It hardly seems possible that more than twelve years have passed since we started building the Community Foundation of Burke County.

Looking back, in the beginning, we were long on commitment and determination and short on knowledge and experience. To this day, I remain grateful for the wisdom of our founders and those initial boards who raised this grand organization from its infancy and placed it on firm footing.

Over the years, we have learned so much about the incredible value of long-term, charitable investments in the future of our community. So many good people have done great things through endowments, donor advised funds, and scholarships. We have watched satisfied donors achieve their goals. We have heard from local nonprofits who have been assisted by our grants. We have met and been inspired by students who are making the most of their scholarships.

Many of you have served on our committees and on our Board of Directors. You have sent us checks – large and small – to contribute to our collective good. You have volunteered with our nonprofits. You have established a Fund or helped establish a Fund. Each of you has participated in the transformation of the nonprofit community in Burke County and helped others understand the mission and purpose of this community foundation.

It has been a privilege to work with you. We have forged meaningful relationships, and many of you have shaped my life as a professional and as a person.

I am deeply grateful.

As my time draws to a close at the Community Foundation, I have been impressed with the work of the Search Committee charged with finding a new Executive Director. Eddie Wall is providing excellent leadership for that group whose other able members are John Branstrom, Rountree Collett, Doris Fullwood, Marc Mitchell and Jim Rostan. The process has been thorough, intentional and careful. They hope to recommend a new leader to the Community Foundation Board of Directors at the end of November.

I know that you will join me in welcoming the new Executive Director. It is my hope that the two of us will overlap and work together in December before I leave at year’s end. After January 1, I plan to continue to work for the betterment of this community and support the nonprofits that offer excellent programs and assistance for Burke County. I hope that you will join me in this quest.

As you carefully read this newsletter, please consider a gift to support the Community Foundation programs, community grants or endowments. Our community foundation is exactly what its name implies – a foundation that serves the entire Burke County community. We rely upon your support to increase the scope of our work. To date, we have awarded more than $4 million in grants thanks to many of you. Please help us continue our good work and please accept our gratitude for your service and gifts.
The CFBC Board of Directors allocated unrestricted funds to be used for the most effective projects addressing current needs in Burke County. Additional community grants were made from the Avery-Causby Endowment, Camp Lake James Endowment, Community Fund, John L. and Caroline W. Kos Endowment, Ann Cornwell Patton and George Thomas Cornwell Endowment, Betsy and Billy Joe Patton Endowment, Emanuel A. and Romilda P. Richard Endowment, William E. and Laura Ervin Smith Endowment, Donald and Betty Taylor Endowment and Carl H. and Linda S. Wall Endowment

Chaired by Eddie Wall, the Grants Committee diligently researched existing needs in Burke County and programs that are meeting those needs. Detailed applications were reviewed and site visits were conducted by Grants Committee members Bill Brinkley, Don McCall, Martha McMurray-Russ, Diana Spangler-Crawford, Jean VanNoppen and Otis Wilson.

The following organizations have received grants:

- Good Samaritan Clinic $20,868 to hire a part-time development director for long-term sustainability
- Burke Council on Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency $20,000 for the Flynn Recovery Community Outreach Center $12,500 for the Workforce Development Program
- Burke Charitable Properties $12,140 for a new roof
- East Burke Christian Ministries $10,000 for General Assistance with low income families
- Options $10,000 for rent and utilities assistance for women trying to live independently
- Exploring Joara $8,000 for a 16th century living history exhibit
- Hildebran United Methodist Church $7,500 to update kitchen equipment for outreach nutritional ministries
- Blue Ridge Community Action $7,125 for the Circles Initiative in Burke County
- Barium Springs $5,000 to recruit 15 new foster families in Burke County
- Calvary Baptist Church $5,000 for the Shepherd's Kitchen
- Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina $5,000 for the Burke County Land & Water Conservation Project
- Mimosa Christian Counseling Center $5,000 to assist low income, eastern Burke County residents pay for counseling needs
- The Enola Group $4,960 for “comfort kits” to be used when children are removed from their homes
- Catawba Science Center $4,500 for the “Emerging Scientists” program in the Burke County Public Schools
- Burke United Christian Ministries $4,447 for crisis counseling computers and monitors
- History Museum of Burke County $3,500 for a kiosk exhibit about World War II Burke County veterans
- Mental Health Fund $2,760 for medical equipment and wellness educational materials
- A Better Life Animal Rescue $2,700 for animal related equipment to help economically challenged families keep their pets
- Burke Hospice and Palliative Care $2,500 for Camp Dragonfly, a children's grief camp
- Repay $2,500 for the Just Girls Program

$156,000 for 2012 Community Grants

“These organizations are meeting many critical needs for our community,” stated Community Foundation President Marc Mitchell. “The Foundation is proud to help them improve the quality of life for all people in Burke County.”

2012 Grant Recipients

Left to right: Chuck Moseley (Burke Council on Alcoholism & Chemical Dependency), Dewey Fox (Outreach Center), Merri Rudisill (Burke Hospice & Palliative Care), Kristy Graf (Options), Alan Barnhardt (Catawba Science Center), Jill King (Burke United Christian Ministries), Bill Allman (Burke Charitable Properties), Gale Fulbright (Hildebran United Methodist Church), April Nichols (Barium Springs), Jason May (Blue Ridge Community Action), Frances Davis (Enola Group), Almon Carr (Mental Heath Fund), Glenda Andrews (Barium Springs), Lisa Heller (Mental Heath Fund), Bill Lennon (Mimosa Christian Counseling Center), Debbie Feduke (Good Samaritan Clinic), Carolyn Yoder (East Burke Christian Ministries), Larry Thompson (Calvary Baptist Church), Peg DeMarco (A Better Life Animal Rescue, John Krebs (Exploring Joara), Renee Lewis (Repay) Not present: Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina and History Museum of Burke County
The Burke Women's Fund continues to address the mission of investing in the needs and promises of the women and families of our county. The 2012-2013 grant cycle is in place and membership is voting on the funding priorities for eight grants. The proposals were submitted by Burke County nonprofits and approved by the Grants Committee.

The grant recipients will be announced on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the annual Burke Women's Fund celebration.

This year the focus has been on the young women of Burke. The following actions were taken by the Steering Committee to maintain that emphasis:

- Creation of a $5,000 focus grant to a nonprofit that creates an opportunity for young women (between the ages of 12-18) to develop life skills which include economic development. This grant will be awarded on March 2, 2013 at our annual celebration.

- Sponsorship of a day of mentoring on November 14, the International Day of the Girl. Thirty-six Burke County Public School girls from the six high schools were provided an opportunity for shadowing and mentoring. Burke County professional women from areas including healthcare, education, cosmetology, banking, physical therapy, and the arts are volunteering their time. In all, fifteen businesses and non-profit organizations are participating in the event.

Throughout the year, the Burke Women's Fund has continued to grow its endowment. It was established in 2009 with $11,455. As of September 30, 2012, it has grown to $50,900.24. This represents an increase of 344% in the fund since inception.

The success of the Burke Women's Fund is a result of the commitment of the women listed below:

Specified Grantees:

Barbara Myers
Graciela Narten
Barbara Norvell
Marla Nutting
Shara Owensby
Lynn Pascale
Deborah Perry
Pat Phelps
Becky Phifer
Rohen Plyler
Susan Pollpeter
Sherron Previtt
Abigail Redman
Marsha Riddle
Denise Robinson
Mariel Rodgers
Janice Rostan
Linda Rostan
Naomi Rostan
Sarah Rush
Mary Marcia Salsbury
Vera Salter
Emily San Miguel
Linda Satey
Pamela Saunders
Schwind Lineage
Sharp Family
Amy Sharp
Jo Bailey Sitton
Juleigh Sitton

Specified Committees:

Juleigh Sitton
Kim Ervin Smith
Laura Smith
Diana Spangler-Crawford
Jackie Steele
Libby Stephens
Sara Lou Succop
Ruth Ann Suttle
Phyllis Sweezy
Nancy Taylor
Judith Teele
Barbara Temple
Catherine Thomas
Anne Thompson
Valdese Pilot Club
VanNoppen Women
Gwen Veezy
Waldensian Presbyterian Women
Linda Wall
Jackie Ward
Elsie M. Whisenant
Mary Ellen Wiese
Emily Williamson Gangi
Betty W. Woerner
Women's Exercise Group
Patricia Zimmerman

30 yrs and younger
Julie Bounous
Endowment funds are established to safeguard finances to care for future generations. There is not a better method to care for your church, your favorite nonprofit or your community as a whole.

Every endowment is unique. The donor decides the purposes, the beneficiaries and the amount of flexibility of the fund. One new endowment has been established with the Community Foundation.

Burke Charitable Properties Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund has been created to honor Otto Woerner, Bill Allman and John Watkins. This Fund will support the work and charitable purposes of Burke Charitable Properties.

Human Resources Workshop

The Community Foundation co-sponsored with Western Piedmont Community College Small Business Center and Western North Carolina Nonprofit Pathways our third nonprofit leadership workshop.

Carol Rovello presented the Fundamentals of Human Resources Management. Area nonprofit leaders spent the day learning about workforce planning and employment; performance leadership; employee relations, total rewards and risk management; and supporting documents, legal issues and best practices.

The Community Foundation remains committed to supporting area nonprofits by offering these workshops to strengthen our nonprofit community.
2012 Scholarship Recipients

Thank You to our Scholarship Committee
Le Erwin, Chair
Bill Brinkley
Emma Draughn
Doris Fullwood
Susan Haire
Betty Pennel
Susan Pollpeter
Diana Spangler-Crawford

Front L-R: Taylor Wellborn, Marianne Burris, Vicenta Lopez, Molly Murray, Michaela Butler, Emily Wheeler, Layla Tallent, Samantha Eckard; Middle L-R: Melissa Sigmon, Emily Cook, Kelsey Costner, Timothy Christen Buff; Back L-R: Kristen Church, Austin Helms, Eric V. Leopin, Matthew Watson, Sarah Chester, Kelsie Fender, Dylan Rhoney; Not Pictured: Ian Elliot Ruark, Stephanie Norman, Sarah Ashley Millner

Jimmy C. Draughn
Rodney Dylan Rhoney - Western Piedmont Community College

Drexel Alumni Association - Harry L. Hallyburton
Jonelle Elizabeth Bobak - Western Piedmont Community College
Sarah Ashley Millner - UNCC Chapel Hill
Melissa Ray Sigmon - Western Piedmont Community College

Drexel Alumni Association - Faye T. Russell
Austin Thomas Helms - UNCC Chapel Hill
Emily Michelle Cook - Gardner Webb University

Larry and Louise Huffman
Ian Elliot Ruark - Appalachian State University

Raymond K. Miller
Eric Vincent Leopin - Western Piedmont Community College

Rotary Club of Morganton
Matthew Craig Watson - Appalachian State University
Emily Brooke Wheeler - UNCC Chapel Hill

Olin and Evelyn Stiff
Samantha Kathryn Eckard - UNC Wilmington

Valdese Rotary Club
Layla Troi Tallent - Catawba Valley Community College
Michaela Dawn Butler - Appalachian State University
Ivey Lawrence Griffin, III - NC State University
Timothy Christen Buff - North Greenville University

Waldensian Presbyterian Women
Ivey Lawrence Griffin, III - NC State University
Sandi Taylor Wellborn - East Carolina University
Molly Ann Murray - UNCC Asheville

Waldensian Presbyterian Women – Mildred and Hugh Fletcher
Winnifred Marianne Burris – NC State University

Waldensian Presbyterian Women - Michael Morse
Kristen Susanne Church – NC State University

Waldensian Presbyterian Women - Rostan Family Foundation
Kelsey Lane Costner - Catawba Valley Community College

Wynne and Otto Woerner
Sarah Elizabeth Chester - Western Carolina University
Kelsie Elizabeth Fender - Appalachian State University

Glenn R. Yoder
Vicenta Agnes Lopez-Mateo - UNCC Chapel Hill
Melissa Ray Sigmon - Western Piedmont Community College

Clyde Nichols Young, Jr.
Stephanie Danielle Norman - Western Carolina University

Total Given: $32,450.00
Number of Scholarships: 26
Avery-Causby
Blue Ridge Community Action
Bowers-Greene
Burke Arts Council
Burke County Friends for Animals
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care Ltd.
Burke Women's Fund
Caldwell Arts Council
Camp Lake James Stewardship Fund
Children's Home Society of North Carolina Ltd.
Community Fund
Cooper-McCall
Jean Conyers Ervin
First Presbyterian Church Morganton Ltd.
Mildred P. and J. Hugh Fletcher Scholarship
Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina
Good Samaritan Clinic
Francis and Emily Grill
Habitat for Humanity of Burke County
Joel Hastings
Historic Burke Foundation-Alice Elaine Falls
History Museum of Burke County
History Museum of Burke County Ltd.
Larry and Louise Huffman Scholarship
Andrea Galen Jacks Scholarship
Joyce Amos Jones
John L. and Caroline W. Kos
Ron LaSalle for Charitable Care Ltd.
Library Foundation of Burke County
Jerald C. Liebhart, Sr. & Grace Folmar Liebhart
Martha's Park
Albert Mehl
Raymond K. Miller Scholarship
Morgan-Avery
Morganton Day School Scholarship
Mountain View Cemetery
Options Against Family Violence
Gresham Orrison
Ann Cornwall Patton & George Thomas Cornwell
Betsy and Billy Joe Patton
Quaker Meadows Cemetery
Emanuel A. and Romilda P. Richard
Rock School Arts Foundation
John P. Roston, Jr. and Naomi Bounous Roston
Rotary Club of Morganton Scholarship
Salsbury-Taylor
Christian Shull Children’s
William E. and Laura Ervin Smith
South Mountain Children and Family Services
Stiff
Stop Alcohol and Drug Addiction
Donald and Betty Taylor
Teeth in Need
Valdese Rotary Club Scholarship
Waldensian Presbyterian Church
Waldensian Presbyterian Church Cemetery
Waldensian Presbyterian Women Scholarship Program
Carl H. and Linda S. Wall
Wynn and Otto Woerner Scholarship
Glenn R. Yoder Scholarship
Clyde Nichols Young, Jr. Scholarship
*New Endowment

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CFBC Endowment Funds - Please consider making a donation to one of these endowments.