honored to add the assets of the Centura First Savings Foundation to its resources in the past year. As part of the merger, a GIFT program was launched, creating additional opportunities for nonprofits to access the Foundation’s support for programs and projects.

Board members: Michael E. Gavin, Chair; Sally Lesher, Vice-Chair; Peggy Jaski, Secretary; Dean Backstrom, Philip Byers, Lucille Dalton, Phil de Montmollin, Dee B. Griffith, Vernon Hoyle, Joan King, Al Lovelace, William Morris, Juanita Newton, Fred Noble, Gordon Scott, Michael Tanner, Nancy Tanner, Claudia Wilkins, Dick Wilkins, Faye Wilson and Midge Yelton

Established in 1996
$1,535,612 in assets
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» American Red Cross of Rutherford County
» Animal Protection Alliance of Rutherford County
» Communities in Schools of Rutherford County
» Community Clinic of Rutherford County
» Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina Foothills
» East Rutherford High School
» Family Resources of Rutherford County Inc.
» Heartbeats Pregnancy Center, Inc.
» Judicial District 29A Drug Treatment Court
» KidSenses Children’s InterACTIVE Museum
» Realize Rutherford, Inc.
» Rutherford County Air Rescue Squad
» Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity
» Rutherford County Judicial District 29A
» Rutherford County Rescue Crew
» Rutherford County Schools Parents as Teachers
» Rutherford Housing Partnership
» Rutherford LifeSERVICES
» Shiloh-Danieltown-Oakland Volunteer Fire Department
» South Mountain Christian Youth Camp
» Union Mills Learning Center
» Yokefellow Service Center

Total Grants: $137,290*

Transylvania Endowment
The Transylvania Endowment celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Brevard Music Center with a tribute event to Isabel Nichols, who was instrumental in establishing the fund. This year the board chose to support grants to programs including affordable housing, mediation services, and healthcare.

Board members: Augustine W. “Gus” Tucker, Chair; William Thomas Penn, Vice-Chair; Dennis Folken, Treasurer; Gail McCarty, Secretary; Sara Champion, Elizabeth R. Craig, Rebecca Desmond, Arthur Fisher, Robert T. Gash, Randolph Harry, Troy H. Hutchinson, Betsy Jordan, Richard C. Larson, Scott Latell, Alvin W. LeFaivre, James Lipham, Rhoda McKean, Peter McKinney, Linda Neumann, Kenneth G. Rach, Louise Reed, John Rowe and Jerry Stone

Established in 1998
$507,421 in assets**
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County
» Brevard Orchestra Association
» Center for Dialogue
» Transylvania Christian Ministry
» Transylvania County Volunteers in Medicine
» Western Carolina Community Action

Total Grants: $72,400*

*The Transylvania Endowment is comprised of the Transylvania Endowment Fund, the Transylvania Director’s Fund, the Lake Toxaway Charities Endowment Fund and the Burlingame Fund.

Yancey Foundation
The Yancey Foundation strives to build awareness of the fund and its unique value to the community. The board supported a variety of projects this year, including an after-school arts program, a cultural heritage project, an environmental stewardship project and the Old Burnsville Gym’s renovation in support of the Healthy Yancey campaign.

Board members: William O. Cullom, Chair; Joann Collins, Secretary; Neal Culver, Treasurer; Patricia Bennett, Peter Bobbe, George Gowen, Howell Hammond, Robert Howell, Lynda Kinnane, Jim McQueen, Wanda Proffitt, Sherry Robinson, Peter Stephens, Martin Webster, Carol Wilson and Carol Woodward

Established in 1998
$255,327 in assets
2007-2008 Grant Recipients:
» Graham Children’s Health Services of Toe River
» Rural Southern Voice for Peace
» Toe River Arts Council
» Yancey County Cultural Resources Commission

Total Grants: $48,000*

*Total grants this year in partnership with CFWNC.
The Cashiers Community Fund, the first affiliate of The Community Foundation, began in 1992 out of a desire community leaders had to address unmet needs in Cashiers.

Vanna Montgomery Cameron said, “At the time, we had just built a daycare center and library. We realized that, as time goes by, we would need to sustain these programs long after we’re gone. We also wanted to identify and support other important needs in our community.”

Since then, the Cashiers Community Fund has become an important resource for charitable programs, funding a wide variety of organizations that range from the Village Conservancy to the Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project and Cashiers Humane Society. More than $174,000 has been awarded to area programs over the past 16 years thanks to the Cashiers Community Fund and support from The Community Foundation.

This year was an especially busy one as Cashiers became one of the four case studies in The Community Foundation’s Mountain Landscapes Initiative. Board member Dave Dimling said, “The genesis of the Cashiers charrette was the Cashiers Needs Study that was completed in 2007, which identified intelligent growth as the most important concern in our community.”

Approximately 200 people — developers, real estate professionals, residents and professional community planners — met in May to examine how this mountain community is growing and changing. New ideas to enhance life in the village surfaced, such as creating roundabouts and building walking paths. “Keep Cashiers, Cashiers!” became the catchphrase, a commonly expressed desire not to lose its special sense of place.

On 8/8/08, the “From Beijing to Cashiers” fundraising celebration was held in conjunction with the Olympic opening ceremony, netting $20,000 in donations from generous donors.

Thanks to a successful fundraising campaign, the Cashiers Community Fund has grown to $1.9 million in gifts and pledges and will continue to provide support to enhance life in this lovely village and “keep Cashiers, Cashiers.”
The Hust Society

The Hust Society, named for our founder Ray Hust, recognizes and honors those who have established permanent endowment funds at The Community Foundation. Their commitment of charitable resources benefits our region now and will endure for generations to come.

Amelia B. Fisher
Arthur G. Fisher
Lloyd and Mary Kathryn Fisher
Lyn Fozzard
Martha L. Gentry
Paul O. Germann, Jr.
James S. Gibson
Thomas F. Gibson
Thomas P. Gibson
Melanie Dover Goodson
Fred and Cindy Groce
Mr. Kim Gruelle
Martha Guy
Judith and Corwith Hamill
Susan T. Harris
Arthur Joe Hemphill, Jr.
Mary R. Hemphill
Lucy Heyerman
Elizabeth W. Holden
Mary and Bill Hollins
Katherine (Kitty) H. Hoyle
Bill and Marilyn Hubbard
William and Dorothy Hussey
Suzanne and Ed Inman
Barbara C. Keleher
Patricia Kerns
Dr. Marilym Kolton-Dwarshuis
Joe and Wendy Kotowski
Al and Polly LeFaire
June and Bill Lenoci
Mardi Dover Letson
Grace E. Luther
The McClintion Family
Shirley Anne and Charlie McCullough
Anne and William McKee
Will and Becky McKee
Suzanne McKinney
Houck and K.B. Medford
Gene Meyer
Lee Meyer
Margaret G. Montgomery
Jennifer Morgan
Jerry Newbold, Jr.
Eleanor and Charlie Owen
Ken and Emily Partin
Robert Peterson
Anne Ponder
Jeannie G. Porter
Micah Pulley
Rob Pulley
Maloy and Josephine Rash
The children of Hal and Helen Reed - Claudette, Ron and Andy
Bob and Kathy Riddle
John LeRoy Robinson
Raymond Eley Robinson
Katherine C. Rorison
Sherrod and Margaret Salsbury
Sue Gowen Samson
Alexander L. Schenck
Laurinda C. Schenck
Michael Weldon Schenck
H. Robert Sharbaugh
Lori C. Shook
Carolyn A. Shorkey
Randy Siegel
Christine Siegfried
Kenneth Siegfried
Phil and Pat Smith
Wm. Taylor Sword
William C. Sword
Mrs. Murice C. Talley
Robin R. Visceglia
Milton J. Warden
Kate and Mitchell Watson
John R. Hoskins IV and Laura A. Webb
Robert K. Weiler
Gregory Olson and Rosalind Willis
Carol P. Wilson
Deborah Robinson Wilson
Jay “Skip” Wilson
Jay M. Wilson, II
William M. and Pamela H. Winkler
Diana G. Wortham
Leigh W. Young

*deceased

If you have a different preference for your listing on these pages, or if you have made a provision for the Foundation in your will or estate plan and would like to be recognized as a member of the Legacy Society, please contact us (828) 254-4960.
The Legacy Society honors a special group of individuals who have arranged for a future gift to The Community Foundation by bequest, charitable remainder trust, charitable gift annuity, retirement assets, life insurance, life estate or other deferred contribution. We celebrate these charitable legacies, which will carry on donors’ generous spirit.

Sheryl Aikman
Nancy M. Anthony
Marcia and Fred Ayers
Luther and Ruth Barnhardt
Mason Barrett
Charlotte Lunsford Berry
George and Sandra Beverly
C. Beau Bobbitt
Howard and Betty Boyd
Mr. and Mrs. G. Waring Boys
Joe C. Brumit II and Janice W. Brumit
Robert E. Burns
Richard L. Bury and Ann R. Bury
Mrs. Charles M. Butler
Ms. Nancy Sales Cash
Ed and Barbara Cathey
Mrs. Gran P. Childress
Betty Lou Chubb
Nicholas C. Chubb, M.D.*
Ray A. Clarke
Mr. Charles F. Cole
Dr.* and Mrs. John Coli
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Brock and Cathy Himan
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Black Mountain Community Endowment Fund
James A. and Donna D. Buckner
Thomas R. and Katharine W. (Scottie) Cannon
Henry and Barbara Griffin

Cashiers Community Fund
Ann McKee Austin
Vesta and Albert Balseiere
Ann and Mitchell Betty
Vanna Montgomery
Cameron
Dr. Barbara Carlton
Kate and Mitchell Watson

The Fund for Haywood County
Paul O. Germann, Jr.
Rolf Kaufman
Melissa Van Noppen
Billie and Bob Venner

The McDowell Foundation
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R. Marshall Dark, Jr. and Barbara W. Dark
Nancy C. Greenlee
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Katherine Philbeck
Mr. and Mrs.
James T. Tanner
Lynne and Mike Tanner
Dick and Martha Wilkins

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David W. and Sara B. Sowersby
Aleen Steinberg

Yancey Foundation
Susan and Bubba (Paul) Crutchfield
Peg and George Emerson

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How We Can Help
For 30 years, The Community Foundation has been helping people like you make charitable gifts here in the mountain region and beyond. Let us help you maximize your giving to benefit the causes you care about.

Become a Philanthropist.
You may be interested in the arts or the environment, a specific community in our region, or building financial support for your favorite organization. When you make a gift of any amount to one of the hundreds of endowments at the Foundation, it becomes part of a permanent pool of assets. Over time, as the endowment grows, it generates more charitable dollars that go back into the community. Your gift today keeps giving forever!

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With an initial gift of $10,000 or more, you can create a donor advised fund. It's a great way to simplify your giving, involve your family, and access the Foundation's expertise when you need it. Your gifts are immediately tax-deductible and can be invested, with the potential to grow. From your fund, you can recommend grants to qualified charities at any time, in your name or anonymously.

Connect with Powerful Funding Opportunities.
We understand community needs across Western North Carolina. Become a “Partner-in-Giving” and we’ll provide a portfolio of grant opportunities, chosen just for you. By adding your resources to those of others, we increase the dollars available to invest in a particular cause. This is the power of collective, community philanthropy.

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Did you know there are ways to give that provide income to you and your loved ones now and a charitable gift later? We can show you how to achieve your goals for your family and give back to the community. You can also make a gift by naming us in your will or as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. The Community Foundation provides you with maximum tax deductibility and has the expertise to handle complex assets.

Take Your Giving to a New Level.
Through personal, one-on-one conversations, or by working with your professional adviser, we can help create giving solutions that reflect your personal values, motivations and goals. Whether you want to make a gift now or later, give cash, appreciated securities or some other asset, we’ll work hard to help you find the best fit for you.

Please contact us at (828) 254-4960 to learn more.
Thinking About Your Giving

- What has been your most satisfying charitable gift? Why?
- Which volunteer experiences have been most rewarding?
- When you think about the challenges facing our community and our world, what are your major concerns? Are any of these, or should any of these, be the focus of your giving?
- What have you learned from your giving?
- What role would you like giving to play for your children and grandchildren?
- What would you like to accomplish through giving?
- What do you think is possible?

Giving Now

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina accepts most types of assets. Because we are a public charity, you receive the maximum tax benefit for your contributions. Although most donors contribute cash or publicly traded stock, you may want to talk with us about a gift of:

- Real estate
- Closely-held stock
- Assets from your IRA or qualified retirement plan
- Life insurance
- Personal property, such as jewelry or art
- Assets of your private foundation or other trusts
- Stock options or founder's stock
- Limited liability partnership units

Giving in the Future

Bequest

Specify a gift in your will or revocable trust, then tell us how you'd like your gift to be used for causes you care about. The Foundation carries out your charitable wishes after your lifetime.

Charitable Gift Annuity

In exchange for a charitable gift of $10,000 or more, you or your loved one receives a guaranteed stream of income for life. Part of your annuity payments may even be tax free. Whatever remains after your lifetime benefits your chosen charitable causes.

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

Create a CRT with $50,000 or more and receive an immediate tax deduction. You or your loved ones receive income for life or for a specified number of years. When the trust's term is complete, the remaining assets create or add to your charitable fund.
Financial Information

Annual Investment Returns Through 6/30/08

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*The benchmark used is 60% S&P 500, 40% Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Index. Investment returns are reported net of investment expenses.

Stewardship of Community Assets

The thoughtful stewardship of The Community Foundation’s assets is a critical responsibility of the Board of Directors. The Foundation’s investment program utilizes multiple levels of oversight in managing assets for the benefit of Western North Carolina.

The Foundation’s Investment Committee, comprised of local professionals with investment and financial expertise, has responsibility for all aspects of investment activities, including investment policy, asset allocation, and performance review. An investment consulting firm strengthens and informs the work of the Investment Committee through analytical studies, manager searches, and the compilation of performance data. Multiple investment managers provide value to the Foundation’s investment process through the application of their knowledge and experience in portfolio management.

The Community Foundation allows fundholders to recommend an investment option from among multiple portfolios under the oversight of the Investment Committee. Donors may request to have the investment management of their charitable fund provided by the following firms:

- Altamont Capital Management
- Altavista Wealth Management
- Bank of America
- Boys Arnold & Co.
- Colton Groome & Co.
- Merrill Lynch
- Parsec Financial Management
- Raymond James & Co.
- UBS Wealth Management

For funds not otherwise recommended by donors, the Foundation invests in a broadly diversified portfolio that provides strategic allocations to equity investments, fixed income investments, and alternative investments.

Asset Allocation as of 6/30/08

- Domestic Equity: 41.8%
- International Equity: 13%
- Fixed Income: 26.1%
- Alternative Investments: 10.6%
- Real Estate: 6%
- Cash: 2.5%
- Total: 100%
In response to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which provided definition to classifications of funds commonly held by community foundations, management determined that certain funds were more appropriately classified as endowments or agency endowments. The prior period adjustment for the year ended June 30, 2007 recognizes this reclassification accordingly.

Note: Standards of financial accounting for nonprofit organizations affect the reporting of charitable remainder trusts and certain endowment funds managed by The Community Foundation for other nonprofit organizations. On the Statement of Activities, among the categories of revenue and expense impacted by these reporting requirements are Contributions and Program Services, which includes grant distributions. References to Contributions and Grants in other parts of this annual report reflect total contributions received and total grants disbursed. The audited financial statements of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina are available for inspection at the Foundation office, Suite 1600, the BB&T Building, One West Pack Square, Asheville, NC 28801.
Foundation Staff

Front row (L-R): Virginia Dollar, Program Administrator; Tara Scholtz, Affiliate & Development Officer; Maria Juarez, Scholarship Officer; Janet Sharp, Staff Accountant; Sally Weldon, Director of Information Technology.

Middle row: Pat Smith, President; Sheryl Aikman, VP, Development; Bob Wagner, VP, Programs; Evie Sandlin White, Communications Director; Naomi Davis, Accounting Associate; Graham Keever, VP, Finance and Administration.

Back row: Lisa Forehand, Program Officer; Tim Richards, Senior Program Officer; Susan Russo, Donor Relations Director; Beth Maczka, Program Officer; Spencer Butler, Donor Services Associate; Diane Crisp, Office Manager; Beth Semadeni, Receptionist; Becky Davis, Development Officer.

Not Pictured: Marianne McKernan, Staff Accountant.
Photography
Tim Barnwell is a commercial and fine art photographer based in Asheville, NC. He has spent a lifetime exploring the southern Appalachian region, combining beautiful landscapes with tender portraits. Barnwell’s remarkable black-and-white images provide a moving record of a vanishing way of life on the remote mountain farms of rural Appalachia. These photographs chosen for this report document Western North Carolina during the last 30 years.

Concept and Design
This annual report was concepted and designed by Design One, an Asheville-based graphic design and marketing communications firm.

Special thanks to the following for their contributions to this publication:

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» The McKinney Family for sharing photos and remembrances of Chick McKinney’s life

» Gabe Cumming for the Mountain Landscapes photo on page 25

» Don McGowan for images of the Bethel community

Other photographs were taken by CFWNC Communications Director Evie Sandlin White who also wrote the profiles.