

September 2018

\$191,900 of Grants Awarded!

27

local organizations
will receive 2018 CWO grants.
(See page three for details.)

\$191,900

dollars raised
thanks to your incredible generosity.

73%

of 2018 Grants will fund
Educational, Health & Humanitarian Services.

16

conscientious women
conducted site visits, evaluated proposals,
reviewed organization effectiveness
to determine the destination
of those Grants.

106

incredibly generous
2018 donors made this possible.

97

wonderful dues-paying CWO members
supported our outreach mission.

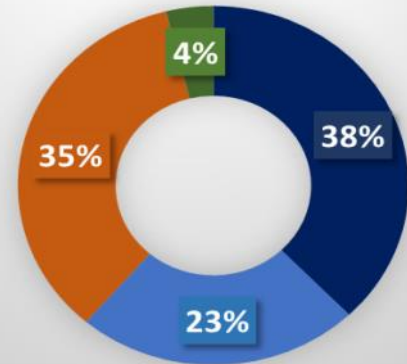
Over \$1,422,000

has been invested in Highlands-Cashiers
non-profits and charities
by CWO over the past 12 years.

Member Art & Estate Affair

a resounding success
thanks to member contributions
of talent, treasures and time!

Impact of 2018 Grants



■ Educational programs ■ Civic & Cultural Vitality
■ Health and Human Services ■ Other

“Every dollar, every donor,
every demonstration of support says:
“We care” to the Highlands-Cashiers
community. Thank you for trusting in,
and partnering with, us. Together, we
positively make a difference. ”

~Margi Eichman



Our Diligent 2018 Grants Committee

FRONT ROW: Kathy Bowman, Gail Hughes, Grant Co-Chairs
Lindy Colson Harrison and Nancy Harrison.

BACK ROW: Martha Caire, Annette Lovell, Bonnie Evans,
Anna Guffey, Emily Adkins, Jo Hill, Cherry Tyde, Elva Brady,
Candra Seley, Nelly Rice and Debbie Thompson.

Our Incredible 2018 Recognition-level Donors!

Dedicated Believers in the Power of Positive Change \$15,000

Ron and Leslie Ezerski
Marianne and E.G. Lassiter

Donna Philips

Beloved Benefactors \$10,000-\$14,999

Louree and Bill Greehey
Cris and Jerry Hayes

Nancy and Charles Harrison
Kay and Bruce Johnson

Prized Promoter \$7,500

Candra Seley

Cherished Champions \$5,000

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Incredible Investors \$2,500-\$4,999

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Lyn and John Darden
Anna and Thomas Guffey
Anne Julian

Flossie and Tom Mobley
Linda and Bob Taylor
Sharon Woods

Preeminent Partners \$1,000-\$2,499

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Treasured Supporter \$750

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Very Best Friends \$500

Meredith and Michael Baragona
Marilyn and Tom Cooper
Ann and John Day
Rebecca and Eddie Fielding
Bettie and J.D. Ingram
Dorothy and Dan Lyles
Jeri and Bill Mauldin
Ginny and Bob May

Frazer and Roy McCrorey
Linnea and Phil McManamy
Sue and Steve Mendenhall
Susan and Dale Miller
Linda and Ellis Skinner
Sammy and D.R. Smith
Betsy and Wright Turner

Best Friends \$250-\$499

Melba and Larry Ainsworth
Susan and John Bauknight
Jonje and Deane Briggs
Linda and Scott Calahan
Judi and Rick Davis
Ginny and Elliott Dunwody
Toddie and Hensell Harris
Deborah and Ed Hartman
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Donna and Bill Lathem
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Jill and John Marshall
Pam and Dan Merrill
Bummie and Sid Nurkin
Jo Ellen and Tom Ross
Phyllis and Mel Sherman
Arlene and Jim Shuford
Joy Turner
Peggy and Scott Turner
Bette and Chris Van den Heuvel
Dawn and Bruce Van Fleet
Mary and Ernie Wilding
Lisbeth Wilson
Donna and Hugh Woltzen

2018 Grant Recipients

The Bascom \$10,000 to provide educational arts experiences and education through need-based scholarship program for children and adults in the Highlands plateau area.

B.E.A.R. \$3,000 to purchase a bear-proof trash/recycling container for the Highlands Recreation Center's new skate park and to print educational brochures promoting human-bear safety.

Big Brothers Big Sisters \$4,000 funding for participating children to attend summer camp in 2019.

Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic \$10,000 to provide partial or full dentures for individuals with no means for paid dental care. Operating with 13 volunteer dentists, providing care to 750 patients, the Clinic performed 5,530 procedures in 2017.

Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau \$15,000 to support afterschool and summer programs focused on Academic Success, Healthy & Active Lifestyles, and Good Character & Leadership. Enrollment includes over 225 local grammar school children, from the Blue Ridge School and Summit Charter schools.

Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society \$7,500 to help fund their spay and neuter program.

Center for Life Enrichment (C.L.E.) \$2,000 to fund free admission to CLE lectures/speakers in an outreach program designed to engage local students and teachers.

Community Care Clinic \$12,000 to help provide medical services for the poor in the community, focusing on chronic diseases (diabetes and hypertension), which are rampant in the area. Patients are individuals with a family income well below the Federal poverty level. Over 1,300 people are served annually.

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 coverage for mental care, the Center brings much-needed services to local children, families and individuals.

Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry \$7,000 to help supply food to 2,272 local households (6,313 people) living below the poverty level in the Macon/Jackson county area. The Pantry supplied 3,496 boxes of groceries to take home from its facility in Cashiers in 2017. It is manned entirely by volunteers.

Friends of Panthertown, Inc. \$3,000 to help fund the purchase of new tools and safety equipment for the 80 volunteers helping to maintain hiking, cycling and equestrian trails in this 6,295-acre forestry treasure open to the general public year-round.

Gordon Center for Children \$2,460 to help fund a special bi-weekly preschool program for 3-5 year-olds that strives to prepare each child with the tools needed to have a successful school experience and a life-long love for learning.

Highlands Biological Foundation \$3,500 to create a camp scholarship fund sufficient to sponsor 15 children, who otherwise could not afford to participate, in the Foundation camps focused on local ecology to wilderness survival, allowing children to learn and appreciate the natural beauty of the Highlands Plateau.

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival \$5,000 to fund a special in-school experiential program for children of the Blue Ridge, Summit Charter and Highlands Schools, featuring a string quartet in Residence at the Juilliard School of Music in NYC, as well as its concert for seniors at the Chestnut Hill Retirement Community.

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, reaching students from the Highlands-Cashiers area schools, the Gordon Center, the Sunshine Center, the Literacy Council and the Boys & Girls Club of the Plateau.

Highlands-Cashiers Players \$9,000 to pay for the sound and lighting expenses for this community theater upcoming productions.

Highlands Emergency Council \$11,790 to provide heating assistance to people in need throughout the upcoming winter.

Highlands Community Child Development Center \$10,000 to provide partial funding for a replacement air-conditioning system in two classrooms. The Center provides high-quality, safe and essential childcare for 74 local children.

Highlands Historical Society \$4,000 to partially fund a new exhibit honoring Highlands residents from the mid-1800s to the present day, who have faithfully served in the country's military.

Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team \$8,000 To provide funding for this relatively new after-school recreational organization for the area's youth—competitive swimming instruction and training at the community pool on Fourth Street.

Hudson Library \$5,000 to help cover the cost of paving the rear parking lot, improving handicapped accessibility and further bringing this private community library/gathering space into ADA compliance.

International Friendship Center (IFC) Food Pantry \$7,000 to provide groceries to supplement local workers/families facing hardship and to fund the accreditation of a bi-lingual administrator enabling her to be a court advocate for the working poor.

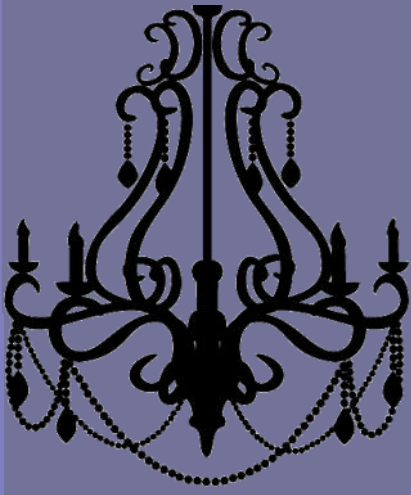
Junior Appalachian Musicians \$4,500 To help fund an afterschool program giving children from the Blue Ridge and Summit Charter Schools the opportunity to experience a sense of community through the joy of participating in traditional mountain music, teaching them to play the fiddle, banjo, mandolin or guitar in concert together.

Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. \$15,000 to help fund general operating support for after-school enrichment, individual tutoring, GED preparation, English-as-a-Second Language classes and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, serving 2,500 people at no-charge.

Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center \$6,600 to replace the sound system in the center.

Peggy Crosby Center \$6,500 to paint, repair, renovate and update the upper hallways and ceilings in this 65-year-old Center, which houses local charities, non-profits and start-up organizations.

Summit Charter School \$8,050 to help fund a "Step Up to Kindergarten" summer program to acclimate little ones without the benefit of preschool to the regimens of kindergarten. In addition, to purchase 20 licenses for Rosetta Stone to help children learn English.

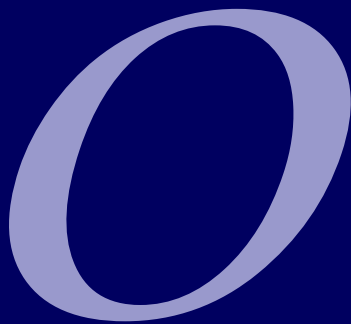


Member Art & Estate Affair a resounding success!

Thanks to a high-energy Committee led by Margaret Lauletta and Emily Adkins—and supported by many volunteers, including: Jo Hill, Kathy Bowman, Margi Eichman, Angie Hill, Jack Hill, Steve Mendenhall, Jim Shuford, Ansley Tolleson, Cherry Tyde and Steve Tyde—our *Member Art & Estate Affair* held on August 31, was an overwhelming success. In so many ways, it was a spirited evening that brought in significant dollars to help cover CWO operating expenses for the upcoming year.

Thank you to all—member artists, donators of fine art, designer goods, collectibles, decorative flower arrangements, exquisite wines and luxurious accommodations in Cabo San Lucas! And, of course, thank you to all who gallantly bid on these silent auction items.

A special thanks to Matt and Laura Schroeders, who once again, brought jewels and estate pieces from their Highlands Gem Shop and contributed a substantial portion of their proceeds back to CWO...and to our wonderful Chef Marie and beloved head mixologist Rocky, who donated their Very Best of Service for silent auction! The energy of the supporting crowd made it an exciting evening—creating smiles, laughter and more than a few journeys home with new-found treasures!



ur dollars really do matter.

No, they are not the tens of thousands or million-dollar donations of large philanthropists, but to Highlands and Cashiers area organizations—those touching the lives of local people—CWO grant funding for their special projects, programs and outreach truly make a difference.

We receive so many heart-warming, handwritten letters of thanks, that belong to you and to our incredibly diligent Grants Committee, whose members individually and collectively strive to invest every donated dollar meaningfully.

Anne Frank once wrote that *“No one has ever become poor by giving.”* Through our collective efforts, each of us has become richer by recognizing the needs and reaching out to help those around us. No gift is too small when given from the heart. Our sincerest thanks for your generosity.

Margi Eichman

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