As a state built on resolve, hard work, and creativity, West Virginia’s resilience extends into our philanthropic efforts. Our residents’ humble generosity works to drive growth and the ability to overcome societal challenges in the Mountain State. Community foundations are a major part of that force as they allow citizens from all walks of life to invest in their community’s present and future needs. From economic development and health, to education and neighborhood revitalization, community foundations are a critical part of ensuring our state’s strength and progress.

Many do not realize that West Virginia is a successful model in community foundation impact and leadership. Since the launch of The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation in 1962, other regions and counties have created their own community foundations in the Mountain State. With nearly 30 community foundations, affiliates, and area funds in our state to date, West Virginia’s community foundations serve 52 counties and contribute millions in community grants and scholarships each year. During the week of November 12, we celebrate community foundations across the state and nation because they:

• Ensure thriving communities by convening business, government, nonprofits, and the public;
• Create opportunities through leveraging partnerships with state and national foundations;
• Invest in critical causes to advance basic human needs, economic development, education, health, the arts, and so much more;
• Tackle West Virginia’s greatest challenges in collaboration with all sectors.

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Our community foundations have a monumental impact on the quality of life in our state. A few concrete examples of this impact including the following:

- The Keep5Local program, which engages our state’s historic transfer of wealth to create new endowments for future generations;

- The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation’s value chain approach to providing local produce at the Charleston Area Medical Center hospital system;

- The Civic Leaders Fellowship Program, as implemented by both the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation and the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, which attracts and retains an educated and civically engaged workforce.

- Huntington’s America’s Best Community National Award, which was earned through a partnership among the City of Huntington, the Foundation for the Tri-State Community, and many others.

- The Tucker Community Foundation’s business growth and workforce development activities, which include investments that promote tourism, agriculture, and entrepreneurship.

West Virginia’s greatest opportunities lie ahead and philanthropy will play a key role in making our state prosperous. As we celebrate Community Foundations Week, we recognize philanthropy’s important work as well as the generosity of our citizens. Philanthropy West Virginia is honored to celebrate the achievements of local donors and community foundations. #PutWV1st

Paul D. Daugherty is President & CEO of Philanthropy West Virginia, the statewide association of grantmaking foundations, corporate giving programs, and philanthropists in the Mountain State. Philanthropy WV focuses on its mission of “Strengthening Philanthropy in the Mountain State.” Daugherty is a proud West Virginia native who currently serves on the United Philanthropy Forum Board of Directors, Leadership West Virginia Board of Directors, and is a 2016–2017 Independent Sector NGEN Fellow. You can learn more about Philanthropy WV by visiting www.philanthropywv.org or following @PhilanthropyWV.
TGKVF received an unusual request from an anonymous donor in the third quarter of 2016. Bob, (alias) a generous philanthropist, wanted to contribute $1 million to assist with dental and emergency aid services within the Kanawha Valley region. He did not want to endow the gift; instead, Bob requested that the Foundation distribute the full $1 million within a single year.

The Foundation staff was up to the challenge. We know that oral health and emergency assistance with basic needs are both significant issues in our region. Poor dental health affects our residents’ overall health, confidence, and even earning capability. Emergency assistance, especially in light of job loss, medical crisis, and natural disaster, is a consistent need among our most vulnerable neighbors, including low-income families and seniors. In response to Bob’s request, we developed a simple application and process, that included convening a special committee to review proposals. We also promoted the unique funding opportunity on our website, via electronic notification, and in-person at various Foundation gatherings.

Twenty-one initiatives were awarded grants. One of these grants went to Family Care Health Centers to provide dental services in collaboration with Recovery Point of Charleston, a substance abuse treatment facility for women. Toni was a beneficiary of these services. Below please find Toni’s story, in her own words:

“I went almost ten years without my front teeth. I felt worthless, ugly, and ashamed to smile. One of my greatest fears growing up was losing my teeth and then it came true. I couldn’t look at myself in the mirror. I wouldn’t let people take pictures of me.

Now that I have my teeth I can genuinely smile. I have confidence in myself. I feel good about myself. I don’t feel “less than” anymore. It has changed my life and it was an answer to a prayer. I had given up on ever having teeth because I just couldn’t afford them. Every time I look in the mirror I almost cry because having my teeth is a dream come true. It feels so great to just smile without covering my mouth with my hand or smiling with my mouth closed. I really thought I’d never smile again.

It’s hard to put into words how I feel about my teeth. Not having them seriously affected my sense of security and greatly impacted my quality of life. It’s a miracle I have my smile back. Now, I can just laugh without worrying about people seeing where my teeth used to be. I can have confidence when applying for a job or going back to school. It’s the best gift and blessing I have gotten.”

As evidenced by Toni’s experience, a healthy smile can impact every aspect of a person’s life. As Toni recovers from her addiction, her confidence continues to grow.

Following is a list of organizations that were awarded funding and the number of children and adults, like Toni, who will benefit.
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TGKVF is thankful for Bob and the many donors who entrust us with their philanthropic endeavors.
Kristin joined The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation team in May of 2017. She received both her BSBA, (Accounting emphasis), and MPA from West Virginia University. Kristin has been a licensed CPA since 1999. Prior to her work at the Foundation, Kristin spent the majority of her career in the public accounting industry working for both Ernst & Young and Dixon Hughes Goodman. She also served as Deputy Commissioner for the WV State Tax Department. In her role as Chief Financial Officer, Kristin provides leadership, supervision, oversight, and management of the Foundation’s finances and investments. Kristin enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and cheering for the Mountaineers.
The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation (TGKVF) Board of Trustees approved the distribution of 16 grants totaling $560,067.

These grants include a collaboration between The Bridge, a Mission WV program, and Clay County Schools that provides academic support for foster youth. The number of children in foster care in West Virginia is growing at an alarming rate and many children without stable homes find themselves without education advocates. Jim (alias) is an example of a program participant. Jim was living out-of-state with a family member and was experiencing multiple barriers as he did not have a permanent address. As a result of his truancy, Jim was not expected to graduate from high school and certainly not expected to attend college. In fact, only 58 percent of foster youth graduate from high school by the age of 19 and only 10 percent even attempt to enroll in a post-secondary institution. Fewer than 3 percent of youth in foster care earn a college degree. Although Jim is bright and motivated, he lacked the support to make his ambitions a reality and the odds were stacked against him. After relocating to Clay County and with the support of The Bridge program, Jim recently graduated from high school and now attends West Virginia University on scholarship. Still, the path wasn’t easy; he recalls that “if it wasn’t for the counselors at Clay County High School and The Bridge staff, I don’t know if I would have graduated.” Through his participation with The Bridge of Mission WV, he received one-on-one tutoring and advocacy from a specialist well-versed in academic attainment and career pathways. With her help, he has been able to overcome his adversity and tell his incredible story to admissions counselors and scholarship committees.

TGKVF also awarded four responsive grants totaling $303,067 to Basic Needs and Arts & Culture programs and eight grants totaling $257,000 in the Foundation’s proactive priority areas of Education, Health and Community Economic Development (CED).

**Kanawha Valley Coding Club (KVCC)- Expanding the Digital Toolbox:**

$27,865 (Education)
The intent of the KVCC is to build a hub of digitally trained residents through the recruitment and engagement of middle and high school students from Kanawha, Boone, and Putnam counties. Students receive training using Treehouse Technology curricula and local talent. They have access to coding, web design, application building, and other skills. Funding will support staffing and student scholarships.

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**Mission WV-The Bridge: $36,035 (Education)**
The Bridge and Clay County Schools are devoted to serving children of Clay County, WV by academically supporting and mentoring those who are in out-of-home care. This service includes educational advocacy, academic support, mentoring, and connections to resources. Funding will support staffing, supplies, and training.

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“I’ve been waiting for this all of my life!”
– Zack Mowrer
Age 13

“The Bridge helps me stay focused on what I should. I feel like my mentor is my friend and another mom at the same time.”
– Student participating in The Bridge program
Team for WV Children-Fostering Futures to Help Youth Thrive: $23,408 (Education)
This is a collaborative project between Western Regional CASA and the Mentoring and Oversight for Developing Independence with Foster Youth (MODIFY) program. The program serves youth ages 14–23 to improve post-secondary education readiness and to foster better life outcomes. Funding will support staffing, supplies, and training.

Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Cabin Creek Health Systems-Sustainable Care Coordination for High Risk Diabetes Patients: $34,192 (Health)
This project will establish care coordination teams for high-risk diabetes patients in order to improve outcomes, reduce health care cost, and establish sustained employment for community health workers. This initiative, which includes Cabin Creek Health Systems as the clinical partner, is part of a tri-state network of clinics conducting care coordination. Funding will support the community health workers.

Children’s Therapy Clinic, Inc.-Comprehensive Therapeutic Services: $35,500 (Health)
Children’s Therapy Clinic (CTC) will provide comprehensive therapy services for children with special needs who have insufficient insurance coverage and/or income. CTC will complement therapy services with yoga classes once a week. Funding will support the compressive therapy services.

Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley Inc. - Good HOST: $60,000 (CED)
This project is a three-phase collaborative partnership that prepares unemployed individuals with the skills needed to succeed in the hospitality industry. Funding will support the first programmatic phase of recruitment and hospitality training that will be a catalyst for allowing graduates the opportunity to change their lives through work.

25045 A New Clendenin, Inc. - The Clendenin Flood Recovery-Coding Initiative: $40,000 (CED)
This initiative offers a unique opportunity aimed at diversifying the economy in northern Kanawha County and provides much needed economic activity in downtown Clendenin. The project will create a software development/coding hub at the former Clendenin Middle School in order to provide training and employment opportunities for community residents. Funding will provide stipends for low-income students who attend coding training.

“I was so nervous waiting for my court hearing to start and then I looked up and saw my CASA walk in. I knew he had my back.”
– CASA youth

“Over 2,500 of CCHS's patient population has a diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes and 20% are considered to be high risk. Many of these individuals would benefit from constant contact and support between provider appointments to make the lifestyle changes necessary to reduce their overall risk.”
– Staff member

“This grant allows us to offer another therapeutic opportunity to the children we serve. Yoga will complement services currently offered and further the benefit they receive from therapy.”
– Valicia Leary, Executive Director

“Goodwill is pleased to be the catalyst for this innovative program. With support from TGKVF, we will convene the business, education, and workforce partners needed to ensure the program’s success.”
– Cheri Bever, President/CEO of Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley, Inc.
Charleston Civic Chorus—Charleston Civic Chorus 2017 Spring Festival, Winter, and Goodnight Concerts: $1,000 (Arts & Culture)
The Charleston Civic Chorus provides free choral concerts to the community. Funding will support the 2018 lineup, which includes: Spring Concert on April 30, 2018, FestivALL Concerts, Winter Concert on December 3, 2018, and two concerts for Charleston Goodnight festivities on December 31, 2018.

West Virginia Music Hall of Fame—West Virginia Music Hall of Fame, Inc.: $8,380 (Arts & Culture)
The West Virginia Music Hall of Fame’s (WVMHoF) Music Career Counseling program introduces 8th graders to the many different career options, performing and non-performing, in the music business. This program will visit eight schools in three counties and reach approximately 800 eighth grade students through video and live presentations by four visiting music industry professionals. Funding will support program materials, supplies, and stipends for the guest artists.

West Virginia Youth Symphony—Outreach through Performing Arts, Dance, Voice, and Orchestral Music!: $15,250 (Arts & Culture)
The collaborative performance of the ballet production at the Clay Center in February 2018, will highlight over 150 young dancers, singers, and musicians, from Appalachian Children’s Chorus, River City Youth Ballet (RCYB), and the West Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra (WVYSO). The WVYSO and RCYB will lead the Clendenin outreach classes in ballet and violin instruction for approximately 40 economically disadvantaged children residing in Kanawha and Clay counties. It is estimated that over 900 students and over 600 general audience members will see each show. In addition to the staged ballet at the Clay Center, WVYSO and RCYB will take performances to regional schools. The funding will assist with the expenses associated with the ballet and the Clendenin and regional school outreach program.

YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program: $14,942 (Basic Needs)
Through this program, the Victim and Shelter Services Coordinator and team assist victims of abuse with their goals, while providing the basic needs of food, shelter, and clothing in a safe, confidential location. The coordinator refers clients to helpful community resources and on-site classes, which empower survivors to build more secure futures. Funding will support staffing and supplies.

"The highlight of the concert was "Untraveled Worlds" where the Chorus combined with the WVSU singers, along with some powerful percussion and brass, and an absolutely incredible solo violinist."

— Audience member at the Spring 2017 post-concert reception

"I was thinking about giving up the guitar... I had no idea I could be a musician by night and work as an electrician by day like my dad."

— 8th grade student who participated in the Music Career Counseling Program

"The Hansel and Gretel 2017 collaboration by the Appalachian Children’s Chorus, the River City Youth Ballet Ensemble, and the West Virginia Youth Symphony was a performance experience to remember! Each of these groups have their own busy schedules and performances that are worthy of community support. However, this collaboration exceeded expectations.”

— Becky Shuman

"I would recommend Resolve to any and all abused women. Participate in the group meetings -- they are really so helpful and healing. Get out there and do what YOU want to do. YOU CAN DO IT!"

— YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program participant
Daymark, Inc.-Patchwork: $15,000 (Basic Needs)
This project provides food, clothing, counseling, transportation, and other support for youth who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Any young person may call or go to the Patchwork facility at any time - 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Funding will support staff salaries, food, and utilities.

Covenant House, Inc.-Improving Health and Quality of Life for homeless and low-income persons: $60,000 (Basic Needs)
This project is a collaboration among Covenant House, Manna Meal, Inc., and Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center to fight hunger, homelessness, and poverty in Kanawha County. These three organizations serve over 90 percent of the homeless population in the County. Funding will support food and clothing for homeless persons and other marginalized community residents.

Kanawha Valley Collective, Inc.-Centralized Point of Entry Housing and Stabilization: $55,500 (Basic Needs)
The Kanawha Valley Collective (KVC) is the local continuum of care. KVC is a collaborative network of partners serving Kanawha, Putnam, Clay, and Boone Counties. This project will reduce and prevent homelessness by providing emergency shelter, permanent housing, and employment skills training to our community’s most vulnerable citizens. This funding will support a multi-agency approach to case management for the homeless population. It will assist with the necessary wraparound services needed to provide permanent housing placements.

West Virginia University-Children’s Vision Rehabilitation Program: $132,995 (Basic Needs)
This project will provide funding to The Children’s Vision Rehabilitation Program of the WVU Eye Institute and WV SenseAbilities for the following: development of two low vision children’s clinics in TGKVF’s geographical area; a summer institute for visually impaired youth on expanded core curriculum skills; a continuation of the teacher/parent mentor program for providing education, training, and support; two clinics; and a technology integration institute for visually impaired middle and high school students.

“I really like this program and I’m going to miss every staff here. I want to thank all of you guys for your help. You helped me out more than you will ever know.”
– From a Patchwork client

“I want to own my own home one day. I don’t want to depend on a program for help forever. Right now though, this is what’s good for my son. And what’s good for him is good for the future.”
– Virginia Gardner

“Now I’m going to school and getting higher education. I just want to prove that I can do it. Without Covenant House, I’d be still out on the roads, flying my sign and panhandling.”
– Jimbo Terrell

“I want to thank all of the amazing people at CVRP summer institute. I could not thank you enough for all you have done. My daughter feels like she is a part of something and accepted for who she is, not what she can’t see. The love, compassion, and inspiration you give will last a lifetime. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”
– From a Patchwork client
TGKVF helps students follow their educational dreams and prepare for their future careers. TGKVF administers over 500 funds and more than 100 of those are designated for statewide scholarships. In the 2017 – 2018 academic school year, TGKVF funded 373 scholarships for a total of $768,297.00. We know being a student presents many challenges. With this in mind, our generous donors have created hundreds of scholarship opportunities for students throughout the state.

The 2018-19 scholarship application is available November 1, 2017-January 15, 2018 on www.tgkvf.org