COMMUNITY GRANTS CELEBRATION

2022

Celebrating the Organizations That Take Care of Our Community

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Community Foundation
CENTRAL BLUE RIDGE
Since 1992, your Community Foundation has invested over $18.5 million in our community through grants, scholarships, and education awards. We are forever grateful for the support of our donors and the dedication and hard work of the many nonprofit organizations that serve our community.

WE ARE HONORED TO AWARD $471,000 TO 119 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM THIS YEAR!
ACHIEVING BETTER LIFE OUTCOMES

ARROW Project
Alleviating barriers to mental health services.

Artis Transitions
Providing support to families and individuals in their transformation from merely surviving to thriving.

Augusta County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office: LEAD Program
Increasing government efficiency, lowering recidivism, and promoting environmental health in Augusta County.

Goodwill Industries of the Valley
Empowering Individuals. Strengthening Families. Inspiring Communities.

Institute for Reform and Solutions
Promoting change regarding poverty, homelessness, unemployment, addiction, mental illness, and education.

Just Neighbors
Providing high-quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, asylees, and refugees.

Learn English and Reading Now
Teaching English and literacy to adults in our community.

Mental Health America-Augusta
Providing mental health education and advocacy.

Nelson Community Wellness Alliance
Promoting wellness within Nelson County by increasing the availability of behavioral health resources.

NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center
Engaging immigrants, connecting cultures, and building community.

Piedmont Habitat for Humanity
Bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Shenandoah LGBTQ Center
Strengthening the LGBTQIA+ community through advocacy, education, programs and safe spaces.

Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Habitat for Humanity
Building and restoring homes, lives and communities through faith.

United Way of Staunton, Augusta County & Waynesboro
Serving as a catalyst to improve the lives of people in our community.

Valley Hope Counseling Center
Providing access to mental health services for all.

Valley Program for Aging Services
Empowering people 60 years and older with the resources and opportunities to lead engaged lives.

Valley Supportive Housing
Providing housing assistance to those with intellectual disabilities, mental illness or substance abuse issues.
TAKING CARE OF OUR HISTORY AND SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Arcadia Project
Connecting people through culture and creativity.

Augusta Agricultural-Industrial Exposition
Presenting cultural experiences that aid in the economic development and agricultural revitalization of our community.

Augusta County Historical Society
Studying, collecting, preserving, and educating about the history of Augusta County and its communities.

Blue Grass Resource Center
Enhancing the quality of life for Highland County citizens through historic preservation and educational programs.

Crimora Community Center
Providing a community center for Crimora where families can gather.

Embrace - Green Hanger Project
Working with teens and allied adults to push back against bullying and suicide through the provision of essential items and services.

The Highland Center
Preserving Monterey’s historical school building as a community center to cultivate opportunities for Highland County.

Highland County Public Library
Giving access to information, entertainment, and life-long learning for the people of Highland County and surrounding areas.

Historic Staunton Foundation
Providing leadership, education, and advocacy to preserve and revitalize our community.

Jones Gardens
Strengthening local communities by creating easily accessible and aesthetically pleasing community garden parks.

Millennium Group
Ensuring the continued existence of the Nelson Heritage Center that once served as the Nelson County African American High School.

Rockfish Valley Community Center
Providing a facility for cultural, recreational, and social activities for the residents of the Rockfish Valley and Nelson County.

Rockfish Valley Foundation
Preserving the natural, historical, ecological, and agricultural resources of the Rockfish Valley.

Serenity Garden Foundation
Providing and maintaining a public garden for the public to reflect on the courage, dignity, and hope of anyone dealing with cancer and other serious illnesses.

Staunton Augusta County African American Research Society
Preserving the accomplishments of local African American history.

Verona Community Center
Providing a place where the Verona community can come together for fellowship.

Waynesboro Heritage Foundation
Providing the community a viable place where the city’s history can be preserved and celebrated for generations to come.

Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library Foundation
Promoting an understanding of the complexity of the life and times of President Woodrow Wilson.

2022 Community Grants Program Recipients
Supporting the Arts and Culture

American Shakespeare Center
Illuminating the plays of Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

Beverley Street Studio School
Providing the community opportunities to explore the world of visual art.

Caravanserai Music
Promoting compassion and community through musical performance. (pronounced cara-van-sa-Rye)

Garth Newel Music Center:
Allegheny Mountain School Project
Offering Highland County children inspired chamber music and performing arts experiences.

Heifetz International Music Institute
Developing the expressive potential of every performer.

Highland County Arts Council
Providing cultural enrichment to the community and to make Highland County an arts destination.

Shenandoah Valley Art Center
Increasing the visibility of the visual arts in the community.

Staunton Augusta Art Center
Supporting artists and delivering arts education and experiences to the community.

Staunton Choral Society
Providing and promoting choral music to the Staunton and Augusta County area.

Staunton Media Alliance: 106.3 WQSV
Fostering community through music and broadcast education.

Staunton Music Festival
Offering exceptional music performed by international caliber musicians at historic venues throughout Staunton.

Stonewall Brigade Band
Providing high quality musical programs and continuing the legacy of the longest continuously operating community band in the United States.

Three Notch’d Road
Promoting interest in, and appreciation of, music of the Baroque era.

Valley Music Academy
Demonstrating that music is a powerful means of encouraging cooperation, celebrating diversity, and building self-esteem.

Wayne Theatre Alliance
Enhancing cultural and economic life through the operation of the Historic Wayne Theatre and Ross Performing Arts Center.

Waynesboro Players
Bringing the community together through community theater.

Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra
Providing opportunities for instrumentalists to share in the joy of music-making.

Wintergreen Performing Arts
Inspiring and welcoming audiences, students, and professional musicians through the transformative power of music.
SUPPORTING ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

American Frontier Culture Foundation
Supporting educational programs, workshops, and lecture series at the American Frontier Culture Museum so visitors may have an excellent and affordable experience.

Blue Ridge Children's Museum
Providing families with an interactive learning experience through an exploration of our community’s resources.

Boys & Girls Club of Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta County
Enabling all young people, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Camp Quest
Providing a fun, supportive, and memorable summer experience.

Casa de Amistad
Improving the lives of individuals and families in a multi-cultural community. (Translated “House of Friendship”)

Cinderella Project of the Shenandoah Valley
Helping young men and women in financial need find suitable attire for school events at no cost.

Girl Scouts of Skyline Virginia
Building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Love No Ego Foundation
Providing real-world development for youth and young adults, to help them to overcome challenges and find purpose.

Project GROWS
Improving the health of children and youth through garden-based education and access to healthy food.

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia
Creating happy, healthy, active and literate kids through kid-sized tennis.

Shenandoah Valley Community Focus
Supporting youth by sustaining Central Shenandoah Valley Office on Youth programming.

Staunton Augusta YMCA
Promoting the health, spirit, mind, and body for all.

Waynesboro Family YMCA
Promoting the health, spirit, mind, and body for all.

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The Mosby Foundation
Assisting in the care of critically sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs through financial support and public education.

Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary
Rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing orphaned and injured wildlife that are native to Virginia.

Shenandoah Green
A grass-roots organization working with local and scientific stakeholders to create an environmentally sustainable community.

Wildlife Center of Virginia
Providing a hospital for native wildlife, teaching the world to care about, and to care for, wildlife and the environment.
TAKING CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Arc of Augusta
Providing education, awareness, advocacy and services for all children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Brain Injury Connections of the Shenandoah Valley
Enhancing the lives of individuals affected by brain injury.

Creative Works Farm: Camp LIGHT
Offering a summer camp for children with special needs and at-risk youth.

Dare to Dream Therapeutic Horsemanship Center
Leveraging the power of horses in a peaceful, mountain setting to help people reach their fullest potential, gain self-confidence, and develop self-love.

DePaul Community Resources
Opening doors to hope and belonging for children, families, and individuals with unique challenges.

Gateway Homes
Providing a transitional residential program for individuals with mental illness who are striving for independence.

Infant and Toddler Connection of Augusta-Highland
Working with families to provide early intervention therapies for their infants and toddlers experiencing developmental delays and disabilities.

Reclaimed Hope Initiative
Empowering and strengthening adoptive, foster, and special needs families.

Ride With Pride
Serving those with physical, emotional, and developmental special needs through therapeutic equine activities.

Talking Book Center
Providing free audio books and other library services to people who are blind, print disabled, or unable to use standard printed materials.

Virginia Institute of Autism
Helping people overcome the challenges of autism through innovative, evidence-based services in school, adult, and outpatient programs.

Wintergreen Adaptive Sports
Providing opportunities in outdoor sports for people with all types of disabilities, and of all ages.
NURTURING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Allegheny Mountain Institute
Cultivating healthy communities through food and education.

Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation
Building community relationships and securing resources that strengthen the programs and services of Blue Ridge Community College.

Community Child Care
Providing a safe, affordable, and quality child care center.

Elk Hill
Enabling children and families to transform overwhelming challenges into successful futures.

Great Aspirations Scholarship Program
Helping students and their families to pursue their post-secondary goals.

Highland Children’s House
Providing quality childcare in a homelike setting.

Jacob’s Ladder
Aiding and encouraging intellectually gifted, at-risk students to reach their full potential.

Valley Alliance for Education
Creating strong collaboration among Augusta County, Staunton and Waynesboro businesses and public schools.

Valley Career and Technical Center
Preparing responsible citizens through the development of career awareness, workforce readiness, and industry-specific job skills.

VSDB Foundation
Supporting and promoting the growth, progress, and general welfare of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind and its students.

2022 Community Grants Program Recipients
American Red Cross of Central Virginia
Preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies.

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank
Providing nourishing food to our neighbors in need.

Blue Ridge CASA for Children
Advocating for abused and neglected children.

Blue Ridge Legal Services
Providing free legal assistance in civil matters of critical importance to low-income residents.

Blue Ridge Medical Center
Improving access to comprehensive primary care and reducing health disparities.

Central Virginia Farm Workers Initiative
Providing migrant and seasonal farm workers with health and educational resources.

Disciples Kitchen
Feeding the hungry in Waynesboro.

The LIFEworks Project
Providing practical support for those needing assistance to live better lives.

Magnolia Rose
Providing safe spaces for people who have experienced sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Martha’s Meals on Wheels
Providing daily hot meals for our homebound neighbors.

New Directions Center
Working to reduce the impact and occurrence of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking.

Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta
Performing critically needed repairs or modifications to the dwellings of low-income or disabled homeowners.

Rugged Hands Outreach
Serving those in need with home repairs, restoration, and improvements.

Samuel’s Supper
Providing short-term financial support to families who have a child facing a life-threatening medical crisis.

The Salvation Army - Staunton
Meeting human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation Army - Waynesboro
Meeting human needs in His name without discrimination.

Valley Children’s Advocacy Center
Building resilience, inspiring healing, and lowering the impact of trauma for survivors of child abuse and their families.

Valley Mission
Offering shelter, support, hope, and God’s love to the homeless.

Virginia Hunters Who Care
Providing food, specifically essential high protein venison, for those in need.

Waynesboro First Aid Crew
Providing the best quality pre-hospital emergency and rescue services to our citizens.
The FUNDS that FUND all this FUN

Today we have the honor to present $471,000 to 119 amazing nonprofit organizations and agencies through our 2022 Community Grants Program. This originates from the following 32 Funds of the 180 within our Foundation. Each fund reflects the charitable interests of the generous community members who created them over the past thirty years.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
The thoughtful and generous donors who establish unrestricted funds recognize that community needs, and the nonprofit organizations addressing them, are evolving continually. They have given the Community Foundation full authority over the direction of the distributions from their funds.

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FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
Many of our donors design their funds to reflect their personal interests in our community. Those parameters guide our decisions for the use of distributions from their funds.

Coyner Endowment for the Elderly
Walter and Marelia Dixon Memorial Fund: Historic Preservation
COVID-19 Local Response Fund
James and Joyce A. McDonald Fund: Emergency Services and Health Care
Meadows Fund for the Intellectually Disabled
United Nursery Fund for Early Child Care and Education

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Several of our donors take an active role in advising us on the direction of grants from their funds each year, and a number of them partner with us in our response to applications for our Community Grants Program.

Berman Family Fund
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The Jamin Fund
The Lumos Foundation
NTELOS Wireless Foundation
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The Red Beech Foundation
WISE Fund
What is a community foundation?

A community foundation is a charitable organization created by and for a community of people. It is supported by local donors and governed by a board of private citizens who work toward the greater good of the community. Funds come from a wide variety of donors who establish permanent charitable funds, or contribute to existing funds, to ensure that the charitable work that matters most to them will be supported today and forever. From those funds the community foundation distributes grants, scholarships, and awards to worthy organizations and individuals each year.

About us

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge serves the independent cities of Staunton and Waynesboro, and the counties of Augusta, Nelson, and Highland in Virginia.

We invite you to contact us to learn more about how to join the Community Foundation’s family of donors.

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OUR MISSION
To enrich the quality of life by responding to needs and inspiring philanthropy in our community.

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Lumos is proud to sponsor the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge and local non-profits. Congratulations to all of the grant recipients!