



# The Outreach

## WE DID IT AGAIN! \$90,000 raised!

Words fall short of conveying the appreciation for your incredible generosity! This year's fundraising brought in over \$90,000 to aid the Highlands-Cashiers community. That includes over \$63,000 raised for CWO 2013 grant-making and over \$26,000 of member-directed giving to local not-for-profit organizations.

The Grants Committee, led by Lindy Colson and Stevie Hinel, and including Judith Bobo, Kathy Bowman, Patricia Brown, Nancy Harrison, Cris Hayes, Karen Leabo, Annette Lovell, Margie McComas, Esther Stokes, Cherry Tyde, and Bette Van Den Heuvel, diligently reviewed requests against our established criteria and thoughtfully awarded grants to the organizations listed below. From its inception, *Cullasaja Women's Outreach* has donated over \$600,000 to Highlands-Cashiers area charities and not-for-profit organizations. *What an accomplishment!* Truly, we are building a legacy of love for our community. Thank you to all!

### Recipients of our 2013 Grants

**The Bascom \$4,500** scholarships and work tuition for those who cannot afford classes, particularly those in special outreach programs.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters \$2,430** to fund the "Positive Projects" program—structured enrichment activities for 20 students and their mentors in the Highlands area.

**Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project (Free Dental Clinic) \$5,000** to provide partial or full dentures and crowns for individuals with no means for paid dental care.

**B.E.A.R. of Western North Carolina Alliance \$1,200** to help cover costs of pamphlets that promote safety and harmonious coexistence between humans and bears.

**Community Care Clinic \$5,000** to provide operating assistance for medical care and prescription medicines for the poor in the community.

**Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry \$5,000** to co-fund the purchase of a walk-in cooler and freezer.

**The Gathering Table \$3,000** to assist this grassroots group in providing 75-100 meals each Thursday to the impoverished and needy in the Highlands-Cashiers area.

**Girls on the Run of Western North Carolina \$3,000** to sponsor 30 girls in track programs in the Highlands and Summit schools, promoting self confidence and positive character development.

**Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust \$4,000** to assist the Stewardship Coordinator program working to protect, preserve and promote the natural beauty of Highlands.

**Highlands Community Child Development Center \$5,000** to assist in the funding of the Infants & Toddlers Program, which currently serves 34 babies/toddlers, and to replace classroom and dining room flooring.

**Highlands Emergency Council \$5,000** to provide heating assistance to those in need throughout the winter.

**Highlands Historical Society \$4,000** to repair the moisture problems in its historic Prince house, the oldest existing house in Highlands.

**IFC/Food Pantry \$2,513** for food for the needy, expected to serve over 265 families in 2013.

**International Friendship Center \$2,500** to help fund the English as a Second Language Program.

**Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. \$3,000** to help provide an after-school enrichment program, including book distributions and mobilization of the program.

**Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center \$3,000** to improve the lower level of the facility.

**Peggy Crosby Center \$5,000** to assist in the refurbishment of the Center and restrooms, which serves as home for area charities.





# Thank you, thank you to all!

Over 80 individuals and families contributed to CULLASAJA WOMEN'S OUTREACH and its CWO Charities fund this season—allowing us to help Highlands and Cashiers area not-for-profits in a most meaningful way. We know that our members are besieged with requests for funding from charitable various organizations across the country. It is a wonderful testament to the giving hearts and great generosity of each and every one of our members to have reached the incredible milestone of investing over \$600,000 to enhance the lives of those in this beautiful mountain community.

## ANOTHER FABULOUS CWO MEMBER ART & CRAFTS SHOW!



Art & Crafts Co-chairs T. Smith and Kathy Bowman, along with the help of Margie McComas, produced another outstanding Member Art & Crafts Show on Friday, August 30, 2013 in the Pavilion of the clubhouse.

The exhibition included gorgeous art and handcrafted pieces by: Kathy Bowman, Harry Bowen, Jim Davis, Clint Dawkins, Jeff Elzemeyer, Colleen Flinn, Joe Giegel, Gail Hughes, DJ McPherson, Matt Schroeders, T. Smith, Kathy Trice and Alice Quinif. Laura and Matt Schroeders of the *Highlands Gem Shop*, once again, offered fine jewelry and donated a substantial portion of their proceeds. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated and contributed to our organization.

Special thanks are extended to Jim Davis, Clint Dawkins, Jeff Elzemeyer, and Joe Giegel, each, who donated 100 percent of proceeds from sales of their beautiful hand-crafted pieces, and to Sherry Chapman, who donated the proceeds from her delightful little books. . . to help fund CWO events and annual operating expenses.