

## SUMMARY of CWO GRANTS for three years ended in 2016

Organization	Reason
The Bascom	Provided scholarships for K-12 children
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Provided 1-on-1 tutoring for kids facing adversity kids facing adversity.
Blue Ridge Dental, a/k/a Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project, Inc	Long-term support for their Prosthetics program, providing crowns or dentures to low income patients
Blue Ridge School Educational Foundation	New in 2016, supported Junior Musicians Scholarship Fund.
Boys & Girls Club of the Plateau	New in 2015, supported Project Learn/Power Hour helping selected students with tutoring.
Cashiers-Highlands Humane Soc.	In 2016 helped with dog play yards; previously supported spay and neuter program.
CLE Highlands	New in 2016, supported Marketing and Outreach
Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc	Long-time supporter for General Operating funds providing medical services to 1200 people yearly.
Counseling & Psychotherapy Center of Highlands	New in 2014, supported counselors providing services to kids and adults.
Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry	Long-time supporter for General Operating funds.

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Friends- Founders Park Highlands

In 2015 and 2016 helped complete Phase II of valuable free park for Highlands residents.

The Gathering Table

In 2016 supported purchase of mobile kitchen to provide free organic meals to all in Cashiers.

Girls on the Run-Western NC

In the past, supported elementary girls' athletics

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival

New in 2015, funded free concerts in outreach to kids, elderly, community

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust

Since 2014, supported Kids in Nature education.

Highlands Community Child Development Center

In 2015 helped playground improvement. Have supported age-related development programs

Highlands Emergency Council

Winter heating assistance for low income families

Highlands Historical Society

In 2016 funded Old Jail restoration, replaced windows & painted Prince House in 2015-2014

Highlands Playhouse

Helped replace sound equipment in 2015

Hospice House Fdn of WNC

In 2014 and 2015 helped their efforts to build donor capacity for capital campaign.

Hudson Library

In the past, supported study areas, lighting

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International Friendship Center

Supported ESL programs

IPC/Food Pantry

Long-time support of General Operating funds

Literacy Council of Highlands

General Operating support and book distribution

Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center Service Center

Headsets for backstage communication in 2016;  
before: acting/dance scholarships, lighting

Peggy Crosby Community Service Center

In 2016, HVAC system update; 2015 four building awnings installed; given general operating funds

Summit Charter School, Cashiers

New in 2015, supported Exceptional Child & ELL programs for speech therapy, ADD, autism

In 2016 CWO granted funds to 19 applicants on the Highlands Plateau

# Recipients of our 2016 Grants

**Blue Ridge Education Foundation \$5,000** to cover the tuition for 15 children enrolled in the Blue Ridge School's new Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) program and to improve the music classroom used by the entire student body of this local Cashiers school.

**Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic \$7,500** to provide partial or full dentures for individuals with no means for paid dental care. The Clinic operates with 14 volunteer dentists. They provided care via 10,560 patient visits last year, performing more than 36,000 procedures.

**Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau \$10,000** to support an afterschool program in Cashiers —“Power Learn–Power Hour,” providing academic tutoring and personalized homework help for 206 local grammar school children, from kindergarten to the eighth grade primarily from the Blue Ridge School and Summit Charter schools.

**Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society \$5,000** to help expand their outdoor area.

**Center for Life Enrichment \$2,500** to provide “tuition” course fees for lectures/presentations to Highlands students and teachers (100 at \$25/session.)

**Community Care Clinic \$8,300** to help provide medical services for the poor in the community (Serves over 500 under-insured individuals in the Highlands-Cashiers area).

**Counseling & Psychotherapy Center of Highlands \$5,000** to help subsidize therapists fees for individuals in need, who can only pay on a sliding scale based on means. With no government subsidies and meager insurance coverage for mental care, the center provides the means for much needed services in the local area, serving over 265.

**Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry \$4,000** to help supply food to 2200 households (6800 people) living below the poverty level in the Macon/Jackson county area. Last year, the Pantry fed 213 local households, supplying boxes of groceries to take home from its facility in Cashiers, which is manned entirely by volunteers.

**Friends of the Founders Park \$10,000** to help complete Phase II of the development of the community park in the heart of Highlands.

**The Gathering Table \$4,800** to assist this grassroots group in providing 45-60 healthy meals each week to the needy in the Highlands-Cashiers area through a mobile kitchen.

**Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music \$6,000** to sponsor three special free concerts for local children/families, along with the Highlands Community Child Development Center, and another for the general public introducing them to the beauty of classical instruments and music.

**Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust \$7,000** partial funding to support the continuance of the Kids & Nature Program, which builds children's appreciation of our natural surroundings and the importance of conservation.

**Highlands Emergency Council \$7,000** to provide heating assistance to those in need throughout the winter.

**Highlands Community Child Development Center \$5,000** to provide funds for the construction of a new shaded sandbox area and the replacement of outdoor play equipment.

**Highlands Historical Society \$3,000** to help preserve the Old Jail on Maple Street in Highlands (c.1916).

**Highlands Playhouse \$5,000** to install an updated telephone system for the facility.

**Hudson Library \$6,000** to help fund the construction of a small meeting room computer quiet space, which will be available to the local residents and students.

**International Friendship Center Food Pantry \$10,000** toward the cost of a walk-in refrigerator/freezer, allowing the facility to provide dairy, meats and other foods requiring refrigeration.

**Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. \$5,000** to help fund general operating support. Reaches approximately 250 individuals/students.

**Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center \$8,000** to purchase headsets/upgraded sound system for backstage support to tech booth.

**Peggy Crosby Center \$5,800** to replace two HVAC systems in the 65-year-old Center, which houses local charities, non-profits and start-up organizations.

**Summit Charter School \$6,100** to help fund their “Exceptional Child” and “ELL” programs which provide services to children with speech therapy issues, ADD, autism and other learning disabilities. These special needs children comprise about 20 percent of their student body.