

# Nicholas County Community Foundation

## A Report To The Community

### Dedicated to Nicholas County, Now and Forever

Community Foundations across the country are helping people invest in the future of the communities they care about. Over the next several decades trillions of dollars are expected to be transferred from one generation to the next, in Nicholas County it is estimated

that over \$10 million dollars will be transferred in the next decade. The philanthropic opportunity during this transfer has the potential to improve the quality of life in urban areas as well and small towns. Community Foundations such as NCCF will continue to support

education, health, human services, environment and arts and culture. Utilizing the community foundation model collective assets are focused for good works helping people of all means give back and make a difference.

“As our population ages a

growing number of people are remembering Nicholas County Community Foundation in their estate planning,” said executive director Stacy Raffo. “They are ensuring their legacy in Nicholas County while the organizations and charities they care about are supported

in perpetuity through a single gift with a few instructions.” Individuals or couples interested in learning more about legacy estate planning or establishing a fund at the community foundation can contact Stacy at nccfwv@gmail.com or by calling 872-0202. The

Nicholas County Community Foundation is a local nonprofit serving Nicholas County. WE provide donors a simple, powerful and highly personal approach to giving so their gifts do goods works within the community this year, next year and forever.

## Scholarship recipients continue studies around the state

Each year, Nicholas County Community Foundation awards several scholarships to individuals from around the county. In the last 6 years, NCCF has awarded over \$75,000 in scholarships to graduating high school students, as well as adult learners. The 2015 recipients were truly the top of their class in every way; high academic achievement, community servants, school leaders and exceptional athletes.

The **Seelinger Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship** was established as a tribute to Terry Seelinger and the former Seelinger Foundation. Terry Seelinger was an exceptional business man. He was especially successful in the coal, gas and timber industries. Terry and his wife, Francis, were always charitable within the community. In 2008, Kay Seelinger Duvall ceased operations of the Seelinger Family Foundation; transferring the assets to the Nicholas County Community Foundation, at which time the Seelinger Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship was established. In 2014, Mrs. Duvall gifted a home to NCCF. The proceeds from that sale were used to establish



**Andrew Hamilton on his graduation day at WVU.**

an endowed fund to ensure the scholarship in perpetuity. The criteria for the scholarship requires that the student not only excel academically, but also has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit through their work or community involvement. The 2015 recipients are Mr. Levi Mowery and Ms. Christy Hamilton.

Levi is a 2015 RHS graduate. He led his class in academic success as a member of the National Honor Society, a Promise Scholarship recipient, and an AP scholar.

Levi was also a member of the Cross Country, Track and Field, Football and Basketball teams. Levi was involved in numerous school and community activities, as well as working up to 40 hours a week. Levi is attending WVU to study Biology with aspirations to attend medical school.

The NCHS awardee was Christy Hamilton, Christy also graduated at the top of her class with numerous honors. She was a member of the National Honor Society, a Promise Scholarship recipient, active member of FBLA, as well as member of the Volleyball and Basketball teams. Christy has demonstrated her work ethic at numerous positions as well; through nannying and her community and church involvement. Christy is the daughter of CJ and Alice Hamilton of Summersville. She will study Dental Hygiene at WVU.

The past recipients of the Seelinger Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship are:

#### RHS

- 2010 – Ashley Skaggs
- 2011 – Sam Tindal
- 2012 – Rebecca Barker, studying architecture at Virginia Tech



**RHS recipients Shanley Amick, John Bard and Levi Mowery are pictured with Ms. Cammie Chapman at RHS Awards Day.**

- 2013 Cory Chambers, studies engineering at West Virginia University
- 2014 Jacob Suffridge, studying engineering at West Virginia University

#### NCHS

- 2010 – Courtney Corbitt, graduated and works as a Registered Nurse at SRMC
- 2011 – Andrew Hamilton, graduated with a degree in Geology from WVU. He will begin working at an oil field

company in November after completing a geology study.

- 2012 – Megan Francis – graduated from New River Community and Technical College with an associate’s degree in Licensed Practical Nursing. She works at Central Regional Jail in Flatwoods as an LPN.

• 2013 – Grayson Kemmerling, studies engineering at West Virginia University

• 2014 – Jared Tharp, studying engineering at Marshall

University.

The **Paul Nettles Memorial Scholarship** was established as a tribute to Paul Nettles to be awarded to an RHS graduate who plays at least 3 consecutive seasons of a sport. Paul was a well-respected teacher and coach in Richwood. He was a caring but firm coach and teacher who helped his pupils achieve their best. Paul was also a dedicated resident of Richwood; always assisting with projects and spearheading a fundraising campaign to resurface the track at Dean Field. After his untimely death, a scholarship in his honor was established by his wife, Debbie, and daughters, Jill and Pam. Each year a very successful 3-on-3 basketball tournament is held to raise funds for the scholarship. In 2014, the scholarship reached its endowment as it surpassed \$20,000.

This scholarship is truly the culmination of many efforts in the community of individuals and businesses and serves as a point of much pride. The 2015 recipient is Ms. Shanley Amick. Shanley was a mem-

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## Scholarships,

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ber of both the Track and Field and Cross Country teams. Serving as the CC Captain her senior year, she competed in the state competition every season in track. In addition to her athletic success, Shanley has served as Class President, Student Body President, a 4-year member of Student Council, National Honor Society Member as well as participated as a volunteer with several organizations. Shanley held a 4.0 GPA having already earned several college credits by taking AP courses. She is also a recipient of the WV Promise Scholarship. Shanley plans to study Nursing.

• 2014 – Hannah Brown, studying Exercise Physiology at West Virginia University.

• 2013 – Cory Chambers, studies engineering at West Virginia University

The **James and Elizabeth Skidmore Scholarship** was established by Ms. Elizabeth Skidmore in 2013 as a tribute to her husband James, a Richwood native. Mr. Skidmore was a WWII veteran who utilized the GI Bill to study at WVU, where he was an avid student. Jim was Junior Class president in 1948 and elected again as Senior Class President in 1949. In his junior year, Jim reorganized the Junior Prom held for the first time since the war. He was a member of the Student Debating Squad, the Varsity Debating Squad and Delta Sigma Rho., national forensic honorary. Jim attended the national congress of that organization in Chicago, and in March of 1948, he traveled to Chicago as a delegate to the National Student Assembly of the United Nations. Jim was a member of Mountain Senior Men's honorary and Sphinx, a Senior Men's Honorary, and

was the student chairman in charge of arranging the state high school basketball tournament held at the University.

Jim did all these things while managing to graduate in 1949, with full honors after just three years. He was a pioneer in the computer industry and remained in that field throughout his career; working at and founding several very successful companies as well as working for the government. The 2015 Skidmore recipient is Mr. John Bard of Richwood. John graduated at the top of his class with numerous honors including Promise recipient, AP Scholar, National Merit Scholar and member of the National Honor Society. John was also involved in many activities for his class, as well as member of the Track and Field, Cross County, Baseball teams and standout basketball player. John will be attending WVU as a Bio-Chemistry major.

• 2014 – Ashley Burgess, studies nursing at West Virginia University.

2014 seen a new scholarship added. The **Chris Yagel Memorial Scholarship** was established by Chris' father, Art. This scholarship is intended for an NCHS student who was a member of either the band or the soccer team; as Chris was while a student as NCHS. The inaugural recipient was Ms. Allison Givens of Nettie. Allison was an exceptional student while at NCHS, graduating with honors. She is a Promise Scholarship recipient, a member of the National Honor Society, FBLA, student council, Rotary Interact, as well as being a 4-year member of the soccer team. Allison plans to study engineering at West Virginia University.

The **John Gary Tomsho Memorial Scholarship** was created by Dr. Mark Tomsho in honor of his brother who

tragically lost his life in a motorcycle accident. Tomsho had left high school years earlier but had returned to school to get his life on track at the time of his death. Dr. Tomsho honors his brother by awarding the scholarship to a non-traditional student who has also left high school but either returns to finish or completes their GED; then seeks to continue their education. The 2015 recipient is Ms. Jennifer Gray. Jennifer is a single mother of 3 who left high school after the birth of a child, but obtained her GED. She has an excellent work ethic and now will continue her education studying Business Administration at New River Community and Technical College.

Fred and Barbara Reed had a unique vision when they established the **Reed Expanding Horizons Scholarship** in 2012. This scholarship is awarded to a 13-18 year old resident of Nicholas County

who seeks an educational opportunity. Eligible programs include educational and sports camps, leadership camps, travel opportunities, as well as career exploration opportunities and programs. The inaugural recipient was Savannah King of Fenwick Mountain, who will utilize it to attend horse camp. Savannah, daughter of Lisa and Dave King, will be an eighth grader at Richwood Middle School this fall. She is an avid horseman who has been involved with horses her entire life. Savannah has aspirations to have a career involving horses. She hopes the camp will help her learn more about those opportunities as well as expand her knowledge of horses.

To learn more about starting a scholarship fund please contact our executive director, Stacy Raffo at 872-0202 or nccfww@gmail.com.

## Financial Matters

Community Foundations assist donors in making a lasting impact on their favorite charitable causes and non-profit organizations. Regardless if you support your alma mater, art and culture, youth programming, senior or veteran services or environmental issues a gift to NCCF can make your generosity continue forever. With the creation of an endowed fund or adding to an existing one you can continue your tradition of giving long after you are gone.

NCCF keeps our operating costs low in order to grow funds to award grants back to the community, we thrive by focusing on long term growth and awarding grants and scholarships only from investment gains. Last year with endowments of just over \$2.9M we were able to award over \$121,000 in grants. As we are the youngest community foundation in state we know from the examples of other foundations around the state that we will continue to grow and each year be able to make more of an impact on the lives of the citizens of Nicholas County.

The Nicholas County Community Foundation Investment Committee is chaired by President, F. Bruce Tallamy, bringing his numerous years of banking experience and expertise to our committee. Other members of the committee include business and fi-

nance professionals from around the county, this group meets periodically throughout the year to monitor our investment returns, our investment policies and our spending policies.

To support the operations of the Community Foundation, each fund with less than \$1 million is assessed a yearly fee of 1%, funds over \$1 million are assessed a yearly fee of 0.50% These funds provide the majority of our yearly operating budget, the remainder is provided by generous donations by individuals and business. Our funds that are not assessed yearly fees until they reach full endowment. NCCF would like to thank BB&T, City of Summersville, Community Trust Bank and our individual donors who assist with providing financial support for our operations. Our 2014 operating budget was \$59,659, we finished with a surplus of \$12,890 which was added as a surplus to our 2015 budget bringing it to \$53,469.

Our 2013 audit, 990 and investment summary are available upon request.

Total Assests (as of 7/1/2015) \$3,172,632  
Total grants and scholarships \$605,675  
Total 2014 grants and scholarships \$121,789  
2015 Operating expenses \$53,469

## Meet our Executive Director

In 2013, Stacy Raffo took over as Executive Director of Nicholas County Community Foundation. Immediately prior to coming to the foundation, Stacy worked at New River Community and Technical College in the Workforce Education department coordinating continuing and community education classes.

Stacy grew up in Richwood and is a 1997 graduate of Richwood High School. She then continued her education at Concord University, studying Travel Industry Management and Marketing, Promotion and Development. After living within WV and out of state, Stacy and her family returned to Nicholas County in 2007.

Raffo is community minded and involved in many organizations. She is a lifelong member of 4-H and currently serves as the Leader of the Craigsville club and as a camp

counselor. She is PTA President at Gauley River Elementary, on the Board of Directors for Craigsville Little League, serves as a Little League coach and umpire, a member of Summersville Rotary Club, St. John's Catholic Church and a dedicated volunteer at her children's schools.

"I feel so fortunate to work in a capacity that truly makes Nicholas County a better place to live each and every day. Our donors, as well as community organizations that receive funding, are dedicated to improving the quality of life in Nicholas County," stated Raffo about working with NCCF. "I truly have the best job in the world and wake up happy to go to work every day."

Stacy and her husband, Lance, reside in Craigsville with their daughters Quinn and Reagan.



Stacy Raffo



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# Leading the Way



The NCCF Board of Directors includes, front, from left, Cammie Chapman, Patty Bright and Vickie Nutter. Back row, from left, are Bruce Tallamy, Wally Howerton, Mary Igo, Dan Ritchey and Robert Shafer.

Not pictured: Robert Johnson, Tamara Mullins, Bruce Ferguson, Rich Kiser, John Miller and Mike Perilli.

NCCF is fortunate to have a strong and engaged board of directors representing all areas of Nicholas County. Our board meets 6 times a year; each member serves on at least one of our committees.

F. Bruce Tallamy, president, served in the US Navy then was employed in the financial service industry retiring from Branch Bank and Trust Co as area President after 33 years of service. Bruce serves as the Investment Committee Chair; as well as on the Finance committee.

Michael Perilli, vice president, is a graduate of Marshall University with a degree in Marketing and Retailing. Having worked in the banking industry, he also serves as the WV State Bank Examiner before having started a coal brokerage business. He has served on numerous boards including the WV Coal Association, Seneca Mental Health, NC Community Action and currently on the BB&T Advisory Board. Mike and his wife Martha reside in Summersville.

Rich Kiser, treasurer, is a Nicholas County resident who enjoys golf. Rich is a CPA for Northside Development and provides his expertise to the Foundation. Rich chairs the Finance Committee.

Daniel Ritchey, secretary,

is a newcomer to Nicholas County. Dan owns Dan Ritchey State Farm in Richwood as well as Gauley Mountain Molding and Millworks in Craigsville. A Marshall graduate and busy father of 3, Dan enjoys the outdoor activities in the area. He serves on the Grant Distribution committee.

Cammie Chapman, is the managing member of law firm of Davis & Chapman, PLLC, in Summersville. She is a graduate of Nicholas County High School and West Virginia University College of Law. Since returning to Nicholas County in 2000, Ms. Chapman has been the Secretary/Treasurer of the Summersville Public Library. She also serves on the Board of Trustee for West Virginia Children Home Society. She is a member of the West Virginia Court Improvement Program Committee.

Vickie Nutter of Summersville serves on the Marketing Committee. Vickie is a long time educator, having served NCBOE in many capacities including currently as Attendance Director. Vickie is very involved in the community with various projects.

Patty Bright is the Chair of the Marketing Committee, she also serves on the Grant Distribution Committee. Patty was a founding member of NCCF and the Friends R Fun Foundation. She is

truly a community servant and continues to be involved in many organizations. Patty and her husband Bill, reside in Summersville.

Bruce Ferguson is the chair of the Asset Review Committee as well as member of the Investment committee. Bruce is a lifelong Nicholas County resident. He and his wife, Pam, currently live in Summersville. Bruce is a skilled businessman, working with his brother Steve to

develop Northside Development and several local businesses.

Wally Howerton serves on the Marketing and Scholarship committees. Wally is a very involved resident of Richwood. He has spearheaded many projects in Richwood, including the Family Center and Richwood Academic Boosters.

Mary M. Igo Regional Director of Operations for

the Nicholas County Campus of New River Community and Technical College has been employed by New River since 2002. Igo has an R.B.A. from Glenville State College and an M.B.A. from Salem International University. Igo is currently the President of the Summersville Rotary Club, Secretary of the Summersville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Vice President of both the 4-H Leader's Association and the Nicholas County Community Action Partnership Board.

Tamara Mullins of Summersville chairs the Scholarship Committee and serves on the Marketing Committee. Tamara moved to the area with her husband Bandy, a Nicholas County native. They have 4 active children.

Robert Shafer, Mayor of Summersville, is currently serving his third term as Mayor of the City of Summersville. He owns and operates Shafer Insurance Associates LLC, an independent insurance agency established in 1992. Robert serves on numerous boards of directors to support economic growth and improve the quality of life in southern West Virginia. Having served his country as a Marine he is an avid supporter of the military and our Veterans.

Robert Johnson, Mayor of Richwood, Three-term, small-city mayor. Former

nonprofit director. Bob holds B.S. in Public Service Administration, WVUIT. Serves on WV 211 board; New River Community and Technical College Foundation, Appalachian Forest Heritage Area board, WVU Extension Service Committee for Nicholas County, Try This WV steering committee and KEY-S4HEALTHYKIDS initiative.

John Miller, County Commission, born and raised in Nicholas County, was an educator or administrator for 34 years. He is currently serving as Nicholas County Commissioner. John and his wife, Beverly, have 3 sons.

All elected board member terms are three (3) years. With approximately 1/3 of the terms expiring each year. The Mayors of both the City of Richwood and the City of Summersville are also given a seat on the Board of Directors which they may choose to fill or they may appoint a designee for their term of office. A seat on the Board of Directors is also designated for one (1) member of the County Commission. No member of the Board of Directors may be reappointed or reelected to serve on the Board when he or she has been on the Board for three (3) consecutive terms; however, a member may be elected again after a respite of one year.



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# Foundation grows to 29 funds

In just a few short years, a dream of several local citizens has grown to 29 funds totaling over \$3.1M; with the addition of 4 new funds in 2014 and 2 before July 1 of 2015. NCCF offers donors several different options and fund levels to help fulfill their charitable wishes.

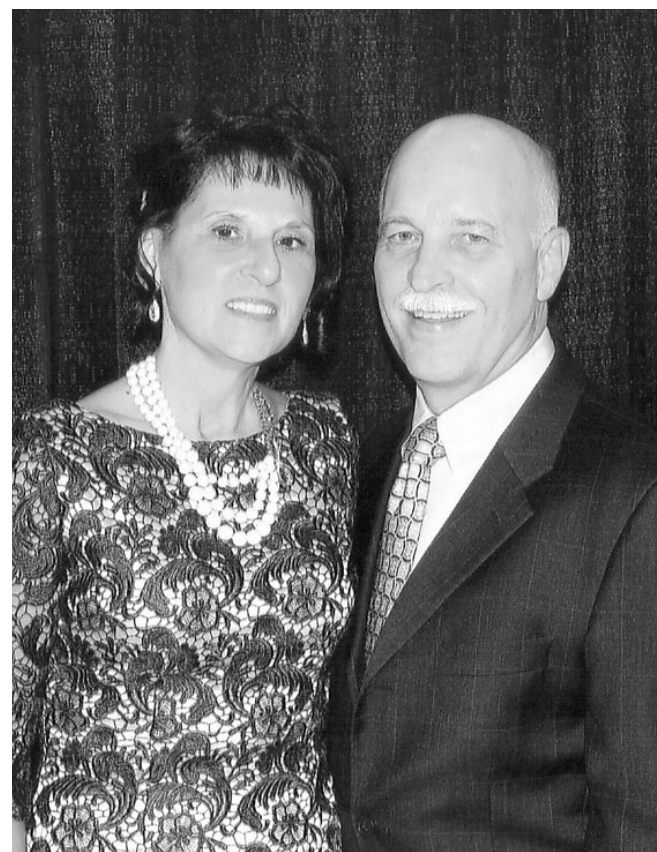
The **Friends of Richwood** fund was established in July 2014 by the Richwood Area Chamber of Commerce. This fund will support the preservation of Camp Splinter as well as the Feast of the Ramson and Scenic Mountain Triathlon. The **Seelinger Family Scholarship Fund** was created from the proceeds of a home that was donated to the foundation by Mrs. Kay Seelinger Duvall. In December of 2014 two new funds were added; the **Taylor Family Fund** and the **Chris Yagel Memorial Scholarship**.

The **Taylor Family Fund** was established by Mariane and Dr. Michael Taylor who started a donor advised fund

to give back to the community.

Marianne, as chair of the Summersville Christmas Store, has seen how instrumental grant funding from NCCF can be. This donor advised fund will make gifts at the discretion of the Taylor Family. The **Chris Yagel Memorial Scholarship** was established in honor of Chris, an NCHS graduate, by his father Art Yagel. This scholarship will benefit an NCHS graduate who participated in soccer or band.

Two funds that utilized the Building Over Time option became fully endowed in 2014. Shortly after the 2014 Paul Nettles Memorial Tournament, the **Paul Nettles Memorial Scholarship** surpassed its \$20,000 endowment goal. This scholarship continues to grow through generous gifts and the annual fundraiser. In 2015, the scholarship was able to provide a \$1,000 scholarship! The **Bright Employees Fund** also reached its goal of \$10,000, created by the employees



Marianne and Michael Taylor

of the Bright group to honor William Bright. This fund was endowed by yearly gifts from employees. This fund will be utilized to help students in Nicholas County overcome barriers to learning, by providing financial assistance.

NCCF offers a variety of fund types to fit the needs of every donor: Agency Endowed,

non-profit organization.

- Friends of Richwood Fund established by Richwood Area Chamber of Commerce – 2014

#### Donor Advised Funds

A Donor Advised Fund allows you to make a tax-deductible gift to the foundation, then recommend grants to non-profit organizations you support affecting the issues you care most about. This is a simple, effective and personal approach to giving.

- Bruce & Cindy Tallamy Fund - 2009
- Joy & Steve Ferguson Family Fund – 2009
- Bruce & Betty Sigler Fund – 2009
- Perilli Family Legacy Fund – 2012
- Dr. Michael & Marianne Taylor Family Fund – 2014

#### Donor Designated Funds

Donor Designated funds allow a donor to support a specific non-profit organization(s) or specific project within an organization during your lifetime and beyond. This type of fund ensures that the causes you care about will receive support over a period of time.

- Antoline Family Fund to benefit Wilderness Volunteer Fire Department – 2009
- Perilli Family Fund to provide basic necessities to needy infants born at SRMC – 2009
- Bruce & Pam Ferguson Fund to assist SRMC with purchase of basic necessities – 2009

#### Agency Endowed Funds

Non-profits, churches and other 501(c)(3) charities can establish an Agency Endowed Fund; a simple and efficient way to ensure the sustainability for your

- Stephen & Martha Davis Family Fund to benefit Summersville Public Library and NCCF -2009

- William T. & Patricia Bright Fund to assist SES students in overcoming barriers to learning – 2009

- Bright Employee Fund to assist SMS students in overcoming barriers to learning – 2009

#### Organization Funds

Non-profit organizations can create an endowed fund to protect charitable dollars while providing a stable, predictable source of income for your organization.

- Summersville Regional Medical Center

#### Field of Interest Funds

A Field of Interest Fund can support the evolving needs and a variety of nonprofits by focusing on a broad area of interest. Donors select these funds to support areas of interest such as education, childcare, arts, parks & recreation, healthcare or specific geographic areas. NCCF make grants in perpetuity to non-profits that serves the donor's field interest.

- Seelinger Family Foundation Fund
- Alpha Natural Resources Fund for Nicholas County
- Bread of Life Food Pantry

#### Scholarship Funds

Your generosity can help students pursue their educational

dreams with a Scholarship Fund. Funds can be used to support an educational opportunity, a specific institution, or course of study.

- Seelinger Family Foundation Scholarship Fund

- Expanding Horizons Fund established by Fred & Barbara Reed

- Paul Nettles Memorial Scholarship Fund

- James & Elizabeth Skidmore Scholarship Fund

- Belinda Luzia McClung Memorial Scholarship

- John Gary Tomsho Memorial Scholarship

- Chris Yagel Memorial Scholarship
- HC Memorial Scholarship Fund

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NCCF works with our donors to learn about your charitable goals and wishes over time; discussing potential fund options and providing you with time to make the right decision, but also allow you to start your tax-deductible giving.

- Walter Energy Fund

#### Funds To Be Deter-

#### Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are our most flexible type of fund, as it allows the foundation to address the most pressing needs in the county as they change over time. You can help provide broad based support for the future of Nicholas County by establishing or contributing to an unrestricted fund.

- NCCF Unrestricted Fund
- Jim & Cathy Justice Family Fund

#### Non-Endowed Agency Funds

Many non-profit organizations have a rainy day fund set aside in CD's or savings accounts for unexpected expenses or long-term future projects. NCCF

provides another investment opportunity; allowing the utilization of our monitored, diversified investments to achieve greater growth.

- Friends R Fun Foundation
- Summersville Public Library

Contributions to any of our funds can be made by individuals or groups. Many prefer to make a gift in memory of a friend or loved one as a way to have a lasting impact in our county. We are very thankful for each and every one of our donors. Many still live here, while others once did or still consider Nicholas County "home". In 2014, \$311,341 in contributions were made to our funds. As of June 30, 2015, \$99,963 has been contributed to our funds. The following gifts were made to NCCF from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. If your name was omitted, we apologize for our oversight.

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| • Air Evac #103                | & Amanda Carpenter      | • Kay Duvall               | Michelle Johnson                    | Automotive                          | Raffo                           |
| • Anonymous                    | • Cammie L. Chapman     | • J. Steven & Joy Ferguson | • Susan Johnson                     | • Michael Perilli                   | • Bruce Tallamy                 |
| • Steve & Jamie Antoline       | • Ronald & Sara Chapman | • R. Bruce & Pam Ferguson  | • Frank & Janie Jorgenson           | • Plum Creek                        | • Marianne & Dr. Michael Taylor |
| • Alpha Natural Resources      | • City of Summersville  | • Ellis & Kristina Frame   | • Mystie Leivasy                    | • Richwood Area Chamber of Commerce | • Jo Clare Vassiliou            |
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| • George & Donna Blankenship   | • Craig's Auto          | • Friends R Fun            | • Aaron Maloney                     | • Max Scott                         | • Nancy & William White         |
| • Bright Enterprises           | • Jim & Jane Davis      | • Kevin & Sharon Fry       | • Vickie Mowery                     | • Robert & Shauna Shafer            | • Travis Wills                  |
| • William T. & Patricia Bright | • Mary Claire Davis     | • Jose Gomez               | • Mt. Nebo St. Patrick's Day Parade | • Cynthia & Ed Shelton              | • Nancy White Woodruff          |
| • Jill & Robert Butcher        | • Steve & Marty Davis   | • Keith & Tessie Hagerich  | • Tamara & Bandy Mullins            | • Elizabeth Skidmore                | • Art Yagel                     |
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# NCCF now Offers Non-Endowed Funds

Nicholas County Community Foundation has grown over the last 5 years from its inception; now boasting 29 separate endowed funds totaling over \$3.1 million dollars. NCCF will now allow non-profit groups, churches and other not-for-profit organizations to utilize the same sound investment strategy for non-endowed funds. This is an excellent alternative for those organizations who have money in CD's or savings accounts garnering little to no earnings.

Market fluctuations emphasize the need for diversified, stable and predictable sources of income. Just as you would with your personal investments, it may be wise to consider a "funding mix" to provide stability for your organization. An important part of the mix may be a non-endowed fund with NCCF. This option utilizes a pool of assets that generates income and will to grow over time. Like your personal savings, it can

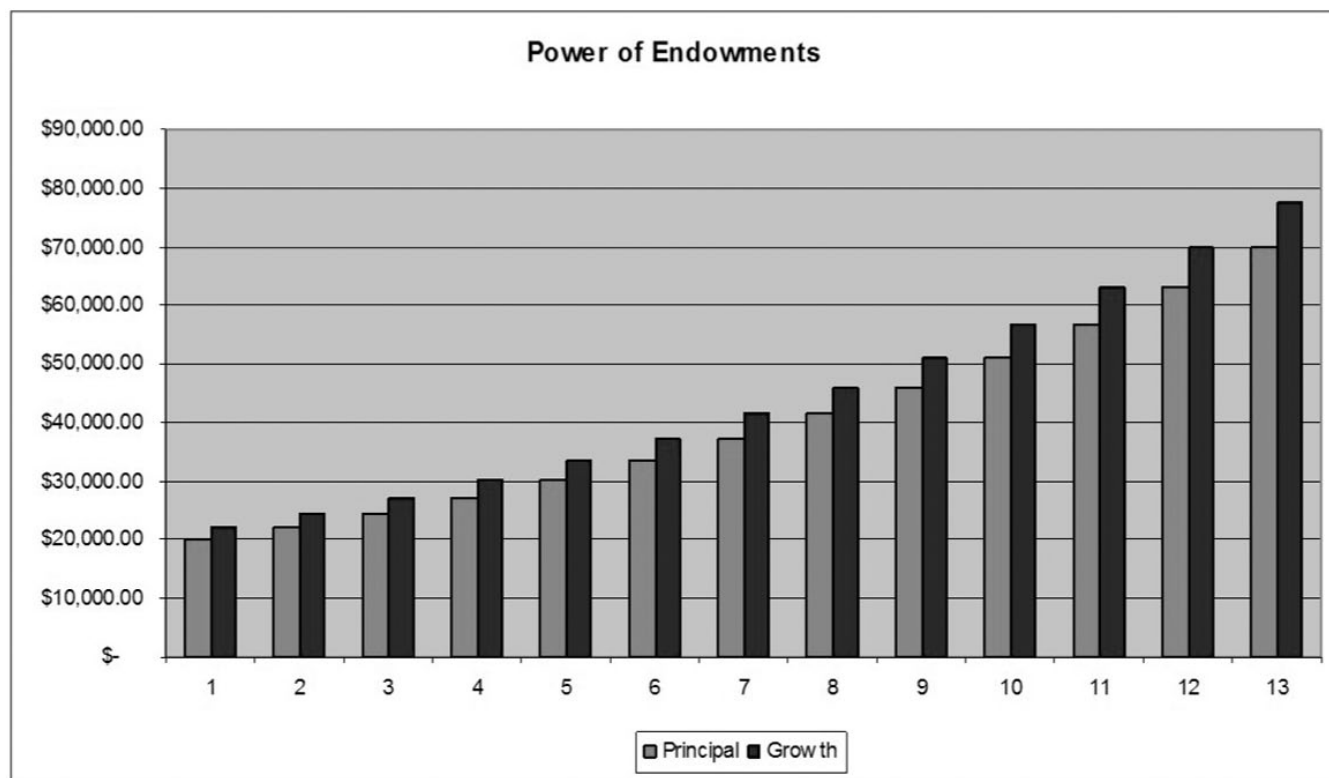
provide a source of additional income each year. A non-endowed fund:

Is a non-permanent fund that can be withdrawn at any time, without penalty, but has the advantage of being invested in a diversified, professionally managed portfolio.

Provides a resource to your organization for a short or long term period of time and can protect you from future adversity.

Delivers a strong message to donors about your fiscal prudence and long-term commitment to your organization. This can attract donors who may currently make modest annual gifts, but have the capacity to leave significant bequests or legacy gifts for permanent endowments.

We have an experienced and dedicated investment committee reviewing our investments. Our target return provides for: annual grants payouts, foundation support fees, and growth in principal over time.



By utilizing a non-endowed fund, an organization could provide needed revenue to continue projects without

ever using the principal balance or utilize the income to start an endowed fund; without ever fundraising or re-

allocating monies. To learn more about non-endowed funds or set up a time for the Executive Director to come

speak to your group, please call Stacy Raffo at 872-0202 or 651-8453.



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# NCCF Grant making Continues to Make a Difference in Nicholas County

Over the past 6 years Nicholas County Community Foundation has awarded over \$500,000 in grants and scholarships throughout Nicholas County to over 50 organizations. Various non-profits and government organizations have benefited from the long-lasting impact the grant awards have made. To be considered for a grant from the NCCF, an applicant must be a private, not-for-profit organization, as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a public institution. The applicant or the program to be funded must be located in or serve Nicholas County. The 2015 application is available on our website at [nccfvw.com](http://nccfvw.com). Applications are due September 1st.

In 2014, NCCF awarded over \$115,000 to 15 organizations for a variety of projects throughout the county. The majority of the funds awarded are from the Seelinger Family Foundation Fund, with donor advised fund holders contributing to causes or projects. Grant distribution chair Cammie Chapman stated, "Each year we receive more requests for greater funding. The committee always has a very difficult time determining funding. We know we are making a difference in Nicholas County. It is nice to drive through the county and see projects or programs that were impacted from a NCCF grant award."



The Summersville Christmas Store

The recently formed Lumberjack Revue Show Choir was one of the 2014 grant award recipients. The money was utilized to purchase uniforms for the 152 member group. Comprised of students from Richwood Middle School and Richwood High School under the direction of Mr. Michael Fox, the group has grown from around 30 kids to over 150 in 3 short years. With a student population of less than 700, the number of members is quite astounding as well as challenging in terms of providing uniforms and equipment. The Lumberjack Revue was awarded a grant of \$7,200 to assist with purchase of uniforms for their highly anticipated yearly show. "The Nicholas County Community Foundation is a tremendous as-



The Lumberjack Revue Show Choir

set to our communities in Nicholas County. Without their grant funding, purchasing uniforms for my choir would have been nearly impossible. Their funding directly benefited over 150 students at Richwood Middle School and Richwood High School."

stated Michael Fox. He continued, "It is important to realize that when students feel good, and have confidence, their performance (or anything for that matter) is much more successful and NCCF has made that possible! Many of my students were actu-

ally inspired to give back to their community when they learned what NCCF had done for The Lumberjack Revue!"

The Summersville Christmas Store also greatly benefited from the grant awards receiving \$6,000 in grants from the Seelinger Family Fund, as well as Steve and Joy Ferguson. The store assists low income families from the western half of Nicholas County. This organization provides families with two gifts for each child under 18 and 1 for each parent in the household at a minimal cost. Through fundraising and donations they are able to serve over 100 families each year. Held each year in early December at the Summersville Convention Center the event is completely a volunteer effort

with nearly 80 volunteers helping throughout the process. NCCF Executive Director Stacy Raffo, a long time Christmas Store volunteer, spoke about the event. "During a busy season it is so nice to be able to help serve others who may be struggling at a point in their lives. When a mother leaves with tears in her eyes clutching the only presents her children will have under the tree it is very overwhelming yet humbling."

The 2014 Grant recipients were:

- The Summersville Christmas Store
- Seelinger Family Fund Scholarships
- Ivy & Stone Council for the Arts
- Leivasy People's Place
- Nicholas County Senior Center
- Nicholas County Veteran's Memorial Park
- Make-a-Wish
- Love Works Inc.
- NCHS English Department
- Family Resource Center
- Birch River Elementary School
- Nicholas County Reading Association
- City of Summersville
- The Lumberjack Revue Show Choir
- Old Main Foundation
- Nicholas County Fair Association

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# NCCF Introduces Community Catalyst Fund

Nicholas County Community Foundation has a new program; the Community Catalyst Fund, which will be beneficial to donors and recipient organizations. The Community Catalyst Fund is a membership driven approach to giving. Similar to a giving circle, community members will make a tax deductible \$300 donation to be a member of the fund. Through pooling the resources with other members a more substantial impact will be achieved.

The goal of the Community Catalyst Fund is to

give away half of the donations to community organizations and endow the other half in the unrestricted fund. By building and growing NCCF's unrestricted fund, it will allow NCCF to be more responsive to evolving community needs in the future, and the added ability to award funds throughout the year. The Community Catalyst Funds will be awarded in a fun, new and unique manner. Organizations seeking funding will complete a short application and then prepare a 3 minute pitch for their orga-

nization. In a Shark Tank type event, 5 selected organizations will present their pitches at a Pitch Night held on October 15th to the Community Catalyst fund Membership. Each member will then cast one vote for the organization they would like to award the funds. Three organizations will be awarded \$5,000 that night at a reception held after the pitch process. "We are really excited about this new program," stated Executive Director, Stacy Raffo. Raffo continued, "This will be a fun event and an inter-

esting way for the community to be involved in the grant awards process. This is truly community driven."

The Community Catalyst Fund Membership is open to all members of the community. The only requirement is at least a \$300 donation. Cammie Chapman, Chairperson of the Community Catalyst Fund Committee spoke about the new program. "This is a great way for younger and new donors to be involved with Nicholas County Community Foundation. We under-

stand that some people just aren't at the place in their lives to start a fund. With this program, you can combine resources with others to have a bigger impact and be involved in the process of determining who receives the funds. Pitch Night is going to be a fun event for all involved."

Organizations interested in applying for funds must be 501(c)(3) not for profit organizations, public institutions and governmental entities. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to; schools and educa-

tional programs, parks and recreation projects, extracurricular organizations, governing bodies, athletic associations, fine arts centers and cultural and historical societies. All projects should be ready to begin immediately if funding is awarded. Applications are available at [nccfwv.com](http://nccfwv.com).

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Community Catalyst Fund Membership or have questions please contact Stacy Raffo at 304-872-0202 or [nccfwv@gmail.com](mailto:nccfwv@gmail.com).

**COMMUNITY CATALYST FUND**

Nicholas County Community Foundation

The Community Catalyst Fund is a new way to give. Members pool their resources to make larger, collective grants to non-profit organizations

Nicholas County's Community Foundation, NCCF, connects passion, interest and resources with opportunities

Membership is open to anyone, even former Nicholas County residents or people who ❤️ Nicholas County

Pool your charitable gift with your like-minded peers your \$300 can have a greater impact. You will also make new connections and learn about new challenges and opportunities facing the community

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**PITCH NIGHT**  
**10.15.2015**

Summersville Arena & Conference Center  
Pitches begin at 5:30, reception following

**the details**

Membership in the Community Catalyst Fund requires a \$300 tax deductible gift which will be used for combined grantmaking. Membership entitles you to one vote at Pitch Night.

Non-profit groups and organizations can apply using the simple, one page application. 5 groups will be selected to present at Pitch Night for a grant up to \$5,000

Pitch Night will be a fun, lively event, selected groups will present a 5 minute pitch for their grant request. Members will vote for their favorite, 3 grants will be awarded.

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