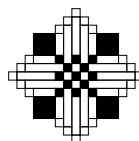


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COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



Portrait of a Community
a field journal



Annual Report
2015

OUR MISSION



Creating opportunities for
the communities we serve.

TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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COVER: Hannah Burks fishing around. You never know what you'll find when you start to look.

LEFT: Children from Marlinton Elementary School help each other ford the Williams River, looking for aquatic life. The search is better together.

Listening further



In last year's annual report we decided to get on the ground, to look to the corners of our service area. We went to try to see who we are from a different perspective. With an old film camera and a sound recorder, it's hard to know what we were looking for and harder to know for certain what we found. One thing though is clear: we left many stones unturned.

This year we spent time snooping around Pocahontas County, one of the largest in West Virginia and the farthest reaching from the Foundation's home office in Parsons, WV. It is our intent to present this documentation as immersed; steeped both figuratively and literally in the waters that wash this country; to listen patiently; and to represent that world of grit and confusion faithfully here on paper.

To this end we dedicate this effort to the rights of people to organize and advocate for their liberties; to freedom in



the best sense; to dreaming about doing things differently and then doing them. Philanthropy comes in all forms. It's not just rich people donating money to something. It is caring deeply about a place that you inhabit, physically or mentally. It is building a community of like-minded people to actively include those who disagree. To a large extent, this document is a brief history of trying to learn what philanthropy can be.

Put your ear to the rail to hear if a train is coming. Look at your world from afar to see the changes happening and size up your efforts. The sun shines sultry through the dirty window panes only to pass on to the flat saddened dusk. Crows gambol in the gusts while spruce fan the woodpile and the old place creaks. Howls and whines, man-made and canine echo off the sodden hills. The towering clouds lumber east.

Thanks for coming along.

the Big Picture

2015

DONATIONS

\$461,185	General Donations
14,089	Uncle Sam's Birthday Party
23,063	Tucker Boulder Park Project

\$498,337 **Total Donations**

PROGRAM INCOME

	RUN FOR IT
\$11,220	Entry Fees
96,192	Team Sponsor support
87,425	Race Sponsor support
1,300	Advertising Grant Partners

	FOOD & FARM INITIATIVE
\$42,050	USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant
196,271	Retail Market & Workshop proceeds
2,750	Donations

\$437,208 **Total Program Income**

NET ASSETS

\$21,741,161 **Total Market Value of Funds in Trust**

UNRESTRICTED INCOME

\$100,500 **Kep & Alice Smith Trust Income**

DISTRIBUTIONS

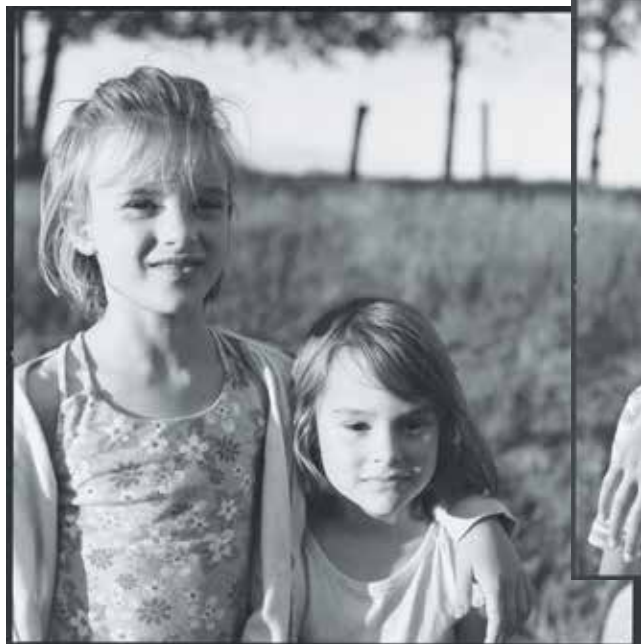
\$189,227	Run For It
158,112	Competitive & Designated Grants
5,000	Mini Grants
72,660	Scholarships
907,000	Harman Fund

\$1,332,001 **Total Distributions**

FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS

The Foundation serves as fiscal sponsor for some projects and non-profits that do not have tax-exempt status. Audit available on tuckerfoundation.net

Our House Ministries Youth Center
Warm the Children
Heart of the Highlands



ASA & SAL MARKS



OLIVER & PENELOPE CAMPBELL

An interested, committed person can choose any number of ways to care for their community, be it the land, the animals, the infrastructure, history. For a kid, philanthropy can be as easy as tagging along with your parents to a dinner party with friends. This caring comes easy because you inherit it.

You run around like mad in the golden sunset, leaping through the tall grass and laughing in a pile of limbs and pollen. You see, in the frosty dusk, the adults hunched and concentrated on this glimmering thing; something, it has an energy of its own that you can feel. It's sharing a meal, it's a fiddle tuning up, sunken couches and musty darkness, it's talking about what you care about. It is laughter and tears, vague and serious conversation. It's staying up late because this stuff is important. It's opening your eyes.

The kids are here to tear and destroy and rebuild over and over. Their zeal for action is untempered by thoughts of consequences, but the energy is there. The passion is there.

If you care about these things, then your children will see that as natural, because it is. They see you milking your Jersey because you care: about her, about the land, about your family. When things are shared publicly, people take care of them: resources, access, other people. But when things become property, privatized, they become a commodity to use up. Get your money's worth and get out. Take the timber, the coal, the water, the wind and get on down the trail while the getting's good.

"When people start to care about each other, now that becomes dangerous." Noam Chomsky

In that danger, lies energy and action and that shining thing that the adults all gather round. It is a passion that comes from seeing the potential, the potential good and bad. There are only all of us to voice our feelings in a positive action.

MIKE CONDON – Lobelia, WV

Heading up the drive after an evening milking.



2015 Uncle Sam's Birthday Party

A night of pure philanthropy hosted in Tucker County's Canaan Valley around Independence Day. Companies and individuals purchase tickets to the party. These entitle them to a spot at the table, a fancy dinner, and a chance to win prizes. Ticket sales raise money for grants and scholarships.

PULL TAB RAFFLE WINNERS

JANETTE BASILE

55 Inch Vizio Smart Television with a year's worth of Netflix gift cards

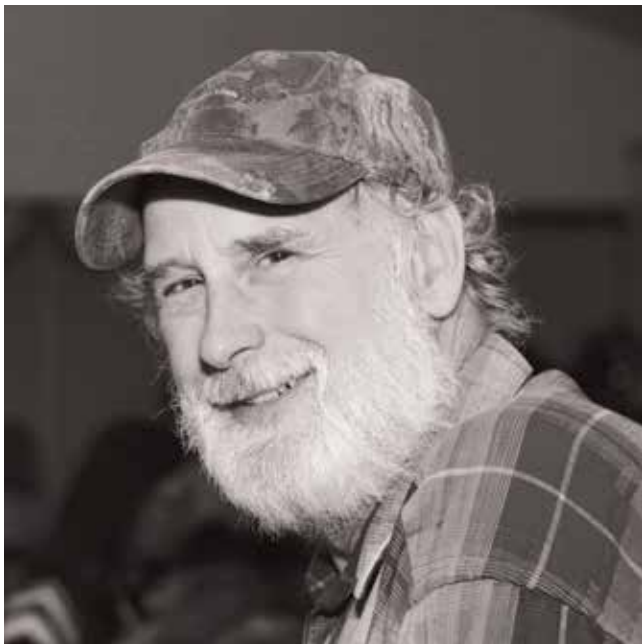
AMY & SAM GOUGHNOUR

3 Night stay at the Greenbrier Resort with a \$400 gift card for food and activities

MARCIA LEMON

Total Tucker Treasure Chest (Over \$2,300 dollars in gift certificates, pieces of art, and other items donated by Tucker County businesses)

ED RADER



CASEY RUCKER



VICTORIA WEEKS/VERGLAS MEDIA

UNCLE SAM’S SUPPORT

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Anna Patrick

SPONSORS

Mountain Valley Bank
Miners Merchants Bank
Citizens National Bank
Grant County Bank
First Energy

DECORATION

Penny Ellison
Mountain Mist Florist

ELIMINATION DRAWING WINNERS

\$125

Lois Nelson
Phillips Kolsun
Lucas Cooper
David Miller
Tom Kalog
Elaine George
Tyler Waldo
Patrick Kotten
Michael Goss
Bob Metzger
John & Jody Logar

\$200

Ron LaNeve

\$300

Dreama Gatens

\$400

Roscoe & Diane Beall

\$2,750

Bill Phillips

\$2,750

Auction Ticket Team:
Dan Bucher
Milan Nypl
Murray Dearborn
Dave Lambert
Keith Bishop
Calvin Dearborn
Matt Shockley
Riley Barb
Patrick Darlington





MADISON BALL – Cass, WV

Pocahontas County is one of the West Virginia's largest. That wide-ranging landscape covers a lot of ground in many ways. Green Bank is home to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory which curiously blends the County's hi-tech and lo-fi aspects. The Green Bank Telescope receives radiation from space in the form of long-wavelength radio waves. To do this it has an array of receivers, some cooled to just tenths of a degree above absolute zero, around 0.3° Kelvin, like the new 'Mustang' that was being tested for installation when I visited. Vacuum pumps squeak and whine in the lab, puffing away to cool the receivers in order that they can sense the radiation of the universe.

These devices need to live in the woods. They can't have interference from cities or internal combustion engines or even digital cameras. All electronic devices emit Radio Frequency (RF) signals, which made me feel entirely justified to have a 40 year-old, non-electronic camera along for the journey.

MIKE STENNES – NRAO Green Bank, WV

Mike Stennes has worked at the observatory for 22 years. From late nights climbing the telescopes (there are about 10 on site) fixing broken receivers to building local biking and running trails, Mike's philanthropy fills a broad spectrum.

Green Bank is ideal for its elevation and its skirt of mountains that shield it from surrounding cities. These telescopes need quiet so they can listen carefully to the weak radio signals without interference. Anecdotally, the amount of energy that all of the radio telescopes in the world have collected in sum would not exceed the amount of energy of a single raindrop hitting the ground.

But rain it does.

And when it rains, the waters on this spine of mountains form the headwaters of the Cheat, Tygart, Elk, Gauley and Greenbrier River (pictured).

Madison Ball, a Michigan native, is in her second year as an Americorps Volunteer based at the US Forest Service office in Bartow, WV. As part of her work here, she is waist-deep and caught red-handed in the chilly spring runoff looking for fish.

She's not looking to catch these fish, but she is looking to share them. More on that in a bit.



2015

Potomac Highlands Food & Farm Initiative

The Potomac Highlands Food & Farm Initiative (PHFFI) began in 2012 with a mission to increase access to quality food & farm products. It operates the Highland Market, a retail space in Davis, WV, that sells local and regional farm goods; hosts workshops to encourage healthy eating and production; facilitates resource sharing amongst producers; and hosts events to build connections in the local food sector.



2015 FOOD & FARM IMPACT

JEN OLINGER, KIMMY CLEMENTS, AND MATT ANDERSON
enjoy chilling out in the new walk-in cooler



VICTORIA WEEKS/VERGLAS MEDIA

SPREADING ROOTS

Purchased from 76 suppliers:
46% within 30 miles of Davis, 81% within 150 miles
Increased economic impact from \$186,000 to \$262,000

NEW WEBSITE

PHFFI and the Highland Market were able to extend the word of good food with the creation of a new website: phffi.org

HARVESTING GRANTS

PHFFI received further support from the USDA with a second Rural Business Development Grant. These funds purchased a walk-in cooler/freezer and equipment for a certified kitchen. With these new additions, the Highland Market will be able to significantly increase their economic impact, build stronger relationships with producers, and begin offering ready-to-eat food using locally-sourced ingredients.

MARKET EXPANSION

Highland Market doubled in size to 800 ft²
Increased variety of inventory
More farmers and food producers profited
Increased staff; expanded hours of operation

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

In collaboration with the Value Chain Cluster Initiative and Future Harvest CASA, PHFFI hosted a *Farm to Menu Mixer* event to build relationships between regional restaurateurs, local farmers and producers. A panel of farmers and a farm-to-table restaurant owner shared experiences and advice. Seventy folks representing 10 counties attended. Elizabeth Carder, co-owner of Capt. Mullin's Restaurant in Moorefield, said, "We walked away with lots of great contacts. Thanks for the introductions."

2015

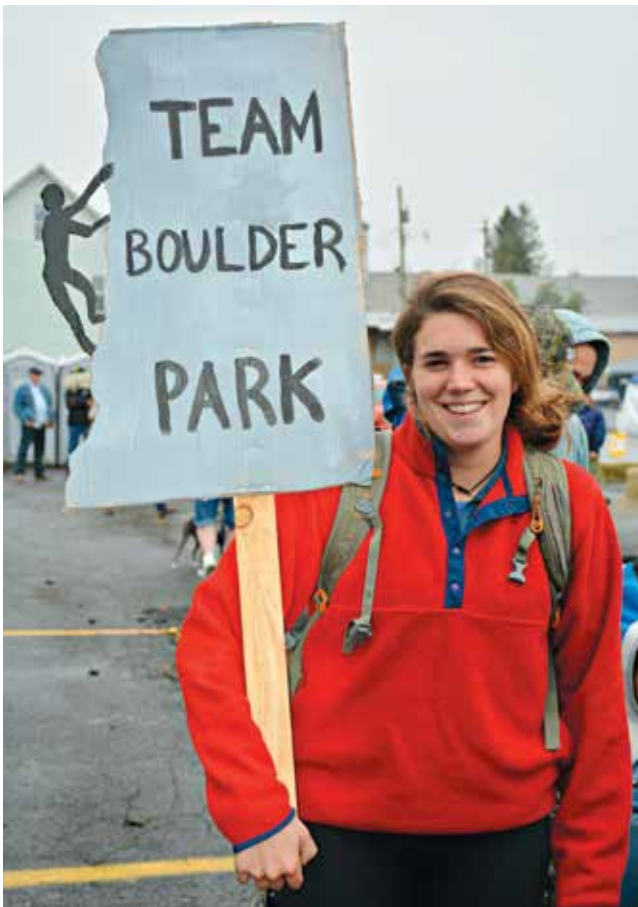
Run For It

Inclusive. Complicated. Fun-filled. Philanthropic. A race held every September, the Run For It helps communities raise money for all manner of not-for-profit local causes. Teams and their members compete by fundraising, team spirit, and racing a 5k or 2k walk. Anyone can join in.



Run For It is the only means for our team, Fresh Canvas, to raise funds for the Garrett Easton Endowed Fund. Most of our team members are not 'locals' so Run For It weekend is a special time for friends and family to get together to support a worthy cause.

GLEND A EASTON



PHOTOS: HILARY BOYCE

TOP TEAM AWARDS

BEST EFFORT

Based on team size & support raised

- | | | |
|----|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | \$1,500 | Team Boulder Park |
| 2. | \$1,250 | Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative |
| 3. | \$1,000 | Mt. Top Readers |
| 4. | \$500 | Citizens Bank of WV Team |
| 5. | \$500 | Team Hannah |
| 6. | \$250 | After School Explorers |
| 7. | \$250 | Five Rivers Public Library Explorers |

MOST MONEY RAISED

- | | | |
|----|---------|---------------------------|
| 1. | \$1,500 | Challenged Athletes of WV |
| 2. | \$1,250 | Philippi Bookworms |
| 3. | \$1,000 | Rowdy Readers |
| 4. | \$500 | Belington Bookaneers |
| 5. | \$500 | Fresh Canvas |



PHOTOS: HILARY BOYCE

2K RACE WALK RESULTS

YOUTH FEMALE

- | | | |
|----|-------|--|
| 1. | \$500 | Tory Paul
Tucker County Youth Softball |
| 2. | \$250 | Rachel Friend
Team Hannah |
| 3. | \$100 | Rachel Spencer
West Virginia Mountain Ministries |

ADULT FEMALE

- | | | |
|----|-------|---|
| 1. | \$500 | Haley Gillespie
Garrett Mentors |
| 2. | \$250 | Jennifer Friend
Team Hannah |
| 3. | \$100 | Janelle Paul
Tucker County Youth Softball |

MASTERS FEMALE

- | | | |
|----|-------|--|
| 1. | \$500 | Diane Beall
CV VFD Auxiliary Power |
| 2. | \$250 | Joann Patterson
Cruisin' Critters |
| 3. | \$100 | Elaine George
Alpine Heritage Preservation |

YOUTH MALE

- | | |
|-------|---|
| \$500 | Issac Quattro
Team Hannah |
| \$250 | Calib Chidester
Fresh Canvas |
| \$100 | Dustin Fridley
Oak Dale Youth Group |

ADULT MALE

- | | |
|-------|--|
| \$500 | Brian Zirk
Eastern Mountain Young Life |
| \$250 | Billy Friend
Team Hannah |
| \$100 | Stephen Vieno
Gov Con - TED Fund |

MASTERS MALE

- | | |
|-------|---|
| \$500 | Ed Rader
Mountain Top Readers |
| \$250 | Dick Horan
Team Hannah |
| \$100 | Alan Rapp
Team Hannah |

5K RACE RESULTS

FASTEST OVERALL FEMALE

1.

\$1,500

Marie Bolyard (20:48)
Team Hannah
2.

\$500

Patricia Walsh (21:35)
Alpine Heritage Preservation
3.

\$250

Kerry Conroy (23:01)
Fresh Canvas

FASTEST OVERALL MALE

- \$1,500

Andrew Rhodes (17:38)
Heart of the Highlands
- \$500

Luke Fleischman (18:26)
Mountaintop Readers
- \$250

Morgan Chase (19:45)
Tucker Boulder Park

1.

\$250

10 & UNDER MALE
Jack Haverty
Canaan Valley VFD Auxiliary Power
2.

\$175

Tyler Anderson
Challenged Athletes
3.

\$125

Drake Lechliter
Canaan Valley VFD Auxiliary Power

1.

\$250

10 & UNDER FEMALE
Zanna Logar
Mountain Laurel Learning Co-op
2.

\$175

Raina Logar
Mountain Laurel Learning Co-op
3.

\$125

Olivia LaMaster
Directors' General Fund

1.

\$250

11-14 MALE
Jon Rhodes
Eastern Mountain Young Life
2.

\$175

Will White
Eastern Mountain Young Life
3.

\$125

Colton Pumphrey
Oak Dale Youth Group

1.

\$250

11-14 FEMALE
Hannah Easton
Fresh Canvas
2.

\$175

Mackenzie Cross
Belington Bookaneers
3.

\$125

Amber Watson
Belington Bookaneers

1.

\$100

MALE 15-19
Edward Lewandoski
Team Hannah
2.

\$100

Travis Brown
Directors' General Fund
3.

\$100

John Anderson
Team Hannah

- \$100

FEMALE 15-19
Natalie Evans
Eastern Mountain Young Life
- \$100

Madison Arbogast
West Virginia Mountain Ministries
- \$100

Emily Bennett
Eastern Mountain Young Life

- \$100

MALE 20-29
Adam Rossi
Tucker Boulder Park
- \$100

Ian Beckner
Alpine Heritage Preservation
- \$100

Kevin Ryan
Friends of the Cheat

- \$100

FEMALE 20-29
Teresa Boever
Mountain Laurel Learning Co-op
- \$100

Jennifer Patton
Directors' General Fund
- \$100

Britney Sheme
Directors' General Fund

- \$100

MALE 30-39
Athey Lutz
New Historic Thomas
- \$100

Ben Dougherty
Garrett Trails
- \$100

Mac Sloan
Garrett Trails

- \$100

FEMALE 30-39
Sara Litzau
Fresh Canvas
- \$100

Kristy Blackburn
Mountaintop Readers
- \$100

Sara-Beth James
Garrett Trails (THE BRIDE!!!!)

- \$100

MALE 40-49
Steven Green
Garrett Trails
- \$100

Chad Jones
Directors' General Fund
- \$100

Doug Baker
Garrett Trails

- \$100

FEMALE 40-49
Christina Raldson
Canaan Valley Ski Patrol
- \$100

Sue Haywood
Heart of the Highlands
- \$100

Stephanie Blank
Garrett Trails

- \$100

MALE 50-59
Marty George
Alpine Heritage Preservation
- \$100

Doug Cowgill
Tucker County Parks & Recreation
- \$100

Jeff Zurbuch
Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Ctr

- \$100

FEMALE 50-59
Natalie Jenkins
West Virginia Mountain Ministries
- \$100

Paula Heinke
Challenged Athletes
- \$100

Jill Zurbuch
Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Ctr

- \$100

MALE 60-69
Larry Ferrens
Garrett Trails
- \$100

Bill Dudley
Garrett Trails
- \$100

Chip Chase
Tucker Boulder Park

- \$100

FEMALE 60-69
Jemma Crowe
Garrett Trails
- \$100

Deborah McHenry
Mountaintop Readers
- \$100

Nitakay Moyers Day
Directors' General Fund

- \$100

MALE 70-79
Vernon Redman
Directors' General Fund
- \$100

Roger Milam
Directors' General Fund
- \$100

John Young
Heart of the Highlands

- \$100

FEMALE 70-79
Ann Miles
Mountaintop Readers
- \$100

Sarah Fletcher
Canaan Valley VFD Auxiliary Power
- \$100

Hazel Hesson
Team Pioneer

- \$100

MALE 80+
Bob Cole
Helvetia Library

- \$100

FEMALE 80+
Caroline Allen
Philippi Bookworms

RUN FOR IT TEAM AWARDS

OLDEST REGISTERED PARTICIPANT		PROUD TO BE ENDOWED WITH TCF AWARDS		PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION AWARD	
\$100	John Ferguson (89) WV Highland Artisan Group Robert Cole (81) Helvetia Library	\$100	WV Highlands Artisan Group - STArt Fund	\$525	After School Explorers
\$100	Caroline (93) Pell Fund LaVerna White (90) Tucker Boulder Park	\$100	Tucker County EMS Fund	\$500	Kingwood Stags
	2K LUCK OF THE DRAW	\$100	Tucker County Boulder Park project	\$400	Preston Community Fund Runners
\$100	Martina Westling Canaan Valley Ski Patrol	\$100	Heart of the Highlands project	\$400	Friends of the Cheat
\$100	Pamela Cassidy Tucker County Youth Softball	\$100	Govcon Accountants - Tucker County Community & Economic Development Fund	\$400	Preston County Humane Society
\$100	Payden Kerr Pocahontas County Senior Citizens	\$100	Fresh Canvas - Dutch Easton Fund		Aurora Project
\$100	Paula Teter Harman Strong / Panther Pride - Harman School	\$100	Five Rivers Public Library - McClain Fund	GARRETT COUNTY COMMISSION AWARDS	
\$100	Brenda Keller Philippi Bookworms	\$100	EB3 - Ellis Boury III Fund	\$250	Garrett Trails
	5K LUCK OF THE DRAW	\$100	Deerfield 74 - Zabriskie VFD Fund	\$250	Garrett Mentors
\$100	Harley Knotts Kasson Eagles	\$100	CV Auxiliary Power - Taylor-Beall & Snyder Family Fund	MCDONOUGH FOUNDATION AWARDS	
\$100	Jay Gartenhaus Tucker Boulder Park	\$100	Cruisin' Critters - Mountaineer Humane Society Fund	\$500	Freedom Marchers
\$100	Olivia LaMaster Directors' General Fund	\$100	Cortland Challengers - Cortland Acres Association Fund	\$500	Kasson Eagles
\$100	Jeremy Sidebottom Friends of the Cheat	\$100	Billie Armstrong Fund	\$500	Preston County Humane Society
\$100	Matthew Canon West Virginia Mountain Ministries	\$100	Alpine Heritage Preservation - Utterback Fund	\$500	Aurora Project
	GOLD STAR AWARDS	\$100	Directors' General Fund	\$500	Friends of the Cheat
\$500	Tucker County Youth Softball	\$100	Team Pioneer - Pioneer Memorial Public Library Fund	\$500	Knights of Columbus #603
\$750	Oakdale Youth Group	\$100	Preston Community Fund Runners	\$500	WV Trout Unlimited
\$500	Garrett Trails	\$100	After School Explorers Fund	\$500	Fresh Canvas
\$500	Garrett Mentors	\$100	Belington Bookaneers - Belington Public Library Fund	\$500	Heart of the Highlands
\$250	Davis Ball Field		CITIZENS BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA BEST OF RANDOLPH / MOST \$\$ RAISED	\$500	Deerfield 74 (Zabriskie CV VFD Fund)
\$500	West Virginia Mountain Ministries	\$500	Rowdy Readers Russell Memorial Public Library, Mill Creek	\$500	New Historic Thomas
\$250	Friends of Blackwater		BEST OF TUCKER / MOST \$\$ RAISED	\$500	Cruisin' Critters
\$250	Kingwood Stags	\$500	Fresh Canvas - Dutch Easton Fund	\$500	CV VFD Auxiliary Power
\$250	David McDowell - Challenged Athletes		BARBOUR COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MOST \$\$ RAISED	\$500	WV Highlands Artisan Group
\$250	Gov Con - TED Fund	\$500	Philippi Bookworms	\$500	OES Walter Allstars
\$250	SZB Wedding Chasers - Garrett Trails (Sara Beth James & Zach Bittinger)	\$400	Belington Bookaneers	\$500	PRO ON TRAC
	BEST TEAM T-SHIRT	\$300	Barbour County Health Team	\$1,000	Belington Public Library Bookaneers
\$300	Philippi Bookworms	\$200	Freedom Marchers	\$1,000	Philippi Public Library Bookworms
\$200	Preston Community Fund Runners	\$100	Kasson Eagles	\$1,000	Barbour County Health Team
\$100	Kingwood Stags		TUCKER COUNTY COMMISSION BEST EFFORT TOP 5	\$1,000	Challenged Athletes of WV
\$50	Preston Humane Society Team	\$1,000	Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative	\$1,000	Pocahontas County Senior Citizens
	BEST OF REGION AWARD	\$1,000	Mountain Top Readers	\$1,000	After School Explorers-Preston
\$1,000	WV Trout Unlimited	\$1,000	EB3	\$1,000	Preston Community Fund Runners
		\$1,000	Team Hannah	\$1,000	Team Pioneer
		\$1,000	Team Boulder Park	\$1,000	Randolph-Tucker CAC
			RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION BEST EFFORT	\$1,000	Harman Strong/Panther Pride
		\$1,000	Randolph County CAC / Citizens Bank of WV	\$1,000	Rowdy Readers
		\$1,000	Harman Strong Panther Pride	\$1,000	Team Tucker Boulder Park
		\$1,000	Knights of Columbus #603	\$1,000	Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative
		\$1,000	Rowdy Readers	\$1,000	Mountaintop Readers
		\$1,000	Team Pioneer	\$1,000	Eastern Mountains Young Life
			BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION BEST EFFORT / SLIDING SCALE	\$1,000	Five Rivers Public Library Explorers
		\$1,000	Belington Bookaneers	\$1,000	Billie G. Armstrong Fund
		\$750	Freedom Marchers	\$1,000	Cortland Challengers
		\$750	Philippi Bookworms	\$1,000	Alpine Heritage Preservation (AHP)
		\$500	Kasson Eagles	\$1,000	DTEMS-PTO
		\$500	Barbour County Health Team	\$1,000	Tucker County EMS
			POCAHONTAS COUNTY COMMISSION AWARD	\$1,000	Canaan Valley Ski Patrol
		\$1,250	Pocahontas County Senior Citizens		
		\$1,250	Challenged Athletes		

RUN FOR IT

RACE SPONSORS

\$30,000	Bernard McDonough Foundation
\$11,300	TCF Unrestricted Funds
\$5,600	St. George Medical Clinic
\$5,000	Tucker County Commission
\$5,000	Randolph County Commission
\$3,500	Barbour County Commission
\$2,500	Dominion Power
\$2,500	Pocahontas County Commission
\$2,000	Mettiki Coal
\$2,625	Preston County Commission
\$1,500	Barbour Community Foundation
\$1,000	Canaan Valley Resort
\$1,000	FirstEnergy Foundation
\$1,000	Citizens Bank
\$1,000	Mountain State Girls on the Run
\$800	Run Jeb, Run!
\$600	Davis Health System
\$500	Kingsford Manufacturing
\$500	Wendy's of N. Central WV
\$500	Dave & Edi Vernon
\$500	Garrett County Commission
\$500	United Financial Center
\$500	Mark Vieno – Govcon
\$500	Q&A Associates
\$250	Mountain Valley Bank
\$250	Performance Motors
\$250	Chris Fry – Edward Jones
\$250	Community Care Pharmacy
\$250	First United Bank & Trust
\$250	Diane and Roscoe Beall
\$250	Preston-Taylor Health Services
\$250	GJ Garton Insurance
\$200	John & Debbie Brown
\$200	Miners & Merchants Bank
\$200	Monongalia General Hospital
\$200	Mountain State Brewing Company
\$200	Davis Dental
\$200	Team One Chevrolet - Buick- GMC
\$200	Best of Canaan
\$200	Canaan Valley Lawn & Landscape
\$200	Cortland Acres & Rehab
\$100	Green Rivers
\$100	Hinkle Funeral Home
\$100	Picket Patch
\$100	Scott & Nyp! CPAs, A.C.
\$100	Grant County Bank
\$100	West Virginia Paving
\$100	Davis Trust
\$100	Davis High Valley Realty
\$100	Lohr & Barb Funeral Home
\$100	Tip Top Coffee
\$100	White Grass
\$100	Timberline Landscape Care
\$100	Big John's Family Fixin's
\$100	Piccolo Paula's
\$100	The Ski Barn
\$100	Sirianni's Pizza Café
\$100	Cooper & Preston
\$100	Canaan Valley Institute
\$100	Landis Realty
\$100	Mountaintop Realty
\$100	Meyer House B&B
\$100	Jonathan B. Robeson, Esq.
\$100	Stumptown
\$100	Mane Stream Salon
\$100	Allegheny Holistic Health Care
\$100	Richard Hanlon
\$100	Hellbender Burritos
\$100	Hinchcliff
\$100	Blackbear Woods
\$100	Ray LaMora
\$100	Crimson Shamrock Alpacas
\$100	Filler Construction
\$87,425	TOTAL

DISTRIBUTIONS

TOTALS	CAUSE
\$19,777	Challenged Athletes of WV
\$13,107	Philippi Public Library
\$10,702	Russell Memorial Public Library, Mill Creek
\$10,325	Tucker Boulder Park
\$10,138	Belington Public Library
\$8,884	Mountaintop Public Library
\$9,041	Hannah Friend Memorial Fund
\$7,565	Garrett Dutch Easton Fund for creative arts
\$6,545	Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative
\$5,909	Pioneer Memorial Public Library, Harman
\$5,216	Preston County After School Explorer program
\$5,000	Davis Riverfront Park
\$4,793	Eastern Mountains Young Life
\$4,561	Five Rivers Public Library, Parsons
\$4,290	Barbour County Health programs
\$3,500	Harman Elementary School repairs
\$3,626	Heart of the Highlands Connecting Trail System
\$3,495	Ellis Boury III Fund for creative writing education
\$3,405	Randolph-Tucker Child Advocacy Center
\$3,070	Belington American Legion 96 & Auxiliary
\$2,935	Garrett public school mentoring program
\$2,910	Pocahontas County Senior Citizens
\$2,270	Alpine Heritage Preservation
\$2,155	Garrett Trails
\$2,120	Billie G. Armstrong Fund for pregnancy care
\$2,025	Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary
\$1,910	West Virginia Trout Unlimited
\$1,845	Preston Community Fund
\$1,595	Kingwood Elementary School
\$1,595	Knights of Columbus #603
\$1,540	Oak Dale Church
\$1,520	Cortland Acres & Rehab
\$1,510	Kasson School PTO
\$1,500	West Virginia Mountain Ministries
\$1,600	TCF Directors' General Fund
\$1,435	Preston County Humane Society
\$1,465	Friends of the Cheat
\$1,400	Tucker County Youth Softball
\$1,325	Mountaineer Humane Society
\$1,285	Canaan Valley Ski Patrol
\$1,165	DTEMS-PTO
\$1,135	Tucker County EMS
\$1,085	The Aurora Project
\$1,075	Zabriskie Canaan Valley VFD Fund
\$1,045	New Historic Thomas
\$995	WV Highlands Artisans Group
\$662	OES Walter Allstars
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\$310	Davis Volunteer Fire Department
\$300	WV Mountain Trail Runners
\$290	Davis Ballfield Project
\$201	Falling Green Fund
\$145	TACTICS
\$110	Helvetia Library
\$105	Pell Fund
\$105	Tucker County Parks & Recreation
\$15	Tucker County Animal Shelter
\$5	Kiwanis/Lambert Fund
\$5	Kump Roberts Fund
\$5	Lewis County First
\$5	James & Louise Cooper Fund
\$189,227	TOTAL

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

Town of Davis
WV Department of Highways
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Tucker County E-911
WV State Police
Tucker County Sheriff Department
Office of Emergency Management
Dan Lehmann
Tucker County Convention Visitors Bureau
Canaan Valley Ski Patrol

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ADVERTISING SPONSORS

Tucker County Convention Visitors Bureau
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HONORARIUMS

\$300 Davis Volunteer Fire Department
\$300 West Virginia Mountain Trail Runners

2015 Tucker Boulder Park

The Tucker Boulder Park project is a collaborative effort led by Tucker Community Foundation to create an aesthetically pleasing entrance into Tucker County from Corridor H; spark revitalization of the Davis Ball Field; create a new public outdoor recreation venue for residents and visitors; create a new section of trail that connects with the Allegheny Highlands Trail; and raise awareness and support for Tucker County EMS.

The Tucker Boulder Park project is funded with grant awards, corporate and private donations, and significant in-kind support. It has created a permanent endowment for Tucker County EMS.

BOULDER ACTIVITY

\$124,922 **Corporate and Private Donations**

GRANT ACTIVITY

\$120,000 **Recreational Trail Grant**
WV Department of Transportation

\$85,000 **Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant**

\$5,000 **Parks and Recreation Grants (2)**
Tucker County

\$5,000 **Oakland Foundation Grant**



VINCE DIBACCO – Thomas, WV

“It’s something different; something unique.”
That’s 94 year-old Boulder Park supporter Vince DiBacco from his easy chair at Cortland Acres.

What do you think it will bring to this area?

“Nothing but good. It’ll be quite an attraction. It’s out of the ordinary.” DiBacco, in his younger days, would have loved to try his hand at climbing. “Curiosity killed the cat.”

Do you mind if I record you?

“I don’t think it will be that interesting.”

To call DiBacco a Veteran is the truth but is too clean. People like to categorize each other. It makes life simpler. But the reality is much messier. For Vince, that reality was Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, June 6th, 1944. It was greasy beef for breakfast. Inedible. It was puke bags on the landing craft. Used. Jumping out into a hailstorm of bullets; buried his face in the sand because it was insane. When he looked up, his fellow West Virginian Manning had a hole in his head, got killed outright. It was a perfect red cross hair on his left arm, the scarlet target

of a medic, first thing he did was take that off. Treating so many wounded that his blood-caked hands didn’t keep him and all the rest from digging into an open can of grapefruit sections. Mmmm.

“I celebrate D-Day as the day I shoulda died.”

Vince garnered a bronze star for running back through the squall of lead to retrieve his gasmask from the shore. He calls it undeserved, “They thought I was brave.”

The memories roll onward to the Paris liberation, the art of the Louvre and Folies Bergère, the Venus de Milo – “I touched her” – and Mona Lisa’s gaze following him everywhere. But that was not the only thing to follow him.

PTSD followed him home to West Virginia. For more than 50 years he could not talk about the war. Episodes plagued him, making working difficult. But he made it and we’re glad he did. And, for some reason, he’s thrilled about the opportunity that a boulder park opens for his home.

2015

Youth Philanthropy

As we've seen, philanthropy isn't just for stuffy old rich folks. Kids can care too. Especially if they learn the language early on. The Foundation's own new hire, Sandra Frank, endeavored to do just that to foster caring in our local children.



WRITE TO WIN ENTRANTS

Trevor Adams	Abbie Eakle	Cole Miller	Colin Savage
Kearsten Adkins	Gracie Filler	Zachary Mowery	Liam Savage
Resi Anderson	Rachel Friend	Chance Mullins	Grace Shaffer
Travis Ashby	Jake Hamric	Blaine Neidlinger	Bode Shockley
Xzandra Ashby	Daron Harper	Ingrid Nelson	Nick Sislet
Shawn Bast	Melvin Harsh	Katie Nelson	Alex Skiles
Trinity Bever	Sabrina Harsh	Nevaeh Nichols	Devin Teter
Raina Burton	Braxton Hartsell	Ethan Pacella	Noah Teter
Dannielle Calcamp	Lindsey Hull	Myles Paugh	Brittany Thomas
Alexander Castillo	Laurel Inglese	Matthew Pennington	Karlie Thompson
Margot Cerborne	Madison Johnson	Owen Porter	Abigail Trader
Avery Colebank	Isabelle Judy	Isaac Quattro	Mallikye Ware
Kadie Colebank	Ray Lazare	Gracie Rapp	Tristan Watring
Gisella Cordero	Mackenzie Lyons	Tristan Rinehart	Kayleah Wilhelm
Ethan Cussins	Adelaide McCann	Laylah Ritter	Holden Young
Nathan Dearborn	Sara McGee Ratcliff	Nicholas Roth	Mackenzie Zirk
Dillon Drenning	Brady McNew	Harper Russell	

WRITE TO WIN CONTEST

Overall	Sadie Palmer Penelope the Pig Makes a Difference
Youth	Elora Mowery The Life of Penelope Pig
Teen	Jordan Teter Untitled
Adult	Elspeth Deleurere Someone Should Help – Maybe It's You
Best Quote	Novalee Rohme Penelope the Ninja Pig
Best Illustration	Sophia Elza Pennellepy the Pig

AURORA SCHOOL WRITE TO WIN

4TH GRADE AWARDS

1. **Payton Rumer**
Penelope and Her Friends and the Burning Barn
2. **Isabell Cordero**
Penelope and the People!
3. **Katrina Harsh**
Helping Hands

5TH GRADE AWARDS

1. **Samuel Donnelly**
Penelope Pig's Fundraiser
 2. **Averi Adams**
Penelope Pig and the Selfish Farmer
 3. **Natalie Stemple**
Penelope Pig Saves the Community
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| Best Quote | Jacob Hauser
Penelope and the Porky Heros! |
| Best Penmanship | Joseph Birchland
Penelope Story |



JENNIFER LEE & MICHELLE YINGLING



LINDSEY HAYES & STUDENTS

The riddle is how to share fish without hooking them. In this case, Madison Ball's solution [p. 9] was to suit up 40 fourth and fifth graders and take them into the river with snorkels and goggles. Freshwater snorkeling is not an activity promoted by local tourism agencies, but it is a way to learn about a whole new world; one that surrounds us just out of view.

With heavy spring rains and high water, the Marlinton Elementary School field trip couldn't go to the Greenbrier River at Cass. So the group diverted to the headwaters of the Williams River in the Cranberry section of the National Forest in Pocahontas County. The water was cold and clear with crayfish, fantail darters, sculpins, not to mention the occasional drowned mouse and screaming, teeth-chattering kid.

Groups of about ten kids rotated through four stations: river snorkeling, the macroinvertebrates netting (above), folklore, and amphibians. There isn't much cooler than

getting a bunch of fourth and fifth graders wading in a cold water river near the top of its watershed.

The younger skinny kids shivered uncontrollably despite the wetsuits, especially in the early groups before the sun broke above the trees. But it was hard for them to leave the waters. There was so much to see underwater.

The macroinvertebrates class taught the kids to collect living things from in and around the edges of the river. They found mayfly and caddisfly larvae under rocks and some of the same, though just recently hatched. Newts cradled in hands of youngsters.

Just getting out there to see what you live within can radically change your world view. Humans are just one of the species who make their homes here. And philanthropy reaches beyond the humans. It is the entire ecosystem that makes this life possible.



ALBERT “BEANIE” KERZIC



FRANCES MAMISH KERZIC

New Endowments

MINIMUM FUND REQUIREMENTS

UNRESTRICTED	FIELD OF INTEREST
\$1,000 to initiate	\$2,000 to initiate
\$5,000 to establish	\$10,000 to establish
DESIGNATED	SCHOLARSHIP
\$2,000 to initiate	\$4,000 to initiate
\$10,000 to establish	\$20,000 to establish
AGENCY ENDOWED	DONOR ADVISED
\$2,000 to initiate	\$4,000 to initiate
\$10,000 to establish	\$20,000 to establish

Founding donors have 5 years to establish a fund.

The future of the region depends upon its inhabitants. We are responsible for the future going forward. Endowing a fund is a concrete way to support our ideals, preserve what we cherish, and furnish opportunities for our children.

Albert A. & Frances M. Kerzic Memorial Fund
Donor Advised; Town of Davis (Tucker County)

Supports education, recreation, historic preservation, beautification and economic development for Davis. Peter & Lynda Given Lessek established the fund in honor of Lynda’s parents, Frances Mamish & Albert “Beanie” Kerzic, as well as the Mamish and Sluger families.

NEW FUNDS

Bucher Family Fund

Donor Advised; Randolph, Tucker, Pendleton & Barbour Counties

Supports initiatives promoting community development, health, gardening, use of natural resources, alternate energy, historical preservation and spirituality. Established by Sarah Ellen & Herb Myers, Jonathan & Esther Bucher, Mary Beth & Lester Lind, and Dan & Judy Bucher.

Davis Family Fund of DHSF

Agency Endowed; Randolph County

Providing perpetual support for Davis Memorial Hospital, now known as Davis Medical Center. Established by Davis Health System Board of Directors.

ArtsBank Fund

Agency Endowed; Randolph County

Provides ongoing support for art programs and projects in the Randolph County school system. Established by ArtsBank Board of Directors with community support.

Zabriskie Emergency Medical Services Fund

Designated; Canaan Valley (Tucker County)

Perpetual funding for EMS services in the Canaan Valley area. Established by the Estate of Katherine Zabriskie.

Zabriskie Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department Fund

Designated; Canaan Valley (Tucker County)

Operational support for the Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department. Established by the Estate of Katherine Zabriskie.

Mark Hutchison / David Cosner Scholarship Fund

Scholarship; Randolph County

Provide an annual scholarship to a senior from Randolph Technical Center who demonstrates the qualities valued by the Marines and the Navy: respect, discipline, honor, responsibility, commitment, and service to others. Established by Tim Harris with support from family, friends, and classmates.

Taylor-Beall & Snyder Family Fund

Designated; Canaan Valley (Tucker County)

Perpetual support for ongoing repairs, maintenance and improvements of the Canaan Valley VFD kitchen and fire hall and can also provide support for other auxiliary activities. Established by Roscoe and Diane Taylor Beall.

Ryan Patrick Gosa Fund

Donor Advised; Tucker County

Supports educational opportunities in the liberal arts in Tucker County and celebrates Ryan's love of writing, the arts, and athletics. Established by James and Patricia Gosa with support from friends and family members.

Belington Public Library Fund

Agency Endowed; Barbour County

Provides support for the Belington Public Library. Established by Belington Public Library Board of Trustees.

After School Explorers Fund

Field of Interest; Preston County

Supports after-school programming in Preston County. Established by the After School Explorers project coordinator with Run For It proceeds and community support.

Tucker County Economic and Community Development Fund

Designated; Tucker County

Supports charitable economic development of Tucker County. Established on a challenge match by TCF.

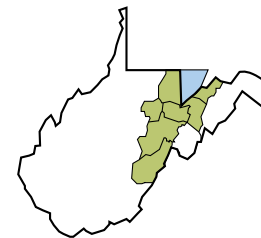
Kingwood Elementary School Fund

Designated; Kingwood Elementary School (Preston County)

To enhance the delivery of educational services to the students at Kingwood Elementary School. Established by the Kingwood Stags Run For It team under the direction of Jill Zeigler, Principal.

In compliance with IRS regulations, the following VARIANCE POWER applies to assets managed by Tucker Community Foundation:

If, in the judgement of the TCF Board of Directors, the restrictions and conditions of any fund become unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community, the TCF Board of Directors maintains the right to modify the terms of this fund. TCF has exclusive legal control over any contributed assets.



Donors with Values

The larger the fund, the greater the impact. Donors help to grow each endowment creating opportunities for our community. Funds can annually pay out a percentage of their Total Market Value. Endowments are listed by area of interest with donors and year-end value.

ANIMAL WELFARE

\$10,688 Mountaineer Humane Society Fund
Cruisin' Critters team members & sponsors
Run Jeb, Run
Anonymous

AREA

\$13,523 Preston Community Fund
David Moran and Lori Wall
Mountain Lions Club
Robert Sybolt and Carolyn Baumgardner

ARTS

\$9,910 Artsbank Fund
Artsbank, Inc
\$43,416 Carl DelSignore Fund
Cleta Long *History of Tucker County* book proceeds
\$10,834 Fred T. Busk Fund
\$55,515 Garrett James "Dutch" Easton Fund
Nancy Abrams
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Sarah Fletcher
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Jake and Pat Gosa

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\$17,319 Terra Alta Fund
\$13,102 Tucker County Economic & Community Development Fund
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\$14,828	Cortland Acres Association Fund Cortland Challengers team members & sponsors
\$33,704	Davis Family Fund of DHSF Davis Health System Foundation
\$197,250	Davis Health Systems Foundation Fund
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\$7,055	National Bank of Davis Fund
\$10,272	Rubenstein / Schilansky Fund



Preston Community Fund

The Preston Community Fund is an unrestricted fund supporting scholarships, nonprofits, community and economic development, educational services, and other charitable causes specific to Preston County. All distributions will be guided by recommendations from an advisory committee made up of Preston County residents and local donors. The number of endowed funds benefiting Preston County has grown to over two dozen as more and more donors wisely invest in a community they love.

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Colleen Davies
Susan Smith
- JP Castells Eagle Scout Project**
WEPCO
- Ryan Gosa Scholarship Pass Through**
Jake and Pat Gosa
- Tucker County Cultural District Authority**
Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation
- Tucker County Schools**
NextEra Energy, Inc.

Endowed Funds

LISTED WITH PURPOSE AND REGION SERVED

ANIMAL WELFARE

Mountaineer Humane Society Fund
Perpetual funding for MHS
Tucker

AREA

Preston Community Fund
Unrestricted grants & Scholarships
Preston

ARTS

Artsbank Fund
School art programs & projects
Randolph

Fred T. Busk Fund
Arts Education
Service Area

Carl Delsignore Fund
Creative Arts
Service Area

Garrett James “Dutch” Easton Fund
Creative Arts
Tucker

WV Highlands START Fund
School-Town Art Project
Tucker

CHURCH FUNDS

Richard & Mary J. Raines Harr Fund
Buena Chapel Methodist Church
Tucker

Valentine Family Fund
Perpetual funding Parsons Presbyterian Church
Tucker

Denver & Ethel Raines Smith Memorial Fund
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
Tucker

Nan Parsons Presbyterian Church Fund
Parsons Presbyterian Church
Tucker

COMMUNITY BASED FUNDS

Louise Harman Fund
Parsons Cemetery, Parks and/or
Five Rivers Public Library
Tucker

William M. Harman Memorial Fund
Parsons Cemetery, Parks, Library & Citizens
Tucker

Sarah Thompson Kaemmerling Fund
Charitable, educational or scientific activities for
Davis, Thomas, Canaan Valley area
Tucker

Taylor Beall & Snyder Family Fund
Canaan Valley VFD Auxiliary
Tucker

DONOR ADVISED

Albert & Frances Kerzic Memorial Fund
Community and economic development for Davis
Tucker

Bucher Family Fund
Supports community development & healthy initiatives
Barbour, Pendleton, Randolph & Tucker

George & Mariwyn Smith Fund
General charitable purposes
Donor Advised

Ryan Patrick Gosa Fund
Educational opportunities in liberal arts
Tucker

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Terra Alta Economic Development
Corporation Fund
Economic Development of Terra Alta
Preston

Tucker County Economic &
Community Development Fund
Charitable economic development of Tucker County
Tucker

EDUCATION

John P. & Sarah Catherine Swartz Fund
Music education in Tucker County schools
Tucker

George W. & Marjorie H. Walburn
Memorial Fund
K-12 geography course work
Tucker

Dehari Fund
Tucker County educational school trips,
guest speakers & education technology
Tucker

Margaret Kump Roberts Fund
Educational resources / Kump Education Center
Randolph

Ellis Boury III Fund
Education / Development of creative or technical writing
Tucker and surrounding counties

After School Explorers
Programming
Preston

U.S. Army JROTC Fund
JROTC program Preston County High School
Preston

Kingwood Elementary School Fund
Kingwood Elementary School educational services
Preston

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Donaldson – Corey Fund
Canaan Valley EMS
Tucker

EMERGENCY SERVICES (cont)

Capt. Karl Patrik Youngblood Memorial Fund
EMS training
Tucker

James D. Jordan Fund
Canaan Valley & Harman EMS
Tucker

Tucker County EMS Fund
Emergency Medical Services
Tucker

Shaffer Parsons VFD Fund
Parsons Volunteer Fire Department
Tucker

Katherine Zabriskie Canaan Valley
Fire Department Fund
Canaan Valley Volunteer Fire Department
Tucker

Katherine Zabriskie EMS Fund
Emergency Medical Services in Canaan Valley
Tucker

GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Louise & Jim Cooper, Jr. Family Fund
Blackwater Ministerial Assoc. to aid the needy
Tucker

John, Kathleen & Sharon Syrian/
Donald T. Goss Fund
Public parks gardens & beautification,
Warm the Children
Tucker

Woody F. Nestor Memorial Fund
Needy of Tucker County
Tucker

Thompson Family Fund
Needy of Davis / Canaan Valley
Tucker

Philip Warken Fund
Needy in Tucker County
Tucker

HEALTH

Harold & Ruth Shaffer Mountain Hospice Fund
Mountain Hospice, Inc.
Service Area

Billie G. Armstrong Fund
Pregnancy Care Center
Service Area

Cortland Acres Association Fund
Cortland Acres Association
Service Area

Davis Health System Foundation Fund
Davis Health System Foundation
Service Area

Davis Family Fund of DHSF
DHS Unrestricted
Service Area

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Bright’s Chapel Cemetery Fund
Bright’s Chapel Cemetery
Tucker

Buena Chapel Cemetery Fund
Buena Chapel Cemetery
Tucker

Leadmine Cemetery Fund
Leadmine Cemetery
Tucker

McNeeley Cemetery Fund
McNeeley Cemetery
Tucker

Davis Cemetery Fund
Davis Cemetery
Tucker

Utterback Family Fund
Alpine Heritage Preservation, Inc.
Cottrill’s Opera House
Tucker

Holly Meadows - Long Family Cemetery Fund
Long Family Cemetery
Tucker

Tucker County Veterans Memorial Fund
Maintenance of Parsons Veterans Memorial
Tucker

Mindy Pierce Historical Preservation Fund
Historic preservation projects
Preston

Mt. Hebron Cemetery Fund
Mt. Hebron Cemetery
Tucker

Harsh Cemetery Fund
Harsh Cemetery
Tucker

LIBRARIES & LITERACY PROGRAMS

McClain Fund
Parsons Five Rivers Public Library
Tucker

John Pill / Mountaintop Library Fund
Mountaintop Public Library
Tucker

Pioneer Memorial Public Library Fund
Perpetual funding for PMPL
Randolph

Mountaintop Public Library New Building Fund
Construction of New Library
Tucker

Crimson Shamrock Literacy Fund
Literacy programs & projects
West Virginia

Belington Public Library Fund
Belington Public Library
Barbour

PARKS & RECREATION

Rubenstein / Schilansky Fund
Recreation, Thomas & Davis Area
Tucker

National Bank of Davis Fund
Davis area recreation
Tucker

C. W. Pell Fund
Construction and Maintenance of a park in Davis
Tucker

SENIOR CITIZENS

Grant County Senior Citizen Fund
Grant County Senior Citizen Center
Grant

SCHOLARSHIP

Lindsey & Addie Reed Scholarship
WVU undergrad Ag students

Harry L. & Elizabeth A. Boyce Scholarship
TCHS seniors to further their education
Tucker

Enos, Delbert H. & Shirley W. Carr
Scholarship
WVU, Marshall, or D&E College students
Unrestricted

Rebecca Ann Chenoweth
Memorial Scholarship
TCHS students attending a WV college
Tucker

Forrest G. Clark Scholarship
Tucker County High School students
Tucker

Herbert W. Clarkson Scholarship
TCHS senior to attend a WV college
Tucker

Joyce Colbert Veterinary Scholarship
Students following career path in rural
veterinary medicine
Preston; Tucker; Garrett County, MD

Crimson Shamrock
Post graduate college students pursuing a
masters, doctorate or professional degree
Preston; Tucker; Garrett County, MD

Fraternal Order of Eagles Scholarship
Family member of Davis FOE
Service Area

Kline, Evans, Allison Scholarship
Graduating seniors from Union or Elk District
Grant; Mineral

Margaret Ann & James A. Grafton
PBHS/TCHS students entering WVU nursing or forestry
program
Barbour; Tucker

SCHOLARSHIP (cont)

Walter & Mary Shaffer Helmick Scholarship
TCHS graduate attending WV college
or trade school
Tucker

W. Denzel & Ernestine A. Kee Scholarship
College bound students from Hambleton,
Hendricks or Parsons
Tucker

P.L. & Elizabeth Cook Milkint Scholarship
Tucker or Preston County graduate
Preston; Tucker

Dr. Mary Alice Klein Scholarship
Students planning a career in education
Service Area

Madeline R. & Lester E. Miller Scholarship
Tucker or Petersburg High School graduate
Grant; Tucker

Robert W. Minear, Jr. Memorial
Scholarship
Students planning a career in education
Service Area

The Orr Family Scholarship
TCHS senior or older student attending college
Tucker

Parsons High School Alumni Scholarship
Graduating seniors who are descendants of
Parsons High School Alumni
Tucker

Doug & Betty Preble Scholarship
TCHS graduates attending college
Tucker

Preston High School American Legion Scholarship
Eligible Preston High School students
Preston

H. Max Price Scholarship
Traditional or non-traditional students
attending a trade school
Region

Jillian Roberts & Matilde Villalobos
Millennium Scholarship
TCHS graduate with leadership potential
Tucker

Harold W. & Ruth F. Shaffer Scholarship
TCHS senior or graduate attending
WV college or university
Tucker

Michael Shahan Scholarship
College students from St. George, Clover
or Licking districts
Tucker

Martha C. Sponaule Scholarship
TCHS graduating senior
Tucker

Mark Hutchison/David Cosner Scholarship
Scholarship to Randolph Technical Center graduate
Randolph

SCHOLARSHIP (cont)

Joseph R. Steffl Scholarship
Seniors attending a WV college
Pocahontas; Randolph

Gary E. Wilson
Tucker County resident attending a Christian
elementary, middle or high school
Tucker

Bradley J. Ramsey Memorial Scholarship
Tucker County resident / TCHS graduate attending
Potomac State or WVU
Tucker

Knights of Pythias Brown Lodge #32 Scholarship
Preston County High School senior
Preston

Ryan Gosa Memorial Scholarship (Pass-Through)
Journalism Majors
Tucker

White Grass Culinary Scholarship (Pass-Through)
Students pursuing culinary arts education
Statewide

TCF OPERATIONS

Old Ridge Runner Fund
Operating funds for Tucker Community Foundation
Service Area

YOUTH

Thomas P. Patrick, DDS Fund
Boy Scout Troop 96
Tucker

Falling Green Fund
Equestrian youth programs, 4-H,
Youth organizations
Tucker

Elliott Kepler and Alice Mae Degler Smith Fund
Various youth organizations
Tucker

P. J. Zickefoose Fund
Skiing opportunities for youth
Randolph; Tucker

Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association Fund
Operations
West Virginia

Parsons Kiwanis Club /J. Kenton Lambert Fund
Community youth projects
Tucker

UNRESTRICTED

Citizens Bank of West Virginia Fund

Directors’ General Fund

Robert W. & Sarah M. Minear Fund

Mountain Valley Bank, NA Fund

H. Dailey & Belva Shaffer Martin Fund

Uncle Sam’s Birthday Party Fund





GERALD BURNETT – Buckeye, WV

It all starts with seeing something truly for the first time. That moment when we see it and start to understand about it, an empathy arises: an intrigue in the opportunity.

Kaïa Kater, left, found that curiosity in Appalachian music. Kater is Canadian, born in Montréal. “I moved around a lot as a kid so most of the time music was a way to keep consistency in my life.” Grandfather Wolf Kater is a luthier and his handmade farmhouse in Québec served as place to return for family gatherings and kitchen music parties. It also introduced Kaïa to music as a shared community.

“I look back on it fondly because those were some of the only times I’d be allowed to stay up past my bedtime in the early years. When I was older and started playing music, I’d stay up and pick with everyone.

“So that sort of community and family vibe has always been very close to my heart. My mom would travel to bluegrass festivals and I eventually developed a curiosity for the bluegrass banjo.”

KAÏA KATER – Elkins, WV

“Oddly enough, I started as a bluegrass player and migrated to clawhammer—mostly because there seemed to be more clawhammer players around me in Canada than bluegrass players. Luck of the draw I guess, but the old-time community also seems to me to be generally more accepting and loving of people who aren’t just old white dudes. Bluegrass has a LOT of old white dudes, as well as disdain for women, black people, lgbt people... Bluegrass is becoming a lot more inclusive. But old-time really had my heart from the start.”

Kater decided to invest herself in that music by moving to Elkins, WV to study it at Davis & Elkins college. As she dug in more to the local traditional culture, she found a supportive community happy to share their knowledge. She holds in her hands one example of that exchange: a gourd banjo crafted by Dena Jennings. The banjo began as an African instrument, ultimately journeying with slaves through the Carribean and into Appalachia. This new instrument holds in it that history, in modern form.

If there is a lot of history and shared knowledge in music, there is also a long arc of it in books. While on a fool’s errand, I was lucky to find Gerald Burnett at his Buckeye Bend Books, not far downstream from Marlinton, WV, along the Greenbrier River. Together we slayed monsters.

Used book stores are the pinnacle of the endeavor of making do with what we have and Burnett, who opened the shop when he retired, loves it. He eschews internet sales and their potential high value in favor of cataloging the books for the curious characters and intrepid souls who love the hunt. It’s like a reward for those who make the time to stop in to snoop around.

Asked what are hot sellers in the used book shop, Burnett replied, “Mushroom guides, hiking books, birding books.” Books to get to know an area and what is out there. He was also proud of a set of electricity manuals from the 1940s. Certainly not state-of-the-art, nor a quick seller, but “to the right person, these are gold.”

Look around long enough at the old bookstore and we might find what we’re looking for. Then again, we might find something that we didn’t know we were looking for.

It’s all about making the effort to see.

Scholarships

Scholarships have been a focus for TCF since the beginning. The Foundation's first grant ever was a scholarship. Students from anywhere in the service area may apply. Most scholarships are supplemented with unrestricted funds.



HELEN MELNICK – Winner of the largest scholarship in 2015

Kelsey Kyle
\$2,000
[Harry & Elizabeth Boyce Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Madison Mullenax
\$1,500
[Enos, Delbert H. & Shirley W. Carr Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Samantha Holm
\$4,000
[Rebecca Ann Chenoweth Memorial Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Steven Sponaugle
\$1,000
[Forrest G. Clark Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Baylie Helmick
\$1,000
[Herbert W. Clarkson Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Catherine Chambers
\$1,000
[Herbert W. Clarkson Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Katelyn Gnegy
\$2,000
[Joyce Colbert Veterinary Scholarship](#)
Garrett

Jeremy Pyles
\$2,000
[Crimson Shamrock Scholarship](#)
Preston

Summer Synder
\$1,500
[Fraternal Order of Eagles Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Lauren Baker
\$2,200
[Kline, Evans, Allison Scholarship](#)
Grant

Adrienne Bowley
\$1,000
[Margaret Ann & James A. Grafton](#)
Tucker

Issac Coler
\$1,000
[Walter & Mary Shaffer Helmick Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Olivia Miller
\$1,000
[W. Denzel & Ernestine A. Kee Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Helen Melnick
\$8,500
[P.L. & Elizabeth Cook Milikint Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Andrew Hauser
\$2,000
[Dr. Mary Alice Klein Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Erin MacKenize
\$1,000
[Madeline R. & Lester E. Miller Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Miranda Siler
\$1,000
[Robert W. Minear, Jr. Memorial Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Josie Mullenax
\$1,200
[Orr Family Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Katalin Moore
\$2,000
[Parsons High School Alumni Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Trent Smith
\$1,200
[Doug & Betty Preble Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Sarah Davis
\$3,000
[H. Max Price Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Wesley Knotts
\$1,000
[Jillian Roberts & Matilde Villalobos Millennium Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Chastity Putlovis
\$1,000
[Harold W. & Ruth F. Shaffer Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Angela Bohon
\$2,000
[Michael Shahan Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Katie Clevenger
\$1,000
[Martha C. Sponaugle Scholarship](#)
Tucker

Emma McClelland
\$3,000
[Preston High School American Legion Scholarship](#)
Preston

Denzil Graham
\$1,000
[Preston High School American Legion Scholarship](#)
Preston

Matthew Vero
\$1,000
[Preston High School American Legion Scholarship](#)
Preston

Taylor Jennings
\$2,000
[Knights of Pythias Brown Lodge #32 Scholarship](#)
Preston



SOMMER DILLY

\$1,000
Joseph R. Steffl Scholarship
Randolph



WALKER BLOSSER

\$1,000
Harold W. & Ruth F. Shaffer Scholarship
Tucker

Adam W. Irvine
\$1,000
Joseph R. Steffl Scholarship
Pocahontas

Emily Siler
\$165
Gary E. Wilson Scholarship
Tucker

Rebecca Siler
\$165
Gary E. Wilson Scholarship
Tucker

Paul Garrett
\$110
Gary E. Wilson Scholarship
Tucker

George Garrett
\$110
Gary E. Wilson Scholarship
Tucker

Timothy Garrett
\$110
Gary E. Wilson Scholarship
Tucker

Andrew Hauser
\$2,000
Kep & Alice Smith Scholarship
Tucker

Katalin Moore
\$2,000
Kep & Alice Smith Scholarship
Tucker

Emily White
\$2,000
Kep & Alice Smith Scholarship
Tucker

Daniele Wilfong
\$2,000
Kep & Alice Smith Scholarship
Tucker

Melissa Carr
\$2,000
Kep & Alice Smith Scholarship
Tucker

Morgan Moss
\$2,000
Kep & Alice Smith Scholarship
Tucker

Madison Martin
\$500
TCF General Scholarship
Grant

Sierra Legeer
\$500
TCF General Scholarship
Garrett

Aiyana Kachmarek
\$1,000
Ryan Gosa Scholarship
Tucker

Grants

Well, with over 100 Endowed Funds, the Tucker Community Foundation has been granting out awards like crazy. Grants are listed by area of interest, originating fund of each grant, recipient, location, and award value.

AREA	
ARTS	Preston Community Fund Fund for Preston Expansion CASA of Mon & Preston County Preston \$5,000
	Carl DelSignore Fund Movie Nights at Cottrill’s Opera House Alpine Heritage Preservation Tucker \$2,550
	Garrett James “Dutch” Easton Fund TCHS Art Program TCHS Art Program Tucker \$2,500
	COMMUNITY BASED FUNDS
William M. Harman Memorial Fund Distributions determined by Parsons City Council	
\$70,000 Parsons City Cemetery	
\$245,000 Parsons Park Board	
\$40,000 Five Rivers Public Library	
\$552,000 Citizens of Parsons	
\$150,000	Pulp Mill Bottom Dike Project
5,000	Sewer Department
25,000	Water Department
45,000	Public Works Department
80,000	Police Department
12,000	Fairs & Festivals
10,000	VFD Equipment Grant
25,000	Fleet Equipment Replacement
10,000	Ordinance Codification
65,000	Pro On Trac
25,000	Contingency Fund
100,000	Splash Park
\$907,000 GRAND TOTAL	

Louise Harman Fund Picture Book Shelving and Printer Five Rivers Library Tucker \$2,650
Wellness Center Equipment City of Parsons Tucker \$2,500
Sarah Thompson Kaemmerling Fund Mountain Top Radiology Cortland Foundation Tucker \$8,200

DONOR ADVISED
George & Mariwyn Smith Fund Roof Repairs St. George Academy Preservation Society Tucker \$500
Tell Me a Story Robin McClintock Tucker \$500
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Terra Alta Economic Development Corporation Fund Event Center Century Transportation Museum Preston \$2,000

EDUCATION
Margaret Kump Roberts Fund Operations Kump Education Center Randolph \$1,400
Dehari Fund TCHS Art Program Tucker \$2,250
Club Activities TCHS Outdoor Club Tucker \$500

Rocketry Science Education TVEMS, 4th Grade Class Christine Ward Teacher Tucker \$400
Playground Seating Tucker County Schools Tucker \$450
US Army JROTC Fund Preston HS JROTC Program Preston HS JROTC Program Preston \$1,100

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Donaldson - Corey Fund Medical Supplies Canaan Valley Fire Department Tucker \$700
James D. Jordan Fund (Harman EMS) Medical Supplies Canaan Valley Fire Department Tucker \$350
EMS Operations Harman EMS Randolph \$350
GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Louise & Jim Cooper, Jr. Family Fund Food Pantry and Clothes Closet Blackwater Ministerial Association Tucker \$1,200
John, Kathleen & Sharon Syrian / Donald T. Goss Fund Winter Clothing For Children Warm The Children Tucker \$300
Woody F. Nestor Memorial Fund Assistance Program Parsons Ministerial Association Tucker \$900

GENERAL CHARITABLE
PURPOSES (continued)

Thompson Family Fund
Food Pantry and Clothes Closet
Blackwater Ministerial Association
Tucker
\$1,000

Philip Warken Fund
Food Pantry and Clothes Closet
Blackwater Ministerial Association
Tucker
\$2,800

Philip Warken Fund
Health Fair
Foundation of Mon General
Service Area
\$2,000

Public Assistance Program
Parsons Ministerial Association
Tucker
\$3,600

Backpack Buddies
Tucker County Family Resource Network
Tucker
\$5,000

Emergency Assistance Program
North Central WV Community Action
Tucker
\$5,000

Helping Hand Food Pantry
First United Methodist Church
Tucker
\$13,000

HEALTH

Billie G. Armstrong Fund
Baby Safe Sleep Program
Central WV Pregnancy Care Center
Tucker
\$1,300

Cortland Acres Association Fund
Mountain Top Radiology
Cortland Acres Foundation
Tucker
\$6,800

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Leadmine Cemetery Fund
Cemetery Upkeep
Leadmine Cemetery Board
Tucker
\$500

McNeeley Cemetery Fund
Cemetery Upkeep
Tucker County Historical Society
Tucker
\$2,600

Davis Cemetery Fund
Cemetery Upkeep
Town of Davis
Tucker
\$3,200

Utterback Family Fund
Opera House Upkeep
Alpine Historical Preservation
Tucker
\$300

Holly Meadows - Long Family Cemetery Fund
Cemetery Upkeep
Tucker County Historical Society
Tucker
\$700

Mt. Hebron Cemetery Fund
Cemetery Upkeep
Mt. Hebron Cemetery Group
Tucker
\$1,000

LIBRARIES & LITERACY
PROGRAMS

McClain Fund
Picture Book Shelving and Printer
Five Rivers Public Library
Tucker
\$1,300

Pioneer Memorial Public Library Fund
Library Operations
Pioneer Memorial Public Library
Randolph
\$1,500

Crimson Shamrock Literacy Fund
Each One Teach One
Monongalia County Literacy Volunteers
Preston
\$2,500

PARKS & RECREATION

Rubenstein / Schilansky Fund
**Eagle Scout Project at Davis Thomas
Elementary Middle School**
Tucker Community Foundation
Tucker
\$500

National Bank of Davis Fund
DTEMS Ski Trip
Mountain Laurel Learning Co-op
Tucker
\$500

TCF OPERATIONS

Old Ridge Runner Fund
Operations
Tucker Community Foundation
Service Area
\$700

YOUTH

Elliott Kepler & Alice Mae Degler Smith Fund
**Eagle Scout Project at Davis Thomas
Elementary Middle School**
Tucker Community Foundation
Tucker
\$350

Thomas P. Patrick, DDS Fund
Dining Room Repairs
Camp Mahonegon
Tucker
\$12,800

Falling Green Fund
JETS Equestrian Program
Tucker County 4-H JETS
Tucker
\$1,500

Tucker Boulder Park
Tucker Community Foundation
Tucker
\$1,600

4-H Camp Costs
Tucker County 4-H Leaders
Tucker
\$4,000

P.J. Zickefoose Fund
Ski Program
Tucker County Schools
Randolph
\$600

UNRESTRICTED

Robert W. & Sarah M. Minear Fund
Memorial Day Community Art Event
Advertising
ArtSpring
Tucker
\$800

Mountain Valley Bank, NA Fund
Memorial Day Community Art Event
Advertising
ArtSpring
Tucker
\$350

Citizens Bank of West Virginia Fund
Memorial Day Community Art Event
Advertising
ArtSpring
Tucker
\$350

Directors’ General Fund
Memorial Day Community Art Event
Advertising
ArtSpring
Tucker
\$450

Downtown Thomas Beautification
New Historic Thomas
Tucker
\$1,150

Classroom Reconstruction
Harman School PTO
Randolph
\$2,000

Students in Need Group
Garrett Community College Foundation
Garrett
\$1,000

H. Dailey & Belva Shaffer Martin Fund
Downtown Thomas Beautification
New Historic Thomas
Tucker
\$500

MINI-GRANTS

Tucker County Development Authority
Tucker
\$500

Tucker County 4-H Shooting Club
Tucker
\$500

4-H Club
Tucker
\$500

Randolph County Child Advocacy Center
Randolph
\$500

Davis Volunteer Fire Department
Tucker
\$500

Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School
Kim Fall’s Class
Tucker
\$500

Pocahontas Senior Citizens Center
Pocahontas
\$500

Vandalia Heritage
Tucker
\$500

Bike Helmets
Valley Head Elementary School
Randolph
\$500

Property Repairs
Randolph Sheltered Workshop
Randolph
\$500

GENERAL GRANTS

Financial Education
Garrett County Community Action Committee
Garrett
\$2,000

Senior Meals & Deliveries
Pocahontas County Senior Citizens
Pocahontas
\$2,000

Cattle Wash Bay at County Fairgrounds
Tucker County Fair Association
Tucker
\$2,000

In Memoriam



GLADYS REBECCA YOKUM HEITZ
1922-2016

Gladys Heitz was our cover girl for the past year. I met her as a spunky 92 year-old living quite independently at Cortland Acres near Thomas, WV. Gladys grew up on a farm on Bonner Mountain in Randolph County, WV. She had lived there with her husband who she described to me as “more ornery than homemade sand.” She outlasted her husband Herman as well as both of her sons. The last of her kind and feisty at that.

Thumbs up, Gladys.



GEORGE SMITH
1937-2015

George Smith was a lynchpin part of the Foundation's foundation. Smith was born in Kingston, NY, and moved to West Virginia to attend Davis & Elkins College. “I’m a New Yorker by birth, but a West Virginian by choice.” He and his wife Mariwyn established two endowed funds for the benefit of Tucker County. Mariwyn was a TCF founding member and currently resides in Thomas.

Anyone who is familiar with this area knows about driving on twisty roads. Even if your kids don't get car sick, you likely know a few tricks about how to get where you're going, from straightening out the curves to picking the best route around Forest Fest traffic. You've probably realized that though there may be three different ways to get from here to there they still take the same time to get there. Maybe you've started traveling with a chainsaw, in case of blowdowns, or a hitch chain. Everybody goes in the ditch once in a while – just depends if it's you or them.

Personally, I take little crumpled pieces of paper with rudimentary maps on them. I like to get a sense for the terrain that I'm going through and generally to know my place in the landscape. For the trip into Pocahontas County I made this map and found that, despite its silly nature, the actual road met and exceeded my expectations.

Hillsboro: that's right. Someone tried to make the bed there in town and shoved the wrinkles right on over to Lobelia.

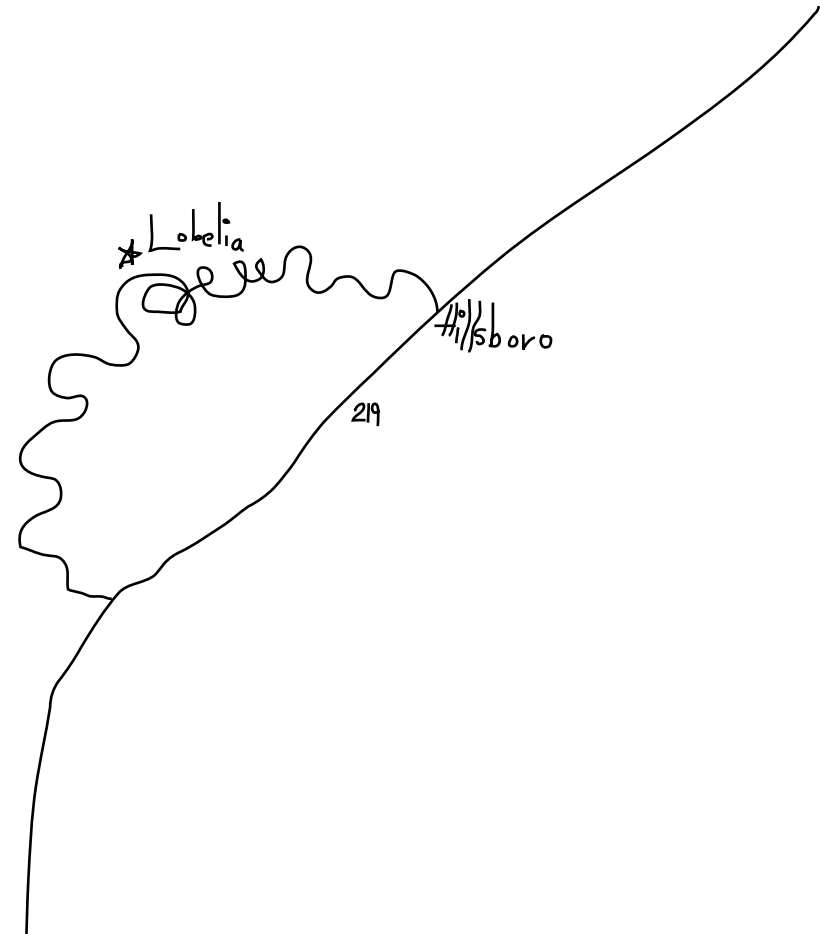
Friends there told me they used to go visiting in the winter for something to do. They would hop in the car, careen down the driveway, through the creek, and then drive as far as they could through the drifts. It couldn't have been more than two miles of hills between houses, but they parked the car wherever it stopped moving and hoofed it from there with plans to spend the night. The next day they would hike back to take the car home, such was the traffic on that road. No one else was trying to get through.

And did you know that Pocahontas County is shaped like a cat, a sitting cat? You did know that, right. Up there in Durbin area, that's the cat's meow. Down here Lobelia-way, that's the cat's tail. And the Greenbrier River is it's spine.

It's all learning about the area. From the falls of Hills creek to the hills of Falls creek, if that actually exists, you can't find nothing anywhere. From the bitter cold of Snowshoe to nearly absolute zero (0° Kelvin) at the NRAO there is always something happening. Everything can be explained with physics. There has to be motion. You just gotta look. And once you do, there's no going back. You'll see that there is always something doing.

There is always something to find. To learn. To care about. To invest in.

Thanks for coming along.



Financial Report

2015	REVENUES	2014	2013
\$ 882,272	Contributions	627,051	286,416
122,618	Grants	197,200	149,307
560,474	Interest and Dividend Income	36,155	510,404
170,785	Investment Gains/(Losses)	537,137	1,844,221
53,649	Other Revenue	77,998	36,904
\$1,789,798	TOTAL REVENUES	1,475,541	2,827,252

2015	PROGRAMMING/DISTRIBUTION/EXPENSES	2014	2013
\$1,332,001	Grants & Scholarships	1,192,251	1,143,707
63,978	Investment Expenses	54,096	51,324
203,419	Payroll & Benefits	169,431	146,194
99,913	Professional Services	19,815	6,307
253,309	General Administrative	183,804	130,506
\$1,952,620	TOTAL PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTION & EXPENSES	1,619,397	1,478,038

Calendar

2016

August 1	Grant Applications Available
September 16	Grant applications Due
September 24	Run For It

2017

February 1	Scholarship Applications Available
April 1	Run For It Campaign Begins
April 7	Scholarship Applications Due

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Students from the Marlinton Elementary School go netting in the headwaters of the Williams River, looking for a whole new world.