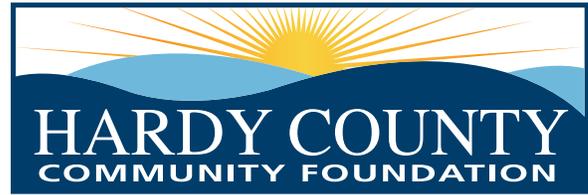




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A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1995, in the tradition of most community foundations, a handful of citizens in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle established a community foundation to benefit Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson Counties and surrounding areas. In 2005 and 2007, two affiliates, for Hampshire and Hardy Counties respectively, were established to increase the EWVCF service area to five counties. A volunteer Board of local citizens, advised by legal, accounting and banking professionals, guides and directs the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) and its programs, with separate local advisory boards serving the two affiliates.

The EWVCF and its affiliates serve all types of donors – individuals, families, corporations, and other nonprofit organization. We take a leadership role in the community, partnering with local

colleges and universities, the United Way, Family Resource Networks, and others to build knowledge, promote dialogue, and act on priority issues across Eastern West Virginia. The Community Foundation has developed strong relationships with professional advisors and investment trust banks, establishing a crucial and meaningful communication system with donors who have charitable values upon which they wish to act.

Over the past 22 years, the Community Foundation has served as a conduit for millions of dollars to stay in the eastern region of West Virginia, and has leveraged additional funding from outside the community. The Community Foundation has a reputation for being reliable and honest, and has a track record of carrying out the wishes of its donors who feel a sense of personal reward.

Nonprofits in the community write better proposals as a result of coaching and assistance and have bolstered capacity thanks to a variety of training programs and workshops. As a result of grantmaking, classrooms have more resources, community members have improved access to dental care, high school graduates have scholarships to attend college, and youth have improved education and recreation opportunities, to name just a few impacts.

Currently, the Community Foundation, together with its affiliates, holds over 250 component funds and manages more than \$22 million in assets. It has awarded nearly \$4 million in grants in just the past 5 years. We invite you to learn more about us!

5 TODAY, 5 FOR THE FUTURE

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation recently completed a Transfer of Wealth Study for the five counties it serves, including Hampshire and Hardy counties. The study provides stunning insights into the true abundance these counties enjoy, and the critical need to act now.

Over the next 50 years, \$60 billion will transfer from one generation to the next in these five counties. This wealth may be held in residential and agricultural real estate, securities, retirement accounts, business ownership and other assets.

In Hampshire and Hardy Counties the estimated 50-year intergenerational transfer of wealth is \$7.6 billion. Over the next 10 years, \$890 million is expected to transfer. Some of this wealth will go to taxes.

Most will go to heirs, many of whom no longer live here where the wealth was built over generations.

If only a small portion of this wealth – just 5 percent – were given back through charitable gifts and endowed in community funds over the next decade, Hampshire and Hardy Counties would have a \$44 million permanent "savings account...generating over \$2 million annually to support economic development, education, youth and family services, senior citizens services, community revitalization, roads and infrastructure, health and human resources, quality of life amenities, arts and culture, and more!

The transfer of wealth study gives us an opportunity to dream and the motivation to act. Imagine what the earnings on a \$44 million endowment could do for our communities.

We give generously to our churches and charities all through our lives. However, far too few of us have made a plan to continue our charitable giving beyond our lifetime. If each of us included our community in just a small way within our estate plan, our children and generations to follow would have the financial resources to build the community of our dreams.

Everyone can be a philanthropist, not just the wealthy. Everyone's 5 percent matters and can make a difference in shaping a brighter future for Eastern West Virginia communities.



2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HAMPSHIRE



David A. "Hawk" Hawkens Scholarship
Renee Bittinger
 Potomac State College

Wilda Michael Memorial Scholarship
Parker Grace
 Potomac State College

R.L. Johnson, Jr. had an infectious smile and an exuberant personality and he was passionate about basketball. He enjoyed teaching and talking about the sport, and he played it with enthusiasm throughout junior high and high school. A scholarship in his name honors that passion by seeking candidates who have played basketball during all four years of his/her high school career and have shown outstanding dedication to the team and the sport. Jordan Richardson of Romney is the recipient of the first R.L. Johnson, Jr. Scholarship. Jordan is attending Salem International University.



R.L. Johnson, Jr.



Jordan Richardson

HARDY

John and Alvina Pappas grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Washington DC during the 30s. John operated a steam engine and Alvina worked in one of the federal building cafeterias. Having discovered Wardensville when their son Nick met and married Pam Emswiler, whose father was principal of Wardensville high school, they made the town their home when they retired. Mr. Pappas started the John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas scholarship in memory of his wife. He will always be remembered in the Wardensville community for carrying change with him and giving each child he ran onto a shiny new dime. **Holly Fogel** is the 2017 recipient of a John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Scholarship and is attending Potomac State College.



Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark,
 Clarence "Hink" Fisher,
 and Tom Hawse II
 Scholarship
Jessica Parker
 West Virginia Wesleyan

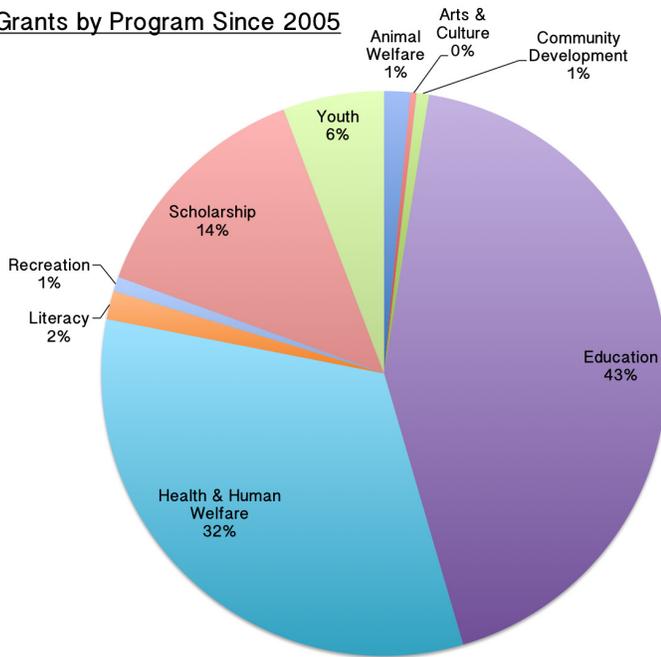


Kaylee Grace
 Whetzel Scholarship
Caitlin Fitzwater
 West Virginia Wesleyan

GRANTMAKING HAMPSHIRE

TOTAL GRANTMAKING SINCE 2005 | \$140,900

Grants by Program Since 2005



Hampshire County teachers have received a total of \$22,500 in Mini Grants from the Hampshire County Education Fund, including more than \$8,500 awarded in 2017.



Twenty-seven teachers received grants totaling \$5,757 in 2016. Grants supported a wide range of projects, such as purchasing new books for a classroom library.

HARDY



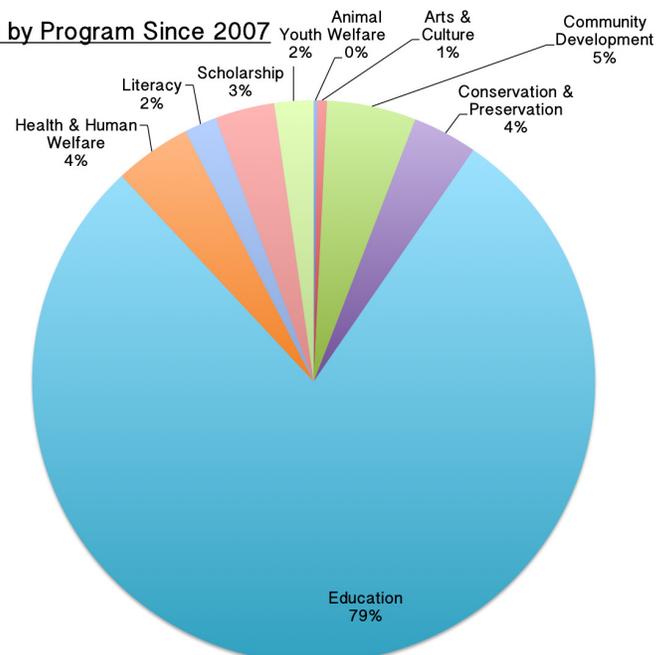
A Hardy County Community Foundation mini grant helped the Wardensville Garden Market host a series of Outdoor Classroom sessions this past summer. The WGM offered a free middle school "STREAM" camp with guest teachers and projects in Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math.



Children's laughter and chatter begin to fill the Wardensville Community Library every Friday morning as they gather in for Story Time. The Wardensville Lions Club hosts Story Time where children enjoy an hour of books, songs, games, crafts, snacks, and a very good time!

TOTAL GRANTMAKING SINCE 2007 | \$275,500

Grants by Program Since 2007



DONORS SET CHARITABLE SIGHTS ON WARMING THE CHILDREN



When Karen and Ormond Hyers retired and moved from New Jersey to West Virginia to be closer to their daughter and new family, it didn't take long for Karen to get involved in her new community. Karen, who spent 25 years as a teacher and guidance counselor, was eager to stay involved in helping improve the lives of children and families.

Karen quickly learned about a local group of people working to improve child and family services and started attending meetings. Through her involvement with this group she led the effort to establish the Hampshire County affiliate of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.

Since then Karen and Ormond have helped establish the Slanesville Presbyterian Church Angel Fund, the Hampshire County Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Fund, and have contributed annually to these and other endowment funds held by the community foundation.

More recently, the couple turned their charitable sights towards children in the community in need of warm clothing. "Ormond and I believe all young people and children need to be warm in the winter; we chose to help warm the kids closest to home," said Karen.

In September, they established the OK Hampshire County Warm the Children Fund. This designated fund will benefit the program of the same name, which has been providing warm clothing for Hampshire County children for the past 23 years, with the assistance of local volunteers and annual contributions from the community.

Rather than making a gift annually, the Hyers chose to create an endowed fund with the Community Foundation. "We have always thought of Community Foundations as locals helping locals build for the future, growing bit by bit – slow but steady – and lasting forever", said Karen. "The fund will grow through additional contributions and market earnings while it offers the designated recipient a bit of help," she added.

Designated funds are one of several types of funds available to donors to help them preserve their charitable interests. Designated funds allow donors to support, in perpetuity, those organizations and causes that they have cared about most during their lifetimes.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY FUNDS

AGENCY FUNDS

Rotary Club of Romney
Endowment Fund (2013)

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Erin Michele Pancake
Memorial Fund (2009)
El Dorado Fund (2014)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Hampshire County Energy
Express Fund (2010)
The Hoy Shingleton Sr. Youth
Fund (2010)
Slanesville Presbyterian Angel
Fund (2007)
OK Hampshire County Warm the
Children Fund (2017)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Hampshire County Education
Fund (2015)
Hampshire County Volunteer
Emergency Medical Services Fund
(2009)
William Brady and Jean Taylor
Rannells Fund (Youth & Health)
(2006)
J. Holland and Anita Rannells and
Gorda and Mona Saville Fund
(Hunger Relief) (2011)



The J. Holland and Anita Rannells and Gorda and Mona Saville Fund is a field of interest fund which supports hunger relief programs. This year the fund provided small grants to local backpack programs including one in Capon Bridge operated by the Capon Bridge Methodist Church United Methodist Women.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Deborah, Leslie, and Christopher
Bright Achievement Fund (2007)
David A. "Hawk" Hawkens
Scholarship Fund (2003)
Rae Ellen Scanlon McKee
Scholarship Fund (2010)
Wilda Michael Memorial
Scholarship Fund (2003)
Jerry Shingleton Scholarship Fund
(2012)
The Bill and Fran Wylie
Scholarship Fund (2010)

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Hampshire County Community
Impact Fund (2006)

HARDY COUNTY FUNDS

AGENCY FUNDS

Red Funkhouser Town Park Fund (2009)

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Hardy County Founding Fund (2009)

Baker Family Fund (2015)

Heritage Fund (2015)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Frances Frye and June Orndorff Fund (2008)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Margaret Allen Fund (2009)

Baker Park Endowment Fund (2013)

Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College Entrepreneurial and Economic Development Fund (2014)

Marcella Foltz and Don Biller Fund (2010)

Dyer, Vance, and Harmon Wardensville Recreation Fund (2012)

John and Shobie Fisher Fund (2014)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence "Hink" Fisher, and Tom Hawse II Scholarship Fund (2011)

East Hardy County Vo-Tech Training Scholarship Fund (2012)

John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Memorial Fund (2011)

Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship Fund (2010)

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Hardy County Community Impact Fund (2008)

PRESERVING A LEGACY

The tradition of giving back runs deep in the Baker Family and Don and Beverly Baker have ensured that this family legacy will continue by establishing the Baker Family Fund.

"My mother was such a role model in her service and charitable activities and my father was as well even though he died at a young age," said Don Baker when talking about the influences that helped form his ideals about giving back. Baker added that his late sister Martha as well as his Uncle Ed and Aunt Ruth were also very giving, charitable people. "We wanted to remember the Baker family since there were many members of our family who were very community minded and charitable with their service and their giving," he said.

When asked why they chose the Community Foundation as the steward of their charitable interests, Baker said that both he and Beverly believe in the concept of endowment since it will keep on giving after they're gone. "Beverly and I have been blessed in so many ways and we wanted to try to acknowledge that by creating a fund that could be used to better our community, forever," he said. "Having served on the board of directors, I knew the Community Foundation was the ideal conduit through which to create a fund," he added.

The Baker Family Fund made its first grants this past spring, both to the Hardy County Committee on Aging. One grant was used to support the senior nutrition program and provided meals to 101 home-bound seniors. The other grant helped introduce 13 individuals to healthier lifestyle activities at the Hardy County Wellness center, which has made a difference in their health and helped improve their quality of life.

A donor advised fund is a giving vehicle that allows individuals, families and businesses to simplify and streamline their charitable giving. It is a perfect vehicle for addressing both the donor's immediate charitable interests and also future charitable goals, especially if these may change over the years. With this type of fund, the donor is not tied down to any one charitable organization or giving pattern.

Many donor-advised fund-holders choose to involve family members in grant-making considerations, an approach that promotes the spirit of philanthropy in future generations and continues the tradition of giving through the years.



Don and Beverly Baker present the first grants from the Baker Family Fund to Phyllis Helmick and Morgan See at the 2017 Donor & Grantee Reception.

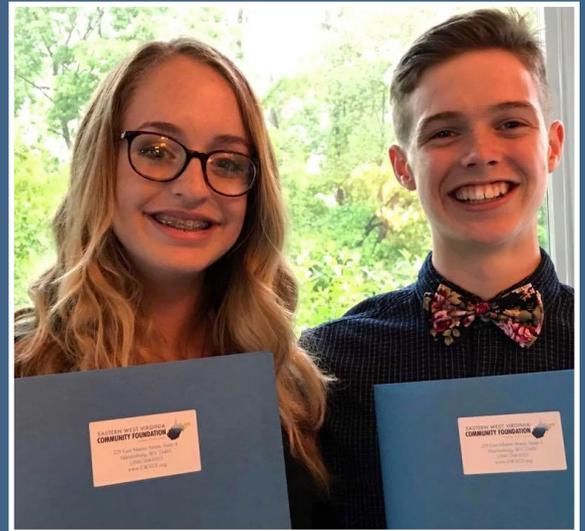
SAVING THE MUSIC



Nine middle schools in eastern West Virginia received more than \$30,000 in musical instruments for their band programs thanks to challenge grants from the VH-1 Save the Music Foundation and the efforts of former WV State Delegate Steven Skinner and Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History Randall Reid-Smith. In 2017, East Hardy Early Middle, and Romney Middle Schools are among the lucky recipients. The Hardy County Community Foundation, through the Hardy County Founding Fund, is proud to have played a part in the effort by providing a small portion of the matching funds needed to support this initiative

BRIGHT SCHOLARS

The Deborah, Leslie, and Christopher Bright Scholarship was established to afford high school students (grades 9-12) in Hampshire and Morgan Counties hands-on experience in STEAM-based subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). Berkeley Springs High School students Violet Hott and Israel Ellis are the 2017 recipients of a Bright Achievement Award. Violet, a rising senior spent part of the summer at Brown University attending a pre-college course entitled Introduction to Medicine: Do you Want to Be a Doctor? Israel (Zee) a rising junior was one of 60 dancers (out of thousands who auditioned) who participated in a 4-week summer intensive at the HARID Conservatory, preparing for a career in dance. In addition to Violet and Zee, previous Bright Scholars include Matthew Farrell (Hampshire), Julia Rogers (Hampshire), Alexander Marte (Morgan), Lindsay Unger (Morgan), and Zachary Salman (Morgan).



GIVING LOCAL



Hampshire and Hardy Community Foundations participated for the first time in a state-wide crowd-funding event, Give2WV. The Foundations raised over \$3,200 in a 24-hour period. Gifts were made to the Hampshire County Education Fund and the Community Impact Funds for both affiliates. When people join their resources together, they generate partnerships and hope, resulting in a powerful force for local good.



The Hardy County Community Foundation celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2017. To mark the occasion the Foundation launched a campaign to raise \$10,000 for its unrestricted fund (The Community Impact Fund). To date donors have contributed more than \$11,000.



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FOUNDATION GROWS

The Community Foundation has operated with a three person staff for 10 years, with Executive Director Michael Whalton and Finance & Admin Manager Felicia Fuller working from the Martinsburg office and Affiliate Director Amy Pancake working out of a donated office in Romney, who also managed the Foundation's scholarship program. With nearly 250 endowed funds and our grant and scholarship programs growing larger every year, we decided to add a Program Manager to our team. In July, Karin Hammann Dunn came aboard and she will be responsible for the programs serving Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties, including grants and scholarships, as well as community workshops and nonprofit training.

EWVCF STAFF



Finance & Admin Manager Felicia Fuller recently celebrated her 10th anniversary at the Community Foundation. Affiliate Director Amy Pancake just began her 10th year on the job. Michael Whalton has served as executive director for just over five years. Program Manager Karin Hammann Dunn, joined the team in July, and brings years of nonprofit management experience to the job.



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Our **Mission** is to improve the quality of life for all people in Eastern West Virginia. The Community Foundation embraces the concept that people working together can make a difference. We seek a common philosophy whereby people recognize, understand, and act upon the benefits philanthropy brings to our community. We build permanent endowment, offer maximum flexibility to our donors, meet high professional standards, promote effective and efficient grantmaking, and strengthen charitable organizations in our community.

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Both the Hampshire County Community Foundation and Hardy County Community Foundation enjoy the support of many local businesses in the region. Our Partners in Philanthropy support our annual events, assist with endowment building and grant-making, and help us undertake new programs and initiatives that promote local giving.



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