

Community Foundation of Burke County

Burke Women's Fund to host sixth annual celebration

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The Burke Women's Fund will host its sixth celebration March 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Morganton.

The organization will recognize the 2015 grant recipients and Mikki Sager, Conservation Fund vice president and director

of the Resourceful Communities, will be the featured speaker.

Founded in 2009, BWF operates under the auspices of the Community Foundation of Burke County. BWF membership is composed of Burke County residents and natives who believe in the power of collective giving. Members donate \$365 a year — with \$300 of that amount

going to grants, \$35 to the Burke Women's Fund Endowment and \$30 to operations.

Since 2009, BWF has awarded \$144,980 in grants and has increased its endowment to more than \$91,000.

"The support that we received from the women of Burke County and their spouses has been truly overwhelming," BWF Presi-

dent Mary Ellen Wiese said. "We believe the financial support that has been provided to local agencies through our grant process has made a significant impact in our community."

The sixth celebration is open to the public, and admission will be \$5 per person, payable at the door by check or cash.

A continental breakfast will

be served. Reservations are required and those interested in attending are asked to respond by March 20 to Nancy Taylor, executive director of CFBC, at nwtaylor@cfburkecounty.org or by calling the CFBC at 828-437-7105.

All proceeds will support the Burke Women's Fund Endowment.