Wonderful Lives
Are Gifts to be Remembered

27th Annual Report to the Community
Being the Memory Keepers of so many Wonderful Lives

The men and women in the photos on the cover of this year’s annual report leave behind loved ones and a lasting legacy. Clockwise from the top, Tom and Virginia Seely were passionate about helping children in Morgan County. Mayor Harriet Johnson will forever be remembered for her love of Martinsburg. Like Harriet, Douglas Arthur Ways was a graduate of Martinsburg High School and his family established a fund to help Berkeley County students pursuing a career in medicine. George Hancock was a leader of several YMCAs during his career and established two funds in memory of his wife Holly Woods Hancock. Ruth Cook Heishman created the Hardy County Founding Fund that provides valuable resources to schools and libraries in Hardy County. Col. Dennis D. Barron was devoted to the West Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and he left a legacy to support the program and cadets statewide. A fund established by the mother of Desiree Shields supports a wide variety of programs including the Shepherdstown Day Care Center. Todd Mosby was a stand-out athlete and 2000 graduate from Musselman High. A scholarship in his memory was established by the Eastern Panhandle WVU Mountaineer Fan Club. Frada Fine’s Berkeley Education Fund supports a wide range of programs in our local schools. Joan and Doug Roach were involved in a wide variety of nonprofit organizations throughout the Eastern Panhandle, and they helped fund more than six different endowments to support favorite causes. Polly Coe Dillon taught school in the Eastern Panhandle and established one of the first scholarship funds at the Community Foundation. Family and friends of Terry Lee Walker, Jr. established a fund in his memory that awards scholarships to students from all six public high schools in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties.

Every moment at a community foundation is an active, continuing effort to share the gifts of others. Gifts that were given with love to help our community. Gifts that were given to serve others. Gifts that were made without a thought of receiving anything in return.

The legacies of these givers exist not only through the gifts they gave, but more importantly in the ways these people lived in our community. The way their lives helped shape our community.

In a sense, the community foundation is their memory keeper.

Each day we strive to honor the spirit of those individuals. And to support, uphold and respect in tangible ways the dedicated efforts of those around us they inspired - the countless community members whose tireless work seeks to aid, comfort, assist, and celebrate others. To recognize their potential. To enhance their possibilities.

Every issue of this annual report is our opportunity to remember the voices of those who came before, and sing their messages out as strongly and meaningfully as we can. To appreciate and record the gifts they gave so freely, and to tell their stories.

Each of us is a story, and each of our lives touch so many other lives. In this year’s annual report, we are proud to tell some of those stories, and grateful to be part of all the stories that are unfolding daily.

Executive Director
This year’s Report to the Community is a tribute to those who have gone before us—sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, parents, aunts, uncles, and dear friends—it’s a heartfelt and cherished listing. The Community Foundation is honored to stand as Memory Keepers for so many. In fact, much of our mission is designed around that purpose.

Of the 265 funds administered by the Community Foundation, many are remembrance funds. They represent the outpouring of love and support for those of us left behind after the death of a loved one, and provide uplifting and meaningful ways to keep that person’s memory alive.

A substantial number of our funds were created through the final wills of our benefactors. We honor these community philanthropists who leave an estate gift to the Community Foundation within our “Legacy Society.” (See a complete Legacy Society listing on page 8.) As written in 1900 by Andrew Carnegie in “The Gospel of Wealth,” they shared our vision to build “real and permanent good,” through everlasting endowment.

And, as the Community Foundation carries on its mission throughout time, it will continue to stand for donors who set up funds during their lifetime people like you, who value a strong, healthy, and whole community.

As ever, our vision, mission, and values are dedicated to fulfilling your philanthropy, now and forever. We know you will join with us in celebrating those who have gone before us, and what their lives have inspired in your local Community Foundation.

Regards,

Andrew McMillan, President
The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation enjoyed investment returns of 13.058% in 2021 and an annualized rate of return of 9.35% over the past 10 years. Our Investment Committee includes members of the board, community leaders, and financial professionals. This group convenes four times a year to monitor investment returns, meet with our six financial advisors, and review the Investment & Spending Policy to make certain we meet or exceed the National Standards established by the Council on Foundations.
Mayor Harriet Johnson Memorial Fund for Youth and Education

When Martinsburg Mayor Harriet Johnson passed away in July 2021, donations immediately came pouring in to the Community Foundation in her memory. Within just a few months of her death, EWVCF had received thousands of dollars in donations to the Mayor Harriet Johnson Memorial Fund for Youth and Education from dozens of her friends and neighbors.

Harriet was born and raised in Martinsburg, graduating from Martinsburg High School in 1967. Before becoming the city’s first ever female mayor in 2020, she was involved in countless local organizations. She served as an at-large member of the Martinsburg City council for four years, was on the Main Street Martinsburg board for fifteen years, and served as chair of the Martinsburg Housing Authority. Local nonprofit leaders such as Stacie Rohn of the Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle and Pastor Tim Guerino of the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission both remember her fondly and speak of her support. Rohn remembers Johnson frequently bringing snacks for the kids involved at the Boys and Girls Club.

EWVCF’s own Program Manager Karin Hammann Dunn and her family were close friends and next-door neighbors to Johnson for 25 years. “We were so lucky to have her with us for those years. She was always there when we needed her and was a friend and confidant to our children, Frannie and Adam. We hit the lottery with Harriet as our neighbor for sure! She would be overjoyed to be impacting the youth of this community in perpetuity,” said Dunn.

Though Martinsburg had Johnson as Mayor for less than a year, her impact will be felt for generations to come. The Mayor Harriet Johnson Memorial Fund for Youth and Education will provide grants to Berkeley County nonprofits serving the educational needs of young ones in our area. Though all can agree that we lost Martinsburg’s biggest cheerleader far too soon, her legacy in Berkeley County will live forever thanks to the generosity of those who loved her.

Kenny Roberts joined the Board of Directors of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation in 2021. Roberts was raised in Berkeley County and graduated from Martinsburg High School. He currently serves as Director at Invariant, a government relations and communications firm in Washington, D.C., handling energy, infrastructure, labor, and DEI issues. Earlier in his career, Roberts worked for former West Virginia Senator Jay Rockefeller IV. He’s been named one of DC’s Top Lobbyists by The Hill, and he formerly worked as the national advance lead staffer for former first lady Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign. He is an Advisory Board Member for the Bank of Charles Town. He also serves on EWVCF’s Investment Committee. Kenny splits his time between Washington, D.C., and the Eastern Panhandle. He’s an avid tennis player and traveler and enjoys spending time with his friends and family.
The Detlev and Mary Ellen Preissler Fund for the Arts, Music, Design and Nature was established in late 2021 by Mary Ellen in honor of her late husband, Detlev, a German-born architectural designer who called Harpers Ferry his home for nearly 50 years. Through this new field of interest fund, the arts in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties will continue to grow and thrive. Programs that help children expand their knowledge and practice of art, music, and design, especially those that incorporate nature and the natural world into the curriculum, are eligible for grants from the Fund.

Detlev and Mary Ellen met on a blind date in 1991, and Detlev proposed two weeks later on New Year’s Eve. They were married on Feb. 15, 1992 and remained together until his death in 2017.

Detlev and Mary Ellen traveled far and wide throughout their lives. Detlev drove more miles than anyone else she had ever known, Mary Ellen said, but he always considered himself a “little country boy from West Virginia.” Mary Ellen, a New York native who had previously worked as a realtor, joined Detlev’s firm, Helikon Design Corp., when she moved to Harpers Ferry. Detlev was a renowned designer, first working at various prestigious D.C. design firms and then creating round Helix Structure homes at his own firm.

Detlev was a visionary, Mary Ellen said. He wrote philosophical poetry and maintained friendships that spanned nearly his entire lifetime. Mary Ellen speaks of his good sense of humor and said he would command a whole room if he knew the occupants. In addition to establishing the endowed field of interest fund, Mary Ellen also donated an additional $150,000 to support the immediate needs of Eastern Panhandle nonprofits, and $100,000 to endow a scholarship fund in Detlev’s memory. By creating these funds, Mary Ellen has ensured that both Detlev’s brilliant mind and her own generosity and love for him will live on forever.

With “Wonderful Lives” as the theme for this year’s Annual Report, we focus on the many people who have made lasting contributions to our community: donors, legacy society members, students, nonprofit leaders, board members, and this team that pulls everything together.

Hired initially as our Administrative Assistant and Office Manager Rebecca Knight quickly proved that she was capable of doing so much more. We’ve added Grants Manager to her title and she also is responsible for writing many of the stories you’ll read in this publication.

Our Scholarship Program Manager Karin Hamman Dunn works closely with high school students and counselors, and has provided lists and photos of the 2021 scholarship recipients.

Our Director of Affiliates Amy Pancake has been with the Community Foundation for 15 years and during this time, she has educated and inspired residents of Hampshire and Hardy Counties. Amy did her usual splendid job pulling together all of the details for our affiliate pages.
Community Foundation Awards $20,000 Grant to Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation’s Solomon Fine Memorial Fund awarded the organization’s final grant of 2021 on December 31. The $20,000 contribution to the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission raised the total amount of grants and scholarships awarded by EWVCF to over $1 million this year.

The Solomon Fine Memorial Fund annually presents a single grant to one Martinsburg-Berkeley County nonprofit organization that has done exceptional work during the year. The grant to the Rescue Mission was made even more meaningful as the members of the advisory committee recommended the grant be presented in memory of Martinsburg Mayor Harriet Johnson, who was a great supporter of the Rescue Mission and its Director Pastor Tim Guerino.

The Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission continued operating daily throughout the pandemic. In 2021, the Rescue Mission served more than 70,000 meals, provided a safe place for homeless men to sleep, supplied clothing and shoes to families, and offered job skills training and employment opportunities throughout the community.

Currently, the Rescue Mission is in a capital campaign to convert the existing structure at 604 West King street into six apartments that will provide emergency transitional housing for families. With this $20,000 grant from the Solomon Fine Memorial Fund in late December of 2021, the campaign was halfway to its $800,000 goal.

What is the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation?

- We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a collection of charitable funds established by donors to improve the quality of life in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

- We receive charitable gifts, and we work with families, individuals, businesses, other nonprofits, attorneys, and estate and financial planners to devise plans to ensure a donor’s charitable contributions are used to the fullest extent and for maximum benefit.

- We place those gifts into endowed funds, manage the assets for long-term growth, and award grants and scholarships from the investment gains.

- We offer several types of funds to help donors achieve their charitable goals while also meeting community needs.

- Our volunteer board and four-person staff are committed to understanding donor needs, representing their charitable interests, expertly handling complex gifts, wisely managing charitable funds, and leveraging a wealth of community knowledge to increase charitable impact.

- We are not a cause, but rather a causeway, serving as a collaborator between philanthropists, nonprofits, and other funding organizations across the community.

Foundation Receives National Standards Accreditation

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation has maintained accreditation with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. The accreditation assures that the Foundation meets the highest standards for philanthropic excellence.

“Accreditation is a significant accomplishment,” said Michael Whalton, Executive Director of EWVCF. “Individuals considering partnering with the Foundation can trust that we have met the rigorous standards for donor services, investment management, grantmaking, administration, and community leadership.” To earn National Standards, Foundations must adopt specific policies and complete an arduous review process. “National Standards accreditation is an excellent validation of the work EWVCF does on behalf of our community and donors.”
Legacy Society

Members of our legacy society are instrumental in helping grow the foundation. In addition to remembering EWVCF in their estate plans, they often make substantial contributions while very much alive in order to establish new funds or add to existing ones. We are truly grateful for what each and every one has done to support the Community Foundation.

Several of our legacy society members have named the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation as the beneficiary of their tax-deferred retirement accounts. For many people this is the perfect way to support their favorite charity since legacy gifts from a traditional IRA, KEOEH, or other retirement accounts are not taxed if left to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (like the Community Foundation). Conversely, if a donor names an heir as the beneficiary of a tax-deferred account, that individual is taxed on the amount received. Other popular estate planning tools include charitable remainder unitrusts, charitable annuities, gifts of life insurance, and a last will and testament.

To learn more about the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation’s Legacy Society call 304.264.0353. We will be happy to work with you and your financial advisor, estate planning attorney, CPA, or trust officer to draft a comprehensive document that clearly states how any inherited funds will be put to use supporting your favorite nonprofit organizations or charitable causes.

Donald J. Baker, Jr.  
Dennis D. Barron  
Marva Barron  
Richard Belisle  
Helen Jackson Bowser  
Walter and Mary Jo Ziler Brown  
Robert G. Burke  
John and Jacqueline Burkett  
Linda Case  
David and Dana DeJarnett  
Jerry L. Derflinger  
Richard S. Durham  
Philip W. Fearnow  
Solomon Fine  
Frank C. Fischer  
Patrick and Leigh Fleming  
G. Scott Funkhouser  
Virginia L. Gibbons  
Conrad C. and MaryAnn Hammann  
Eleanor Heishman  
Ruth Heishman  
Fred and Denise Hollida  
John and Eleanor Houyoux  
Floyd E. Jacques  
Thomas and Harriet Weakly Johnson  
Diane Johnston  
George Karos  
James E. Keel  
J. Philip and Doris L. Kesecker  
Frank and Kitty Koepecker  
Judi McIntyre  
Tia McMillan  
Arthur H. Miller  
C. David and Barbara L. Miller  
Jeral Ann Milton  
Nancy E. Needy  
M. Elizabeth Oates  
Don and Amy Owen  
Robert Owens  
Elda G. Painter  
Buzz and Lisa Poland  
Ruth Pritchard  
Beth Raps, PhD  
Frederick B. Rice  
Lacy and Linda Rice  
Doug and Joan Roach  
Scott and Linda Roach  
Steven M. and Tina F. Roach  
Jennifer Roberts  
Paul Ropp  
Dan and Edith Sampson  
Myrtle J. Schneiderhan  
Stephen W. Sensabaugh  
Elizabeth Shade  
Lester A. and Janet I. Smith  
Jane P. Snyder  
William L. and Bonnie M. Stubblefield  
Michael Barry Tallent  
Brian and Darlene Truman  
Terry Lee and Margaret Walker  
Paul and Lisa Welch  
Michael and Susan Hawkens Whalton  
John S. Wharton  
Bill and Nancy White  
Henry K. Willard II  
Helen Mae Woldford  
Gretchen Wurzburg  
Robert B. Yoe

Derflinger Earth Science Scholarship and Church Funds

When Jerry Derflinger passed away in March of 2020 little did we know what an amazing legacy he was leaving to the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation. Jerry had been generous during his lifetime, establishing the Derflinger Earth Science Scholarship Fund in 2006 to help Berkeley County students study agriculture, forestry, geology, archeology, or environmental science at a West Virginia college or university. Over the years, he added to the fund and the annual award is now $2,000. Thanks to his generous legacy gift, the Derflinger Earth Science Scholarship Fund will now be able to award several scholarships annually.

The First Presbyterian Church on South Queen Street in Martinsburg will also benefit from Mr. Derflinger’s generosity. When crafting his estate plan, he created a fund to support overseas mission work and another simply to provide resources to help sustain the operations of the church.
Douglas Arthur Ways Scholarship Fund Established

Future generations of Berkeley County high school graduates interested in a degree in one of the health sciences will benefit from a newly established scholarship fund which honors a Martinsburg native who was born on September 16, 1917.

Douglas Arthur Ways graduated from Martinsburg High School in 1935 and enlisted in the Army in 1941, fighting in the Pacific theater in World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945, and through the GI Bill was able to attend the George Washington University School of Pharmacy.

Ways served as the manager and lead pharmacist for Peoples Drug Store in Winchester, Virginia. He was married to Harriet Elizabeth Sencindiver and had one son, Douglas Kirk Ways, who, with his wife Mary, established this fund in his memory.


Each year, the Douglas Arthur Ways Scholarship Fund will award a $5,000 scholarship to a qualified Berkeley County high school student who expresses a desire to achieve a degree in one of the health science fields. Like all of our larger scholarships, this will be distributed over the course of four consecutive years while the student is attending college or university.

The Community Foundation accepts online applications from November through February. Interested students may apply by following the instructions on the Community Foundation’s website: www.ewvcf.org/scholarships

SPECIAL Thanks TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation enjoys the support of many businesses in the area. Our Partners in Philanthropy contribute amounts ranging from $1,000 to $3,500 per year and these funds pay for the Scholars & Donors Reception, where we recognize area students who are receiving scholarships, our Mini-Grants to Teachers Reception in the fall, and the annual Nonprofit Leaders Luncheon.

Our Partners in Philanthropy also fund challenge grants to help build the endowments of local nonprofit agencies, nonprofit training seminars, and unrestricted Community Impact Funds established in each of the five counties we serve to support causes specific to the county.

Total contributions from our Partners in Philanthropy amount to nearly $23,000 annually and these funds are vital to the success of our many community outreach programs.
In 2021, the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation awarded 49 Youth and Education Grants, totaling $123,661.21, to 40 groups in the Eastern Panhandle. The majority of the awards came from the C. Scott and Elizabeth C. Shade Youth Fund, the Jane P. Snyder Youth Fund, and the Tom and Virginia Seely Morgan County Children’s Fund. Additional grants were made possible thanks to the EWVCF Endowment for the Community, the Bonn Poland Family Roundhouse Recreation Fund, the Frada Fine Berkeley Education Fund, the Calarama Farm Fund, the EWVCF Endowment for Recreation, and the EWVCF Endowment for the Arts.

Nine of these grants, totaling $32,500, went to organizations serving more than one county in the Eastern Panhandle, including CASA of the Eastern Panhandle, Wind Dance Farm & Earth Education Center, and Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless.

Twenty-one grants totaling $40,012.37 went to organizations serving Berkeley County, 12 totaling $27,798.84 went to Jefferson County-focused organizations, and 7 grants totaling $23,350 were awarded to Morgan County organizations. The majority of funding supported programs addressing basic needs in our area, with $40,500 being used to buy diapers, wipes, formula, food, and clothes, and to provide shelter for the most vulnerable populations. Karen Reyes of Renewed Life Ministries, Inc., a group serving both Jefferson and Berkeley counties that received a $3,000 Youth Grant, kindly wrote that the Foundation "will probably never know what their support does for our local families, with you, we can help." Public schools in the Eastern Panhandle received $40,311.21.

Katlin Grantham at Washington High School received a grant to install Water Tower Gardens and to further fund Washington High’s FFA Community Meals. Susie Howell and MJ Pavlik used their grant to fund a dedicated playground for their Pre-K program housed at Musselman Middle School. Laura Bohrer, a sixth-grade science teacher at Spring Mills Middle School, received exactly $785, which she used to purchase an Ultraviolet Sterilization Goggle Cabinet and twenty extra pairs of goggles, ensuring hygiene and safety for her students. Programs tackling the social and emotional health of our youth received $12,650. Berkeley Heights Elementary School was able to implement a Calming Corner, which is especially helpful for students with autism, ADHD, and/or Attachment disorders. The Martin Robison Delany Opportunity Learning Center was able to continue to provide Yoga sessions, shown to decrease behavioral referrals and increase GPA in their students.

Art-based Youth programs received $10,600 in funding. Black Cat Music Cooperative’s $2,600 grant allowed them to bring in a multi-talented bebop artist to participate in their Youth Mentorship Program. Taylor Fox and Kelli Polen of South Jefferson Elementary used their $1,000 grant to create a mural in their school made of ceramic tiles decorated by students.

Other funding included $9,200 for recreation programs, $22,953.84 for traditional educational programs, $15,335.37 for technological and equipment upgrades, and $12,422 programs addressing environmental, agricultural, and conservation issues.

Potomac Valley Audubon Society received four grants totaling $8,500, which allowed them to continue to host their “Nature in the Neighborhood” summer camps for children in high poverty neighborhoods in both Berkeley and Jefferson counties. Caitlin Mitchell, a physical education teacher at North Jefferson Elementary School, was awarded a $2,500 grant to install a rock-climbing wall in the school’s gym. “Rock-climbing teaches focus, concentration, body mindfulness, stability, and full body resistance strength,” Mitchell wrote in her application. Other teachers and educators used their grants to buy books, math games, and to upgrade classroom technology. April Bageant of Bunker Hill Elementary School impressed our Grants committee with her plan to purchase letter magnets and cookie sheets for a guided reading program for her very young students.
The Community Foundation is proud to support many vital Berkeley County organizations working on the front lines to assist our friends and neighbors. Thanks to generous donors, EWVCF is able to host grant programs throughout the year to give back to these charities that do so much for Berkeley County. One such organization, the Berkeley County BackPack Program, received a $5,000 grant during our 2021 Youth and Education grants program.

Run entirely by volunteers, Berkeley County BackPack has been serving families since November 2010. For twelve years, teams of volunteers have met to organize, sort, bag, inventory, and deliver backpacks full of food to schools. According to Executive Director Lisa Henry, in Berkeley County alone, 16% of children live with food insecurity. “Approximately 4,340 children right here in our county do not always know where they will find their next meal,” Henry reported. During times when students are out of school and the meals provided there are not available, such as weekends, holiday breaks, and summer vacation, the BackPack Program steps up to distribute non-perishable food to those children and their families.

With help from EWVCF’s grant, the BackPack Program provided food to approximately 200 children and 100 families, and was able to distribute pantry essentials, condiments, and recipe suggestions that went along with provided ingredients. Inflation and the rising cost of living led to increased needs of Berkeley County families, and Director Henry reported that a greater percentage of families came to their distribution days than had in the past five years. She also stated, however, that thanks to help from EWVCF’s grant, the Berkeley County BackPack Program was able to offer the same amount of food, and actually increase the quality and quantity of food offered, in spite of increased food prices.

The Berkeley County BackPack Program is just one of many Berkeley County organizations that EWVCF is proud to be able to support. Many families and children in our area know exactly where their next meal will come from thanks to the efforts of countless volunteers at the BackPack Program.

The most populous of the counties served by EWVCF, BERKELEY COUNTY was created on May 15, 1772 by the colonial House of Burgesses. It is the fastest growing county in West Virginia and has one of the state’s most diverse populations. Bisected by Interstate 81, Martinsburg is the county seat and hub of industry with major operations such as P&G, Macy’s, and Quad Graphics. It was also the sight of the first national strike, with Baltimore and Ohio Railroad workers taking to the streets on July 16, 1877. There are a number of thriving peach and apple orchards, and wonderful farm markets featuring locally grown products.
Building on a Solid Foundation

Thanks to the vision of a number of community leaders in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties, the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) was established in 1995 and Doug Roach was elected the organization’s first president. Doug and the other board members volunteered their time and did everything the first six years while laying the groundwork for future success.

Tia McMillan followed Doug as president and recruited Amy Owen as the organization’s first paid employee. During her decade-long tenure, Amy did a remarkable job of cultivating relationships with donors, financial institutions, and nonprofit organizations. In 2005, during Diane Dailey’s term as president, the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation moved into its current offices in Caperton Station Suites in Martinsburg.

As the fourth president, Stew Borger helped the Foundation expand its footprint by adding affiliates in Hampshire and Hardy Counties, while navigating the Great Recession. In 2012, Stew handed the reins to Scott Roach. Under Scott’s direction, EWVCF enjoyed strong growth and secured its place as an anchor institution within the community. Darlene Truman, a longtime board member and donor, began serving as President of EWVCF in 2016. Thanks to her leadership, the foundation attracted new legacy society members and by the end of her tenure in December 2017, assets under management had grown to over $23 million.

Shepherdstown philanthropist Lisa Welch served as president in 2018/19, and under her leadership, the organization continued to enjoy strong growth in both gifts received and grants awarded. By the end of 2019, the EWVCF was managing more than $25 million in endowed funds, awarding $1 million in grants and scholarships annually, and supporting nonprofit organizations with a series of educational workshops.

Bill White led the Community Foundation as it navigated through two years of the coronavirus pandemic. Donors stepped up to help local nonprofits by establishing the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund and awarding nearly $350,000 in high-impact grants. Since its inception in 1995, EWVCF has awarded more than $12 million in grants and scholarships and has become one of the leading grantmakers in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. During Bill’s two years as president, the community foundation experienced unprecedented growth thanks to exceptional market returns and several legacy gifts.

Andrew McMillan took the reins as president in 2022, following in the footsteps of his mother Tia. With strong leadership, an outstanding board of directors, and a seasoned professional staff, the future looks bright for the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.
The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation is proud to support the many organizations in Jefferson County. Potomac Valley Audubon Society, one such nonprofit, has been a friend of the Community Foundation’s for years. In 2021, EWVCF awarded four Youth and Education Grants to PVAS, with $4,000 being used for their Jefferson County programs.

Since 1982, PVAS has been “dedicated to preserving, restoring, and enjoying the natural world through education and action,” wrote Executive Director Kristin Alexander. The organization’s youth education programs are their keystone, Alexander said, with nearly 3,400 students participating in those programs the year before the pandemic. Some of these activities take place in PVAS-managed preserves, while others are delivered directly to classrooms. An EWVCF Youth Grant allowed them to reach 405 Jefferson County students via in-person nature programs, field trips, and virtual programs. Another Youth Grant allowed PVAS to continue their “Nature in the Neighborhood” summer camp programs for children in high poverty neighborhoods in both Charles Town and Ranson. “Research suggests that children in underserved communities like these have limited exposure and engagement in nature and are less likely to spend time in natural community parks and green spaces,” wrote Alexander. Through these summer camps, Jefferson County youth had the opportunity to explore and appreciate nature where they live while also fostering positive relationships with adults from PVAS.

Since 2016, PVAS has also managed the Cool Springs Nature Preserve. On land once owned by George Washington, Jefferson County adventurers of all ages can enjoy lush meadows and rare marshlands. With help from an EWVCF Two Rivers Giving Circle grant, PVAS was able to construct a trail boardwalk that will allow thousands of visitors to explore the preserve throughout the year. This new boardwalk, opened at the beginning of 2022, is located “in a particularly beautiful area of the preserve,” wrote Alexander, “wedged between the pollinator meadow and Bullskin Run.” Previously, this area was prone to flooding and mudholes which harmed the beneficial plants located there. Now, visitors will be able to enjoy this historic land for years to come, at all times of the year.
Though smaller in population than the other counties EWVCF serves, Morgan County is home to many dedicated charities. It is not surprising that these organizations work tirelessly to serve Morgan County citizens of all ages, every day. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, EWVCF is able to host grant programs throughout the year such as our Youth and Education grants and our Kings Daughter Senior Citizen grants. In 2021, the Berkeley Springs-based group Morgan County Starting Points received $5,000 grants during both of those programs!

A Family Resource Center, Starting Points operates under the Strengthening Families™ model to promote child and family well-being in Morgan County. Their EWVCF Youth grant was used to support Project Build, a program dedicated to assisting residents in the Paw Paw area of Morgan County. Working with local community partners, Director Audrey Morris reported that this grant allowed Starting Points to coordinate their efforts to provide fantastic opportunities to Paw Paw families. Since receiving the grants, Starting Points has hosted a mobile food pantry, book giveaways, and a Community Block Party. They also provided 55 families with seeds, plants, planting material and gardening education.

Since 2004, Morgan County Starting Points has also been the host of the Meal Time Community Kitchen, a hot meal program running three evenings per week. With help from EWVCF’s Kings Daughter Senior Citizen Grant, Starting Points has been able to serve an average of 90 meals a day, with a large percentage of those receiving meals being seniors over the age of 55. Starting Points reported that in spite of the pandemic, their outreach has actually expanded, with truckloads of food now being delivered to Paw Paw and the Great Cacapon area. Thanks to the Meal Time Community Kitchen, Morgan County seniors will have access to a greater range of food options and a more balanced diet, as well as decreased food anxiety on a day-to-day basis.

Through the tireless work of volunteers and staff, Morgan County Starting Points will undoubtedly provide vital support to Morgan County families for years to come. EWVCF is proud to partner with them and many other charities serving Berkeley Springs and the surrounding area.
Grantmaking is a perfect example of how the Community Foundation supports a wide variety of local, regional, and national charities. In 2021, EWVCF awarded grants to 194 charities, schools, government entities, civic organizations, and religious institutions. Our grants supported everything from animal rescue to the arts, historic preservation to healthcare, senior services to afterschool programs, and so much more.

Funding for grants and scholarships comes from a myriad of resources, including annual contributions, fund distributions, and legacy gifts. We thank all our donors who help us year after year as we provide vitally important funding to more than 100 nonprofit organizations serving the region. The following organizations received one or more EWVCF grants totaling the amounts listed.

2021 GRANTS AWARDED

Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County ............... $16,300.00
Apollo Civic Theatre ............................................. $3,000.00
Augusta Elementary School .................................. $800.00
Berkeley County BackPack Program, Inc ....................... $7,000.00
Berkeley County Humane Society ..................... $3,300.00
Berkeley County Meals on Wheels ................... $18,000.00
Berkeley County Roundhouse Foundation ............ $2,465.86
Berkeley County Schools .................................... $10,765.00
Berkeley Heights Elementary .......................... $2,444.96
Berkeley Senior Services ................................ $12,000.00
Berkeley Springs High School ......................... $926.15
Big Blue Wardensville ...................................... $500.00
Black Cat Music Cooperative (BPMC) ................. $2,900.00
Blue Ridge Community & Technical College ........... $8,000.00
Blue Ridge CTC Foundation ................................ $2,780.00
Blue Ridge Elementary School ...................... $1,313.56
Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle ............ $6,000.00
Breast & Body Health ........................................ $3,000.00
Brian J. O’Neill Jr. Foundation ............................... $2,300.00
Bunker Hill Elementary School ...................... $2,164.06
Burke Street Elementary .................................. $972.52
Burlington United Methodist Family Services .......... $500.00
C.W. Shipley Elementary School ....................... $583.85
Camp Frame 4-H Association ...................... $26,200.00
Capon Bridge Elementary ................................. $1,298.00
Capon Bridge Middle School ......................... $484.00
CASA of the Eastern Panhandle, Inc .................. $5,000.00
Catholic Charities of West Virginia .................. $1,500.00
Catholic Charities of West Virginia-EP ................. $5,000.00
CCAP/Loaves & Fishes ..................................... $26,770.00
Changleksa Luta Tiospe ................................. $21,390.00
Charles Town Middle School ...................... $865.59
Children’s Home Society of WV .................. $2,000.00
Christ Community Church ......................... $750.00
City of Charles Town ..................................... $3,500.00
Community Alternatives to Violence, Inc ........... $1,000.00
Community Combined Ministries ........... $10,000.00
Community Fellowship Church .................... $410.00
Community Networks, Inc .......................... $16,800.00
Contemporary American Theatre Festival .......... $3,000.00
Continental Divide Trail Coalition .................. $500.00

Faith Community Coalition for the Homeless (FCCH) helps people in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia who are homeless or on the verge of being homeless when there is no other available option. Since there is currently no family shelter in the region, FCCH provides emergency housing, food, sleeping bags, tents, and other basic needs. In 2021, FCCH received $17,000 in support from the Community Foundation, including this $10,000 grant from the W. Randy Smith Family Fund.
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Keith Lowry and his team at JCCM are doing wonderful things in Jefferson County. They work closely with local government, churches and other nonprofit organizations to assure that people in need are treated with dignity and care. In 2021, EWVCF was able to award $6,240 in grants to help with their mission.
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The team at Senior Life Services of Morgan County provide an amazing array of vital care and nutrition programs to residents of Morgan County. They applied for and received $7,000 in grants from the Community Foundation’s Kings Daughters Senior Citizens Charitable Fund in 2021. The grants provided general support to this outstanding organization with centers in Berkeley Springs and Paw Paw.
Seventy-Nine Students

received 110 scholarships totaling $150,800 from the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation in 2021. Since our inception in 1995, EWVCF has awarded more than 1,000 scholarships valued at $1.1 million dollars to students from Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan, Hampshire, and Hardy Counties!


2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jeremy Appiah
Kiana Bagnell
Aimee Ballard
Hannah Barger
Janae Barr
Dylan Bentley
Taylor Bleigh
Logan Bowers
Tyler Brewster
Sara Brown
Chris Burton
Eden Canby
Maegan Casimir
Logan Casto
Rebekah Chrisman
Sean Corum
Alicyn Craig
Brittany Cullers
Diante Dawson
Erin Delaney
Elizabeth Dove

Garrett Flynn
Kelly Flynn
Grace Givens
Stephanie Golden
Aleah Hageny
Hope Hagley
Sydney Hardy
Elizabeth Hausafus
Kira Haervmale
Christian Hicks
Carly Holben
Levi Hott
Addie Hughes
Victoria Humphries
Hanna Jandrain
Melanie Jimmerson
Raelyn Jones
Zachary Kelly
Elias Kersten
Connor LaBombard
Sara Ladd
Jaden Landerkin  
Asia LoBianco  
Willow Longerbeam  
Sierra Loulis  
Roisin Mathews  
Aaron Matlock  
Malaki Meadows  
Serena Mejia  
Brady Michael  
Dayton Miller  
Sierra Marie Miller  
Clara Monson  
Emily Moyers  
Chloe Myers  
Isabelle Nesbit  
Garrett Oursler  
Peyton Parker  
Paige Porter  
Erin Riggle  
Peyton Root  
Kellsey Savage  
Lillian Shoemaker  
Elisabeth Smiley  
Anthony Smith  
Ike Spangler  
Abigail Stuart  
Taylor Swisher  
Evelyn Tabb  
Sydney Tuttle  
Paige Watson  
Lauren Weber  
Jonathan Weller  
Mattison Werry  
Nathaniel Whetsell  
Perry Whetzel  
Kaylee Whitman  
Jacob Zimmerman  

Congratulations TO ONE AND ALL!
In 2021, the Community Foundation was fortunate to receive 373 contributions – donations that came from individuals, estates, and nonprofit organizations. By the end of the year, the gifts totaled just over $2 million.

A number of donors established new funds, contributed to existing ones, made pass-through grants to favorite charities, or supported the West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program. Others sent gifts in memory of a beloved family member or friend, or in honor of someone’s accomplishment. We received legacy gifts from the estates of Jerry Derflinger and Dennis D. Barron.

Funds established in 2021 included the Derflinger First Presbyterian Church Missionary Fund; Derflinger First Presbyterian Church Operating Fund; Mayor Harriet Johnson Memorial Fund for Youth and Education; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fund; Gilbert B. and Carolyn J. Miller Education Fund; Hospice of the Panhandle Nursing Scholarship Fund; and Douglas Arthur Ways Scholarship Fund.

We received donations of cash, checks, stocks, mutual funds, and more than a few qualified charitable contributions from Traditional IRAs, which is a great way for an elderly donor to support favorite charities by donating some or all of the mandatory distribution from a Traditional IRA. Working with the Community Foundation, donors are also able to split a large gift among several funds to assist a wide variety of nonprofit organizations.

Community Foundations help donors support favorite charitable causes and nonprofit organizations by creating permanent endowments that will last forever. Whereas most other charities have a more targeted focus, community foundations can provide donors with a means to support virtually any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Many donors contribute to our unrestricted funds so that we can respond to the region’s most pressing needs, today and for generations to come. Others may wish to establish a fund to support animal rescue organizations or natural resources conservation, a local theatre or arts council, daycare or recreation center, historical society or human welfare organization, school or senior citizen program.

With a gift to the Community Foundation, your generosity and support of favorite causes will go on in perpetuity. By establishing an endowed fund or adding to an existing one, donors can continue a tradition of giving long after they are gone.

The power of compounding helps this organization thrive. We focus on long-term growth and award grants to charities from a portion of the investment gains. We keep our costs low to grow the funds and award grants back to the community.

Last year our investments earned 13% net of the very reasonable investment fees of just over 35% annually. We were able to put those gains to good use, making charitable grants in the community, funding scholarships, and building the endowments of the more than 265 component funds held by the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.

To support the operations of the Community Foundation, each endowed fund is charged 1% annually (scholarship funds are assessed a 2% annual fee because of the complexity of administering these funds). These fees cover approximately 90% of our annual expenses. Additional operating income is derived from our Partners in Philanthropy program along with contributions from several generous individuals.
Creating a fund in your Community Foundation is economical and easy. Donors receive prudent fund management, generous tax advantages, and access to a committed staff with knowledge of the community and the charities in our area. We handle administrative responsibilities, file necessary tax returns, evaluate charities, and monitor changes in the community to help you achieve your charitable vision. A wide variety of endowed funds can be created with a lump-sum gift of as little as $5,000.

"No one has ever become poor by giving."

– ANNE FRANK

Here are the basic steps for creating a fund:

1. **Define your charitable and financial objectives.** Consider how you want your gift to be used and how much you and other family members would like to be involved in making grant recommendations. You may have a favorite charity you want to support, or be passionate about youth and education programs, or want to provide scholarships to area students.

2. **Select the type of fund that matches your charitable interests.** Unrestricted Fund • Agency Fund • Designated Fund • Donor-Advised Fund • Field of Interest Fund • Scholarship Fund

3. **Determine which asset you will use in creating your fund.** Gifts of cash, securities (publicly traded or closely held), personal property, or real estate can be accepted by the Community Foundation to set up a fund. Assets with a low-cost basis are often wise choices, since they offer maximum tax advantages – you pay no capital gains tax and receive a favorable income tax deduction. You may also wish to review assets inside your retirement plan for possible charitable use. At all times, we work closely with your accountant and attorney to ensure your charitable wishes are clearly understood and applied.

4. **Choose a name for your fund.** Many donors choose a family name, but you can use any name that is meaningful to you.

5. **Make your gift to the Community Foundation.** While your gift to establish a fund will be commingled with other Community Foundation assets to maximize investment returns, income and appreciation are tracked and tied to your fund, benefitting your fund for its growth and charitable grantmaking.

6. **Plan a gift through your Will.** We can help provide appropriate language to make sure a contribution to the Community Foundation from your estate meets legal and tax criteria.

From here on, your charitable vision is nearly worry-free. The Community Foundation takes care of government filings, grant paperwork, auditing and accounting. Most importantly, you will have joined with hundreds of other local donors who have created a personal legacy that is true philanthropy.

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**TO GET STARTED, CONTACT ANY OF THE FOUNDATIONS BELOW:**

**EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
(304) 264-0353
www.ewvcf.org
info@ewvcf.org

**HAMPSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

HAMPSON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
(304) 822-7200
www.hampshireccf.org
info@hampshireccf.org

**HARDY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

HARDY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
(304) 538-3431
www.hardycountycf.org
info@hardycountycf.org
When you establish an Unrestricted Fund, your gift can address a broad range of local needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. We evaluate all aspects of community well-being: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization, senior citizen and youth programs, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables your community foundation’s board of directors and program experts to respond to the community’s most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

**Berkeley County Community Impact Fund 2015** – The Board established this unrestricted fund to address critical needs in Berkeley County. All five counties served by the Community Foundation have similar Community Impact Funds and fifty-percent of each gift eligible for NIP tax credits is now directed to one or more of these Funds.

**Centennial Visionary Fund 2015** – This fund was established by members of EWVCF’s Board of Directors in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first community foundation. The funds will be invested without being assessed any administrative fees by EWVCF or making any grant distributions for 50 years. In 2065, half of the total assets will be transferred to the EWVCF Endowment for the Community. The remaining half will continue to be invested without assessment or distribution; then, in 2115, the total accumulated assets will also be transferred to the EWVCF Endowment for the Community.

**EWVCF Endowment for the Community 2002** – This fund was established by EWVCF’s Board of Directors to meet the many changing needs of our community. Such Board-directed grantmaking is an all-important resource for the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation and its mission to improve the quality of life for all people in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties.

**Jefferson County Community Impact Fund 2014** – This was established by EWVCF Board Members to address emergency needs in Jefferson County. Awarding unrestricted grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving distressed communities or economically disadvantaged individuals and families in Jefferson County will be the primary objective of the Fund.

**Morgan County Community Impact Fund 2016** – The last of the five counties served by EWVCF to establish a community impact fund, Morgan County has been growing its unrestricted fund for just over six years. Like the others, this fund will address critical needs in Berkeley Springs, Paw Paw, and the surrounding areas.

Thanks to contributions from more than 1,000 donors during the past 27 years, we are able to award an average of $1 million in grants and scholarships annually and manage $39 million in assets. The following is a list of funds that have been established at the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation since we were founded in 1995. These funds support nonprofit organizations and award scholarships in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties. Funds established to support our affiliates, the Hampshire County Community Foundation and the Hardy County Community Foundation, can be found on pages 36 - 43 of this publication.

We’ve broken down our list of endowed funds into six categories: Unrestricted, Agency/Hybrid, Designated, Donor-Advised, Field of Interest, and Scholarship. If you would like to learn more about any of our existing funds or how you might establish a fund of your own, please give us a call at 304-264-0353. We’d love to help you leave a legacy for the community you call home.

Henry Willard II, a long-time resident of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, was incredibly generous to charitable organizations throughout the region. In his Last Will and Testament, Mr. Willard gave the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation $1 million to be split equally between the unrestricted Endowment for the Community and our EWVCF Administrative Endowment.
AGENCY AND HYBRID ENDOwed FUNDS

Charitable organizations can establish an Agency Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation as a simple and efficient way to build sustainability for your nonprofit. The Community Foundation’s experienced staff can also help your organization develop a campaign to build your endowment. Agency Endowed Funds are reported in accordance with FASB 136 (more information here: fasb.org). Agency Funds represent funds that only contain contributions from the Agency itself, whereas Hybrid Funds contain an Agency portion and a Non-Agency portion, meaning donors outside the organization have also contributed to or established a Designated Fund to benefit the organization. Please call us if you have any questions.

Berkeley County Historical Society Legacy Fund 2013 – Founded in memory of long-time director Don Wood, this fund supports Historical Society research programs and provides funds for archival supplies and other items necessary for historic preservation.

Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Endowment Fund 2015 – Founded by the board of the Blue Ridge CTC Foundation, this fund was established to provide an endowment that will generate financial support for the college’s annual operations and programming.

CCAP Loaves & Fishes Endowment Fund 2008 – Founded by Trinity United Methodist Church, this fund provides annual support to this core health and human service organization serving Berkeley County residents with food, rent assistance, financial management, and general aid.

Camp Frame 4-H Fund 2007 – Founded by the Camp Frame 4-H Board with a legacy gift, this fund was established to build an endowment that will provide annual funding for Camp Frame so future generations of 4-H campers can learn about leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Members of the community have supported Camp Frame in Berkeley County for years.


For the Kids, By George Children’s Museum Endowment Fund 2014 – Founded by this Martinsburg-based museum shortly after receiving the 2014 Solomon Fine Memorial Fund Grant for Outstanding Community Service, this fund provides distributions to the museum to support day-to-day operations and programming.

Friends of Senior Life Services of Morgan County Endowment Fund 2009 – Founded with help from the 2009 EWVCF Charity Challenge and matching Senior Life Services donors, this fund was established in order to build an endowment that will benefit the Berkeley Springs-based group for years to come, allowing them to continue to help Seniors live more independent, healthier lives.

Robert L. Hawvermale Sr., Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church Camp Fund 2009 – Founded by the Trustees of St. Mark’s Church and with the generosity of the Hawvermale family, this fund supports youth attending Peterkin Camp of Romney, WV, or a similar camp program.

Healthy Smiles Dental Health Fund 2007 – Founded by Dean and Betty Russell — and added to by Healthy Smiles of the Eastern Panhandle, Inc., along with dozens of friends and caring citizens in the community — this fund helps to address the dental health needs of our community, including thousands of Medicaid-eligible children needing dental service in the tri-county area.

Hospice of the Panhandle Endowment Fund 2000 – EWVCF’s very first agency endowed fund, the earnings from this fund help offset Hospice expenses throughout the community as the organization fulfills its mission to provide resources for caregivers, patients, and families.

Jefferson County 4-H Foundation Fund 2008 – This fund was established through generous donations to honor persons, businesses, and organizations supporting the Jefferson County 4-H program. Foundation Donors include: Franklin “Woody” & June Adams, Bank of Charles Town, Bardane Community Center, F. Kenneth & Gay F. Barron, Keith & Laura Berkeley, John “J.R.” & Donna Burns, Kathy Cogle, Edgar Drew Conklyn & Ida Albin Conklyn, Mrs. “Lulu” Jack Catrow, Charles Town Lions

Since being established at the Community Foundation with an initial gift of $500,000 in 2007, the Camp Frame 4-H Fund has awarded annual distributions totaling more than $250,000. These grants help support summer camp operations and other programs at Camp Frame. Through prudent investing, the Fund has grown substantially over the years and will be able to provide continued support in perpetuity to this very worthy organization.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND REACHES GOAL

CHARLES TOWN – Historic properties in Jefferson County will soon have the opportunity to apply for some much-needed funding as the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission announced earlier this week that it reached its initial goal of $100,000 for the Jefferson County Historic Preservation Fund. Established at the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation just over four years ago, this Agency-Endowed Fund is one of the fastest-growing in recent memory.

As for what’s next for Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission, almost immediately after the Historic Preservation Fund reached its goal, Burke said that the next milestone he envisions for the Fund is $250,000.

LAND TRUST OF THE EASTERN PANHANDLE LEGACY FUND 2020 – Founded by the Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle, this fund was established to help support and offset costs associated with influencing, establishing, and maintaining conservation easements in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties in order to protect our communities’ land and important water resources.

MARTINSBURG-BERKELEY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FUND 2011 – Founded by the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation Board, this fund supports its county-wide public recreation programs.

MARTINSBURG-BERKELEY COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL PARK FUND 2005 – Also founded by the Parks & Recreation Board, this fund was established to support a favorite community park in the heart of Martinsburg, with distributions aiding in restoration and upkeep of facilities and providing programs for the thousands who love and enjoy War Memorial Park.

MARTINSBURG-BERKELEY COUNTY 4-H CLUB, MARRIOTT FELLOWSHIP FUND 2018 – Founded by the 4-H Club, this fund provides scholarships for Eastern Panhandle youth to attend their special West Virginia summer camps for children with heart conditions.

NORBORNE PRESCHOOL/SARAH STEPTOE CHARITABLE FUND 2013 – Founded in honor of one of the long-time Norborne Preschool/Sarah Steptoe community member, this fund serves to assist in operating this highly respected organization.

OLD OPERA HOUSE ENDOWMENT 2009 – Founded by the Old Opera House Theatre with assistance from EWVC’s Charity Challenge and matching gifts from Old Opera House donors, this fund benefits the Charles Town-based community theatre.

PANHANDLE HOME HEALTH CHARITY CARE FUND 2018 – Founded by Panhandle Home Health, distributions from this fund help offset the cost of charity care services the organization provides...
to uninsured and/or underinsured patients.

Panhandle Home Health Endowment Fund 2003 – Founded by Panhandle Home Health’s Board of Directors, distributions from this fund will help offset annual expenses as the nonprofit fulfills its mission to provide quality health care services in the comfort of patients’ homes.


Shepherdstown Day Care Endowment Fund 2006 – Founded by the Board of Directors of the Shepherdstown Day Care Center, this fund helps this childcare provider serve many at-risk and in-need children from our community.

Shepherdstown Low Income Home Improvement Fund 2018 – Founded by the Corporation of Shepherdstown, this fund serves as an endowment to provide financial assistance for low-income residents of Shepherdstown, WV to help defray costs of necessary improvements to their homes.

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church Fund 2012 – Founded by the trustees of Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church, this fund provides annual distributions to support the church.

Trinity Episcopal Church Angel Fund 2007 – Founded by Phil Seibert, distributions from this fund allow the leaders of the church congregation to help individuals and families in need from our community.

Trinity Lutheran Church Needmore Cemetery Fund 1997 – Founded by the Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church, distributions from this fund help support the maintenance, repair, and upkeep of Berkeley County’s Needmore Cemetery, Arden, West Virginia.

United Way of the Eastern Panhandle Community Safety Net Fund 2008 – This fund assists families who face an immediate crisis and are unable to meet their basic needs, such as food and shelter.

United Way of the Eastern Panhandle Endowment Fund 2005 – This fund was established to help offset the costs of day-to-day operations of the United Way in an effort to ensure donors’ gifts are maximized to meet critical needs.

United Way of the Eastern Panhandle Independent Seniors Endowment Fund 2008 – This fund provides senior citizens with services and opportunities to attain a decent quality of life and be safe, healthy, and engaged.

United Way of the Eastern Panhandle Strong Families Endowment Fund 2008 – This fund helps families meet their full potential by acquiring the skills and securing the resources to meet their housing, health, and other basic needs.

United Way of the Eastern Panhandle Thriving Children Endowment Fund 2008 – This endowment fund ensures that children and youth enjoy normal growth in emotional, educational, and social competencies.

WV-20021 AFJROTC Angels Fund 2011 – Founded by the leaders of WV-20021 AFJROTC, this fund provides the group with resources to promote education and Jr. ROTC student advancement at Jefferson High School.

In 2021, the Two Rivers Giving Circle presented the organization’s Conservation Award to Grant Smith, president of the Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle and Kristin Alexander, executive director of the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS). During the ceremony which was held at Harewood, hand-crafted ceramic platters were presented to the recipients. Two Rivers Giving Circle members Martin Burke (l) and Linda Case (r) made the presentations.

Both PVAS and the Land Trust have endowments at the Community Foundation. The Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle Legacy Fund was established in late 2020 and, thanks to generous supporters, has grown to more than $40,000 today.

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society Fund was established by Jean Neely, recipient of the first Spirit of the Panhandle Award that was presented by the Community Foundation. Neely was the founding president of PVAS and has remained active in the organization for 40 years.

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

– MAYA ANGELOU
DESIGNATED FUNDS

Establishing a Designated Fund allows you to support the good work of a specific nonprofit organization — a senior center, museum, or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization. Because it’s given through your Community Foundation, your gift provides the organization you select with funding and investment management services through the power of endowment.

Administrative Endowment Fund 2004 – Originally founded by Community Foundation former Presidents Doug Roach, Tia McMillan, and Diane Dailey, this fund’s distributions help offset the annual operating expenses of the Community Foundation — our own endowment for the future.

Ambrose Park Children’s Garden Fund 2013 – This fund was created to help provide financial support for the new Children's Garden in Ambrose Park next to the Wurzburg Dog Park in Martinsburg.

Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County Fund 2010 – A planned gift by Helen Jackson Bowser created this designated fund to benefit the Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County.

Berkeley Arts Council Endowment Fund 2012 – This donor-designated fund supports the operations of the Berkeley Arts Council, which serves Martinsburg and Berkeley County, West Virginia.

Berkeley County Meals on Wheels Endowment Fund 2018 – This donor-designated fund was established by the board of Kings Daughters Housing, Inc. to support the operations of Berkeley County Meals on Wheels.

Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle Fund 2006 – This fund was launched by Richard Durham with the assistance of BCT Bank of Charles Town, Bob Baronner, and Rich Stephens & Stefani Pierson. It provides general support to the Boys & Girls Clubs serving the Eastern Panhandle by offering after-school programs, clubs, recreation, activities, and safe-haven to many area youths.

Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County Gail A. Shade Fund 2004 – This fund supports the Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle and its Morgan County facility in honor of 2004 Spirit of the Panhandle volunteer Gail Shade, who helped to create the club. CNB Bank, Inc. donated funding to establish this endowment.


Ed Calhoun Memorial Fund 2022 (NEW) – Established in memory of Ed Calhoun, this fund provides rotating distributions to the following organizations: the Mason-Dixon Council Boy Scouts of America in Hagerstown, MD, to support upkeep and maintenance of the Calhoun Cabins at Sinoquipe Scout Reservation in Fort Littleton, PA; the Berkeley County Roundhouse Foundation; and the Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative, to support Public Service Training in Berkeley County.


CASA of the Eastern Panhandle Fund 2004 – This fund supports the Boys and Girls Club serving the Eastern Panhandle by offering after-school programs, clubs, recreation, activities, and safe-haven to many area youths.


Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund – This fund will forever benefit the tri-county nonprofit serving serving abused and neglected children in our area.

Charles Town Rotary J.B. Smith Memorial Fund 2003 – Founded in memory of Harpers Ferry’s J.B. Smith, who was killed in an automobile accident in 1998 at age 23, this fund was established by the Charles Town Rotary to benefit Jefferson Memorial Park and public high-school baseball athletics in Jefferson County.

Cool Spring Preserve Fund 2016 – When the board of Craftworks at Cool Spring, Inc. transferred ownership of Cool Spring Preserve to the Potomac Valley Audubon Society in late 2016, the decision was made to provide funding to help maintain the rare plants and hydrology in the marsh, encourage natural forest regeneration in the woodlands, and control invasive species throughout the property. Annual distributions from this fund will help cover some of these costs.

Derflinger First Presbyterian Church Missionary Fund 2021 (NEW) – Founded by Jerry Derflinger with a legacy gift from his estate, this fund will help support the foreign missionary work of Martinsburg’s First Presbyterian Church and of the Shenandoah Presbytery.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle Fund was established with an initial gift from Richard Durham, who was a great advocate for the club, all forms of recreation, and many of our youth and education programs. As we were working on copy for this year’s Report to the Community, we learned that Richard passed away, and we discovered that he left his house in Stonebridge to the Community Foundation. We will miss Richard’s visits and will be forever grateful for his generosity. Once the house is sold, half of the proceeds will be added to the Boys and Girls Club Fund and the remaining half will be used to establish a scholarship in Richard’s name.
Dorflinger First Presbyterian Church Operating Fund 2021 (NEW) – Founded with a legacy gift from long-time EWVCF supporter, this fund will provide annual support to the First Presbyterian Church on South Queen Street in Martinsburg, WV.

Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center Fund 2005 – Created in honor of 2005 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree Ruth Veach, this fund supports the critical day-to-day work of the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, formerly known as the Shenandoah Women’s Center.

Eastern Panhandle Young Life Endowment Fund 2006 – This designated fund will forever benefit the local chapter of Young Life, a program dedicated to reaching out to school-aged youth with faith-based gatherings, activities, and programs.

Endowment for Special Needs 2004 – This fund supports the Hedgesville-based Groves Center, which provides training and occupational involvement for special needs adults.

First Presbyterian Church Angel Fund 2007 – Created by Phil Seibert, a charter Board member of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation, this fund allows the leaders of the church congregation to help individuals and families in need in our community who suffer from catastrophic and unexpected events.

Glenna Merica Grove Fund 2007 – Initially established as a donor-advised fund, this fund now serves to benefit Morgan County Starting Points, as requested by the original donor advisors.

Goldie Gibbons Park Fund 2016 – Established with a legacy gift from Virginia Gibbons, this fund helped Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation build the Goldie Gibbons Park on the site of Ms. Gibbons’ homestead in Bedington, West Virginia. Annual distributions from the fund will provide support for maintenance of the facility that was created as a “fun place for families and dogs.”

Good Samaritan Free Health Care Fund 2019 – Cosby Potter-Davis established this fund to support Good Samaritan Free Healthcare in its mission to provide quality medical care to individuals with limited resources.

Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund 2005 – Launched by C. David and Barbara L. Miller, this fund provides annual general operating support for this tri-county organization that brings together community resources to build housing for those in need.

George W. and Holly Woods Hancock Memorial Fund — Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Fund 1995 – The very first donor to the Community Foundation, Mr. Hancock designated this fund to benefit Martinsburg’s Mt. Zion Methodist Church, honoring his wife’s memory and their shared faith.

Katherine Burr Jackson Fund for the Peter Burr Farm 2016 – John League established this fund to honor his Aunt Katherine, a direct descendant of Peter Burr, to support the Peter Burr Farm, a property owned and maintained by the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission.

Jefferson County Public Schools Fund 2006 – This fund provides funding for the support, continuation, and advancement of public education K–12 programs in Jefferson County.

Floyd and Mike Kursey Fund 2011 – The Kurseys, named 2011 Spirit of the Panhandle honorees for their tireless volunteer work in the community, designated this fund to benefit Hospice of the Panhandle.

Larry Lower Morgan County Food & Farms Association Fund 2013 – Mr. Lower, Morgan County’s 2013 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree, established this fund to support the local farm and food movement.

Martinsburg Civil Air Patrol Fund 2016 – Martinsburg native Col. Dennis D. Barron, a long-time supporter of the West Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, created a lasting legacy in his estate plan. Col. Barron passed away unexpectedly in 2019, but he will be remembered thanks to this fund that helps support operations and programs of the Martinsburg Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol.

Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission Fund honoring Bill and Libby Crowe 2012 – Established by an anonymous donor who wanted to pay tribute to Pastor and Mrs. Crowe, this fund will provide financial resources to support the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission and its programs.

Arthur H. Miller Fund 2006 – Created by bequest, Arthur Miller designated his fund to provide annual grants to benefit Berkeley County Senior Services.

One of the final things Cosby Potter Davis, founder of the Good Samaritan Free Clinic, did before retiring as director was establish the Good Samaritan Free Healthcare Fund at the Community Foundation. This selfless act inspired board members and others to make contributions to the fund.

Recently, Good Samaritan Free Healthcare was able to purchase the building they’ve been renting for a number of years. Additionally, they received funding to create more space by building an addition to the existing structure. We are proud to hold this designated fund for the benefit of Good Samaritan Free Healthcare and equally pleased to be able to support the organization by providing healthcare grants and including them in our Matching Funds Challenge.
Designated Funds (continued from page 27)

C. David and Barbara L. Miller Fund for Blue Ridge CTC 2019 – Created by the Millers, this fund supports educational programs by providing funding for JumpStart (or similar) scholarships for high school students from Berkeley County who have financial need and are attending Blue Ridge CTC.

Ginnie Molnar Fund for Special Athletes 2004 – 2004 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree Ginnie Molnar designated that distributions from the fund provide annual support to Special Olympians in Berkeley County.

Pat & Bev Murphy Boys & Girls Club Arts Fund 2013 – Established by the 2013 Berkeley County Spirit of the Panhandle honoree Pat Murphy and his wife, Bev, this fund supports art programs at the Boys & Girls Club in Martinsburg. Annual distributions will be used to purchase supplies, equipment, and reference materials for the photography program and other arts programs offered by the Club.

Ron Nordeen/Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Fund 1999 – Founded in honor of Ron Nordeen, this fund supports Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, which provides caregiving and other assistance to elderly, homebound and needy citizens in Jefferson County. A gift from founding EWVCF Board member Conrad C. Hammann Sr., first “seeded” the fund.

Patient Care of Hospice Fund 2007 – With funds made possible by BB&T Wealth Management and through the charitable vision of 2007 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree Betty Jo Stout, this fund helps financially needy patients under the care of Hospice of the Panhandle.

Peter Burr Living History Fund 2009 – This fund supports the restoration, preservation, and interpretation of historic sites with significant relevance between years 1750–1800 in the Eastern Panhandle, such as the Peter Burr House (the oldest wood-frame structure in West Virginia) in Kearneysville, WV. Formerly known as the Reliving History Fund.

Roach Family Endowment Fund 2019 – This designated fund, established as a Legacy Gift through the Doug and Joan Roach Charitable Remainder Unitrust, benefits CCAP/Loaves & Fishes and Otterbein United Methodist Church equally.

Steven M. and Tina F. Roach Camp and Mission Fund 2009 – This designated fund benefits youth attending camps and/or mission trips in the U.S. or abroad. The fund works with Young Life, St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, and Otterbein United Methodist Church to identify interested youth.

Rosabell and James Roman Fund 2009 – Rosabell Roman was named a 2009 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree. She designated her fund to benefit her church, Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Martinsburg.

Myrtle Schneiderhan Fund 2008 – This legacy fund supports the programs and services provided by Trinity Episcopal Church in Martinsburg.

Ernie Schrider and Friends Fund 2009 – Named a 2009 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree, Ernie Schrider designated his fund to equally benefit Morgan County Starting Points and the American Cancer Society.

Betty L. Severson Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Fund 2009 – Named a 2009 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree, Betty Severson established her fund to benefit Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Shepherdstown.

Trinity Lutheran Church Needmore Cemetery Fund 1997 – The Trustees of Trinity Lutheran Church established this endowment fund for maintenance, repair, and upkeep of Berkeley County’s Needmore Cemetery in Arden, West Virginia.

Dan VanBelleghem Fund 2011 – Named for the 2011 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree, this fund supports programs offered by Good Shepherd Interfaith Caregivers and the Eastern Panhandle CARE Clinic.

The George Washington Chair of Living Ethics at Shepherd University 2002 – The Fund for the George Washington Chair of Living Ethics was established with an initial gift from Dr. Donald Patthoff in order to endow a Community Ethics Chair at Shepherd University in Jefferson County, West Virginia. Until the fund reaches $300,000 in total endowment (the minimum necessary to support an Ethics Chair), periodic grants will be made to Shepherd University for programs and projects that explore and nurture the character of our communities as embodied by our nation’s first president. The Washington family was instrumental in settling our region; their ideals and ethics intermingled with their neighbors and helped shape our nation. West Virginia’s Eastern Panhandle remains a living legacy and a guiding light for our region and our nation.

John S. Wharton Fund 2004 – Created through the estate of John Wharton and in cooperation with First United Bank and Trust, this fund benefits eight specific charities yearly: Junior Mentoring Programs (JUMP) of the Eastern Panhandle, Hospice of the Panhandle, Martinsburg Public Library, Martinsburg Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Shawnee Girl Scouts Council, Shenandoah Area Council Boy Scouts of America, and Eastern Panhandle Endowment Center (EPEC).

Helen Woldorf Humane Society Fund 2010 – Ms. Woldorf created this designated fund to support the Berkeley County Humane Society with annual distributions to help offset expenses of providing care for animals waiting to be adopted.
DONOR-ADVISED FUND

A Donor-Advised Fund allows you to make a gift to the Community Foundation and remain actively involved in suggesting uses for your gift. You can work with the Community Foundation staff to suggest ongoing uses for the fund, targeting the issues you care about most. Grant awards are issued to charities in the name of the fund (or anonymously if you prefer). It’s a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving.

Jenny Ewing Allen Fund 2018 (SEED) – Jenny Allen established this fund to support charitable causes in and around West Virginia.


Joshua Barnes Charitable Fund 2017 – Established by family and friends of Joshua, this fund provides distributions to support nonprofit organizations that address drug abuse prevention, education, and treatment in Morgan County, West Virginia.

Berkeley County Industrial Park Development Fund 2009 – The Berkeley County Industrial Park Development board established this fund as all lands in its jurisdiction were developed and projects were completed. Annual distributions from the fund support economic development, job creation, workforce development, business recruitment and creation, and employability training initiatives.

Berkeley County Reads Fund 2006 – This fund supports the efforts of the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library system by providing financial assistance in the construction of new facilities and for ongoing operations of existing ones.

Boehm Family Fund 2005 – Jeff and Denise Boehm established this fund to support religious organizations, charitable causes, and education opportunities in and around the Eastern Panhandle.

Borger Family Fund 2013 – This fund was established with donations honoring EWVCF Past President Stew Borger for his years of service to the Community Foundation.

Calarama Farm Fund 2018 – This fund was established to support West Virginia-based charitable organizations.

Linda Case and John Rayburn Family Fund 2004 – This fund supports charitable programs that address conservation, environmental stewardship, historic preservation, and human welfare.

City National Bank Charitable Fund 2008 – To celebrate their expansion in the Eastern Panhandle, City National Bank established this fund to provide employees with an opportunity to recommend local grants in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan county.

Diane M. and James W. Dailey II Fund 2006 – This fund provides grants to area charities that serve poverty-based populations, educational programs, and economic development in distressed areas.

DeJarnett Family Fund 2014 – David and Dana DeJarnett established this fund to benefit Eastern Panhandle charitable programs.

Executive Director Fund 2009 – Launched by Amy Owen, the Eastern WV Community Foundation’s first paid staff, this fund is advised by the current EWVCF executive director to benefit Eastern Panhandle programs and charities.

Fleming Family Fund 2016 – Patrick and Leigh Fleming established this fund to support Eastern Panhandle nonprofit organizations and other charitable programs.

Hensell-Heffle Berkeley County Youth Fund 2017 – Established in memory of Charles Hensell by his son and daughter with contributions from family and friends, this fund will support Berkeley County charities that provide youth services.

Home Hill Charitable Fund 2003 – This fund, created by Margaret Drennen and overseen by the governing board operating the Home Hill Corporation, supports a broad range of charitable programs in Jefferson County and the Eastern Panhandle.

Janelle Family Fund 2018 – Established by Chris and Sherri Janelle, this fund allows family members to recommend grants to benefit charities of interest with a special focus on education support and career/life-skills advice to economically disadvantaged citizens.

Kings Daughters Charitable Fund 2018 – Established by Kings Daughters, this fund supports charities of interest with a special focus on the elderly.

Kreink Family Fund 2011 – Established and funded by Herb and Betty Kreink thanks to a charitable rollover from their Traditional IRAs, this fund supports organizations with programs focusing on animal rights, advocacy, and rescue.

McMillan Family Fund 2000 – Established by Bob and Tia McMillan, this fund allows family members to recommend grants to benefit charities of interest.

Robert W. and Gina M. Miller Fund 2007 – This fund was created to make grants to nonprofit organizations and charitable causes in the tri-county area.

Michael and Brenda Mullin Charitable Fund to Address Climate Change 2020 – The Mullins established this fund in 2020 to support Eastern Panhandle nonprofit organizations that are addressing the many challenges presented by climate change.

Owen Family Fund 2012

When EWVCF’s first Executive Director Amy Owen moved to Virginia in 2012, the Board established the Owen Family Fund in her honor. Since then Amy and husband Don have made several contributions to the fund and have awarded grants to many local and national nonprofit environmental and human welfare organizations. We are truly grateful for all that Amy did for the Community Foundation during her 10 years as executive director, and for all she continues to do today as the President/CEO of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties.
Many of our component funds were established to honor the memory and fine work of women and men who served the community for decades. Sadly, other funds were created as a memorial to an individual whose life was cut short. We sincerely hope that the work we do and the grants and scholarships awarded by these funds provide some relief to their loved ones.

The Desireé Shields Fund was established by her mother, Darlene Truman, after Desireé was killed in a car crash on the day she sent out her wedding invitations. Desireé was full of life and joy in expectation of her upcoming marriage and plans to start a family. She also had fond memories of her time at Shepherdstown Day Care. In honor of her plans for a family and in gratitude for nonprofit day care centers, this fund supports women and child care initiatives in the Eastern Panhandle.
FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

By establishing a Field of Interest Fund, you can target your gift to address needs in an important and specific area of community life: Arts, Recreation, Healthcare, Aging, At-risk youth, Historic Preservation, Conservation. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift, and our board awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select. Your gift stays flexible enough to meet community needs in your interest area, even as they change over time.

**Frank Aliveto Memorial Fund for Education 2022 (NEW)** – Established by Susan L. Aliveto, this fund will provide charitable support to Berkeley and Jefferson County schools in order to provide Mini-Grants to Teachers in the field of elementary physical education.

**Burke Family Charitable Fund for Animals 2017** – Established by Robert G. Burke, the fund will support charitable organizations that provide rescue, adoption, sanctuary, and other services for animals in need in the Eastern Panhandle.

**Campaign Against Litter Fund 2015** – Established thanks to the vision and generosity of Bill and Bonnie Subblefield, this fund covers the cost of a keenly focused litter pick-up program in Berkeley County, West Virginia.

**Eastern Panhandle CARE Fund 2016** – Established by the board of the Eastern Panhandle CARE Clinic, the primary intent of the fund is to provide distributions to support West Virginia-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide health care services similar to those that had been provided by the CARE Clinic.

**Eastern Panhandle CARE Clinic Fund 2005** – This fund was created in honor of Katharine Costea, named a 2005 Spirit of the Panhandle honoree, and sponsored by the Bank of Charles Town. She selected the Eastern Panhandle CARE Clinic as her endowment beneficiary to support its commitment to serving those in need with medical care. When the CARE Clinic closed in 2016, the Board of Directors converted it to a field-of-interest fund to support health care programs similar to those that were provided by the CARE Clinic.

**Eastern Panhandle CARE Clinic 2016** – The Berkeley County Industrial Park Development Fund advisors established this fund as a challenge to match other donors and create a $50,000 endowed fund to support the Mini-Grants to Teachers program in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties.

**June Zimmerman Health and Fitness Fund 2005** – This fund provides grants to promote exercise and health in our community.

**John Taylor Memorial Fund 2022 (NEW)** – This fund was established in memory of John K. “John John/Johnny/ JT” Taylor by his family. Donations came pouring in after the beloved Martinsburg native’s untimely passing in October 2021.

**Thornton Family Charitable Fund 2013** – Established as a seed fund by friends of Larry Thornton upon his retirement from City National Bank, the fund was fully endowed with a gift from Larry and Pam in late 2013.

**Two Rivers Giving Circle Fund 2008** – Established by a group of area donors, this fund enjoys the flexibility of the Community Foundation by both building endowment and providing “pass-through” grants to benefit area programs and charities that focus on historic preservation and area conservation. Donors who make gifts of predetermined amounts (set by the group) serve as donor-advisors for grantmaking recommendations.

**Van Order and Barney Family Fund 2013** – Great Cacapon residents Anne Barney and Stephen Van Order established this fund to support a number of favorite charitable causes, including ones in Morgan County.

**Elizabeth C. Paul and Lisa Welch Fund 2009** – This fund follows the charitable vision created by its founders, Paul and Lisa Welch, primarily supporting nonprofit organizations in Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, and throughout the Eastern Panhandle.

**Bill and Nancy White Charitable Fund 2013** – Established with an end-of-year gift in 2013, this fund primarily supports educational programs and nonprofit organizations in the Eastern Panhandle. Donors Bill and Nancy White and their daughters, Ashley and Amy, serve as advisors.

**Wurzburg/Hill Family Church Fund 2008** – Thanks to the generosity of Gretchen Wurzburg, four churches in the Martinsburg area continue to benefit from this fund.

**Wurzburg/Hill Family Charitable Fund 2008** – Charitable organizations providing recreational programs in Berkeley County receive grants from this fund, which is advised by Travis and Scarlett Hill.

Like many of our donor-advised funds, the one established by Dr. and Mrs. Strauch awards grants to a variety of nonprofit organizations, with a high percentage focused on youth and the arts. As long-time patrons of the Contemporary American Theater Festival, they often recommend grants from the Strauch Family Fund that help support internships and the Hostel Youth program at CATF.

“For good, Forever.”


Endowment for the Arts 1997 – The Shepherdstown Rotary Club helped to seed this fund with a gift to benefit an area orchestra no longer in operation. Grants from the fund now support arts and cultural programs in the Eastern Panhandle.

EWVCF Endowment for Recreation 1997 – Created with collective gifts, this fund supports recreational programs in Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties.

Frada Fine Berkeley Education Fund 2006 – Launched with the support of BB&T Wealth Management, this fund provides resources to Berkeley County public schools, and other educational programs and initiatives.

Arch Gleason Memorial Fund 2016 – Arch Gleason was a highly respected CPA who worked for two decades in Martinsburg before entering government service, first as the director of the West Virginia Lottery, then as secretary of the West Virginia Department of Transportation. This fund was established in his memory to support programs that provide services to individuals with learning disabilities, special needs, autism, or similar challenges.

Housing Action Fund 2005 – Launched by Dan Ryan Builders, this fund aids charities that address homeless conditions in Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties.

Mayor Harriet Johnson Memorial Fund for Youth and Education 2021 (NEW) – Established in memory of Martinsburg’s beloved first woman mayor with donations from dozens of her friends, this fund will award grants to youth and education programs in the region.

Kings Daughters Senior Citizens Charitable Fund 2018 – Launched by Kings Daughters, this fund aids charities that provide elderly persons with housing facilities and services specifically designed to meet their physical, social and psychological needs and to promote their health, security, happiness, and usefulness in longer living.

Catherine S. and Clarence E. Martin Jr., and Juanita and Vernon L Gray Charitable Fund 2012 – Established by CEM and Judy Martin and based on financial need, this fund will provide assistance to Berkeley County First Responders injured in the line of duty, and to the families of those First Responders killed in the line of duty.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fund 2021 (NEW) – This fund was established by Kathrine and Andrew McMillan with the intent to award grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofits that provide equitable access to education, recreation, the arts, and economic stability with a focus on racial equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Gilbert B. and Carolyn J. Miller Education Fund 2021 (NEW) – Established by family and friends, this fund will honor the Millers’ remarkable legacy of teaching and mentoring the youth of Berkeley County by providing funding to expand educational opportunities for students at Hedgesville High School.

Partnership for Affordable Housing Fund 2019 – After closing their doors, Partnership for Affordable Housing launched this charitable fund that will support housing activities in Jefferson County that benefit the needy.

Bonn Poland Family Roundhouse Recreation Fund 1998 – This fund was established by Bonn “Buzz” Poland based on his interest to include youth programs and recreational opportunities within the renovation of the Baltimore and Ohio Roundhouse in Martinsburg.

Don and Polly Roach “Friends of Animals” Free Spay & Neuter Fund 2015 – This fund was established to support spay and neuter programs in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Robert A. Sanders Fund 2005 – Created in Robert’s memory by his wife, Sylvia Sanders, this fund provides grants for programs that address poverty, and support economic development in and improvement of distressed neighborhoods and communities in the Eastern Panhandle.

Tom and Virginia Seely Children’s Fund 2007 – Tom and Virginia Seely created a lasting legacy by establishing this fund to support programs that promote, aid, and educate youth in Morgan County.

C. Scott and Elizabeth C. Shade Youth Fund 2004 – This fund was established in memory of Elizabeth Shade, a local nurse who had a deep abiding love for children, It supports youth programs in Berkeley County.

Snyder Family Charitable Fund 2017 – Established by former board member Lee Snyder in memory of his wife, Cynthia, and his mother, Glady’s, this fund supports education programs in Jefferson and Berkeley counties.

Jane P. Snyder Youth Fund 1997 – Jane Snyder’s interest in the health and well-being of our youth and her desire to improve their opportunities and quality of life led her to create this fund through a bequest to the Community Foundation.

Webb Family Charitable Fund 2022 (NEW) – This fund serves to provide distributions to Berkeley County nonprofits serving at-risk women and/or children in our community.

West Virginia Nursing Home Resident Fund 2011 (SEED) – Created by Meredith Rose Frank as inspired by her late father, Guy Frank, this fund will provide quality-of-life essentials for needy residents in local nursing homes.

Helen Parker Willard Fund 2006 – Created by Henry Willard in his grandmother’s memory, this fund helps historically significant Jefferson County cemeteries maintain and protect Civil War gravesites and public-use areas.

Youth Advisory Council Fund 2012 – This fund was established to help teach philanthropy to young men and women by providing financial resources for youth advisory councils to make grants to West Virginia nonprofit organizations.

During his lifetime, Robert G. Burke was passionate about saving stray animals that had been neglected or abandoned. He would often visit our office and share stories of the cats that he’d rescued. Robert was determined to continue to help those that couldn’t fend for themselves; by working with a local estate planning attorney, he established the Burke Family Charitable Fund for Animals at EWVCF several years ago. When Robert passed away in 2021, the Foundation had everything in place to receive his legacy gift and continue his efforts to provide loving care for creatures in need.
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

In creating a scholarship, you invest in your community’s future and show students you care. Your community foundation provides the expertise to help you meet your personal goals and awards scholarships to deserving students. Your gift can help students from preschool to postgraduate achieve their lifetime dreams. The minimum required to establish an endowed scholarship at the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation is $20,000.

Berkeley County Teachers’ Scholarship Fund 1996 – Corning Glass Works and the Corning Foundation founded this fund to help send Vicky Bullet’s family to the 1992 Summer Olympics, where Ms. Bullet won a gold medal playing with the USA women’s basketball team. Surplus gifts started this permanent endowment to benefit college-bound teachers.

Deborah, Leslie, and Christopher Bright Achievement Fund 2007 – Dr. Harold and Mrs. Janice Bright created this fund, named for their children, to provide scholarships to students in grades 9-12 from Hampshire and Morgan Counties for hands-on experience in STEAM-based subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).

Emily C. Cooper Bee Line Chapter of N.S. Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship Fund 2011 – Female residents in Jefferson County with good grades, financial need, and solid character who seek a higher education benefit from this fund.

Emily C. Cooper Jefferson County ROTC Scholarship Fund 2011 – Enrollees with Jefferson County’s ROTC program with financial need benefit from this fund as they seek higher education.

Fisher Family Fund 1999 – This scholarship fund was established by Dr. Frank H. Fisher to provide scholarships to eligible recipients pursuing an associate degree in business or accounting.

Floyd and Isabel Jacques Memorial Scholarship Fund 2010 – Established as a legacy gift through his estate, Mr. Jacques created this endowed fund to honor his late wife and to benefit students graduating from Musselman High School in the top 10% of their class.

George W. and Holly Woods Hancock Scholarship Fund 1995 – George Hancock became the charter donor of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation when he established this fund with a gift of $100,000. Mr. Hancock directed YMCA organizations around the nation for 43 years. His wife taught kindergarten. Their work inspired this fund that provides higher education scholarships to African American students graduating from Berkeley County high schools.

Harry H. Hardie-James Rumsey Scholarship Fund 2011 – Established in the Last Will and Testament of Harry Hardie, this needs-based scholarship benefits students from Musselman High School who will attend James Rumsey Technical Institute. Applications for this scholarship are accepted during the summer months.

Hospice of the Panhandle Nursing Scholarship Fund 2021 (NEW) – Established by Hospice of the Panhandle in memory of Hospice nurse Taylor Spigler-James, this fund will award scholarships of at least $500 to graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue a nursing degree of not less than two years, or to currently enrolled nursing students.

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Polly Dillon Scholarship Fund 1998 – Mary Coe Dillon, a retired school teacher, invested her professional career in educating Berkeley County children. Her fund is provides scholarships to Hedgesville High School graduates pursuing a four-year degree in agriculture or related natural sciences.

Mary and Walter Duke Teachers Scholarship Fund 2007 – In creating this scholarship, Walter and Mary Duke were inspired by the generosity and fond memory of Francis and Virginia (Hon) Frye, business owners and civic leaders in Jefferson County, who nurtured and mentored Mary Duke as she began her teaching career. Since Walter and Mary both dedicated many years of their lives to teaching, they designed their fund to support future generations of Shepherd University students seeking a degree in teaching.

Eastern Panhandle WVU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund 2004 – This fund provides scholarships for graduates of Jefferson, Berkeley, or Morgan county high schools to attend West Virginia University. To be eligible, students must be children, stepchildren, or grandchildren of WVU alumni.

David A. “Hawk” Hawkens Scholarship Fund 2003 – Created by friends and family of USAF Captain David Hawkens, this fund serves as a memorial to his life. Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, and Hampshire county college-bound students with less than stellar grades, but great promise, and proven financial need are eligible.

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Dr. N. Blaine Groves/Rotary Scholarship Fund 2001 – The Rotary Club of Martinsburg created this scholarship fund in memory of Dr. N. Blaine Groves to benefit Berkeley County high-school graduates.

Chad Hammond Memorial Scholarship Fund 2014 – Founded by friends of Chad Hammond, this scholarship helps a graduating senior from Musselman High School who has participated in sports, has a proven financial need, and will attend Marshall University or another college or university in the State of West Virginia.
Karos Family Fund 2006 – Created by Martinsburg Mayor George Karos, this scholarship helps Berkeley County students who intend to become pharmacists.

Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund 2000 – To honor the memory of one of the nation’s great leaders, the Martin Luther King Scholarship Committee established this community scholarship fund to distribute awards to college-bound seniors from Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan counties.

Susan Knott Memorial Scholarship Fund 2014 – Established in memory of long-time Jefferson County teacher Susan Knott, this academic scholarship will be awarded to a Jefferson County high school student who is pursuing a degree in History or Political Science at a college or university in West Virginia.

Martinsburg 200th Anniversary Scholarship Fund 1996 – Berkeley County high school graduates seeking a four-year degree are eligible for scholarships from this fund, established with surplus funds from the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Martinsburg.

Martinsburg High School Class of 1964 Fund 2009 – Created with gifts from dozens of Class of ’64 graduates, this fund provides scholarships for future graduates of Martinsburg High School attending a West Virginia higher education institution.

Millers Electric Scholarship Fund 2007 – Berkeley County students at James Rumsey Technical Institute ready to study Electrical/Electromechanical Technology, Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning & Refrigeration or Culinary Arts benefit from this fund created by this family-owned business.

Todd Mosby Memorial Scholarship Fund 2011 – Inspired by the remarkable athleticism of the late Todd Mosby, a 2000 Musselman High graduate, the Eastern Panhandle WVU Mountaineer Fan Club created this fund in his memory to benefit Berkeley County students with a sports background and financial need who seek to attend WVU.

Nancy Needy Scholarship Fund 2017 – A longtime librarian at Martinsburg South Middle School, Nancy Needy established this Legacy scholarship fund to benefit graduating seniors from Martinsburg High School seeking a degree in Library Sciences, Language Arts, or Biological Sciences.

Dr. Theodore K. Oates Nursing Scholarship Fund 2014 – The advisors of the Berkeley County Industrial Park Development Fund established this scholarship fund for students who are graduating from, or are graduates of, a Berkeley County high school and are planning on studying nursing at one of the colleges, universities, or technical institutes in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Lauren Le-An Porterfield Oblak Memorial Scholarship Fund 2014 – Established by Lauren Porterfield’s siblings — Rhonda, Andrew, and Joyce — and funded with memorial gifts from family and friends, this fund will award scholarships to female athletes from Martinsburg High School.

Overington Scholarship Fund 2009 – Home-schooled K–12 students, as well as those attending faith-based area schools, benefit from this scholarship fund, created by John and JoAnn Overington.

Morgan and Robert Owens Scholarship Fund 2014 – The primary intent of the fund is to award scholarships to students who may have less than stellar academic records (GPA of 2.5 or above), but have exceptional potential. The award will go to a Berkeley County graduating senior planning to seek a degree in social work or nursing from an accredited two- or four-year school, college, or university.

Detlev and Mary Ellen Preissler Scholarship Fund for the Arts and Nature 2022 (NEW) – Mrs. Preissler established this fund in memory of her late husband Detlev to provide scholarships to Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan County students with passion for the arts and/or nature.

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

– ALBERT EINSTEIN

Robert Rentschler Memorial Fund 2008 – Each year, a Warm Springs Intermediate School student who has shown a positive change in behavior and exceptional improvement in academics receives a $100 award in memory of Robert Rentschler, a former principal of the school and a man who was a leader in education in West Virginia.

Paul Ropp Memorial Scholarship Fund 2016 – BB&T Wealth, trustee of the W. Paul Ropp Memorial Trust, established this fund to provide an annual scholarship to a deserving Martinsburg High School graduate intending to major in a scientific field of study at West Virginia University.

Rotary Club of Charles Town Scholarship Fund 2018 – Members of the Rotary Club of Charles Town are building this fund with annual contributions and pass-through gifts to provide scholarships to students graduating from public high schools in Jefferson County, West Virginia.
M. Frances Secrist Scholarship Fund 2016 – Established by family and friends of M. Frances Secrist, this fund will award scholarships to graduates of Martinsburg High School who plan to pursue a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Clyde E. Smith Jr., Fund 2006 – Established as a permanent endowment by the family, friends, and colleagues of the late Clyde E. Smith Jr., this fund assists graduating Eastern Panhandle seniors choosing to pursue a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

Susan Wellford Smith Scholarship Fund 1998 – Established in memory of Susan Wellford Smith by her family, this fund provides scholarships for female athletes from Jefferson County who plan to pursue a four-year degree.

South Jefferson Ruritan Club Scholarship Fund 2016 – Established by the members of Jefferson County’s oldest Ruritan Club, this fund provides renewable scholarships to support students from Jefferson County who are working toward a degree with a focus on agriculture or veterinary science.

Erin Sponaugle Scholarship Fund 2014 – Established in honor of the 2013–2014 West Virginia Teacher of the Year, this scholarship will help a graduate of, or a graduating senior from, a public high school in Berkeley County. The recipient must be a high school senior who plans to seek an education degree from Shepherd University or be a junior or senior year education major at Shepherd University.

Dr. Gwen Steeley Memorial Scholarship Fund 2007 – With the generous support of the city of Martinsburg and the J. Oakley Seibert Scholarship Fund, this fund is offered to high school seniors graduating from Martinsburg High School who plan to pursue a teaching career.

The Fund was created to honor Dr. Gwen Steeley and her commitment to education. The scholarship will be awarded to a Martinsburg High School student who plans to pursue a teaching career at either Shepherd University or another university.

Fulton L. Walker Jr. Scholarship Fund 2016 – Family members and friends of Fulton L. Walker Jr., established this fund in his memory to honor his achievements on and off the football field. One Martinsburg High student and another Berkeley County Schools student with proven financial need and acceptance to WVU will be awarded this scholarship annually. To help build the endowment, supporters organize a golf tournament and several other fundraising activities annually.

Terry Lee Walker Jr. Scholarship Fund 2006 – This fund was created by family and friends in memory of a young man who was killed in a tragic 2002 automobile accident caused by a driver-under-the-influence. Distributions provide scholarships for Jefferson and Berkeley county high school and home school graduates attending a West Virginia college or university.

Douglas Arthur Ways Scholarship Fund 2021 (NEW) – Douglas Kirk and Mary Duvall Ways established this fund in memory of Kirk’s father, a graduate of Martinsburg High School. The fund will award an annual $5,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Martinsburg High or another Berkeley County high school.

West Virginia Wing - Civil Air Patrol Cadet Scholarship Fund 2016 – Martinsburg native Dennis D. Barron established this fund to provide scholarship assistance to members of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program in West Virginia. Priority will be given to Civil Air Patrol Cadets from the Martinsburg Squadron.

Whalton Family Fund 2013 – Susan Hawksen Whalton established this scholarship fund as a birthday gift for her husband, Michael, to honor his parents, Joe, and Sally, and siblings, Joe, Susie, and John. The fund provides scholarships unique to each year’s needs.

George Whitehair Scholarship Fund 2013 – This fund, established to honor the much-beloved former principal, benefits seniors from Martinsburg High School.

The Woods Scholarship Fund 2002 – The Woods Resort established this fund to provide scholarships to Hedgesville High School and Berkeley Springs High School graduates with financial need, and to promote and support public education.

Wurzburg Family Scholarship Fund 2008 – This fund, created by a Legacy gift from Gretchen Wurzburg, provides scholarships to Jefferson and Berkeley county students with significant financial need and good GPAs.

Mary Morrow Van Metre Yoe Scholarship Fund 2005 – Established by Mary’s grandson, Robert Yoe, this fund helps Martinsburg High School students study nursing at West Virginia University.

Youth of Inwood Scholarship Fund 2020 – Established in memory of Scoutmaster Scott Miller, this fund supports college-bound students who graduated from Musselman High School with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

David A. "Hawk" Hawkens Scholarship
Kelsey Savage

R.L. Johnson, Jr. Scholarship
Christian Hicks

Rae Ellen Scanlon McKee Scholarship
Sarah Ladd

Wilda Michael Memorial Scholarship
Chloe Myers

GRANTS

Arts and Culture – $2,000
The River House

Community Development – $1,500
GFWC of Romney
Slanesville Elementary School
Town of Romney

Education – $13,783.68
Augusta Elementary School
Capon Bridge Elementary School
Capon Bridge Middle School
EACHS Head Start
Hampshire County Board of Education
Hampshire High School
Romney Elementary School
Slanesville Elementary School

Emergency Response – $20,400
Hampshire County
Committee on Aging
Hampshire County Pathways
Hampshire County Public Library
Romney Food Pantry

Health – $500
Hampshire County Pathways

Human Welfare – $3,660
Catholic Charities of West Virginia
Christ Community Church
Community Fellowship Church
Romney Food Pantry

Recreation – $300
Romney Parks & Recreation

Senior Services – $1,000
Hampshire County Committee on Aging

Youth – $2,000
Children’s Home Society
Girls on the Run of the Shenandoah Valley
Rotary Club of Romney
Springfield Assembly of God

ROMNEY FOOD PANTRY GRANT

The Romney Food Pantry typically distributes roughly 7000 pounds of food to approximately 130 families every month. Basic food items are provided, typical of what a family might purchase in a grocery store. Thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation, the Pantry was able to provide something a little extra for families for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.
AUGUSTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANT

Research shows that young students develop better core strength by laying down to write than by sitting at a chair and table. Research also shows that students who have choices in their classroom are more involved in their personal learning. Kindergarten teacher Christy Cheshire used a teacher mini grant to purchase a variety of seating options. The flexible seating not only created a more inviting environment for her students, but it also provided them opportunities to make choices in a setting where they usually do not have control or choices. She says, “Feeling comfortable, safe, and loved is the best way for children to learn; flexible seating is an easy option to make a comfortable, safe, and loving environment for learning.”

Funds

Unrestricted Funds

Hampshire County Community Impact Fund 2006 – Founded by the charter Board of Directors for the Hampshire County Community Foundation, this fund helps to meet changing charitable needs in Hampshire County.

Agencies Endowed Funds

Hampshire County Board of Education Raymond E. and Edrie A. Evans Fund 2019 – This fund is intended to inspire students at Hampshire High School to achieve academically through the Raymond E. and Edrie A. Evans Scholarship.

Rotary Club of Romney Endowment Fund 2013 – Founded by the Rotary Club of Romney, this fund supports the club’s charitable works and programs, specifically scholarships benefitting graduating high school seniors.

Designated Funds

Hampshire County Energy Express Fund 2010 – Established by the Hampshire County Community Foundation Board of Directors, this fund supports the Energy Express summer reading and nutrition program in Hampshire County.

OK Hampshire County Warm the Children Fund 2017 – Distributions from this fund, established by Ormond and Karen Hyers, benefit the Warm the Children program in Hampshire County, a program that provides winter clothing and coats for children.

Hoy Shingleton Youth Fund 2010 – Established in honor of Hoy Shingleton Sr, by friends and family in celebration of his 90th birthday, earnings from this fund benefit programs for teens offered through Romney Parks and Recreation.

Slanesville Presbyterian Angel Fund 2007 – Families suffering from fire, medical catastrophe, and other unexpected hardships will receive some relief from this fund dedicated to Hampshire County.

The River House Fund 2018 – This fund supports the operations of this community arts and gathering place located in Capon Bridge, WV.

Donor Advised Funds

El Dorado Fund 2014 – Programs focused on alleviating hunger among disadvantaged youth are among the causes supported through distributions from this fund.

Erin Michele Pancake Memorial Fund 2009 – This fund primarily supports charitable organizations promoting positive youth development and

Slanesville Elementary School Grant

The Mustang Garden was created in 2016 from an idea to re-establish a pollinator patch that had been accidentally mowed. The idea grew and today there are raised beds in addition to a pollinator patch. The garden is used by the Slanesville Elementary school for various learning activities including garden educational days. Produce is harvested weekly and made available to students and the public for free. The Community Foundation awarded a grant to support the garden in honor of one of our 2021 Spirit of Giving honorees, Susan Parker, who has played a key role in the garden’s creation and maintenance. The grant was used to purchase various plants and seeds that were planted in the garden and given to participants to promote pollinators.
substance abuse prevention and education in Hampshire County.

**RMB Shaw Family Fund 2018** – The primary purpose of this fund is to support 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations as recommended by the fund’s advisors.

**Funds (continued from page 37)**

**Bill and Fran Wylie Education Competition Fund 2010** – Established by the 2010 Hampshire County Individual Philanthropist of the Year, this fund helps students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to participate in state and national educational competitions.

**HAMPION COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING GRANT**

During the second year of the pandemic, the Hampshire County Committee on Aging still couldn’t open their senior centers for lunch, and their home-delivered meal routes doubled. Despite the challenges of an increasing need for meal delivery, in addition to increasing food and fuel costs, the staff continued to demonstrate exceptional commitment to Hampshire County seniors. Many of the nutrition workers are seniors themselves, but they showed up to work, and often worked in dire situations to get meals out to the some of the most vulnerable among us.

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

**Hampshire County Education Fund 2015** – Established in celebration of the community foundation’s 10th anniversary, this fund supports a wide range of education programs and initiatives in Hampshire County, including Mini Grants for Teachers.

**Hampshire County Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Fund 2009** – Established by multiple donors as a way to acknowledge and support volunteer emergency medical services, distributions from this fund provide support for their operations.

**William Brady and Jean Taylor Rannells Fund 2006** – Distributions from this fund, founded to honor the donor’s parents who met, lived, loved, and raised a family in Hampshire County, benefit youth and health programs in the county.

**J. Holland and Anita Rannells and Gorda and Mona Saville Fund 2011** – Established by the family of Buford and Gloria Rannells Saville, this fund benefits hunger-relief programs in Hampshire County.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**


**Rae Ellen Scanlon McKee Scholarship Fund 2010** – Founded in honor the 1991 National Teacher of the Year, this scholarship supports Hampshire High School graduates pursuing a degree in education, language arts or reading at a West Virginia college or University.

**Wilda Michael Memorial Scholarship Fund 2003** – The family of Wilda Michael established this fund to honor her memory. The fund benefits Hampshire County high school graduates pursuing continuing education.

**Jerry Shingleton Scholarship Fund 2012** – Established to provide scholarship assistance to high school graduates in Hampshire and Hardy who want to pursue advanced education and training in the automotive field.

**CELEBRATING THE GIVING SPIRIT**

We believe volunteers can and do change the world, and are essential to making change happen. The Hampshire County Spirit of Giving event is our way of saying thanks and celebrating our neighbors who are infusing our communities with the spirit of goodness through their service.

**SARAH LADD**

**SUSAN PARKER**

**DEAN YOUNG**

**DONALD JUDY**
GIRLS ON THE RUN OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY (GOTRSV) GRANT

GOTRSV envisions a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. They inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

In 2021, with the assistance of a grant from the William Brady and Jean Taylor Rannells Fund, GOTRSV had a small community site at the Hampshire Wellness and Fitness Center where 5 girls from different parts of the county participated. Throughout the course of the 8-week season, the girls learned important lessons like how to be a good friend, practice empathy, and how to combat negative self-talk, all while setting goals and training for the end-of-season 5K.

The girls all bonded over their love of animals. For their community impact project, a key component of the curriculum, they decided they wanted to make dog toys for the Hampshire County Animal Shelter. This girl-led project allowed the girls to take what they’ve learned in the program and make a positive impact on their community.

The season ended with a celebration and a site-based 5K, as well as new friends and great self-confidence. One participant shared, “I am thankful not just for my coaches, but for my teammates. They are the ones who encouraged me when I was down, praised me when I was up, and in the end inspired me.”

MINI GRANTS TO TEACHERS MORE THAN DOUBLES IN 2021

The Community Foundation has been providing grants to support teachers since 2014. Thanks to our corporate Partners in Philanthropy and individual donors, we’ve steadily increased the amount of funding every year, enabling us to increase not only the number of grants awarded, but also the amount of the grants. In 2021, through a partnership with the Hampshire County Board of Education, we more than doubled the prior year’s funding and awarded just under $20,000. Some of the resources and materials made possible by our 2021 Mini Grants for Teachers program include classroom books that appeal to a wide range of interests and reading abilities, owl pellet dissection kits, pottery and printmaking supplies, sensory toys to aid with social and emotional development, math manipulatives, resources to create a STEM lab, STEM solar cars kits, and materials to build a simulated ambulance for more realistic instruction, to name a few.

FUNDS ESTABLISHED IN 2021 AND 2022

Joy Tutwiler Snyder Memorial Fund 2021 – Established by Joy’s husband to honor her memory and her family’s dedication to education, this scholarship fund benefits Hampshire High School graduates who plan to pursue a four-year degree in elementary education at a West Virginia college or university and graduates who wish to pursue a certificate in a technical field at technical school in West Virginia.

Capon Bridge Remembers Fund 2022 – Established in memory of Bobby and Genny Lovett, and in honor of the many men and women who work hard to make the town of Capon Bridge a community of neighbors, this designated fund will benefit the Capon Bridge Public Library, the Capon Bridge Revitalization Group, The Capon Bridge Fire Department, and the Fort Edwards 4-H Club.

Joy Tutwiler Snyder 4-H Camp Fund 2022 – Distributions from this designated fund will provide Hampshire County youth with financial assistance to attend 4-H-related camping programs.

Walnut Grove Museum Fund for the Preservation of One-Room Schools 2022 – This field-of-interest fund will provide grants to charitable organizations and government units to support the preservation efforts of publicly-owned one-room school houses in Hampshire County, as well as programs to encourage public interest in the history of education in one-room schools.
2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Glen and Charlotte Bradfield Scholarship
Dayton Miller

Shelton Gay Scholarship
Lillian Shoemaker

Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence “Hink” Fisher, and Tom Hawse II Scholarship
Elizabeth Dove

Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship
Erin Riggle

John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Scholarship
Perry Whetzel

John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Achievement Award
Kelly Flynn
Sierra Loulis

Phillip P. and Elda G. Painter Scholarship
Taylor Swisher
Emily Moyers

Bob and Betty Wilson Family Scholarship
Brittany Cullers
Sydney Hardy
Victoria Humphries
Isabelle Nesbit
Lillian Shoemaker

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Lost River Educational Foundation
Lost River Projects
Town of Wardensville

Community Development – $5,920
Hardy County Chamber of Commerce
Town of Wardensville

Education – $13,978
EACHS Head Start
East Hardy Early Middle School
East Hardy High School

Emergency Response – $25,500
Drs. R.W. and J.A. Love Memorial Clinic
Hardy County 4-H Camp Association
Hardy County Committee on Aging

Health – $2,500
Hardy County Health and Wellness Center

Human Welfare – $3,470
Eastern Regional Family Resource Network

Lost River Valley Ministerial Association
Mathias Civic Center
Oak Grove United Methodist Church
Town of Wardensville

Literacy – $1,000
Wardensville Lions Club

Senior Services – $500
Hardy County Committee on Aging

Youth – $6,500
Big Blue Wardensville
Children’s Home Society
Eastern Regional Family Resource Network
Girls on the Run of the Shenandoah Valley
Moorefield Elementary School
Moorefield High School
Moorefield Intermediate School
Moorefield Middle School
Wardensville Garden Market
WVU Hardy County Extension Service

MOOREFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL GRANT

If you were to visit Moorefield Intermediate School during the 2021-2022 school year, you might experience butter-making, tomahawk-throwing, Lego championships, or an intense game of Rummy. You would also see projects from the Art and Soul and Craft Clubs displayed throughout the school. These are just a few of the activities available to students through the MIS Student Leadership Clubs Program.

The clubs are an outgrowth of the school’s commitment to leadership development. Using Stephen Covey’s Seven Habits of Highly Effective People as a guide, the entire faculty is engaged in helping students become successful in school while developing their leadership skills through personal growth.

A grant from the Hardy County Community Impact Fund helped provide resources for 13 different clubs during the 2021-2022 school year. The different clubs, which are formed based on student input, cover a wide variety of interests including creative and performing arts, science and discovery, physical fitness and mindfulness, outdoor living, and games requiring strategy, wit, and logic.

Moorefield Intermediate Principal Lori Nesselrodt says, “Moorefield Intermediate School has structured its Leadership Clubs Program to combine aspects of education into new and fun ways for students to learn new skills. These aspects of learning help encourage cognitive thinking, team building, and social skills that will help our school and community thrive.”

Funds

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Hardy County Community Impact Fund 2008 – Founded by the charter Board of Directors for the Hardy County Community Foundation, this fund helps to meet changing charitable needs in Hardy County.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Margaret Allen Fund 2009 – This fund supports the Hardy County Public Library. It was created by Mrs. Betty Baker, the 2009 Spirit of Hardy County. She named the fund in memory of her good friend Margaret Allen, who was instrumental in establishing the library.

Baker Park Endowment Fund 2013 – Established by the 2013 Spirit of Hardy County honoree, Robert Branson, to provide general support for the Baker Park.

Deanna Wilson and J Cavanagh STEM Fund 2017 – This fund provides grants primarily to support efforts geared towards increasing exposure to and interest in STEM subjects among students in grades K through 12 in Hardy County.

Marcella Foltz and Don Biller Fund 2010 – Created by the 2010 Spirit of Hardy County, Stanley Foltz, this fund benefits the Mathias Civic Center while honoring the memories of Stanley’s wife and good friend.

Dyer, Vance, and Harmon Wardensville Recreation Fund 2012 – Established by the 2012 Spirit of Hardy County, Les Barr, this fund provides general support to the Wardensville Community Center with specific focus on the gym and adjoining ball field.


John and Shobie Fisher Fund 2014 – Distributions from this fund are added to the Hardy County Community Impact Fund, increasing the capacity of this unrestricted fund to address pressing and changing community needs and opportunities.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Baker Family Fund 2015 – This family-oriented fund awards grants to nonprofit organizations and charitable causes.

Hardy County Founding Fund 2003 – Established by Ruth Cook Heishman through a bequest, this fund primarily supports educational programs in East Hardy County and general support for the Hardy County Community Foundation.
Heritage Fund 2015 – Established with a primary intent to support programs and activities that preserve Hardy County heritage.

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS

Frances Frye and June Orndorff Fund 2008 – Created by Virginia Vance, the 2008 Spirit of Hardy County honoree, this fund memorializes two individuals who volunteered countless hours to build and maintain the J. Allen Hawkins Park in Wardensville. This field of interest fund supports public parks in the Town of Wardensville.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Glen and Charlotte Bradfield Scholarship Fund 2020 – Established by Mark and Beverly Strickler, this fund benefits graduating seniors from East Hardy High School who plan to attend a college or university in West Virginia.

East Hardy County Vo-Tech Training Scholarship Fund 2012 – Created with gifts from the community that were matched by the Hardy County Founding Fund, this scholarship supports graduates of East Hardy High School who want to pursue training in vocational and technical fields.

Shelton Gay Scholarship Fund 2019 – Established by the Wardensville Scholarship Fund directors, this scholarship benefits graduating seniors from East Hardy County, WV, intending to pursue a degree in engineering, physics, or mathematics.

Oscar H. Bean, Bill Clark, Clarence “Hink” Fisher, and Tom Hawse II Scholarship Fund 2011 – Established by the 2011 Spirit of Hardy County honoree George Hott, this fund provides scholarships for Hardy County High School graduates with financial need.

Phillip P. and Elda G. Painter Scholarship Fund 2020 – Established through a bequest from the estate of Elda G. Painter, this fund benefits graduating seniors from Hardy County schools who have financial need and demonstrate academic potential.

John and Alvina Chalmers Pappas Memorial Fund 2011 – Winning contestant essayists from East Hardy Early Middle School receive an award through this fund created by Capon Valley Bank and the estate of John Pappas.

Kaylee Grace Whetzel Scholarship Fund 2010 – Established by Kaylee’s father and grandparents in her memory, this fund benefits graduating seniors intending to pursue a degree in a medical field at a West Virginia college or university.

Bob and Betty Wilson Family Scholarship Fund 2017 – This fund benefits students graduating from a high school in Hardy County who plan to pursue a degree in one of the STEM fields.

Wardensville Area Scholarship Fund 2019 – Established by the Wardensville Scholarship Fund directors, this scholarship benefits graduating seniors from East Hardy County, WV, intending to pursue a degree.

HARDY COUNTY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER GRANT

The Hardy County Health and Wellness Center’s Gym Heroes program has helped more than 78 individuals from ages 3 to 88 improve their health by introducing them to a variety of exercises, proper nutrition, and other strategies for adopting a healthier lifestyle.

In 2021, the HCHWC received a Community Impact grant to launch the program, with the goal of increasing the overall health of youth participants by offering a fun and structured program led by exercise physiologists, certified trainers, and a registered dietitian.

The program was offered twice a week during the summer, and was successful in introducing the importance of exercise and proper form.

Once students returned to school in the fall, HCHWV decided to continue the same program, for adults. Several people participated including individuals with COPD, a borderline diabetic, a person who had never exercised before, and individuals with a very limited understanding of the English language.

All participants and their families had an opportunity to meet with a registered dietitian, personal trainer, and exercise physiologist. Collectively, they lost 188 lbs and 267 inches.

When asked to share a success story, HCHWV Director, Morgan See said, “Hand’s down, our success story for the Gym Hero’s program is being able to serve the ESL (English as Second Language) populations.”

The Wellness Center has members for whom English is a second language. These individuals were never able to take part in a class or program like Gym Heroes because of the language barrier. The Wellness Center purchased translator earbuds, and now staff can easily communicate with these individuals. “Together we are better,” said See.
Bill and Stella Halterman Crane Vo-tech and Trades Scholarship – This scholarship benefits graduating seniors from Moorefield High School who plan to attend an accredited trade school or technical college and pursue a career in certain vo-tech or trade fields.

John R. and Agnes J. Mathias Fund – Established by Toni Mathias Harvey and Taylor Campbell Harvey, this field of interest fund honors Toni’s parents and their appreciation of the arts. The fund supports arts, culture, and music programs in Hardy County.

William “Bill” Sloan and Family Community Giving Fund – Established by Maggie Sloan, Shawn Sloan, and Kelly Sloan Williams to honor their father, this unrestricted fund provides grants to broadly support the well-being and vitality of Hardy County and its residents.

Elizabeth “Betty” Pancake Williams Youth Development, Education and 4-H Fund – Created by Kelly and Sam Williams, this fund benefits programs and organizations dedicated to promoting the education and general well-being of Hardy County youth.

Renick Cunningham Williams Community & Business Development and Entrepreneurship Fund – Established by Kelly and Sam Williams, this fund benefits programs and organizations dedicated to promoting economic and community growth and prosperity.

FARMS WORK WONDERS GRANT

Farms Work Wonders (AKA The Wardensville Garden Market) creates living classrooms to provide youth with real-life experiences.

One way they do this is through their summer STREAM Camp, which is a free, 4-week summer camp for students ages 9-13. The program also engages their junior crew team members (ages 14-18) as camp counselors who plan and develop the curriculum, help with video production, assist with the implementation of camp activities, and serve as positive role models for the campers.

Weekly activities are centered around a theme and supporting partnerships. For example, one weekly theme was Summer Nights which incorporated a WV DNR citizen science survey on fireflies, and a special owl project from the WV Department of Environmental Protection. A local artist provided lessons to correspond with the survey topic while sharing interesting facts about them.

Each week is rich with a balance of science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and mathematical concepts to strengthen these skills while making camper and counselor learning relevant to the real world.

Campers also engage in typical summer camp activities, such as building campfires, storytelling (sometimes with a professional storyteller) and woodworking projects.

If both campers and counselors leave the camp with an increased understanding and appreciation of each of the STREAM disciplines and have discovered new ways of engaging their unique interests and gifts through experiential and incidental learning opportunities, the summer program is considered to have been hugely successful.

Grants from the Deanna Wilson and J Cavanagh STEM Fund have helped support four STREAM Camps, including their 2021 camp.
2021 Gifts to the Community Foundation

A total of 373 donors contributed to the Community Foundation in 2021. These donations, combined with outstanding investment returns of 13% for the year, helped our assets under management grow to more than $39 million by the end of 2021. Considering that we are only in our 27th year, this is truly exceptional growth and we are grateful to all who contributed. Although we primarily serve Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, and Hardy counties, we have donors from all parts of the country and all walks of life who help us address the vital needs of the region. Our small but dedicated staff is happy to help donors establish a fund, contribute to an existing one, leave a legacy, or support favorite charities. Please feel free to contact us with your questions or comments at any time.

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In 1952 R.M. “Mickey” Roach, a grandson of Irish immigrants, purchased a small petroleum business in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Forty-three years later, one of Mickey’s sons, Doug Roach was a founder and the first president of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation. These early members of our community have left a legacy of helping others.

In honor of their charitable spirit, as third generation owners, Steve and Tina Roach and their son Jason established a fund that will award grants to local nonprofit organizations, and provide family members and employees serving as fund advisors with a tool for making a lasting difference in the community through charitable giving.


The Community Foundation is proud of our heritage, grateful for the legacies left by Mickey and Doug Roach, and honored to be working with their descendants to continue this tradition of giving.
Since early 2020, leaders of several Eastern Panhandle grant making organizations have collaborated via Zoom, pooling resources, sharing ideas, and helping one another provide whatever we could to nonprofit organizations that were working on the frontlines during the pandemic. Last summer, with a brief pause in Covid-19 cases, it was possible to gather together in person. United Way President/CEO Penny Porter, Tom & Virginia Seely Foundation Executive Director Jan Wilkins, EWVCF Executive Director Michael Whalton, Roy & Gwen Steeley Foundation President/CEO Adam Sanders, and EWVCF Affiliate Director Amy Pancake were able to share a meal and plan ways to address future needs of the region. We are truly grateful to be part of such an outstanding collaborative effort and we look forward to serving the Eastern Panhandle for years to come.
Berkeley County native Gretchen Wurzburg was born during the Great Depression and graduated from Martinsburg High School in 1955. Miss Wurzburg was an accomplished equestrian, loved dogs and all animals, and was a member of numerous civic groups and professional organizations. An astute businesswoman who worked as an accountant for over 45 years, Miss Wurzburg built a sizable estate and decided to leave a substantial legacy gift to the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.

When Miss Wurzburg passed away in 2008, she named her nephew Travis A. Hill, Jr., and his wife Scarlett James Hill to be the advisors of the Wurzburg/Hill Family Fund. Because of her love of dogs, Travis and Scarlett recommended spending a portion of the fund to build Berkeley County’s first dog park. Completed in 2014, the Wurzburg Dog Park is located in Ambrose Park in downtown Martinsburg. Thanks to Miss Wurzburg’s generosity, its beautiful gates and state-of-the-art facilities will be enjoyed by area dog-lovers for years to come.

Included in the assets that were transferred to the Community Foundation was Miss Wurzburg’s residence on Tennessee Avenue in Martinsburg. We welcome gifts of real estate, appreciated stock and mutual funds, and traditional IRAs. Please call the Community Foundation offices at 304.264.0353 if you have any questions or would like more information.
George W. and Holly Woods Hancock shared a life of love, honor, caring, and leadership.

Today, their life’s work and legacy live on through the Eastern WV Community Foundation and the George W. and Holly Woods Hancock Scholarship Fund and the George W. and Holly Woods Hancock Memorial - Mt. Zion Methodist Church Fund.

Their gifts to the Community Foundation are a lasting tribute to their vision, their faith, and their deep belief in the value of a good education. We are privileged to remember and to honor George W. and Holly Woods Hancock and their legacy of love for one another and our community.

Please remember your Community Foundation in your will. There is so much more we’d like you to know. Please call us today.