We live in an ever-changing world, where the roles of charity, business and government increasingly overlap. Good charities are run more like businesses and good businesses are actively supportive of their community charitable needs. Effective government tries to collaborate and cooperate with the best of both of these sectors.

So, in a world and community with a long list of challenges, how are your charitable dollars best spent? How can a donor be assured that charitable dollars are being used wisely and as the donor intends?

Sometimes, this positive cooperation can feel confusing to an individual donor who wants to make the wisest and most prudent decisions about charitable giving. How can a donor feel more certain that her/his charitable intentions are being realized?

First, know your passions. Think about what is important to you – is it emergency needs (food, shelter, heat) or arts or education or environmental issues or child abuse or women’s issues? How might your dollars best impact that area?

Of course, you may give directly to local charities. Do your homework. Educate yourself about the services and programs of nonprofits seeking your support. Find out who serves on their board and staff. Is that organization doing excellent work and making a difference to the people of Burke County?

Your Community Foundation (CFBC) has some ready answers for you.

An unrestricted gift to CFBC is entrusted to its Board of Directors composed entirely of trustworthy, compassionate, mindful volunteers who clearly understand the ever changing needs of Burke County. In their wisdom and knowledge, they will apply your unrestricted gift to our community’s most pressing immediate and strategic needs.

Donors can also specify that their gift be used for CFBC’s Community Grant Cycle and be assured that 100% of those gifts will be awarded to those organizations doing the best work in Burke County at that time. CFBC Grants Committee, composed of knowledgeable community volunteers, thoroughly reviews all applications and recommends the recipient organizations to the CFBC Board of Directors. (See the Community Grants article inside).

Some years, donors have a taxation need to make a charitable contribution but have not yet determined the exact issue or organization they wish to assist. These donors may establish a named or anonymous donor advised fund with CFBC and recommend distributions from that fund at a later time. CFBC charges no fee on these funds. Many donors use donor advised funds as a charitable savings account.

Spend a few minutes reviewing the list of endowments on the back of this newsletter. Each endowment is established with specific purposes. Anyone may contribute any amount to an endowment. Endowments are permanent funds that are invested and prudently managed by CFBC money managers and overseen by the CFBC Investment Committee. Rountree Collett chairs that committee and is joined by Chip Black, John Branstrom, Sterling Collett and Otto Woerner. Endowments are a perpetual source of funding for the purposes designated by the donor and allow donors to support organizations or beloved communities long after their lifetimes.

Your Community Foundation is exactly what the name implies. It is an organization that allows and invites everyone in a community to be a philanthropist who does good for goodness’ sake. Giving is not just for the wealthy – everyone can be a philanthropist. We see it everyday in so many acts of kindness and goodness.

This holiday season, ponder your role. Find your charitable niche. Think about what you can do and what you are being called to do. Please let us know how we may better serve you … … and do good for goodness’ sake.
Community Foundation of Burke County (CFBC) Board of Directors approved almost $110,000 in Community Grants to 15 nonprofit organizations serving the Burke County area.

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, Kos Endowment, Patton Cornwell Endowment, Richard Endowment, Smith Endowment, Taylor Endowment and 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, John McElrath, Diana Spangler-Crawford and Jean VanNoppen.

“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.”

If you are interested in making a donation to 2011 Community Grants or the Community Fund, which supports Community Grants, send a check in the enclosed envelope and specify Community Grants or Community Fund.

MISSION STATEMENT
To encourage, develop and participate in philanthropy by providing flexible giving opportunities, professional support and responsible stewardship for the benefit of donors and qualified recipients.
The Board of Directors approved and awarded grants to the following organizations and projects:

ALFA (Burke County) - $5,000
Burke Arts Council - $2,860
Burke Charitable Properties - $5,000
Burke Council on Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency - $9,085
Burke United Christian Ministries - $5,000
Flynn Christian Fellowship Home - $10,000
Foothills Service Project - $10,000
Girls on the Run of Catawba Valley (Burke County) - $5,000
Good Samaritan Clinic - $20,000
Grace Episcopal Church (Backpack Ministry with New Day Christian Church and Mountain Crest School) - $6,180
History Museum of Burke County (Meeting Place One and Flynn Christian Fellowship Home) - $4,000
Mimosa Christian Counseling Center - $10,000
Options - $5,000
Prevent Blindness North Carolina (Burke County) - $5,000
Strategic Alliance for Burke Youth (SABY) - $5,000

In order to conserve our resources (natural and monetary) to better serve this community, we printed limited copies of the 2009 Annual Report of the Community Foundation of Burke County.

Please visit our website and view our 2009 annual report - and let us know what you think. We always welcome your feedback.

Of course, if you would like a printed copy, contact the Foundation offices. We remain deeply grateful for your good work in this beautiful community.

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CFBC ENDOWMENT FUNDS - Please consider making a donation to one of these endowments.

Avery-Causby
Blue Ridge Community Action
Bowers-Greene
Burke Arts Council
Burke County Friends for Animals
Burke County United Way
Burke Education Endowment Program Ltd.
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care Ltd.
Burke Women's Fund
Caldwell Arts Council
Caldwell Arts Council Ltd.
Camp Lake James Stewardship Fund
Charles M. and Alice M. Carey Endowment for the Humane Treatment of Animals
Community Fund
Cooper-McCall
Jackie and Paul Deaton
Jimmy C. Draughn Scholarship
Drexel Alumni Association
Jean Conyers Ervin
Mildred P. and J. Hugh Fletcher
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
Historic Burke Foundation-Alice Elaine Falls Ltd.
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 Lifegains Ltd.
Martha's Park
Albert Mehrl Raymond K. Miller Scholarship
Morgan-Avery
Morganton Day School Scholarship
Mountain View Cemetery
Options Against Family Violence
Gresham Orrison
Ann Cornwell Patton & George Thomas Cornwell
Quaker Meadows Cemetery
Emanuel A. and Romilda P. Richard
Rock School Arts Foundation
John P. Rostan, Jr. and Naomi Bounous Rostan
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 Cemetery
Waldensian Presbyterian Women Scholarship
Carl H. and Linda S. Wall
Wynne and Otto Woerner Scholarship
Glenn R. Yoder Scholarship
Clyde Nichols Young, Jr. Scholarship

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?
If you know a group that might enjoy learning about the Community Foundation, please contact Caroline Avery. This short 15-20 minute presentation explains how the Foundation works and how anyone can become a philanthropist.
The Burke Women’s Fund (BWF) celebrated its first year anniversary with over 100 members pledging $365 a year for three years, showing their commitment to the women and families of Burke County. The Grants Committee received 16 exciting applications vying for some or all of the $30,000 available in grant funds. Every BWF member will participate in choosing the recipients. Click on the BWF link on the Community Foundation website for more information about the fund, grant recipients and events.

The Burke Women’s Fund held two “Lunch and Learn” events, one in June and one in September. The first lunch featured speakers from local organizations describing the current needs of Burke County. The second lunch promoted the sharing of ideas and solutions to help women and families. The ideas generated at this meeting are listed on CFBC website. Click on “BWF Lunch and Learn Ideas.” The meeting also highlighted the need for coordinated information and the BWF plans to create a community “Bulletin Board” on its website to improve communication about services and continue the dialogue.

Emily Williamson and Rexanna Lowman moderate Lunch and Learn

Thank you to the BWF members for pledging $365 for three years!

Mary B. Alexander
Draughn HS Anchor Club
Mary Ervin
Amy Evans
Doris Fullwood
Janice Gravely
Jane Greene
Cyndi Grigg
Susan Haugen
Barbara Houston
Huffman Women
Susan Johnson
Beth Jones
Ira Kilbride
Cindy Konarski
Laura Tron Lafferty
Sally Learned
Pat Lennon
Linda Lindsey
Elizabeth Loftis
Lea Loftis
Kim Logan
Rexanna Lowman
Betty P. McCurry
Artie McKesson-Logan
Laurie & Emma Miller
Marie Mitchell
Julia Mode
Ann Moncief
Shannon Morris
Ann C. Mullis
Annelle Mulwee
Graciela Narten
Barbara Norvell
Marla Nutting
Lynn Pascale
Deborah Perry
Pat Phelps
Roben Pfyler
Susan Polpeter
Sherron Prewitt
Abigail Redman
Marsha Riddle
Mariel Rodger
Deb Rosc
Janice Rostan
Linda Rostan
Naomi Rostan
Sarah Rush
Mary Marcia Salsbury
Vera Saltar
Linda Satay
Pamela Saunders
Mo Schwind
Amy Sharp
Amy and Will Sharp Family
Deborah and David Smith
Kim Ervin Smith
Laura Smith
Jo Bailey Sitron
Diana Spangler-Crawford
Jackie Steele
Libby Stephens
Sara Lou Succop
Ruth Ann Suttle
Phyllis Sweeney
Nancy Taylor
Judith Teel
Catherine Thomas
Valdese Pilot Club
VanNoppen Women
Gwen Veazey
Linda Wall
Jackie Ward
Mary Ellen Wiese
Emily Williamson
Women’s Exercise Group
Patricia Zimmerman

To help secure the future of the Burke Women’s Fund, an anonymous donor has offered a $10,000 challenge matching grant for all gifts to the BWF endowment. Every dollar raised for the endowment will be matched by this donor up to $10,000. During the Christmas season, consider giving a gift to the BWF endowment. Cards will be available at the Community Foundation office. Also, collection cans may be delivered to the Community Foundation office and these donations will be contributed to the endowment. Please consider making a gift to the Burke Women’s Fund endowment - and double your charitable dollars and help build a permanent fund to support Burke County women and families.

Emily Williamson and Rexanna Lowman moderate Lunch and Learn

Beth Kolb reports on backpack ministry at Lunch and Learn
2010 Scholarship Recipients

Jimmy C. Draughn
Holly Hudson - Western Piedmont Community College

Drexel Alumni Association - Fletcher
Brittany West - Winston Salem University

Drexel Alumni Association - Harry L. Hallyburton
Emily Bailey - UNC Chapel Hill
Aubrey Bradshaw - Salem College
David Cook - Gardner-Webb University
Megan Corn - East Carolina University

Drexel Alumni Association - Faye T. Russell
Aaron Hayworth - UNC Chapel Hill
Andrew Johnson - Wingate University

Larry A. Huffman, Sr.
Holly Hudson - Western Piedmont Community College

Raymond K. Miller
William Murphy, Jr. - Western Piedmont Community College

Rotary Club of Morganton
Victoria Cole - Western Piedmont Community College
Anna Phillips - UNC Wilmington

Valdese Rotary Club
Benjamin Hansen - Wingate University
Kylie Knight - Montreat College
Vincent Ward - Wake Forest University

Olin and Evelyn Stiff
Lori Huffman
Kimberly Walker - Western Carolina University

Waldensian Presbyterian Women
Amber Bradshaw - Lees McRae College
Rebecca Heilman - Presbyterian College
Bryan Kilpatrick - NC State University
Erin Pons - Western Carolina University

Waldensian Presbyterian Women - Michael Morse
Austin Hyde - UNC Chapel Hill

Waldensian Presbyterian Women - Rostan Family Foundation
Sarah Owens - UNC Chapel Hill

Wynne and Otto Woerner
Lenni Snow - Appalachian State University

Woerner-Carolina Shoe
Kristen Bathe - NC State University

Glenn R. Yoder
Lenni Snow - Appalachian State University
Nou Yang - UNC Charlotte

Clyde Nichols Young, Jr.
Aaron Hayworth - UNC Chapel Hill

Photo: Front L-R: David Cook, Lori Huffman, Lenni Snow, Rebecca Heilman, Kylie Knight, Holly Hudson, Nou Yang, Amber Bradshaw, Sarah Owens, Kimberly Walker; Back L-R: Andrew Johnson, Bryan Kilpatrick, Aaron Hayworth, Aubrey Bradshaw, Vincent Ward, William Murphy, Jr. (Not Pictured: Emily Bailey, Kristen Bathe, Victoria Cole, Megan Corn, Benjamin Hanson, Austin Hyde, Anna Phillips, Erin Pons, and Brittany West)