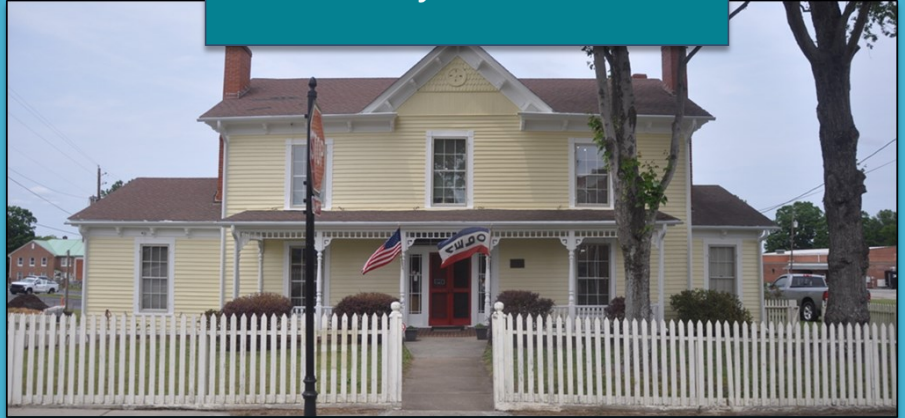




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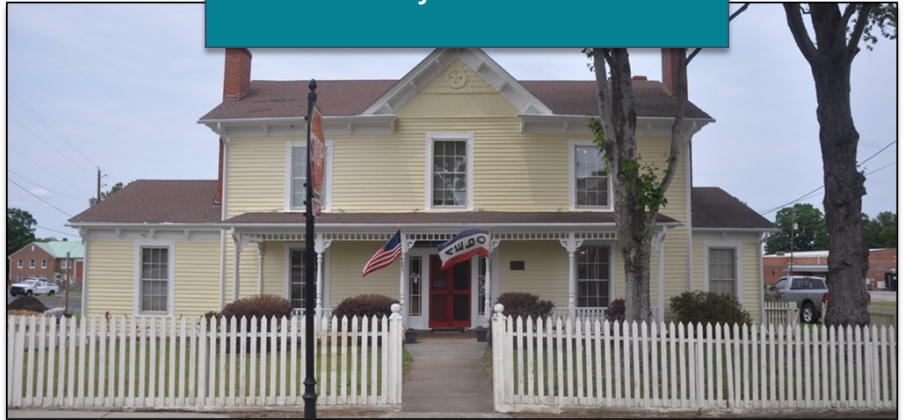
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**A Message from
The Foundation
Board President**



Welcome to the 2024 Competitive Grant Reception.

I would like to thank you for the valuable work of your organization. Each one of you has played an important part in helping people, changing lives, and making the Dan River Region a better place to live. The programs and projects receiving grants were carefully chosen by our Distribution Committee because they will continue making these important contributions to our community.

The Community Foundation is pleased to present \$904,688 to sixty-four deserving organizations today. These grants are made possible by The Foundation's generous donors and the Danville Regional Foundation. They believe in you and your mission.

We look forward to following your progress during the coming year. Congratulations on your award!

Scott Barnes

Board President, Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
2024 GRANT AWARDS RECEPTION
January 10, 2024**

Welcome.....Scott Barnes

Grant Presentations..... Rick Dixon


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The Community Foundation's Competitive Grants are Awarded from the Community Impact, Field of Interest and Donor Advised Funds

The Community Impact Fund is made up of the following unrestricted funds: *The Daniel Fund, James Russell Anderson and Zora Carter Anderson Endowment Fund, Buck-Wayland Fund, Faith Home Endowment Fund, Clarence L. Giles Fund, Harry Melton Hood Fund, Elizabeth (Betty) W. Jefferson Fund, D. Webster, Jr. and Elizabeth S. Marshall Fund, James A. and Anne V. Robertson Fund, Barbara H. Sater and Herbert W. Sater Memorial Fund, John C. Swanson, Jr. Fund, The Opportunity Fund and Unrestricted Community Fund.*

Field of Interest Funds allow donors to specify an area of interest, such as youth, elderly, the arts, education, environment, or medical, to be supported by the fund. Field of Interest Funds included in this Competitive Grant Cycle are: *The Free Clinic of Danville Fund, Stratford House Fund, Faye Carter Fund, W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund, Animal Welfare Fund, Mary Cahill Historic Preservation Fund, Ahmed Children's Fund and the Laurie S. Moran Rotary Service Fund.*

Donor Advised Funds are created when a donor starts an endowed fund and annually recommends organizations to benefit from the fund. Donor Advised Funds included in this Competitive Grant Cycle are: *Gamewood Technology Fund, Irving H. and Louise Hambrick Scarce Animal Welfare Fund, P. Niles and Carol Daly, Jr. Fund, Philip and Frances Daly Fund, and Audrey F. Millner and H. Victor Millner, Jr. Fund.*



Abundant Life World Outreach Church (\$5,550) to extensively reconstruct two existing rooms to create a conducive environment for learning. **(Faye Carter Fund)**

American Red Cross of Blue Ridge Virginia (\$5,000) to cover the cost of two blood drives in Danville and Pittsylvania County. **(The Free Clinic Fund)**

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Danville Area (\$14,350) to support Phase 2 of the Quad A initiative to expose youth to the field of agriculture through work-based learnings in aeroponics. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Blue Ridge Mountains Council (Boy Scouts of America) (\$5,000) to support Cub Scout BSA recruiting. **(Faye Carter Fund)**

Caswell County Historical Association (\$37,500) to continue exterior restoration of the Richmond-Miles Museum. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Caswell County Partnership for Children (\$5,000) to provide summer learning kits to preschool children through the Raising A Reader Super Summer Learning Adventures Program. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Changing Lives Outreach Center CDC (\$34,000) to provide food, safety materials and supplies for the low-economic communities within Danville, Pittsylvania and Caswell Counties. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Chatham First (\$10,500) to pave the walking trail in Frances Hurt Park from Pittsylvania Historical Society Building to Community Foundation Trail Bridge, replacing current mulch and stone. **(W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund)**

City of Danville—Department of Social Services (\$50,000) to provide emergency assistance with utilities, rent, deposits and shelter **(Community Impact Fund)**

City of Danville Parks and Recreation (\$7,500) to provide resources to low-income and unhoused seniors in the Danville Community **(Stratford House Fund)**

County of Caswell Parks and Recreation (\$12,500) to procure child-safe and durable playground equipment and implement safety measures including appropriate surfacing material. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Dan River Basin Association (\$4,300) to create a positive anti-litter campaign to be used in partnership with Danville Parks and Recreation in local schools, and throughout Danville, to inspire the community to make smarter decisions and protect their natural resources. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Danville Area Choral Arts (\$5,000) to provide music instruction for singers in the Danville area and present choral concerts to the general public. **(Stratford House Fund)**

Danville Church and Community Tutorial Program (\$21,672.57) to support stipends for two or four year degreed, qualified teachers and math and reading specialists. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Danville Concert Association (\$3,000) to help offset the cost of bringing the Atlanta Pops Orchestra with Griogair to Danville for a public concert in the Carrington Pavilion. **(Stratford House Fund)**

Danville Historical Society (\$7,850) to secure funding for three key areas: expanded social media reach, a more sophisticated website and the utilization of Google Ads for fundraising purposes. **(Mary Cahill Historic Preservation Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

Danville Lifesaving and First Aid Crew (\$18,330) to secure two defibrillators and a drone lighting system for the DLSC support vehicles. **(Community Impact Fund, Free Clinic Fund)**

Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation (\$12,500) to help property owners address deferred maintenance, make capital improvements, and improve the curb appeal of their home. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association, Inc. (\$12,500) for cancer related prescriptions reimbursement. **(Free Clinic Fund)**

Danville Speech and Hearing (\$36,795) to provide the best quality speech and language therapy services to the underserved and underinsured members of our community. **(Free Clinic Fund)**

Danville Symphony Orchestra (\$5,000) to sponsor the costs of the 2023-2024 concert season. **(Stratford House Fund)**

The Foundation's 2023 Grants In Action



Smokestack Theatre Company hosted Summerstack Programs in the summer months to introduce youth to the “magic” of theater. Kids ages 7-11 learned theater basics, created take home crafts including a costume, prop and set diorama. The end of the camp provided an opportunity for the kids to perform for their parents. Eleven campers were invited to audition for the Summerstack Youth Production, *Channeling Grimm*, where 22 children performed four shows for over 330 attendees. Kids gain developmental skills such as public speaking, memorization, vocal projection and teamwork.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church (\$7,500) to support restoration of our early twentieth century Steinway grand piano for community concerts. **(Stratford House Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

Fairview Church (\$18,000) to provide food for each weekend of the school year to students who may not have enough food to eat at home. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Fine Whines and Lickers (\$6,938) to support our spay/neuter program. **(Community Impact Fund)**

God's Pit Crew (\$23,093.50) to help purchase a new lift truck for the Product Distribution Program. **(Community Impact Fund)**

God's Storehouse (\$22,500) to purchase food for God's Storehouse food distribution program during February to May and August to October during the time our food donations decrease **(Community Impact Fund)**

Good Hope Equestrian & Regenerative Farm, Inc. (\$10,000) to offer a life-changing, three-week day adventure for a minimum of thirty children and youth, aged 4 to 17, who have been in foster care services or were previously part of the system and have since found loving adoptive homes in Pittsylvania County. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Grace A Lot (\$2,700) to remodel volunteer bathrooms and replace flooring. **(Community Impact Fund)**

House of Hope (\$17,175) to modernize the shelter's plumbing system so that it can support the current capacity of the building. **(Philip and Frances Daly Fund, Laurie S. Moran Rotary Service Fund, W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

Just Kids Child Development Center and Legacy Christian Academy (\$18,000) to establish a sliding-scale scholarship pool to reduce cost of high-quality childcare for area workers. **(Community Impact Fund)**

KUUMBA West African Dance Company (\$13,422.56) to support the Danville Storytelling Festival. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia (\$15,000) to grant wishes for the children battling critical illnesses, who are currently waiting in the Danville and Pittsylvania County areas. **(Community Impact Fund)**

The Bridge Ministry, Inc. (\$10,000) to provide substance abuse treatment for formerly incarcerated individuals. **(Community Impact Fund)**

The Foundation's 2023 Grants In Action



Thirteen youth, ages 10 to 17, from the Hughes Residential Treatment Center received three hours of Equine Assisted Activities to promote their physical, social and emotional needs through the Good Hope Equestrian and Regenerative Farm. The activities included horseback riding, care and maintenance of the horses and facilities.

The youth participating in the program present a range of diagnosed conditions, including autism, developmental delays, learning disabilities, as well as emotional conditions such as anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and reactive attachment disorder. The Equine Therapy helps the development of strength, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, confidence building along with helping enhance social skills and emotional well-being.

Eighty-five percent of the Hughes Center youth experienced improvements in relaxation, reconnection, enjoyment and a reduction of symptoms related to anxiety and depression. Eleven youth displayed positive changes in their behavioral conduct.

Milton Preservation and Beautification Society, Inc. (\$25,000) to continue restoration of The Claude Allen Plug Tobacco Factory. **(Community Impact Fund, Stratford House Center Fund)**

Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center (\$12,000) to purchase food in support of monthly supplemental distributions to low-income families. **(Community Impact Fund)**

Second Chance Outreach Ministries, Inc. (\$8,000) to purchase Educational Tool Kits 4 Kidz **(Community Impact Fund)**

Southern Area Agency on Aging (\$16,852) to provide emergency financial assistance to older adults, age 60 and older, who are experiencing a crisis or emergency. **(Stratford House Fund)**

SPCA of Pittsylvania County (\$10,000) to provide veterinary care for the animals that we help in Danville/Pittsylvania County community. **(Irving H. and Louise Hambrick Scarce Animal Fund, Animal Welfare Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

St. Luke's United Methodist Church (\$25,000) to support our backback feeding program **(Community Impact Fund)**

The Caswell County Parish, Inc. (\$15,000) to provide emergency assistance to families in danger of having their electrical service terminated, to those families who cannot afford to purchase alternative forms of heating with propane, wood or oil, or to families in danger of eviction, and for rent assistance. **(Community Impact Fund)**

The Doorways (\$5,000) to support the Patient and Family Access Program for families who reside in the communities served by The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region and who lodge at The Doorways while accessing medical care in the Richmond area. **(The Free Clinic Fund)**

The Literacy Lab (\$2,250) to establish free lending libraries at GLH Johnson, Woodberry Hills, and Schoolfield elementary schools. **(Faye Carter Fund, Ahmed's Children's Fund, Community Impact Fund)**

United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County (\$30,500) to provide 1000 children (0 to 5 years of age) one book a month for one year through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. **(Community Impact Fund)**

VTT, LLC dba Global Center for Automotive Performance (GCAPS) (\$9,000) to support a partnership between IALR/GO TEC and GCAPS to offer a STEM camp to 16 rising 9th and 10th grade students within the region.

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The Gretna Branch Library recently underwent a complete renovation that included the creation of a welcoming and educational learning outdoor space. A stage area is completed and includes shades, electricity, and an area for people to sit and enjoy outdoor performances. There is also a music maze equipped with instruments and a walking trail where native plants can be studied. There are also picnic tables with electric outlets built in so patrons can bring laptops and work outside with using wifi. The hope for this project is increased use for middle and high school students.

Danville Regional Foundation Fund

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The following competitive grants are made possible thanks to The Community Foundation's community partnership with the Danville Regional Foundation

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- Averett University** (\$15,000) to purchase and install five automated external defibrillator (AED) units and provide lifesaving safety courses throughout Averett University. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, P.Niles and Carol Daly, Jr. Fund)**
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Danville Area** (\$10,000) to maintain high visibility in the Danville/Pittsylvania County area and enable us to share our story to individuals who need and can participate in our programs. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Blair's Fire and Rescue** (\$14,000) to purchase firefighting turnout gear for six new members. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Casville Volunteer Fire Department** (\$14,898) to provide an emergency back up generator for our new station. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Community Improvement Council, Inc. Head Start** (\$7,000) to replace large playground equipment and fencing. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Compassion Health Care** (\$15,000) to provide cancer patients in Caswell County with direct financial support to help with medical transportation, medical and pharmacy copayments, nutritional supplements, durable medical equipment and support groups/education. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History** (\$6,000) to provide theme-based activities that enhance historical awareness of Black History in the Danville community. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity** (\$22,500) to purchase materials and pay the labor cost associated with our next partner family's decent and affordable house located at 200 Seminole Drive, located in Habitat Village North. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Danville Science Center, Inc.** (\$10,000) to purchase films for the Digital Dome Theater. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Piedmont Community College Foundation** (\$17,325) to support the K202/203 classroom and meeting space situated within PCC's Caswell County Campus in Yanceyville. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Prospect Hill Volunteer Fire Department** (\$7,176) to purchase new pagers and a new thermal imaging camera. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Providence Fire and Rescue, Inc.** (\$10,250) to replace old outdated turnout gear. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina** (\$15,000) to purchase extra food for our Caswell County partner agencies. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**
- Smokestack Theatre Company** (\$11,875) to support Summerstack programs during the summer of 2024. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

Southside Area Tennis Association (\$5,385) to help support Aces & A's Tennis and Learning Program. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

The Salvation Army of Danville-Pittsylvania (\$35,000) to support the Family Services Program, which provides financial assistance for rent and utilities, food baskets and emergency temporary shelter for those suffering due to economic hardships. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

Town of Chatham Volunteer Fire Department (\$16,024) to purchase new turnout gear. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund, W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund, Audrey F. Millner and H. Victor Millner, Jr. Fund)**

Town of Yanceyville Volunteer Fire Department (\$20,527) to complete a rescue truck for increased traffic on NC Hwy 86. **(Danville Regional Foundation Fund)**

Virginia Legal Aid Society (\$15,000) to help pay a portion of the work of the legal professionals in our Danville office to help low-income residents of the Dan River Region preserve safe and affordable housing, and in particular to reduce area evictions.

The Foundation's 2023 Grants In Action



Blairs Fire and Rescue has a tagline, "So Others Can Live." The agency was able to replace a failing boat with two 14 foot rescue boats with 40 horsepower motors and a transport trailer that carries both boats. Frank Dean Fowler told us that he is relieved to know that when he has to send volunteer personnel into a situation where they are forced to make life or death decisions, his people have the safest equipment to do the job. "The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region, in partnership with the Danville Regional Foundation, has no idea how many lives have been changed because of the financial support given to allow for compliant equipment and training for personnel," says Frank Dean Fowler, Fire Chief.



2023-24 Board of Directors and Staff of The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region

Starting a Fund with The Community Foundation

Nonprofit organizations (agencies) may create a permanent and predictable source of income as a means of building charitable dollars for the future of their mission and work. The agency can add to the fund as well as individuals, organizations and businesses. If we can help you create a charitable solution for your organization, please contact us for more information.

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