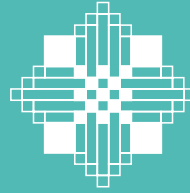
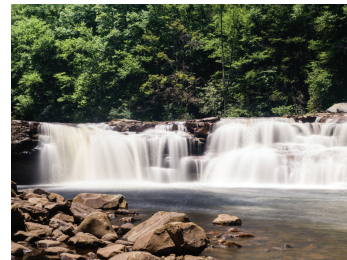


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Our Mission & Values INTRODUCTION

We believe we have the duty to properly steward all donations that are received by the Foundation for the community. We must use the donations to create resources that benefit now, tomorrow, and long into the future.

We are a motivational model for a sounder, more productive future through commitment to our community: teaching giving without expecting monetary return.

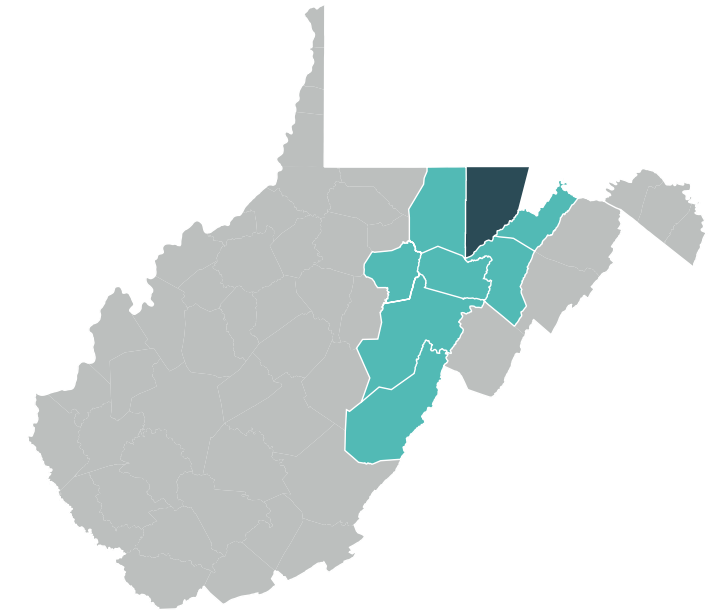
We believe that promoting and protecting our heritage is so important it should be a part of all decision-making within the Foundation. We define our heritage as:

- Our social and cultural environment
- Self efficiency coupled with an intense sharing motivation
- Family values
- Community spirit
- Natives frequently returning to the community
- Sense of belonging
- Rural freedom

We believe in high standards of conduct and ethics; in being open and honest with the community, donors, foundation grantees and ourselves; that avoiding conflict of interest in both acts and appearance is of the utmost importance; and that communicating our values to the public is an important part of our organization and its service to the community.

We believe in being open minded and we value the knowledge gained from the opinions of all people.

We believe that all actions taken by the Foundation must yield the greatest benefit for the communities we serve.



Creating
opportunities for
the communities
we serve.

BARBOUR, GRANT, MINERAL,
POCAHONTAS, PRESTON, RANDOLPH,
TUCKER COUNTIES IN WEST VIRGINIA
& GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We Are All Philanthropists

Philanthropy is the nature of humanity. Our Tucker Community Foundation is the most important way we make the benefits of philanthropy viable in our region. Our role is to support the needs of our community service area. But the real action rests upon all of us as concerned citizens who recognize that the power of individual action helps everyone across our mountain state.

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There is no limit to the problems we can solve. They span the spectrum from education support via scholarships and teacher resources to health, safety, and environmental programs—everything that beneficially affects our communities. They include every function necessary to make our lives safe, secure, and of high quality. The natural benefit that our foundation provides is a home for every one of us to express our own personal cause. Here is where we find the appropriate economic resources for making change.

This past year, we worked with other foundations and utilized state resources to address integrating our resources into cooperative activities. We are reaching out to all other community philanthropic foundations in the state to find more cooperative programs where we can leverage our funds and talents with others to multiply our effectiveness.

We are exploring multi-state wide literacy enhancement for adults and the expansion of personal health programs and disease prevention. We are seeking new ways to gain economic and social advancements through our associations with local businesses. We are augmenting deficiencies in our children's educational programs through grants and volunteer support.

Philanthropy is not just about money. It includes your personal time and effort in every activity that is designed to bring progress and improvement to your community. It includes walking and cleaning the roads through an Adopt-a-Road program and the Read-Aloud time you spend working with the kids at your elementary school. It includes your work for the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions clubs; your service on the Emergency Squad or the Volunteer Fire Service; and the time and energy you contribute to Run For It and Uncle Sam's Birthday Party.

Philanthropy is all of this and more. It is the way to make our community a better place for living and livelihood. It is the power that makes Appalachia the grandest place on Earth to live and grow and learn.

You are all invited to join and be a part of this magical future.

— David Moran, TCF President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

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33
Years of
Service

\$37
Million in
Assets

143
Funds Under
Management

\$21.9
Million given in Grants
& Scholarships
Since 1989

\$2.74
Million in Funds
from Run For It

UNCLE SAM'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



A long-standing tradition in Canaan Valley, Uncle Sam's Birthday Party is the Foundation's annual elimination dinner held at Canaan Valley Resort.

In 2022, David Parsons took home the big jackpot of \$5,000. The Greenbrier Package was won by Aaron Kahle. Jasmin Everson won the Uncle Sam's Outdoor Package. Luke and Trish Bucher were the winners of the Get Tuckered Package.

Before the drawing took place for the remaining five tickets, the last remaining ticket, number 250, was auctioned off to the highest bidder. After a back-and-forth war, the ticket was won for \$1,800 by Kelly, Solena, and Skylar Roberts, and Fred Myer.



For more information on this event and to see a list of 2022 attendees, scan the QR code above.

Robert Ruff, Mark Doak, Bill Smith, Tim Knotts, Jane Parsons, Beth Roberts, Matt Crakes, Tom Poling, Robin and Tom Kalog, Beth Longo, Ann Mealey, and Debby McHenry all took home cash prizes.

The event was started by the late Dr. Tom Patrick, former President of the Tucker Community Foundation and a much-beloved dentist in Davis. He served as an unforgettable and entertaining emcee for many years. The party is a tribute to his memory, as well as a major scholarship and grant fundraiser for the Foundation.

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Tickets go on sale in May and may be purchased at the Foundation office or from any Foundation board member. Only 249 tickets are sold. Proceeds from the event support unrestricted grant and scholarship awards for local organizations and students.

Sponsors of the 2022 event included Canaan Valley Resort, Grant County Bank, Mountain Valley Bank, and Citizens Bank of West Virginia.

RUN FOR IT

Run For It is held annually in the Town of Davis during the Leaf Peepers Festival, the last full weekend of September. The event aims to raise awareness and support for non-profits, civic organizations, and other charities throughout our eight-county service area. The program promotes healthy activity and encourages local philanthropy.

The Tucker Community Foundation challenges participants to raise team support for the community cause of their choice during a six-month campaign that kicks off April 1st, and then run or walk for that cause during the 2k/5k race in September.

Speed is not required to win. Cash awards are given to teams raising the most awareness and support, along with demonstrating the best effort, or having the best team spirit. Half of the entry fees, 100 percent of team sponsor donations, and 100 percent of race day awards are distributed to the cause represented. After taking Run For It virtual in 2020 due to Covid-19, we have left the 2k/5k virtual options available for teams to gain extra support. This allows teams to increase their race-day earnings and gain participation from people who cannot be there in person.

Since its inception, Run For It has generated more than \$2.74 million for participating organizations throughout the region. For a complete list of awards from the 2022 race, visit tuckerfoundation.net/run.

Two team captains from two of the counties we serve wrote in to tell us how Run For It has benefited their non-profit.



For more information on the financial impact of this event, scan the QR code above.



FROM THE TEAMS:

Craig Westfall of Mineral County Energy Express



Mineral County Energy Express is an award-winning summer reading and nutrition program that has distributed over 30,000 take-home books and provided educational services to over 3,000 children living in rural and low-income communities across 38 West Virginia counties. Here's what Craig Westfall, Energy Express Site Supervisor and Head Coach of the Mineral County Middle School Track Team, had to say about his experience with Run For It.

Energy Express is a six-week summer literacy program. Each week has a theme, such as community, friends, and family. We read to each child, one-on-one, for twenty minutes a day and they get two meals. They also get to do all sorts of arts and crafts and have fun learning while they're there. The main goal of the program is to close the achievement gap that forms in the summer when the children aren't in school. Energy Express is where it all started for me.

With the community that we have through the Keyser Cyclones Running Club, there's a lot of people looking for opportunities to give back. I put the event on social media and share it through word of mouth. A lot of the children's families also run or walk with us. I coach at Keyser Middle School, so most of our runners in the run club are fifth through eighth graders, but it is open to the entire community.

This is our fourth year participating in Run For It. It's always nice to take our children to a ginormous race. We never have any event that is more than 100 people, and there's always several hundred people at Run For It. And it's not just children—it's people from all over the community, and they're always very supportive of our children when we run. Our Run For It proceeds go straight back into the program to buy supplies for the coming summer. We're still recruiting for Energy Express and always can use more people!

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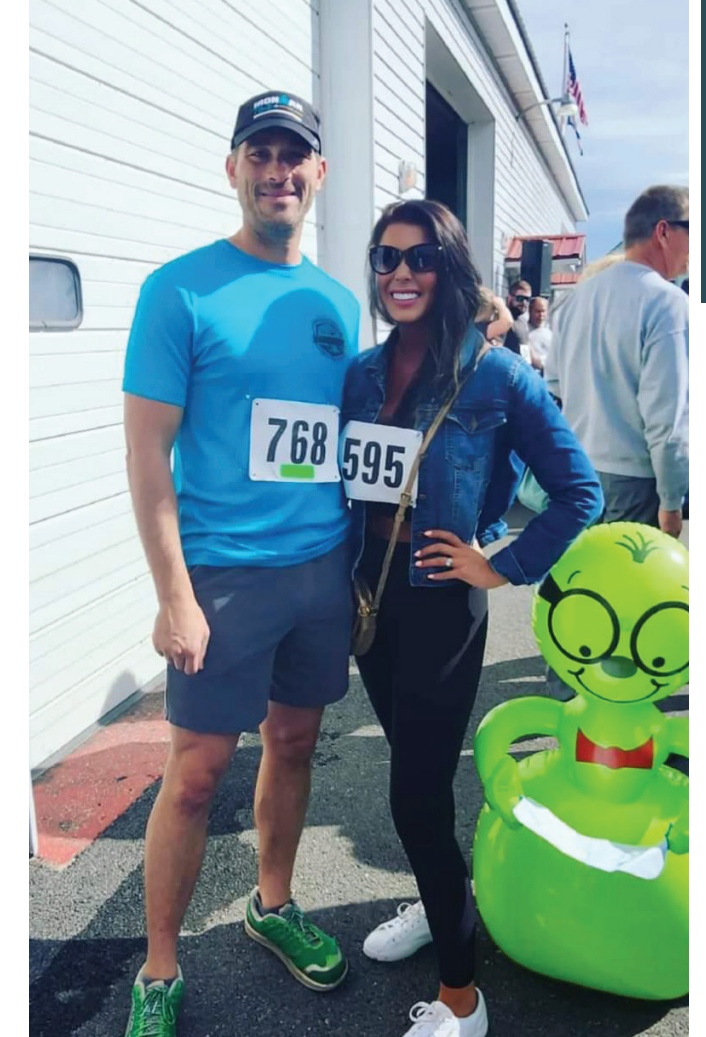
Laura Fike of Garrett Mentors

Garrett Mentors is an organization dedicated to providing children in Garrett County Public Schools with caring and committed mentors. Here's what Laura Fike, executive director at Garrett Mentors, had to say about her experience with Run For It over the years.

Garrett Mentors is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 serving Garrett County, Maryland. We are committed to providing caring and committed adult mentors to prekindergarten through sixth-grade children that attend Garrett County Public Schools. Our volunteer mentors are adults of all ages who serve as positive role models to children with various needs and backgrounds. Mentors meet with the child they're matched with once a week during the child's school lunchtime. We also provide our children and their mentors with several out-of-school bonding experiences throughout the year, and provide children and their families with other resources as needed.

We participated in Run For It on and off over the years, but began consistently participating every year beginning in 2020, including 2021 with the virtual opportunities, and in-person again in 2022. Run For It is such a great way to raise funds for our organization. It's nice that we can have several fundraisers in the months leading up to the event and apply those funds to our team total.

The money we raise through Run For It has helped us tremendously. When COVID-19 hit, we were unable to hold our typical fundraising events. Instead, we were able to participate in Run For It virtually, which allowed us to keep our



program going during such an uncertain time. Run For It allows us to raise a lot of money for our cause with very little expenses as compared to some of our other campaigns. We've been able to rebuild our program after some challenging COVID-19 years, and also to provide our students with extra resources thanks to funds raised through Run For It.

It's nice to have a time frame to strategically plan fundraising events and market them leading up to the event, and it's so rewarding to have it all end with Run For It. The day of the event is such a fun celebration of our fundraising efforts. Because of the success of our Run For It participation, we've decided to keep participating each year from now on. It has been incredible to participate in this event and be able to put so much money back into the children we serve through mentoring.



NEW ENDOWMENTS

Our board members and staff work to create new endowed funds that support the communities we serve. We currently have 143 endowed funds under management which can be used for scholarships, grants, a specific cause, or organization.

John & Beulah “Bob” Bartlett Scholarship Fund

SCHOLARSHIP; RANDOLPH COUNTY
Provide annual college scholarships to a Randolph County student.

Blackwater Ministerial Association Fund

DESIGNATED FUND; TUCKER COUNTY
Provide ongoing support for the Blackwater Ministerial Association Food Pantry.

Mount Olive Cemetery Fund

DESIGNATED FUND; BARBOUR COUNTY
Provide ongoing support to the Mount Olive Cemetery for maintenance and upkeep.

Eastern WV Community and Technical College Foundation Fund

AGENCY ENDOWED FUND;
GRANT COUNTY
Provide ongoing support to Eastern WV Community & Technical College Foundation to provide annual scholarships.

Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center Endowment Fund

AGENCY ENDOWED FUND;
RANDOLPH AND TUCKER COUNTIES
Provide ongoing support to the Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center.

Endowment Fund Helps Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center Invest in Healing

The TCF doesn’t only provide grants to regional organizations, it also serves as an investment vehicle for those looking to make their money go further. By creating an endowment fund with TCF, investment income generated by the fund not only pays dividends to the donor, but also helps to support the donor’s intended cause through grants, scholarships, and other TCF programs.

The Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center (RTCAC) did just that by creating an endowment

fund with TCF in 2022 that provides additional investment income to work toward achieving its mission of working with community partners to support healing and justice for children and families who have been victimized by child abuse in Randolph and Tucker counties.

The RTCAC was founded in 2003 to serve as a front-line responder to reports of child abuse occurring in Randolph and Tucker counties. Child Advocacy Centers provide a single,

comfortable facility where all aspects of a child’s care—including child protection services, legal and criminal justice processes, family advocacy, and medical and mental health treatment programs—can safely take place under one roof. “First off, we make sure that their mental health and medical needs are met,” said Margot Evick, RTCAC Executive Director. “They may need extra clothing; they may need food. We can’t financially give them money, but we can make sure that somebody in the community is able to help, or they can get a voucher to get clothes.”

The RTCAC has offices in Randolph and Tucker counties—it recently became the owner of its Randolph County service center, and office space for its Tucker County service center is provided in-kind through the Tucker County Commission.

The services provided by RTCAC are aimed at reducing harm and trauma in children from ages three to those in their late teens, as well as providing services to young adults with disabilities, so that these children and their families can begin the healing process. “I love to see the children walk out of here, with a smile on their face at the start of their healing process.” Evick said.

The RTCAC can see upwards of 130 children each year, with about 20 percent coming from Tucker County. Evick said she expects the agency to provide services to upwards of 150 children in 2023. A big part of that ability stems from having resource officers in Randolph and Tucker County schools. “Having resource officers in the schools has been a game changer.” Evick said. “They call us right away to set up interviews for these children. Once we receive this referral, we connect with our team members to get everybody to the table.”

This year, the RTCAC is celebrating its 20-year anniversary. To help fund these critical services,



which are free to all clients, RTCAC relies on donations, grants, and income from investments. To further its mission, RTCAC created an endowment fund with TCF to serve as an additional investment in its portfolio.

According to Evick, RTCAC had funds available for investment and wanted to find a better way to leverage its assets. “We need to be investing in the future of the [RTCAC] for longevity,” she said.

The RTCAC staff was advised by the agency’s Board of Directors to create an endowment fund with TCF, largely due to TCF’s strong reputation for being a sound and responsible place to invest money. “The RTCAC Finance Committee did the research and said, ‘This is really what we need to do.’” Evick said.

To honor its 20-year anniversary, RTCAC held a Champions for Children celebration that featured live music and a silent auction to raise funds. “The CAC knows it can rely on community support, and that’s exactly why we are celebrating 20 years this year,” Evick said.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Tucker Community Foundation distributes scholarships across our eight-county service area of Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties in West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland.

We had a total of 38 Endowed Scholarship Funds that made up the available scholarship funds which we were able to distribute in 2022. Our goal is to distribute 5 percent of the Total Market Value of each fund annually, which may vary depending on market conditions. The Endowed Scholarship Funds provide scholarship support according to distribution guidelines. Additional unrestricted funding can also support these scholarships, with over 40 different scholarships

issued annually to students in our eight-county service area.

Individuals who qualify for scholarships through the Tucker Community Foundation include high school seniors, students attending technical schools, Tucker County students attending a Christian elementary, middle, or high school or being home-schooled employing Christian educational principles and values, college students, and other non-traditional students (for example adults returning to school). We encourage all who qualify to apply regardless of their field of study.

One unique thing about our scholarships is that we give the money directly to the recipient instead of their school. This way, the student is able to use the money for what they need - to cover books, a portion of their semester, whatever it may be.

We sat down with scholarship recipients from over the years to see how the money they received has helped them make progress in their college and professional careers.

Scan this QR Code to see a full list of our 2022 scholarship recipients and funds.



\$97,300



38
Different Funds

52
Scholarships

45
Students



ALL IN THE FAMILY: How TCF Scholarships Helped Preston County's Wimer Brothers Succeed

David, Jonathan, and Ethan Wimer are brothers from Preston County who received three different TCF scholarships between 2017 and 2021. The scholarships, which totaled over \$26,000, helped them achieve great things in science and engineering along their similar yet unique career paths.

David and Jonathan are twins who are working in the biomedical and engineering fields, respectively, and their younger brother Ethan is preparing to graduate from college to pursue work in environmental conservation.

David and Jonathan both received the Smith Patterson Pass-Through Scholarship, a four-year award that provided both brothers \$2,500 per

year from 2017 to 2020. The \$40,000 scholarship fund was provided by Jack and Jean Smith from Alexandria, Virginia, in honor of their friendships with Vernon and Joanne Patterson. The Pattersons moved to Canaan Valley upon retiring and continue to pursue an active lifestyle that benefits regional organizations and individuals.

In 2021, David also received \$4,200 from the Crimson Shamrock Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for college graduates from Preston and Tucker counties in West Virginia and Garrett County in Maryland who are working toward a master's, doctoral, or professional degree.

Ethan, a senior at West Virginia University

(WVU), received a \$2,000 scholarship from the TCF General Scholarship Fund in 2021. General scholarships are issued to students who score very high but don't qualify for other TCF scholarships and are funded from an annual \$10,000 allocation from the Harman Fund. All three brothers come from an engineering background—their father is a mechanical engineer that works at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in Morgantown. "Growing up, I always had an interest in learning how to put things together and how to fix things and tackle real-world problems," said Jonathan, who earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at WVU in 2021.

While attending Preston County High School, Jonathan and David were selected to attend a slate of science camps over several summers. "That really skyrocketed our interest in engineering and science, and it gave us an appreciation for the people that put these events together," Jonathan said. "All through high school, my extracurriculars were stuff like robotics, and that sparked my interest in going to college."

"We were very much encouraged to take science fairs pretty seriously and join various STEM-oriented clubs. Jonathan and I joined the FIRST LEGO League robotics team," David added. David discovered his passion for biology and health when a project on preventative medicine struck a chord. "How many people suffer with so many things that could be largely prevented? That drew me into the field of biology," he said. "By my senior year in high school, I still wanted to be following my dad's footsteps as an engineer, but also wanted to put a clinical twist on it, so I pursued biomedical engineering."

Ethan, however, said he was still uncertain about his career path after graduating from high school.

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He completed two years as a civil engineering major at WVU, but had the feeling that it wasn't right for him. After some soul searching, he thought back to an experience in high school where he volunteered as a trail maintenance manager along the Deckers Creek Rail-Trail near Masontown, WV. "I saw how damaged West Virginia's waterways and soils are from acid mine drainage, and the wetlands that have abandoned factories in the middle of them," he said. "I ended up settling on soil and water science with a focus on conservation, and working as a trail manager inspired me to do that."

The various TCF scholarship funds allowed each brother to pursue their education in a way suited to their strengths and preferences. The funding allowed Jonathan to fully invest in his intense coursework and serve as a volunteer tutor to help his classmates succeed. "Having the scholarship allowed me to not have to work outside of school and to give my schooling the attention and time it deserved," Jonathan said.

The scholarship freed up time for David to

volunteer in a neuroscience laboratory, where he gained invaluable experience. "As I went on with biomedical engineering, I learned some very cool applications of it, ranging from making prosthetics for veterans, which is still a very high interest of mine," he said.

For Ethan, the scholarship allowed him to take a lower-paid job in environmental conservation in 2021, where he could pay his bills while being able to pursue his passion and garner crucial work experience. "I worked on researching methods of using acid mine drainage as a fertilizer and storing acid mine drainage properly so it doesn't leach into the water table," Ethan said.

Along with sharing a passion for science, all

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three brothers maintain strong Christian values, including a desire to give back to those in need. "We all grew up in the church and have been blessed with having some very strong role models that have shown us about service and helping those in need and what kind of good that can do," Ethan said.

All three participated in campus ministry while in college. Jonathan said he would not have been able to participate in campus ministry and engage in volunteer work without his scholarship funding. "One thing I really enjoyed was the exchange program, where students from places like China come in, but they don't speak English very well, so we would help them learn how to speak the language and help them get to know people in the WVU community," Jonathan said.

Many times, college graduates end up leaving the state to pursue high-paying jobs in high-tech fields. Fortunately, all three siblings plan to stay in West Virginia and use their specialized skill sets to make it a better place.

In 2022, Jonathan scored his "dream job" working as a process engineer for Northrop Grumman in Rocket Center, WV. "I work in an electronics factory helping to improve efficiency on processes. I get to work with lots of very intelligent, like-minded people, so I've been enjoying it a lot," he said. He plans to pursue a master's degree in industrial engineering to further his education.

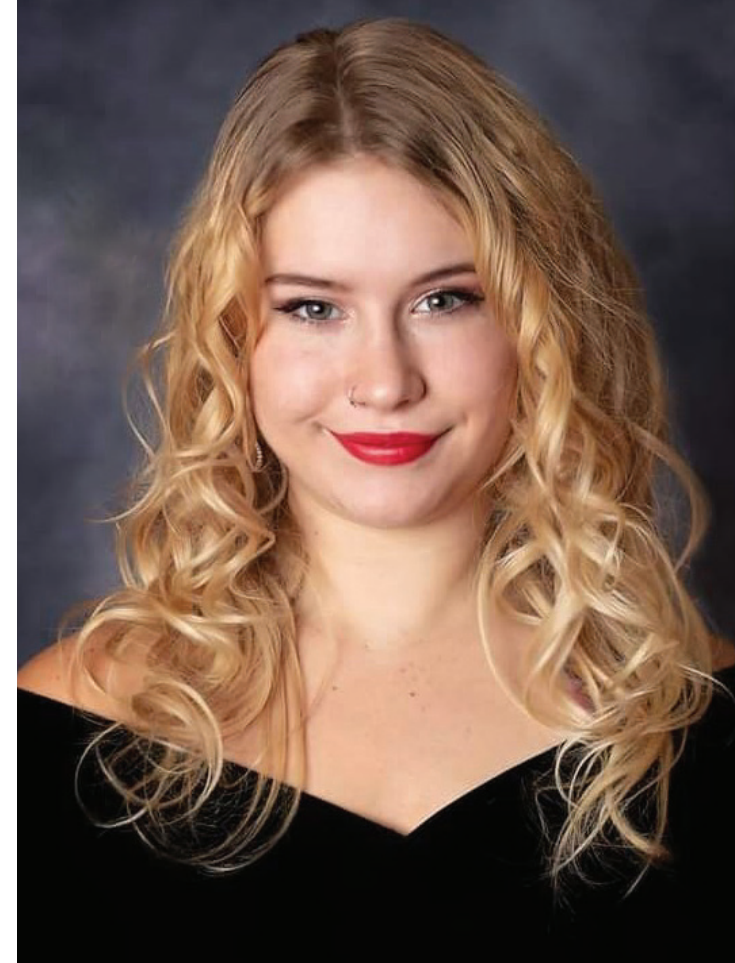
David, who graduated with his biomedical engineering degree in May of 2021, recently finished his second bachelor's degree in neuroscience and is currently applying for jobs in West Virginia so he can stay close to home. "I'm hoping to find an entry-level position that will give me a feel for how the industry works,"

David said. "After that, I'm hoping to go back to graduate school in a biomedical engineering field, or potentially go the medical school route. I'm also very interested in psychology; that's one of the roads neuroscience has opened up for me."

Ethan said after he graduates with his bachelor's degree, he plans to simultaneously pursue a graduate degree while working in his field. "I would like to work for the [West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection] maybe this summer or the next on some sort of restoration job," Ethan said. "I'd like to be

knowledgeable about the animals that live in these habitats and be able to use that knowledge to do a better job of fixing those areas."

The Wimer brothers are proud to be a success story for not only TCF's scholarship programs, but also for Preston County and West Virginia. "The TCF is fantastic. I can't express how grateful I am for all the generosity it has given me and my brothers," David said.



FULL-CIRCLE: Scholarship Paves the Way for First-Generation College Student to Pursue her Passion

Kelsi Wilson-Hott, a Petersburg native and 2022 graduate of Petersburg High School (PHS), was the proud 2022 recipient of the Randall H. Alt Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually by TCF to a PHS graduating senior who participated in a varsity sport and is attending a West Virginia college or university.

The Randall H. Alt Memorial Scholarship was founded in 2017 by Rebecca Lanhardt, Alt's sister, to honor his memory. The award helps graduating seniors leverage the opportunities provided by higher education.

Alt, born in Petersburg in 1949, was a native son of Grant County and a descendant of the Alts, a pioneering family that played a part in establishing the region. Alt was an active student

"I'm a first-generation college student, so having any money I can to get out debt-free is awesome,"

who played basketball and football while at PHS. After graduating from Salem University in Salem, West Virginia, with a degree in political science, Alt returned home to Petersburg and found success as an entrepreneur. Alt was a passionate hunter and outdoorsman, and is said to have never missed watching a WVU basketball or football game.

During her time as a student at PHS, Wilson-Hott was a star student-athlete on the soccer and track teams. She was also active in the Petersburg community theater. Wilson-Hott is now a freshman at Davis & Elkins College (D&E) studying elementary education with an endorsement for teaching social studies to grades five through nine.

Wilson-Hott said the scholarship has been invaluable to her collegiate journey, helping her pay for books and other costs during her

freshman year. "I'm a first-generation college student, so having any money I can to get out debt-free is awesome," Wilson-Hott said.

Wilson-Hott has entered her collegiate career with momentum as an active member of the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success, the nation's largest honor society. She was named on the D&E dean's list for the fall 2022 semester. She's also exploring joining the D&E Student Education Association.

Although Wilson-Hott is staying off the soccer pitch while at D&E to focus on her coursework, she said she plans to join the D&E Theatre Program. In her free time, Wilson-Hott can be found watching movies and playing pickleball with her roommate. "We just found out about pickleball and play all the time," she said.

Wilson-Hott said her love for children is what inspired her to pursue a career in education. During her senior year she completed the year-long Career in Education class at South Branch Career and Tech Center, a vocational program that places students in education clinicals in Grant County public schools. Wilson-Hott completed her clinical at Petersburg Elementary School. "I always wanted to do something with kids. I loved it because I got to be the center of attention and got to help kids and talk about what they needed to learn," Wilson-Hott said.

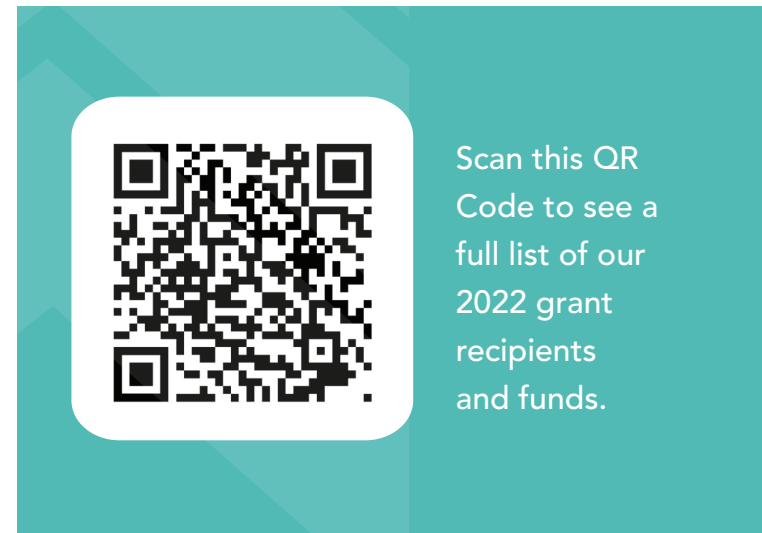
After earning her degree from D&E, Wilson-Hott, just like Randall H. Alt did so many years ago, plans to return to Petersburg to give back to her community. "My main goal is to get my degree and go back to my hometown to teach," Wilson-Hott said.

GRANTS

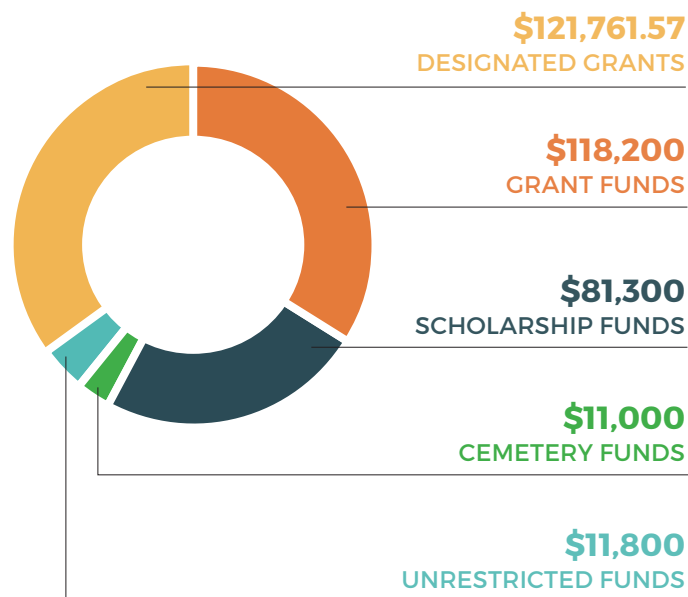
In 2022, the Tucker Community Foundation was able to award money to a total of 61 grant applicants, with money from the proceeds of our 40 endowed grant funds. Our goal is to distribute 5 percent of the Total Market Value of each fund annually, which may vary depending on market conditions.

All applicants apply through a general application. The grant committee then meets and decides how to compile funds for each successful applicant. Grants are available to anyone in our eight-county service area of Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties in West Virginia, as well as Garrett County, Maryland.

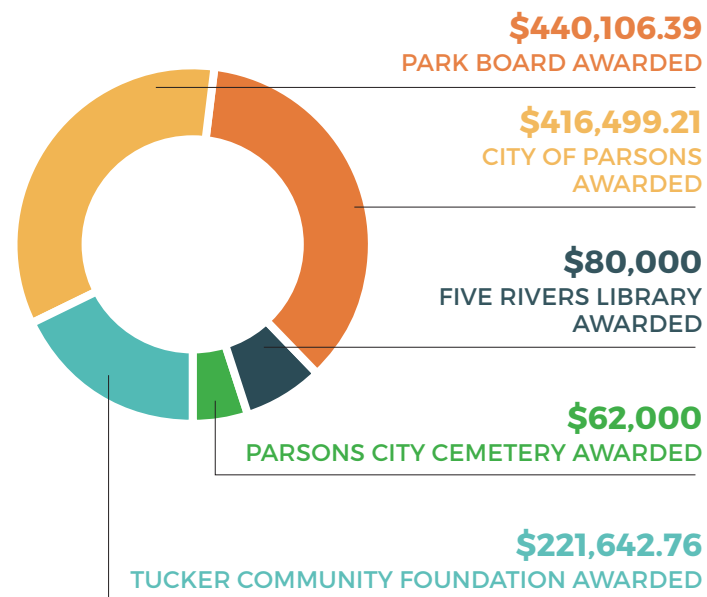
This year we talked with a few of our 2022 grant recipients to see how the money they received is helping them make progress on their projects and initiatives.



TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
\$344,061.57



WILLIAM M. HARMAN FUND
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
\$1,220,316.71



PUTTING ON A SHOW: Creative Arts Grant Helps Barbour Theatre Department Fund Major Production

The Barbour Theatre Department was awarded \$1,000 from the Carl Del Signore Fund for Creative Arts to help put on a full play production at Philip Barbour High School (PBHS). Carl Del Signore was a Tucker County entrepreneur with a decorated history of civil and military service. The Carl Del Signore Foundation was established following his death in 1985. The Carl Del Signore Fund for Creative Arts was established in 1991, initially to fund the printing of the book *History of Tucker County* by Cleta M. Long (1936–2000), who was named Tucker County Poet Laureate by TCF in 1992. The TCF sat down with Lewis R. Hall to discuss how grant funds will help build a sense of community via theater in Barbour County. This interview was edited for length and clarity.

Tucker Community Foundation (TCF): Tell us about your background in theater.

Lewis R. Hall (LRH): I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and was in performing arts from age eight. I attended Alderson-Broaddus College as an undergraduate in music education with an emphasis in voice. My Master's degree is in voice pedagogy from Texas Woman's University. I taught public school in Texas for seven years, then went on to teach in higher education, spending 20 years at Alderson-Broaddus as a music education, voice, and musical theater faculty member.

TCF: How long have you been involved with the Barbour Theatre Department?

LRH: When music was discontinued at Alderson-Broaddus, I took a position as the virtual school facilitator at Barbour County Schools then transitioned into the choir, theater, and piano faculty member. This is my second year at PBHS.

TCF: Why did you apply for a TCF grant? How did you use the funds?

LRH: We used the grant funds to produce "Alice in Wonderland" at the PBHS Colt Theater. The

provided funds covered the cost of purchasing the performance rights, scripts, and audio materials required to produce the show.

TCF: How did this grant benefit both the students and the Barbour Theatre Department?

LRH: The ability to produce a "real" show in the Barbour County community has not been an option for many years. Thirty-two students have roles in the show, and the remaining 12 students will be able to work on the technical crew. This show will help the Colt Theater department



attract other donors, provide a wholesome family theater experience in our community, and encourage younger students to participate in theater when they attend Philip Barbour High School.

TCF: Does the theater have plans for upcoming productions?

LRH : There will be a small production in the fall of 2023, and a larger one in spring of 2024.

TCF: What is the most enjoyable part of working with the kids and the Barbour Theatre Department?

LRH: It's very exciting to watch the students realize that performing on stage is "fun." Most are too scared to try, or have not had the

opportunity. I had a senior, who plays football and baseball, tell me he wished he had done this all four years of high school.

TCF: How has your experience working with the foundation been?

LRH: I've found the TCF to be easy to work with, supportive, and found them to be interested in the projects that will help build a sense of community throughout our regional communities. The grant materials were easy to access, concise in their instructions, and the foundation was timely in its response. I look forward to continuing the relationship with the TCF with future projects.

LEADING THE CHARGE:

TCF Grants Help Adaptive Mountain Biking Program Become First in the Nation to Acquire Cutting-Edge Equipment

The Challenged Athletes of West Virginia (CAWV), headquartered at Snowshoe Mountain Resort in Pocahontas County, has been providing outdoor recreation opportunities for persons with disabilities for almost 30 years. Although CAWV's focus has historically been on winter sports, including its well-known adaptive skiing program, the recent growth of the region's mountain biking scene has prompted the organization to explore new ways to get its student-athletes rolling on dirt.

To help launch its mountain biking program to the next level, CAWV was awarded a total of \$3,700, including \$2,500 from the Sarah Thompson Kaemmerling Fund, which provides funds to organizations engaged exclusively in charitable, educational, or scientific activities for the promotion of science, health, education, good citizenship, and the well-doing and well-being of mankind. CAWV also received \$700 from the Robert W. & Sarah M. Minear Fund and \$500 from TCF unrestricted funds.

CAWV used its foundation funding to purchase cutting-edge mountain biking equipment that will allow student-athletes of all abilities to enjoy riding on Pocahontas County's diverse range of world-class mountain biking trails. We caught up with Carol Woody, CAWV Executive Director, to discuss how the grant will help CAWV's mountain biking program reach new heights. This interview was edited for length and clarity.

Tucker Community Foundation (TCF): How long have you been a part of CAWV?

Carol Woody (CW): I've been the Executive Director since September of 2018. I was involved on a casual basis for many years as a volunteer. David Begg, who passed away in 2018, was the Executive Director since [CAWV's] inception in 1996. He was an amputee himself and was an amazing three-track skier who skied on one leg. I knew Dave and considered him a very close friend. I wasn't really looking for anything, but this opportunity just kind of fell upon me. It already felt like family, so it was a pretty easy transition and this place has become my home. And believe me, I spend more time here than at my home. I love being a part of it.

TCF: Tell us about your organization.

CW: We've been providing outdoor recreation for people with disabilities since 1996, but it's been primarily around winter sports. We do special projects in the summer, like veterans' camps and other outings, but now we're trying to get more into year-round programming. [The CAWV] is headquartered at Snowshoe, which obviously has been known as a ski resort, but now it's becoming



very well-known throughout the world as a mountain biking destination, which gives us a lot of opportunities. Eventually, I want our mountain biking program to be all-encompassing like our ski program. [CAWV] has an obligation to make sure that we're including all types of people, no matter their ability.

TCF: How have you used the grant funds you received?

CW: We initially acquired two adaptive downhill mountain bikes in 2021. Since then, we've been thinking about how we're going to continue funding our mountain biking program. Specifically, we were trying to raise funds to get [a Tessier Cimgo], which is a bike that's manufactured in France. It's a specialized mountain bike operated by a guide in back that's in full control of the bike with the participant sitting in front, and it really opens the door for our student-athletes. The bikes we currently have are high-tech, sit-down mountain bikes, but you still have to have a certain level of ability to operate it.

We work with people with disabilities of all ages, whether it's cognitive or physical, so this opens the door for a lot of people that wouldn't have the opportunity to go mountain biking. Mountain biking for a child with Down syndrome might look totally different than mountain biking to someone like Kinzie Dickman, who's one of our team members who rips it up on a sit-down mountain bike. With the Cimgo, there's the opportunity for them to get out and enjoy the crazy, technical, steep bike park trails, but with the safety of a guide who's watching over them and making sure that they're safe.

We will be the first program in the United States to have one of these bikes; there's really nothing else like this out there in the adaptive mountain-biking world. Tessier would love to see more of their bikes throughout North America, but one

of the hurdles is that you have to be certified to operate this bike, and the certification is only offered in Europe. Four people from our program went to Europe last spring, so now we have four certified Cimgo operators on our team. Tessier wants to partner with us to become the training location for North America, so that's our goal with the Cimgo project.

The TCF grant really changed the momentum; our project has grown and we're moving full-steam ahead. In [December of 2022], we were also given funding from a private family that's part of our program, so we were able to order the Cimgos and they were delivered in May, just in time for the Snowshoe Bike Park season.

TCF: *You've worked with TCF in the past, both via grants and Run For It. How has your overall*

experience working with the foundation been?

CW: It's been great. [David Begg] received a \$2,000 grant in 2014 that allowed us to upgrade our adaptive skiing equipment, and, of course, on Run For It, which has always been a big part of our funding. David trained people to say, "Make your donation to Run For It so that your money can make money." He had a lot of people that would donate to our organization, which made it easier for me, and it's always been great. We look forward to Run For It every year. It gives us an excuse for everybody to get together and see a lot of our team members that we don't see as much of throughout the summer. The grant opportunity has been a bonus; it's something I'll continue to apply for to make sure we can keep giving back and doing good for our program and our county.

TIGHTLY KNIT AND BRIGHTLY LIT: Log Cabin Quilters' Guild Uses TCF Grant to Highlight its Quilt Show

The Log Cabin Quilters' Guild (LCQG) a tightly-knit group of quilt artisans based in Elkins that serves to preserve and promote the art of quilt making, was awarded \$500 through the Crimson Shamrock Appalachian Crafts Fund, a statewide grant that promotes the development of the artisan crafts in West Virginia. The LCQG used the funds to purchase clamp-on LED lamps to attach to the pipe-and-drape systems used to hang quilts for display, allowing them to "highLIGHT the quilts" at the annual Log Cabin Quilters' Show held in Elkins. The LCQG will be able to shine the light on other quilt guilds by lending out the high-tech lamps for regional quilt shows. The TCF caught up with Deborah Curtis, LCQG Quilt Show Chair, to chat about the LCQG's grant funds, plans, and experience working with the TCF. This interview was edited for length and clarity.

Tucker Community Foundation (TCF):

Tell us about the Log Cabin Quilters' Show.

Deborah Curtis (DC): Many of the people who

attend the Log Cabin Quilters' Show are local folks, but many are from out-of-state, places like Georgia, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland. Initially, these people came exclusively



to ride the Tygart Flyer, which was a bonus that their trips just happened to be scheduled during the Mountain State Forest Festival. Now they return annually to enjoy the festival and make certain they hit the quilt show, even with the majority of them being non-quilters. They invariably express their appreciation of the art of quilting.

TCF: *What grant did you apply for? How were the funds used?*

DC: We applied for a grant which was listed in three categories: arts, education, and historic preservation. We were really pleased to have been awarded the money. The grant was used to purchase LED lights for the annual Log Cabin Quilters' Show. It's held at the Y Gymnasium in Elkins, which has a mezzanine. The quilts that are displayed underneath this overhang don't receive much lighting. With the addition of new LED clamp-on lamps, these dark areas will be illuminated in order to highlight the quilts. Also, since they are mobile they can be used for other events, such as workshops, and other quilt displays, like the West Virginia Quilt Festival in Summersville, West Virginia.

TCF: *You were awarded a grant in 2013. What was your past experience with the TCF like?*

DC: We were awarded a \$500 grant to purchase lighting, which initially were utility-type halogen lamps and are still being used. We have always found that our experiences with the TCF, both past and present, to be on a highly professional level. The foundation is very well organized, and the staff has been helpful, efficient, and courteous.

TCF: *Were you a member of the LCQG when it was awarded the grant in 2013?*

DC: Yes. We are thankful now, as we were then, to have been awarded a grant.

TCF: *Is there anything about your experience with TCF you'd like to add?*

DC: This past year, our guild made a monetary donation to YouthBuild, which is one of the teams that participated in Run For It. This sponsor contribution was made in appreciation for all of their help with setting up the Log Cabin Quilters' Show in 2022. You can say they were the "muscle" behind the quilt show!

TCF: *How many people are currently in the LCQG?*

DC: There are close to 60 guild members. The majority of them live in the counties surrounding Randolph County, with some from Greenbrier, Kanawha, Monongalia, Ohio, Pocahontas, and Wayne counties. The state of West Virginia is well represented. Also, there are those living out-of-state who hold membership in our guild. The Log Cabin Quilters' Show is the main avenue where members are recruited. Our targeted recruitment group is young adults as they will be our future quilters. Thankfully, we are getting new members, with a few being young people. I'm happy to say that the LCQG has several current projects that concentrate on kids and teens. We're trying to keep the tradition going!

IN MEMORIAM

We lost some good ones in 2022. These folks helped create or donated to funds that were created by their parents, families, or others to help our communities thrive. Not to mention the countless other ways this group served throughout their lives. We're going to miss them and so will the many others whose lives they touched.



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**ARLENE M. TAYLOR
 SNYDER**



SEPT 17, 1927 - JUN 1, 2022
**RUBY K. KLINE
 ALLISON**



OCT 19, 1931 - MAR 22, 2022
**DR. ROBERT JOHN
 KLEIN**



APR 25, 1949 - DEC 25, 2022
WAYNE CLARK SMITH



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 MAR 18, 1930 - MAY 19, 2022
LORETTA V. COOPER

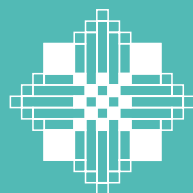


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