



2025 Grant Reception

Awards and recognition event for organizations who are receiving a grant from our 2024-25 Competitive Grant Cycle



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A Message from the Board President



Welcome to the 2024-25 Competitive Grant Cycle Reception. We are grateful to the donors, our community partner Danville Regional Foundation, the Distribution Committee, the staff and all our grantees for the opportunity to put \$946,433 donor generated dollars to work improving the quality of life for residents of the Dan River Region. This funding has been awarded in seven categories: Animal Services, Arts and Culture, Community Development, Education and Youth, Health and Wellness, Human Services, and Emergency Services.

It is a lot of work, and it takes all of us doing this together to make it happen, but the results are that we make a difference, change lives and create legacies. Thank you for being a part of this group of people who never give up, the work is never too hard and we will continue to strive toward more investment in our home as we move forward into the foreseeable future.

It is our hope that we make the work of the agencies easier and more rewarding. We always look forward to their stories of positive change this investment creates in our region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Bass".

Steve Bass
Board President

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GRANT RECEPTION January 8, 2025

Welcome Steve Bass
Grant Introductions.....Danielle Montague
Check Presentations.....Steve Bass

The Community Foundation's Competitive Grants are Awarded from the Community Impact Fund, Field of Interest Funds 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 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 the 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. Field of Interest Funds included in this Competitive Grant Cycle are: *The Free Clinic Fund, Stratford House Center 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 investment fund and names the organizations to benefit from the fund. Donor Advised Funds included in this Competitive Grant Cycle are: *Gamewood Technology Fund, Irvin H. and Louise Hambrick Scarce Animal Fund, P. Niles and Carol Daly, Jr. Fund, Philip and Frances Daly Fund, Audrey F. Millner and H. Victor Millner, Jr. Fund and the Helen and Webb Maddux Fund.*

American Red Cross Blue Ridge Virginia (\$10,000) to cover the cost of two blood drives in Danville and Pittsylvania County (**The Free Clinic Fund**)

Animal Protection Society of the Northern Piedmont, Inc. (\$10,500) to purchase an emergency standby generator (**Community Impact Fund**)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Danville Area (\$8,000) to purchase marketing materials (**Community Impact Fund**)

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Danville Area (\$12,084) to purchase equipment for the Quad A Arts Initiative (**Faye Carter Fund and Philip and Frances Daly Fund**)

Cascade School Community Center (\$9,849) to purchase two additional AC units for the main room (**Stratford House Fund**)

Caswell County Partnership for Children (\$5,594) to provide summer learning kits to preschool children through the Raising-A-Reader Super Summer Learning Program (**Community Impact Fund**)

City of Danville — Department of Social Services (\$41,668.50) to support the Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Combating Homelessness programs (**Community Impact Fund**)

City of Danville — Parks and Recreation (\$7,000) to support free movie programming in five neighborhood parks (**Community Impact Fund**)



Community Improvement Council, Inc. Head Start (\$10,000) to support field trips for students
(Community Impact Fund)

County of Caswell — Parks and Recreation (\$8,624) to support establishing a dog park (Community Impact Fund)

Danville Area Choral Arts Society (\$5,000) to support the Broadway Musical Concert (Community Impact Fund)

Danville Church and Community Tutorial Program (\$51,000) to create satellite libraries at 40 tutorial sites (Community Impact Fund)

Danville Concert Association (\$10,000) to support the American Spiritual Ensemble concert (Stratford House Fund, P. Niles and Carol Daly, Jr. Fund)

Danville Neighborhood Development Corporation (\$15,000) to assist homeowners in addressing deferred maintenance projects (Community Impact Fund)

Danville Pittsylvania Cancer Association, Inc. (\$28,000) to support transportation reimbursements for cancer related appointments (Free Clinic Fund)

Danville Pittsylvania Community Services (\$10,000) to provide items to improve the health, wellness and safety of newly enrolled families (Community Impact Fund)

Danville Science Center, Inc. (\$12,000) to purchase digital dome immersive educational films (Community Impact Fund)

Danville Speech and Hearing (\$24,000) to provide scholarships to patients for speech and language services (Free Clinic Fund)

Danville Symphony Orchestra (\$7,500) to support free, live orchestral concert events (Stratford House Fund and Community Impact Fund)

Fairview Church (\$12,000) to provide weekend and holiday food backpacks (Community Impact Fund)

Fine Whines and Lickers (\$10,000) to support the spay and neuter program (Community Impact Fund)

God's Storehouse (\$35,000) to purchase food for distribution during the slow donation months of February to May and August to October (Community Impact Fund)

Good Hope Equestrian & Regenerative Farm, Inc. (\$10,000) to support the Limitless Strides Project (Community Impact Fund)



Piedmont Community College Foundation (\$13,500) to support students in agricultural career exploration across the state of North Carolina (**Community Impact Fund**)

PPL Foundation (\$41,707.50) to support the purchase of a new bookmobile (**W. Earl and Elise M.G. Allen Fund and Community Impact Fund**)

Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina (\$16,000) to provide additional food for Caswell County partner agencies (**Community Impact Fund**)

Reach Out and Read, Inc. (\$10,675) to provide materials for four Reach Out and Read locations in the service area (**Community Impact Fund**)

Second Chance Outreach Ministries, Inc. (\$5,600) to support the distribution of Educational Tool Kits 4 Kids (**Community Impact Fund**)

Southern Area Agency on Aging (\$20,000) to provide personal care and respite services to frail older adults (**Stratford House Fund**)

SPCA of Pittsylvania County (\$13,793.50) to support veterinary care for rescue animals (**Animal Welfare Fund, Irving H. and Louise Hambrick Animal Welfare Fund, Audrey F. Millner and H. Victor Millner, Jr. Fund and Community Impact Fund**)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church (\$20,000) to support the backpack food program (**Community Impact Fund**)

The Community Foundation's Prior Year Grant Funding In Action



Middle schools in the area offer an introduction to and project completion of robotics career activities in GO TEC labs. Once they complete the middle school piece there is a two-year gap before the Automation & Robotics Pathway opens up again in the 11th grade. VTT, LLC (an Affiliated Company of Virginia Tech) offers a robotics camp through the Global Center for Automotive Performance Simulation program located at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research. Rising 9th and 10th graders have the opportunity through the camp to stay engaged, excited and committed to this career path. This camp offers a bridge to the gap that exists and serves students to build their knowledge of spatial reasoning, robotic mechanisms and functions, coding, and general problem solving. The students design, build, and participate in a robotics competition as well as experience field trips to expose them to a variety of opportunities and technologies.

The Doorways (\$5,000) to provide lodging and amenities to residents in our service area seeking medical care in Richmond, Virginia (**The Free Clinic Fund and Community Impact Fund**)

The Haven of the Dan River Region (\$13,196) to support giving abuse victims a fresh start through counseling services (**Community Impact Fund**)

The Salvation Army of Danville-Pittsylvania (\$30,000) to support the Family Services Program (**Community Impact Fund**)

Third Chance Housing (\$6,043.50) to support a transitional housing summit (**Community Impact Fund**)

United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County (\$15,000) to provide 1,000 children (ages 0 to 5) one book a month for one year through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. (**Faye Carter Fund and Community Impact Fund**)

Victory Junction (\$10,000) to sponsor summer camp experiences for children living with serious illnesses in The Foundation's Service Area (**Community Impact Fund**)

Virginia Hunters Who Care, Inc. (\$10,000) to cover processing costs to provide venison to the hungry (**Community Impact Fund**)

Virginia Legal Aid Society (\$40,000) 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 (**Community Impact Fund**)

Westmoreland Neighborhood Organization (\$24,117) to purchase and install new bleachers at Westmoreland Park (**Laurie S. Moran Rotary Fund and Community Impact Fund**)

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The Danville Science Center provides educational films in the digital dome and coordinates field trips with school systems to help kids with their Standards of Learning (SOL) testing. These feature films encourage engagement in STEM education to learners of all ages in our region. It is a great way to make learning fun!

The Great Solar System Adventure explores the sun-scorched surface of Mercury, the icy expanses of Pluto and more, to emphasize how fantastic our home planet is. Wings Over Water tells the story of the epic journey of three amazing bird families. Both of these films address information required in multiple areas of the SOL tests our students have to complete.

Danville Regional Foundation Fund

of The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region

The following competitive grants are made possible thanks to The Community Foundation's grant-making partnership with the Danville Regional Foundation.

- Blair's Fire and Rescue** (\$15,000) to purchase personal protective equipment for 15 swift water rescue personnel (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America** (\$10,000) to provide membership and camp scholarships (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Casville Volunteer Fire Department** (\$10,000) to purchase three sets of new turnout gear (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Caswell Council for the Arts** (\$10,000) to support the Global Grooves project (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Changing Lives Outreach Center CDC** (\$20,000) to provide food, safety materials and supplies to low-economic communities (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Climax Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.** (\$5,530) to provide firefighters with electronics necessary to receive calls and navigate to the address (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Compassion Health Care** (\$28,000) to provide financial support to cancer patients for medical needs and transportation (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund and Community Impact Fund**)
- Dan River Basin Association** (\$7,051) to provide support for The Budding Scientists Kits for Youth project (**Gamewood Technology Fund and Danville Regional Foundation**)
- Danville Historical Society** (\$10,000) to work with volunteers and students to research, digitize and catalog Mrs. Avicia Hooper Thorpe's collection (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund and Mary Cahill Historic Preservation Fund**)
- Danville Lifesaving and First Aid Crew** (\$10,000) to replace 13 computers (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund and Helen and Webb Maddux Fund**)
- Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History** (\$6,500) to support Japanese War Brides: Across a Wide Divide the making of an "American Bride," a Smithsonian traveling exhibit (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Danville Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity** (\$25,000) to support the next partner family's house located on Martin Avenue. (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline** (\$3,000) to support financial assistance requests for girl scouting activities (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Grace A Lot, Inc** (\$2,400) to purchase needed clothing items (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund and Community Impact Fund**)
- Gretna Fire & Rescue** (\$10,000) to purchase turn out gear for certified firefighters (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)
- Kentuck Elementary School PTO** (\$15,000) to renovate the Kentuck Elementary School playground (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia (\$10,000) to grant wishes to the children battling critical illness in area communities (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Milton Preservation and Beautification (\$20,000) to support the restoration of the Claude Allen Plug Tobacco Factory (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center, Inc. (\$12,500) to purchase food to distribute to low-income families in Pittsylvania County (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Providence Fire and Rescue, Inc. (\$15,000) to purchase battery operated rescue equipment for accident scenes (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

Smokestack Theatre Company (\$12,000) to support Summerstack programs (**Danville Regional Foundation, Ahmed Children's Fund and Community Impact Fund**)

Southside Area Tennis Association (\$12,000) to support the Aces & A's Tennis and Learning Program (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

The Caswell County Parish, Inc. (\$20,000) to provide assistance to families in danger of losing their electrical service or need assistance with alternative forms of heat (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

The Garden Club of Danville (\$10,000) to support the preservation, conservation and restoration of the old Grove Street Cemetery (**Danville Regional Foundation Fund**)

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Second Chance Ministries provides Educational Tool Kits 4 Kids. These kits are backpacks full of school supplies including pens, pencils, pouches, erasers, folders, rulers, notebooks, composition books, highlighters, glue sticks, custom masks, sanitizers, and pocket Bibles. Families who participate in the program have expressed that this support allows them to feel more prepared and less stressed as their children begin a new school year.



Feedback from recipients reflected that many people are not in traditional family situations and greatly benefit from the extra support. A grandmother, who is caring for her three grandchildren due to her son being incarcerated, could not afford the supplies needed. Two sisters, supporting nine children through their combined households, found emotional support and guidance through the program. A mother of six expressed her deep gratitude for the continued support over the last four years, as she struggles to make sure her children have what they need to do well in school.



About The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region is a public charity established in September of 1996 by a steering committee of civic leaders to meet a variety of social, educational, cultural and other charitable needs. The Foundation serves Danville/Pittsylvania County, Caswell County and Halifax County.

The Community Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations throughout the Dan River Region. Grants are funded with earnings on endowment assets.

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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