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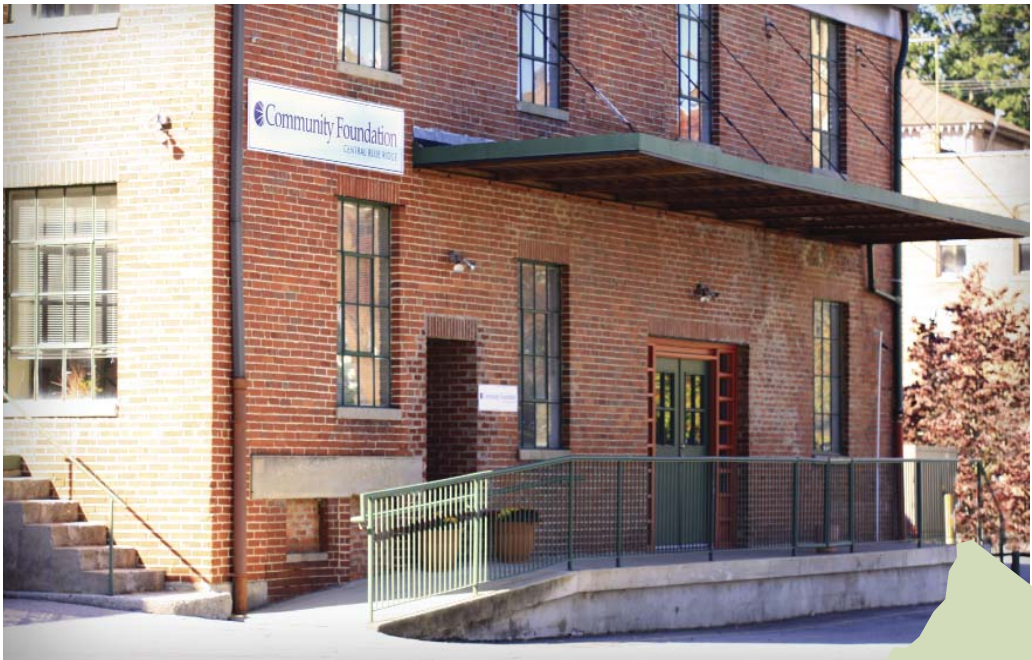
# Community Foundation

CENTRAL BLUE RIDGE

Founded in 1992, the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge is one of the largest philanthropic organizations in our region. We serve the communities of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta, Nelson and Highland Counties of Virginia. We offer more than 80 funds and hold nearly \$10 million in assets. The Community Foundation is able to give more than \$400,000 annually in awards, grants and scholarships. Unlike other nonprofits, our organization is endowed in perpetuity, which means your contribution will keep giving back. For good. For ever.™

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge:

- Helps donors plan and carry out their charitable giving in our community;
- Distributes grants that respond to community needs;
- Works to build a civic endowment, a permanent source of philanthropic funding for our region; and
- Works in partnership with other foundations, public agencies and the business sector, bringing leadership to our local nonprofit community.



We've moved to the Wharf district in downtown Staunton. Look for us in the former Staunton Creamery Building at 117 South Lewis Street. Our office is fully accessible, and will enable us to better serve our donors and the community.



Serving Staunton, Waynesboro,  
Augusta County, Nelson County and Highland County



Rich Evans, Becky Kohler and Bill Watkins gather outside the Community Foundation's new office in Staunton's Wharf district.

For good.  
For ever.™

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

There is no question that 2009 was an extraordinary year for all of us. The impact of the economic crisis greatly affected our nation and our community. Like other Community Foundations across the country, we witnessed increased needs and reduced funding throughout our geographic service area. So it is with profound and grateful thanks that the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge offers our year-end results.

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in the cities of Staunton, Waynesboro and the counties of Augusta, Nelson, and Highland, forever. Each year, our grants help fill gaps in basic human services, health, arts, education, and more. In 2009, we distributed more than \$400,000 to help meet these critical needs in our community. The cumulative value of our gifts now exceeds \$3.7 million.

Let's take a moment to reflect on why we are here, and why we are unique. Our motto is "For good. For ever.™" Forever means ceaselessly, perpetually, everlastingly. As a permanent endowment, we will remain a constant source of support for the valuable nonprofits that provide services throughout our region. Your gift to the Community Foundation will continue to give back - not just next year, but in 50 years, 100 years, and beyond.

You make the difference in our ability to make our community vital and vibrant for the years to come. As always, we remain tremendously grateful for your generosity and your partnership with us.

Sincerely,

Becky Kohler, CFP®  
President / CEO

G. William Watkins, Esq.  
Board Chair, 2009

Richard P. Evans, M.D.  
Board Chair, 2010

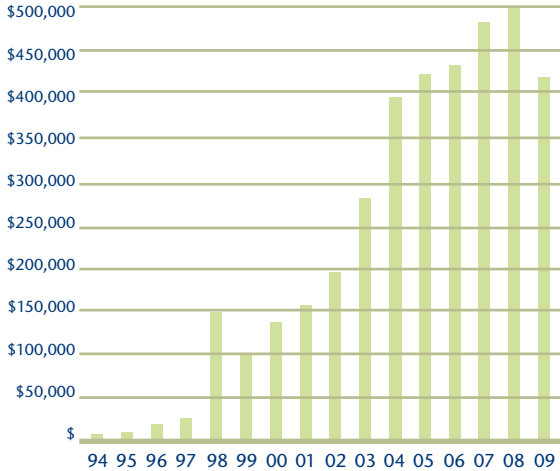
### DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE CENTRAL BLUE RIDGE:

- Received \$1,176,403 in new gifts
- Distributed \$413,656 in total grants, scholarships, awards and programs
- Provided 44 scholarships to area students
- Sponsored and organized the Big Read of 2009, with approximately 100 events that involved more than 12,000 participants.

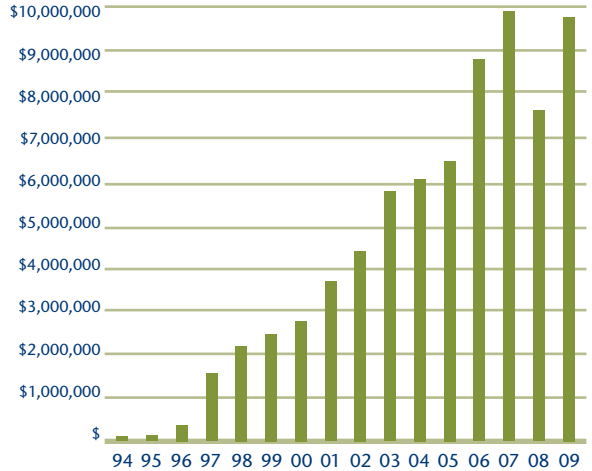
## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Community Foundation exists because of the extraordinary generosity and vision of our donors. We are the center for charitable investments in the Central Blue Ridge region.

GRANT GROWTH OVER TIME



ENDOWMENT GROWTH OVER TIME



After a lengthy and thoughtful investment policy review and search process, the Board selected Mason Investment Advisory Services from northern Virginia to be the custodian of our highly diversified portfolio. Mason currently works with a dozen other community foundations and we believe they will be a good partner in assuring our commitment to the community to continue to give back forever.

### 2009 BY THE NUMBERS

**\$3.7 million**

total amount of grants directly invested in our community (since inception)

**\$413,656**

total amount of distributions via grants/scholarships/awards

**\$134,200**

awarded to nonprofits through a competitive community grant program and the Youth Philanthropy Council grant program

**219**

number of gifts made to the Foundation from individuals, families, and businesses

**\$1,176,403**

amount of gifts made to new and existing funds

**\$9.7 million**

total amount of assets held

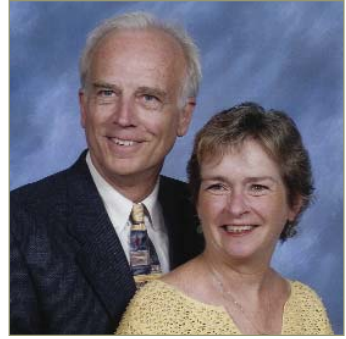


Philanthropy starts with a desire to make a difference.

## FACES OF PHILANTHROPY

### Building Community Spirit

For years, Pam Huggins has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically on behalf of numerous local causes. In 2008, she was recognized with the Community Spirit Award by the Shenandoah Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. This award is presented to an individual demonstrating exceptional commitment to the nonprofit community through personal volunteer involvement. Pam served on the Community Foundation's Board of Directors from 2001-2008, and remains involved with the Foundation on many levels. In 2009, she chaired the Dawbarn Education Awards Selection Committee. "I appreciate that the Community Foundation exists to serve the entire community," says Pam. Jim and Pam Huggins live in Staunton.



Pam and Jim Huggins

"I believe that each one of us is personally responsible for and should be involved in building the kind of community we want, not just for ourselves, but for our children, their children, and beyond. The Community Foundation is an excellent tool for creating that kind of legacy of service to others."

— Pam Huggins

### Honoring a Daughter's Memory

Lindsay Hyson, the only child of Jim and Kelly Hyson, was just 14 when she died on December 11, 2008. In celebration of their daughter's life and her love of the arts, her parents established the Lindsay Ree Hyson Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is given annually to a Waynesboro High School senior who exhibits a passion for the arts. "It's a way for Lindsay's life to continue to make an impact in our community," say her parents. Her dance instructor, Dulcey Fuqua, recalls that Hyson had a special gift. "Lindsay brought light into the room...she always danced with passion and joy." Kelly and Jim say they have been amazed at the number of people who have contributed. Last year, there were 54 separate gifts to the fund. "We chose the Community Foundation because we knew we wanted someone to manage the scholarship for us," says Hyson. "As the fund continues to grow, it will become self-sustainable and will help spread Lindsay's love and passion for the arts to other young people in our area."



Lindsay Ree Hyson

"I want to be able to say that I made a difference in someone else's life. I want to be remembered as someone who could help people and change their lives for the better."

— Lindsay Hyson, in an excerpt from a class assignment.

### Service Above Self

Tracy and Judy Aitcheson's care for our community runs deep. Tracy most recently served as Rotary District Governor for 4,000 Rotarians in Western Virginia and Tennessee. Prior to that, Tracy served on the Community Foundation's Board of Directors from 2002-2007. Tracy and Judy now spend their time raising Angus cattle at Bethany Hill Farm in Waynesboro, and visiting with children and grandchildren. When asked about the role of the Community Foundation, Tracy says, "I believe that there are so many people who would like to give back, but aren't sure how to do it. The Community Foundation offers one way for people to be able to make a difference, and to contribute meaningfully to our area for the long term."



Judy and Tracy Aitcheson

## AWARD PROGRAMS



**THE DAWBARN EDUCATION AWARDS** celebrate and reward exceptional individuals in the communities of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Established in 1992 by H. Dunlop “Buz” Dawbarn, this fund aims to improve public education. Each year, the awards event honors educators who have demonstrated a commitment to inspiring, encouraging, and fostering the education of young people.

- Richard Clark Adams, Traveling Educator
- Linda Bowen, Special Education Teacher, R.E. Lee High School
- Shirley Cason, Special Education Aide, Westwood Hills Elementary School
- Jeff Griffith, Pastor, Community Fellowship Church
- Thea Jordan, Title I Home-School Liaison
- Alexander D. Kirtley, English Teacher, Wilson Memorial High School
- Angela Young Larner, Science Teacher, Wilson Memorial High School
- Joey Mason, 5th Grade Teacher, Westwood Hills Elementary School
- Sandra Bocock Powell, 5th/6th Grade Teacher, Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents
- Jennifer L. Rexrode, Assistant Principal, Valley Vocational Technical Center

**THE SMYTH EDUCATION AWARDS** honor outstanding individuals serving in the Nelson County public schools system. The awards program was established by Mr. and Mrs. H. Gordon Smyth in 1998.

- Jacqueline “Jackie” Bibby, Teacher, Nelson Middle School
- Sandy Clarke, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Nelson County High School
- Michelle Fetter, Speech Teacher, Tye River Elementary School
- Troy Fredericks, Technology Specialist, Nelson County Public Schools
- Tracy Miller-Goode, Guidance Director, Nelson County High School
- Joan Martin, Secretary, Rockfish River Elementary School
- Maria Mendez, Teacher, Rockfish River Elementary School
- Ryan Schilling, Custodian, Tye River Elementary School
- Christina “Chris” Wiley, Teacher, Rockfish River Elementary School
- Ryan Yarzebinski, Teacher, Tye River Elementary School



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge administers over 25 scholarship funds for graduating seniors and adults pursuing higher education. A total of \$55,690 was distributed to area students to further their education. 2009 recipients are:

Megan C. Argenbright	Erin Hall	Cameron A. McConkey
Aubree A. Armstrong	Christina L. Harrold	Amy M. Modlin
Megan R. Boysen	Laysa Hedjar	Heather R. Morris
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Lauren D. Gibson	Rachael H. McKenzie	Jorge L. Zurita

All scholarships are competitive and are selected based on the pool of qualified applicants. For more information on selection criteria and deadlines, please visit [www.communityfoundationcbr.org](http://www.communityfoundationcbr.org)



“It’s been a pleasure working with the young leaders in YPC. The funding has supported a critical need related to gang prevention in our community.”

Jeffrey D. Fife,  
Waynesboro YMCA

“Valley Hope applauds the Community Foundation for shaping our future leaders by teaching them how to give back to their community and instilling a sense of responsibility to care for their peers as they move through life. The YPC process impacts teens on every level – from those granting the money to those receiving the services.”

Ginny Harris,  
Valley Hope

## Youth Philanthropy Council Grants

The Community Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy Council brought together 14 high school students, representing every public high school in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Students were selected by their principals and/or guidance counselors. The teens solicited grant applications, combed through submissions, and visited nonprofits to carefully investigate which programs to fund. As a result of their work, the following agencies received \$2,500 each:

- Waynesboro YMCA — Midnight Basketball smoking cessation and teen pregnancy prevention.
- Boys & Girls Club — Junior Staff Career Development Program
- Valley Hope Counseling Center — Low-Fee Adolescent Counseling Services



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BUFFALO GAP HIGH SCHOOL

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R.E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL

Jeffrey Carter  
R.E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL

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RIVERHEADS HIGH SCHOOL

Jordan Driskill  
WAYNESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Lauren Ford  
STUARTS DRAFT HIGH SCHOOL

Sara Kathleen “Kate” Garber  
WAYNESBORO HIGH SCHOOL

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WILSON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Brett Houlihan  
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Steven McCauley  
WILSON MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Jacob Reeves  
BUFFALO GAP HIGH SCHOOL

Matthew Riley  
RIVERHEADS HIGH SCHOOL

Todd Wells  
FORT DEFIANCE HIGH SCHOOL

Bill Terry  
ADVISER

## COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS

### HEALTH

AMC Hospice (Camp Dragonfly)  
\$2,400 | A grief camp for children 6-18. Funding used for arts and crafts items and the memorial bonfire.

AMC Hospice (Shenandoah House)  
\$2,500 | A program that offers access to Shenandoah House to those unable to pay.

Augusta Regional Dental Clinic  
\$10,000 | Preventative and restorative treatment for 600 children of low-income families in the clinic and at area schools.

Boys and Girls Club of Waynesboro, Staunton, and Augusta County  
\$5,000 | Support the SMART Program which ensures that young females (8-18) develop and enhance skills necessary for a healthy lifestyle.

Valley Hope Counseling Center  
\$7,000 | Provide low-fee family counseling service to low-income, uninsured local families.

Waynesboro YMCA  
\$6,600 | IGNITE: (Interactive games, nutrition, and inspiration through education) is a program designed to combat childhood inactivity and obesity.

### HUMAN SERVICES

Blue Ridge Legal Services  
\$7,500 | Provide free legal assistance to low-income elderly.

Casa D'Amistad  
\$5,000 | Provide an after-school tutorial program, (K-12), an adult ESL program. Emergency expense assistance and school supplies.

Community Childcare Center  
\$5,000 | Provide scholarships to low-income families who do not qualify for DSS assistance.

Family Resource and Referral Center  
\$5,000 | A parenting program for families with children ages 0-3 aimed at helping parents and preventing child abuse and neglect.

Valley AIDS Network  
\$4,500 | Provide emergency rental, utility, and heating assistance to area individuals with HIV/AIDS.

Valley Program for Aging Services  
\$3,000 | A program to encourage older adults to realize the benefits of consistent mental exercise combined with physical activity and good nutrition.

### CULTURAL LIFE & THE ARTS

Schola Cantorum  
\$2,000 | A joint concert of Schola Cantorum and the Waynesboro High School Concert Choir.

Staunton Music Festival  
\$5,000 | Sponsor free noon-concert series, featuring acclaimed classical musicians.

Valley Symphonic Concerts  
\$2,000 | Program presents musical education to students during school hours by bringing professional musicians directly into the schools.

Wayne Theatre Alliance  
\$2,000 | A monthly live entertainment for children and their families to expose as many kids as possible to live performing arts

### FOOD & SHELTER

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank  
\$8,000 | Kids Café - Nutritious after schools snacks and meals to at-risk children at school.

Habitat for Humanity (SAW)  
\$2,000 | A year-long home owner education program for new owners.

Nelson County Pantry  
\$2,500 | Monthly and emergency food distribution to needy residents of Nelson County.

Rebuilding Together  
\$7,500 | Fund critical home repair and modification for low-income, disabled, or disadvantaged homeowners.

Vector Industries  
\$7,500 | Renovate the restroom at Vector.

Verona Community Food Pantry  
\$8,000 | Two months worth of food for distribution to qualified individuals.

### EDUCATION

Children's Art Network  
\$6,000 | Nine traveling studio programs that combine art with the SOLs are provided at a lower cost for 6,000 students.

Special Olympics of Virginia, Area 5  
\$5,000 | Send 70 athletes and coaches to compete in the state level Special Olympics.

### ANIMAL WELFARE

Cat's Cradle  
\$1,000 | A program to target low-income individuals with spay/neuter assistance.

The Wildlife Center  
\$4,700 | Provide sponsorships for education programs in local public elementary schools.

## COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS AT A GLANCE:

24% human services

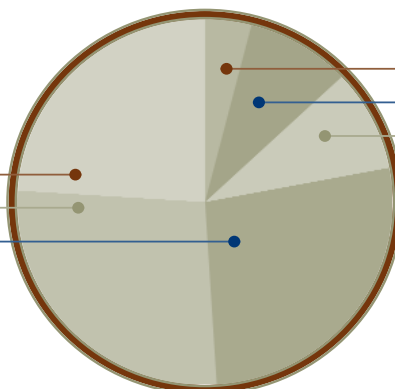
27% health

27% food & shelter

4% animal welfare

9% arts & culture

9% education



# Connecting people who care with causes that matter



Community Childcare Center



Rebuilding Together



The Staunton Music Festival brings acclaimed classical musicians from around the world to perform in historic downtown Staunton, Virginia. The Community Foundation's 2009 grant enabled Staunton Music Festival to sponsor a series of free noon concerts. These outreach concerts brought enthusiastic listeners into close connection with both seasoned professionals and a crop of rising young artists. The outcome was an unqualified success, with average attendance nearly as high as the formal evening concerts.

## OTHER GRANTS: AGENCY, DESIGNATED AND DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

AMC Hospice of the Shenandoah (Shenandoah House), \$500  
American Red Cross (Disaster Relief Fund), \$1,750  
Augusta Regional Free Clinic, \$2,200  
Augusta Regional SPCA, \$500  
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (Kid's Café Program), \$500  
Community Child Care Center, \$300  
D'Evelyn Education Foundation, \$10,000  
East Augusta Weekday Religious Education, \$4,370  
Mental Health Association of Augusta, \$300  
Nelson County Habitat for Humanity, \$2,500

Rebuilding Together (Gulf Coast Affiliates), \$1,750  
Caroline Roberts Memorial Flower Fund, \$548  
Salvation Army, Southern Territory (restricted to Alabama, Louisiana, & Mississippi division), \$1,750  
Valley Children's Center, \$1,000  
Valley Mission, \$1,750  
Virginia Student Aid Foundation, Inc., \$9,800  
Waynesboro Little League Baseball/Softball, \$4,000  
Wintergreen Nature Foundation, \$4,500

For more information about upcoming grant cycles, please visit our website [www.communityfoundationcbr.org](http://www.communityfoundationcbr.org) or contact our Grants Manager, Christiana Shields, at [cshields@communityfoundationcbr.org](mailto:cshields@communityfoundationcbr.org)

## SPOTLIGHT: NEW AGENCY FUNDS



### PROTECTING THE VALLEY FOREVER Valley Conservation Council Endowment Fund

In celebration of 20 successful years of land conservation, the Valley Conservation Council announces the creation of an endowment fund at the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge. Through their work as the Valley's private land trust, the Valley Conservation Council makes a perpetual commitment to conserving land.



The creation of this fund is an opportunity for the community to join in VCC's commitment, helping to ensure that scenic landscapes, clean waters, productive soils and rural heritage are part of our legacy for future generations.

Founded in 1990, VCC is dedicated to protecting the Shenandoah Valley region's natural, agricultural, and cultural resources through private action and public planning. To date, it has helped private land owners complete dozens of conservation projects using conservation easements and agricultural and forestal districts to protect their land. The fund will develop an endowment to ensure that VCC's vision remains viable. The fund is open for donations.

For more information about the Valley Conservation Council, or to inquire about making a gift to the VCC Endowment Fund, contact VCC Executive Director John Eckman at (540) 886-3541.



### REACHING OUT TO SENIORS Valley Program for Aging Services Endowment Fund

With a contribution of \$100,000, the estate of Leonard Penland (a Waynesboro resident who died in 2009 at the age of 100) opened the new Valley Program for Aging Services Endowment Fund. In establishing the fund, Penland sought to honor Waynesboro resident Lewis Coiner for his years of work with elderly citizens. Penland indicated that he hoped to provide a way for VPAS "to further its purposes."

The Valley Program for Aging Services aims to improve the quality of life for individuals age 60 and above by providing education, personal dignity, individuality, and the right to make decisions. The agency's work in our area is extremely important as 16 percent of the combined population in Waynesboro and Staunton is older than 65. In Augusta County, 13 percent of the population is older than 65. Waynesboro's share of people 65 or older is projected to triple to 44 percent by 2030, the highest ratio of any municipality in the state, according to the Virginia Employment Commission.

If you would like more information about VPAS, or to inquire about making a gift to the VPAS Endowment Fund, contact VPAS President Paul Lavigne at (540) 949-7141.

## FUNDS

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Agents of the Wintergreen Real Estate Company Fund  
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Leonard B. Chittum Memorial Endowment Fund  
The Jamin Fund  
William K. & Lois Glover Orr Charitable Fund

### AGENCY FUNDS

Augusta County Public Schools Endowment Fund  
Augusta Regional Free Clinic - Loesch Endowment Fund  
Augusta Regional SPCA Endowment Fund  
Friends of the Waynesboro Public Library—Hupman Memorial Fund  
Samuel Matthew Lucente Memorial Fund (Boys and Girls Club)  
Shenandoah Valley Art Center Endowment Fund  
Staunton City Schools Educational Endowment Fund  
Valley Alliance for Education Endowment Fund  
Valley Concerts Foundation Endowment Fund  
Valley Concerts Foundation Piano Maintenance Endowment Fund  
Valley Pastoral Counseling Center Endowment Fund  
Valley Program for Aging Services Fund  
Vector Industries Endowment Fund  
Waynesboro Family YMCA Endowment Fund  
Waynesboro Rotary Foundation Fund  
Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Foundation Inc. Fund

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

A.P. Boxley, Jr. & Rachel Barksdale Boxley Memorial Fund  
Coyner Endowment for the Elderly Fund  
J.B. “Gus” Stombock Family Fund  
Lucy Coyner Endowment Fund  
Meadows Fund for the Intellectually Disabled

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

CFCBR Unrestricted Administration Fund  
J.B. “Gus” Stombock Memorial Unrestricted Fund  
Jean Y. & John M. (Jack) Moore Unrestricted Fund  
Kelling Unrestricted Fund  
L. Dal & Jane Simmons Unrestricted Fund  
Leonard & Jane Penland Unrestricted Fund  
Lewis M. Coiner Unrestricted Fund  
McKee Foods Corporation Unrestricted Fund  
Jean Mundy Unrestricted Fund

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

CFCBR Administrative Endowment Fund  
Caroline E. Roberts Memorial Flower Fund  
Coyner Wilson Memorial High School Athletic Fund  
Croushorn Endowment Fund  
J.B. “Gus” Stombock Memorial Little League Fund  
Leo A. Thralls Endowment Fund  
Loesch - Augusta Regional Free Clinic Fund  
Roy B. Martin Memorial Endowment Fund  
ShenanArts Endowment Fund  
Stuarts Draft High School Academic Boosters Club Fund  
Swetts’ Welcome to Stuarts Draft Sign Fund  
Valley Program for Aging Services Endowment Fund  
Warren & Jean Mundy Fund

### AWARD FUNDS

H. Dunlop “Buz” Dawbarn Award Fund  
Smyth Educational Award Fund  
The Jamin Award Fund

### CURRENT FUNDS

Christopher and Isabel McLean Current Fund  
High Country Associates/Donovan Current Fund  
Jack McKee Personal Charitable Contribution Fund  
Walter & Marelia Dixon Current Fund

### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

A. Gordon Houff Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Buddy Bosserman (WMHS) Scholarship Fund  
Cecil G. Layman, Jr. Scholarship Fund  
Christopher DeWitt Rockwell Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Community Scholarship for Excellence Fund  
Edward L. Dodge Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Ethel Driver Memorial Scholarship Fund  
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Lindsay Ree Hyson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Louis & Emily M. Spilman Scholarship Fund  
Martin Lightsey Scholarship for Technical Education Fund  
Montebello Scholarship Fund  
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Waynesboro High School Alumni Endowment Fund  
William Perry Scholarship Fund

## did you know?

There are 28 community foundations operating in Virginia. They provide a link between generous donors and community needs by providing grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to students. They are different from other charities because they offer:

1. permanence;
2. flexibility; and
3. a deep understanding of the communities in which they serve.

## FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Membership in Friends of the Foundation recognizes donors who have given unrestricted support for the administration of the Foundation with gifts of \$500 or more during the fiscal year.

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The new Community Foundation website boasts a vibrant, fresh look. The website incorporates a new layout, allowing better use of space and highlighting prominent news and information. “The goal of the project was to make the site more intuitive and comprehensive,” says Becky Kohler, President and CEO of the Foundation. “The website sets a new standard for us in terms of meeting needs of our donors, professional advisors, and our nonprofit agency partners.”

Among the new benefits and features of the website are:

- Usability enhancements, such as multiple points of access to information and drop-down menus, which make the site easier and more intuitive to navigate.
- Grant/scholarship eligibility, deadline, and application forms are now available online.
- Community nonprofits can use the new website as a resource center.
- An integrated content management system makes the process of managing the website simpler, allowing staff to quickly share news, grant deadline and event information with the community.



- A news page allows people to remain up to date with major gifts, field of interest symposiums, workshops, and Foundation initiatives.
- The Web 2.0 inspired design connects viewers with the Foundation's new Twitter and Facebook pages.

The Board and staff recognize with gratitude the commitment of outgoing board members Doug Guynn, Doug Noland, and Debbie Metz after many years of service. We hope you will join us in welcoming incoming members John Sills, Wilson “Wick” Vellines, Liz Schreiber and Perry Fridley.

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## THE BIG READ



At the Middlebrook branch library, attendees were treated to episodes of “Guy Noir” from Garrison Keillor’s *Prairie Home Companion*. Robin Williams, a regular on Keillor’s show and a native of Middlebrook, showed up with his guitar and a copy of *The Maltese Falcon* in hand. He led the discussion, interspersing the evening with stories about the show and playing songs to a rapt audience.



Dressed in a hat and trenchcoat, Dan McCauley looks around the room while attending the Big Read 2009 kickoff at the Mill Street Grill.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge is the project sponsor and organizer for The Big Read in Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County.

Each year during the month of March, the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge organizes a full calendar of events and activities, from book discussions to film screenings and lectures. In 2009, three local library systems were sponsors of the initiative, as well as *The Staunton News Leader*.



Some people were surprised when *The Maltese Falcon*, a detective novel by Dashiell Hammett, appeared on our Big Read list in 2009. Yes, it is a detective novel—and it’s one of the best ever written. It’s also a brilliant literary work, as well as a thriller, a love story, and a dark, dry comedy.

An interactive murder mystery kicked off the month-long series of events. The final event of the month was hosted by the Staunton Public Library, which brought Julie Rivett (Hammett’s granddaughter) and Richard Layman (Hammett’s biographer) into the area. Through new community partners and creative event programming, we were able to reach reluctant and lapsed readers across our community.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- 100 events and more than 12,000 participants.
- 1,500 free copies of the book were distributed.