Over the past few months, the COVID-19 pandemic changed so much of how we operate at Mountaineer Food Bank – from how we interact with people and volunteers to how we distribute food to those in need. In some cases, these changes have been small, but for our partner food pantries, meal programs, and those who visit them, the pandemic has had a significant impact on those struggling with food insecurity. With countless individuals and families unable to work and children home from school, the impact has been felt in every community across the state.

Prior to the start of pandemic, 260,000 West Virginians were struggling with food insecurity. After the pandemic began, Mountaineer Food Bank saw a 40 percent increase in requests for assistance, and fielded countless calls about where the next Mobile Food Pantry was going to be, where families could find assistance, and even where children who were home from school could receive lunch. During this time, we saw plenty of new faces at Mobile Food Pantry distributions, many of who shared that they’d been laid off or had hours reduced and needed to find a way to provide for their families. With no clear end in sight, the Food Bank began distributing more food into the community than ever before.

To meet the increased demand, Mountaineer Food Bank responded by building and distributing Emergency Food Boxes through our Mobile Food Pantry Program and to our partner food pantries. These food boxes contained a variety of shelf-stable food items as well as fresh produce and proteins. Distributing these boxes would not have been possible without support from the West Virginia National Guard, who sent a team to our main warehouse in Gassaway for eight weeks to help meet the increased need. The Guard formed a food box assembly line and built an average of 1,200
Emergency Food Boxes per day, which were then distributed to communities across the state. With the Guard’s assistance, we were able to distribute boxes to 1,421 families in Boone County, 1,037 families in Clay County, and 1,047 families in Kanawha County through our Mobile Food Pantry Program held from March through May.

As the need for food continued to increase, so did the need for storage and distribution space. In addition to packing food boxes, the West Virginia National Guard assisted with launching a regional distribution center at their Rock Branch facility in Putnam County for Mountaineer Food Bank’s and Facing Hunger Food Bank’s use. With this new regional distribution center, there’s no doubt we are able to better serve the Kanawha Valley region and West Virginia as a whole.

While we have experienced changes in our everyday operations, one thing that hasn’t changed is Mountaineer Food Bank’s mission to feed the hungry in West Virginia. While we had to make modifications to our distribution models, we’ve continued to distribute food to those in need throughout our 48-county service area. This wouldn’t have been possible without the support of the West Virginia National Guard and the support from individual, corporate, and foundation donors like the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. Mountaineer Food Bank is incredibly grateful for the growth of new partnerships and support from the community because we know it takes an entire network of people working together to feed West Virginia. While this new normal is likely here to stay, we’ll continue doing what we do best — feeding people in need.
OUR CRISIS RESPONSE:
$1,365,641 FOR COVID-19 RELIEF
IN THE GREATER KANAWHA VALLEY AREA

With the help of generous donors, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation (TGKVF) awarded a record 52 grants totaling $1,365,641 for COVID-19 relief in less than three months.

When TGKVF launched the COVID-19 Relief Fund in March 2020 with $150,000, we had not fully realized the magnitude of the pandemic and how it would impact our nonprofit partners and the low-wealth citizens they serve. We now know that regardless of their area of focus – from arts and culture to basic needs, education to health, community economic development to emergency aid – the sustainability and capacity of all nonprofits have been affected by COVID-19. These organizations need philanthropic and government support so they can emerge on the other side of the global pandemic.

As fate would have it, an anonymous donor, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, and Huntington Bank were cognizant of the need to support community efforts like ours and contributed $1,060,641, $150,000, and $5,000, respectively, to our Relief Fund. All the funds we received went towards grants; no administrative fees were assessed. We also expedited the application and approval processes so that the funds could get to the community as quickly as possible.

The primary objective of our relief effort was to keep low-wealth households and families intact as they lived through the COVID-19 pandemic. Since we do not make grants to individuals, our approach was to provide financial support to high-performing nonprofit partners that serve our community. As with all of our discretionary grantmaking, we focused on Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties and primarily funded food access, healthcare and medication assistance, shelter, and utility assistance programs. Seventy percent ($950,141) of funds awarded were for these emergency need purposes.

We also awarded $137,000 to programs that serve the educational and safety needs of children. Schools and youth serving organizations are reeling as learning loss and difficulty re-acclimating to the classroom are expected, so teachers need support as they try to remediate at the beginning of the school year. As school systems pivot to begin planning for more remote education options, broadband infrastructure and distance learning mechanisms need support, as do the many students who do not have computer and internet access for remote learning. Additionally, as stay-at-home orders and physical distancing requirements continue, many are concerned about child abuse and domestic violence. Child abuse reports in West Virginia are down significantly, which is alarming and may be because people who usually make reports aren’t in contact with children.
We responded to immediate basic needs crises while also planning for what our communities will need in the future. Many of our arts and culture nonprofits are concerned about the economic downturn and what that will mean for individual giving and corporate sponsorships. They’ve had to cancel fundraisers that provide flexible income, and many that rely on audiences and ticket sales to survive are struggling. When crises strike, funding for arts and cultural activities is the first reduction many business and donors make. Yet art nourishes the spirit, which is something all of our communities need, especially now and as our region recovers. We know that in order for our communities to thrive, we need to feed and house our neighbors, but we also need to attract people and businesses that will help invest in our communities. Research shows people and businesses situate themselves in places that are attractive to live, work, and play. Therefore, we provided $128,500 in support to arts and cultural communities so that they will still be around when the pandemic subsides.

The remaining $150,000 provided general support to high-performing, long-term partners across all sectors, including basic needs, education, and arts. Many of these partners were ineligible for or were not approved for the Payroll Protection Program offered by the CARES Act.

The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation’s COVID-19 relief efforts would not have been possible without generous support from an anonymous donor, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, and Huntington Bank. We are immensely grateful to these partners for caring so much about those severely impacted by the pandemic. As infection rates continue to rise in West Virginia and around the country, we remain concerned about the future of our nonprofit partners and the low-wealth citizens they serve. We are all in this public health emergency together. Let us follow the directives of public health officials so that we can get the health of the nation under control and get back to a socially enriching life.

A summary of the grants awarded is below:

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Why convene a Summit on Race Matters?
While all West Virginians are integral to moving the state forward, Black West Virginians face systemic barriers that impede their full participation in this important work. These barriers need to be addressed in a meaningful, sustainable, and transformational way so that all West Virginians can participate in the West Virginia Renaissance.

Purpose:
The primary purpose of the Summit is to discuss race in a comprehensive, collaborative, and compassionate manner designed to build the Beloved Community in West Virginia.

Desired Outcomes:
• Strengthen the skills of individual agents of change working to build communities that serve everyone
• Serve as an incubator for increased collaborative leadership in building these communities
• Raise awareness of the systemic inequalities faced by Black West Virginians
• Develop an agenda of thoughtful and visionary policies and practices that empower Black West Virginians

Approach:
• The Summit will host monthly virtual sessions featuring national and local presenters. Sessions will be held August through December 2020.
• Learning modules for group discussions will raise awareness of internal factors that perpetuate social inequities.
• Groups will discuss how to apply Summit outcomes in their workplaces and communities.
• Summit attendees will be invited to attend a progress report in August 2021.
Charleston, WV - The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation (TGKVF) Board of Trustees approved the distribution of grant funding totaling $611,700.

Funding supports programs such as Backpack Buddy, a food box delivery program serving students and their families in Boone, Kanawha, and Putnam Counties. Backpack Buddy recently received a special thank you note from a grateful family who had previously received food boxes in a time of need. The volunteers at Backpack Buddy were thrilled to learn that the family was in a better financial position and was volunteering to hold a job fair for families currently receiving assistance. Backpack Buddy distributed job fair announcement flyers in 800 food boxes, and many of the recipients attended the fair. Because of the Backpack Buddies’ program and this family’s generosity, two people receiving food boxes found stable employment.

TGKVF awarded seven responsive grants totaling $141,000 to Arts & Culture, Basic Needs, and Field-of-Interest programs, and awarded four grants totaling $150,700 in the Foundation’s proactive areas of Education and Health. Continued generous support from an anonymous donor provided funding for one Dental and seven Emergency Aid grants totaling $320,000.

Arts in Action- Arts in Action Student Classroom and Performance Supplies: $18,000 (Arts & Culture)
Arts in Action’s new program - Superstars ARTReach - will provide classes for 17 youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Kanawha County. School year classes and summer camps provide instruction in dance, acrobatic dance, Appalachian clogging, show choir, music, and theater including improvisational comedy and visual arts. The program is committed to “arts for everyone” and provides need-based financial aid. Funding from TGKVF will support classroom and performance supplies.

Charleston Ballet, Inc.- Charleston Ballet 2020-2021 Season: $17,000 (Arts & Culture)
Funding from TGKVF will provide support for the Charleston Ballet’s 2020-2021 season, assisting with guest artist rehearsal and performance fees, travel, and housing for 9-10 performances. The performances include three mainstage performances in October and December’s Nutcracker performance with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, along with additional smaller performances that take place throughout the season at various venues. Audiences are from the six counties TGKVF serves and beyond. All performances exhibit educational and cultural diversity components, including BALLET FOR ALL and 21st Century After School Learning Programs.

“Students who attended The Nutcracker for the first time were so inspired that they have been producing their own dance/theater activities every Friday.”
– Sarah Buckalew, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Charleston

“When I dance, all this sadness inside me just lets out and I feel happy. … Thank you Mrs. Joni and Urban Age for not only helping me become a better dancer, but for making me happier in life!”
– an Urban Age student
**Children’s Theatre of Charleston-A New Decade, A New Home, A New CTOC: $12,500 (Arts & Culture)**

Children’s Theatre of Charleston’s renovations will allow children in Kanawha, Putnam, and surrounding counties to be exposed to the performing arts in a professional rehearsal setting. The larger space will increase the number of children who can participate in the full theater experience that includes acting, singing, and dance. Additional space will also allow older children to be involved in the art of costume creation and set design.

“I played big and small roles, made important friendships, and learned valuable lessons. In short, CTOC is where I grew up.”

– Mitchel Kawash, professional actor, graduate of Yale University and London Academy of Dramatic Music and Art

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**BackpackBuddy.Org-BackpackBuddy.Org Summer Program: $27,500 (Basic Needs)**

BackpackBuddy.Org empowers community partners in Boone, Putnam, and Kanawha Counties to provide nutritional, personal care, and educational support to underprivileged students in their communities during the summer breaks from school. Funding from TGKVF will support food delivery to participating students.

“The Backpack Buddy boxes help out when we are needing a little extra food and are not able to get to the store due to being short on cash till the next paycheck.”

– Program recipient

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**Rea of Hope Fellowship Home, Inc.-Rea of Hope Utilities: $22,000 (Basic Needs)**

Funding will support the operation of Rea of Hope’s mission to help West Virginia women suffering from alcohol and/or drug addiction by teaching the life skills and self-sufficiency required to reach sustained recovery, while promoting safe and affordable housing.

“I’m grateful for second chances, my support group, recovery, and most importantly the Rea of Hope for helping save my life and giving my kids a place that they know and feel safe.”

– Program participant

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**YWCA Sojourner’s Shelter for Homeless Women & Families-YWCA Sojourner’s Shelter for Homeless Women & Families: $27,500 (Basic Needs)**

Funding will assist with operational support of the YWCA Sojourner’s Shelter, a licensed 75-bed facility. This community-based program provides shelter with supportive services, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year to single women, women with children, men with custody of their children, veterans, and intact families.

“God bless Sojourner’s for the love and care everyone gives to each person they serve. I could not have succeeded and found my new home without Sojourner’s!”

– Client who secured permanent, stable housing

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**Southern Appalachian Labor School-SALS Life Support: $16,500 (Field of Interest)**

The Southern Appalachian Labor School (SALS) will distribute food, study guides, reading materials, and books to students, seniors, and those who are disabled in rural areas of Fayette County. SALS will also set up cell, internet, and hot spot connections whenever possible to monitor and to

“I am so thankful that SALS provided food for my children during the summer.”

– Ruth, Program recipient
connect those involved when social distancing and home isolation is required.

**Marshall University Foundation Incorporated—Accelerating West Virginia: $57,000 (Education)**

Accelerate West Virginia is a grant partnership between The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, the June Harless Center at Marshall University, and the West Virginia Department of Education. This project will provide support and guidance to students from Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties as they make preparations for the 2020-2021 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will focus on reaching children grades Pre-K through Third Grade in the area of early literacy while addressing the social and emotional needs of all students.

“I’m so excited about this project because I have experienced how struggling students thrive with accelerated instruction and appropriate support.”

– Christy Schwartz, Early Literacy Specialist at the June Harless Center

**Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Disorders Association, Inc., WV Chapter—Expanding Services and Improving Care for Families Touched by Dementia: $40,000 (Health)**

The West Virginia Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association will increase its presence and outreach in Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties by working to increase equity in accurate dementia diagnoses. The Association will focus on increasing the number of families who have access to free services and who receive affordable, high-quality care and support for living better with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. By expanding its reach through the Volunteer-Powered Program Delivery Initiative, the Alzheimer’s Association will enable more education programs and increased access to care and support programs in underserved areas.

“Alzheimer’s is devastating. The Association’s services ease the pain of those who suffer with it and help their caregivers.”

– Senator Shelley Moore Capito

**TEAM West Virginia Children, Inc.—ACEs Coalition of West Virginia: $23,700 (Health)**

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Coalition of West Virginia serves organizations and individuals in Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties through education, awareness, and prevention of ACEs. The Coalition advocates for resources that support best practices and reduce the burden of ACEs, coordinates across agency boundaries to deliver the best possible services, and educates the public and influential leaders on the impact ACEs have on the health and economic problems facing West Virginia.

“Providing our children with the resources to success involves protecting them from toxic adversity while simultaneously attending to the suffering of parents, who themselves are often victims of adverse childhood experiences.”

– Michael Brumage, MD, MPH, FACP FACPM
**West Virginia Free, Inc.-Love Your Birth Control: $30,000 (Health)**

This second year of funding from TGKVF will support The Know Your Options, Love Your Birth Control Campaign that is focused on increasing access to the full spectrum of contraceptive options. WV Free addresses the lack of access and education in a three-pronged approach: intensive community outreach and education; shared decision-making training on contraceptive counseling for health care providers and mental health professionals; and technical assistance to those trained. This campaign will cover the entire state of West Virginia and focus on Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Fayette, and Putnam Counties.

**West Virginia Health Right, Inc.-Dental Care for Impoverished Adults: $175,000 (Dental)**

While approximately 50 percent of West Virginia Health Right, Inc.’s patients are insured through governmental insurances, adults insured through Medicaid have limited dental coverage and seniors covered through Medicare have no dental benefits. Additionally, only those veterans with a 100 percent service-related disability qualify for dental coverage through the Veterans Administration. WV Health Right fills these gaps for impoverished, uninsured or underinsured adults through an on-site dental clinic that serves 34 West Virginia counties and through its Mobile Dental Unit that serves the five rural counties of Boone, Clay, Logan, McDowell, and Roane. During the past year, 7,161 adults were provided a full range of dental treatments, with 4,795 of those being residents of The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation’s six county service area.

**Kanawha County Commission-Juvenile Drug Court Needs: $20,000 (Emergency Aid)**

Kanawha County’s Juvenile Drug Court is a court-led and community supported program of early intervention to address the specific needs of its substance-abusing youth participants. The objectives of Juvenile Drug Court are to improve youth’s general functioning by reducing internal and external problems and to increase family self-sufficiency and ability to cope with life’s difficulties. The program seeks to divert non-violent juvenile offenders from the traditional Juvenile Court process to intensive, individualized treatment with the goal being to reduce future court involvement for these youth.
**Mountain Mission, Inc.-Roof Replacement: $25,000 (Emergency Aid)**
The Roof Replacement Project will assist Mountain Mission in securing two new roofs for its facilities in Kanawha County. The two buildings that house the food pantry, food sorting area, furniture and clothing areas, and volunteer areas are connected, yet the roofs are independent. This project will help Mountain Mission provide services without structural interferences due to leaking roofs.

“Thanks to Mountain Mission’s help, I didn’t lose my home and everything in it due to my leg amputation.”
– Jeff

**REA of Hope Fellowship Home, Inc. - New Life Apartments III: $15,000 (Emergency Aid)**
Due to the extreme demand for safe and supportive housing for graduates of its programs, REA of Hope (ROH) is expanding its programs for the third time since opening in 2005. ROH provides housing and rehabilitative support for women aged 18 and older who are recovering from alcohol and/or drug use and who want to remain abstinent from use. The ROH model is based on teaching women how to live without drugs and alcohol while providing safe and supportive housing for families.

“I’m grateful for second chances, my support group, recovery, and most importantly the Rea of Hope for helping save my life and giving my kids a place that they know and feel safe.”
– Program participant

**University of Charleston-Naloxone Distribution Day: $30,000 (Emergency Aid)**
Naloxone Distribution Day will be a one-day event held in multiple locations where community members may obtain Naxolone education and kits to take home. Locations will be spread throughout Kanawha and Putnam Counties and will be identified through overdose report data to determine the areas of highest risk. At each location, volunteers will train each person requesting Naloxone. In total, 600 kits containing 1,200 does of Naloxone will be distributed to community members during Naloxone Distribution Day.

“Thank you so much for what you’re doing. Keep on changing our future so that we have a greater chance of living, and one day we may see what we can evolve into or have the opportunity to be.”
– Crystal

**Walking Miracles Family Foundation-Country Roads Care Assistance Program: $15,000 (Emergency Aid)**
Walking Miracles Family Foundation will utilize its Care Assistance Program to provide families experiencing childhood cancer with Care Cards to cover expenses such as transportation, lodging, and food incurred in accessing treatment. The various costs associated with travel are a major barrier to accessing cancer treatment for many families. In West Virginia, this burden is severe as many rural areas have no public transportation system or healthcare facilities. This assistance will ensure that every West Virginia child will receive cutting-edge cancer care.

“I was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, had a lumpectomy, and will begin radiation next month. Thank you for your generosity and support. The cash card will be of great benefit while I make daily trips to the CAMC Cancer Center.”
– Recipient
**West Virginia Council of Churches-We Are All Kin: $20,000 (Emergency Aid)**

The West Virginia Council of Churches will increase the services and resources available to meet the growing needs of foster, adoptive, and kinship (FAK) families by: building capacity within FAK families; establishing a formalized network of FAK parents; building FAK support from faith and local communities; and by expanding the knowledge base concerning FAK families' needs and available resources. Funding from TGKVF will support project supervision and accountability, project coordination and travel, and conference scholarships for families in Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties.

**West Virginia University Foundation, Inc.-Feeding Dreams in Kanawha County: $20,000 (Emergency Aid)**

The West Virginia Family Nutrition program and Feeding Dreams are partnering to provide 450 low-income Kanawha County residents with meal kit boxes each week for six weeks in the Fall of 2020. Meal kit boxes contain fresh produce and nutrient-dense dry food and well as information on healthy cooking and recipes. Box distribution will be paired with nutrition education classes and activities provided by the Family Nutrition Program, which is designed to address food security and issues in access while also providing education on healthy eating and stretching food dollars.

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“We have some amazing advocates! They have done more for us and our children than I have seen anyone do in 23 years of working in the social service field!”

– Foster and adoptive parent after participating in advocacy for policy reform

“This program not only will serve 450 individuals with much needed nutrition but will also provide the resources they need to prepare healthy food, better manage food resources and learn about nutrition.”

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