This project, entitled The Equal Opportunity Scholarship, will provide a $750 scholarship to a minimum of 18 eligible Barbour County students attending Alderson Broaddus University. The project complements existing fundraising efforts to generate support for tuition reduction assistance, particularly to needs-based local students. These scholarships will assist students in reducing the overall ticket price of the annual tuition cost for books, supplies, and course credits.

Every summer, Heart and Hand House coordinates 16-18 volunteer work teams to perform critical home repairs for low-income, Barbour County families to improve the quality and safety of their living conditions. Projects may include, but are not limited to: bedroom additions to reduce overcrowding; roof replacement or repair to eliminate leaking and related damage to the home; plumbing repairs to restore or installation to enable running water in the home; electrical work to repair wiring or to connect power to the home; and installation of wheelchair ramps and other accessibility features to accommodate household members with disabilities. In addition to the repair projects, one new home is constructed each year. The project not only provides a direct benefit to the individual families assisted, but also helps the community through the purchase of local goods and services and provides hands-on learning of basic building skills for many young people who participate on the work teams.
Mountain Hospice continues Emergency Preparedness efforts to enhance safe provision of uninterrupted services to hospice patients and families. With our main office designated a Red Cross-approved emergency shelter, we work with county Offices of Emergency Management to determine equipment and supply needs so hospice staff providing direct services can do so effectively in response to severe weather events and other emergency situations. Our goal is to provide safe access to hospice patients for nurses, aides, volunteers, and social workers so no one is further endangered by an emergency event; and 100% of patients receive all critically necessary services. A goal is to have zero patient deaths resulting from an interruption in hospice services due to emergency events. We work to monitor that hospice families have a 72-hour supply of necessary food, medicine, oxygen, and other supplies on hand in advance of emergencies. The NIP project would facilitate acquisition of various preparedness items and supplies. The Coronavirus pandemic has demonstrated a need for additional on-hand supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as well as various sanitizing supplies. Mountain Hospice provides Charity Care for patients who are uninsured or whose insurance does not adequately cover expenses. We maintain a Patient Support Fund for these expenses and other patient costs for comfort and care that insurance does not address. The NIP project would assist in meeting these expenses. The NIP project would support enhancement of the Camp Good Grief youth bereavement summer day camp program as well as the broader youth and adult community bereavement support program, all provided at no cost to participants or their families. Public events will be held if environmental and health situations such as the pandemic and social distancing allow them to be conducted in person. If not, alternative methods of conveying needed support will be used to effect service delivery.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle provides after-school and summer programming to over 1,100 children in Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties. Members receive daily access to programs in five core areas: education and career development; character and leadership development; health and life skills; the arts; and sports, fitness, and recreation. We recognize that we can make a greater impact in our members' futures with programs targeting positive youth development. Our primary focus is engaging our most needy population by providing scholarships to 50 children who are at or below the federal poverty level. As part of their scholarship, members will be matched with a mentor who provides one on one support and guidance. Currently, over half of our membership falls below the FPL. An annual membership per child is $2,800. This is the cost to provide services, however, this is not what our members are responsible to pay. Community investment through grants, corporations, and individual donations help to support our members’ annual fees. A nominal tuition fee per child is assessed to the member family. To assist our most needy families, a sliding tuition scale is offered and in some cases, full sponsorship is provided. We respectfully request NIP credits to support an unfunded portion of a child’s membership, which is $1,000 per child. Funding 50 members comprise 4% of our total membership.
The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) uses NIP Tax Credits to help the more than 30,000 residents living below the poverty line in Berkeley, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, and Morgan counties. With contributions that benefit the West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program, we support dozens of programs that provide direct services to people with the greatest needs, and we build permanent endowments to provide a source of funding that will last forever. We do this with a three-pronged approach:

1. Emergency Assistance – Last year, EWVCF experienced an unprecedented demand to fund emergency shelters for the homeless, provide resources to a wide variety of food programs, and support organizations serving victims of domestic abuse. We anticipate continued, and perhaps even greater needs in the months ahead. This will be our primary focus for NIP tax credits in 2022.

2. Community Service – More than 4 dozen organizations that provide daycare, foster care, youth recreation, healthcare, transportation, sheltered workshops, and food pantries for low-income families will also be served by NIP donations.

3. Job Training & Education – By awarding grants to schools for job training programs, mini-grants to teachers in Title 1 schools, and scholarships to students from low-income families, we address these needs in all five counties we serve. EWVCF brings together nonprofit organizations, donors, businesses, and private foundations to forge innovative, creative, and unique partnerships that fill an underserved population in the eastern region of West Virginia. We are good stewards, operating with a small budget and four full-time employees who serve hundreds of donors, dozens of other nonprofit organizations, scores of scholarship recipients, and the general public throughout five counties. The grants we award to nonprofit organizations are always in greater demand than we can meet.

Panhandle Home Health seeks support of NIP funding for our Charity Care Program (CCP), which was established at our founding in 1976. We are a service organization that provides professional health care services to patients at home in need of medical care under the direction of the patient's physician. Our professionals assist the patient, family and caregivers in the home setting to achieve maximum independence. However, these services may be out of reach to many of our referred patients because they lack insurance coverage or their coverage is not adequate for the services that they require, often with very high and unaffordable deductibles. Poverty and unemployment often force patients to "do without." We developed the CCP to meet the needs of such patients to allow them the dignity of receiving required, medically-directed home health care services without stigma. The premise behind home health care is to promote wellness, a return to independence, and a sense of well-being. Through the CCP, no one is turned away from medically necessary services. Our goal is to give all patients access to needed health care services at home - individuals of all ages regardless of circumstances, based on medical need and a physician's order. We call this a Charity Care Program but, to us, it is simply a matter of serving all who are in need. The CCP serves persons whose annual income is no more than 125% of the federal poverty level with self reliance and independence from government assistance as outlined by the objectives of this project.
The Berkeley County Congregational Cooperative Action Project, Inc. (dba CCAP/Loaves&Fishes) NIP Project is: "Provision of Emergency Financial Assistance for Maintaining Safe Housing". CCAP/Loaves & Fishes, chartered in 1982, is a faith-based, non-denominational, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that represents "The Church Visible in Berkeley County" by providing emergency financial and food assistance to low-income residents of Berkeley County. The NIP Project assists residents of Berkeley County with annual income no more than 125% of the federal poverty level maintain safe housing by providing emergency financial assistance with rent, electric, or water service. Financial vouchers payable to the billing entity are issued for the covered services when a notice of arrears, eviction, or termination of service is presented by the client and verified with the billing entity by CCAP/Loaves&Fishes volunteer staff. Rental assistance may be provided once every 5 years. Electric or water service assistance may be provided once every 2 years. Totals for 2020: Rent 251 households. Electric 162 households. Water 128 households.

The Apollo Civic Theatre, Inc. NIP Project: Apollo Youth Theatre Programs (Apollo Youth Theatre Company) (Summer and after School Programs) The Apollo Youth Theatre Company Workshops expose students to all aspects of the theatre. The process begins with an audition workshop and culminates with a live theatrical presentation open to the public. During our programs each child learns about set construction, costuming, make-up, singing, dancing, and oral dictation. Students participate in various workshops depending on the show which could include makeup, set, lighting and sound design as well as other aspects about the theatre and the play subject matter. They learn theatre games that encourage self-confidence and artistic expression. During the school year field trips are offered, at a discounted rate to area schools, free seats to the Boys and Girls Club, and other entities that reach out with need, and in the summer to area community centers and summer camps. This program benefits our youth allowing them to express and perform in front of their peers promoting self confidence in them. Not only does these programs expose more area youth to theatre, but to the Apollo historic building. The Apollo Youth Theatre is made up of a dedicated staff who truly loves the arts and want community youth to become involved and have a purpose in the community. 2021 marks the 39th year of the Apollo Youth Summer Theatre Workshop. Our Programs work hard to accommodate the needs of all of the area youth as well as our community, and we believe they are an important asset to our area. This NIP program will allow us to offer more scholarships tuition assistance for those in need and allows us to continue to provide tickets both at a discount and free to more programs like Parks and Recreation, area schools, daycares, the Boys and Girls Club, scout troops, the Childrens Home Society of West Virginia, and more.
The “Each One Reach One” program provides an internal competitive challenge with consistent positive results. Driving this project is the idea that through continued internal competition our board, staff and volunteers raise awareness of our cause while recruiting additional and critically necessary volunteers with two promotional cards. The cards provide an easy and cost effective way to reach more people, ultimately serve more children and start a great conversation. One card details general program/donor information and the other highlights simple instructions about how to apply to become an Advocate. The projects’ internal competitiveness began with prizes awarded to individuals or groups who brought in the most candidates but quickly changed to fun conversation at every CASA gathering without the need of prizes after the first successful year. This program remains paramount to recruitment efforts, due to the opioid crisis, homelessness, poverty levels, and now the after effects of the pandemic within our counties. The number of children being removed from their homes each year is increasing; the number of children with cases of alleged abuse or neglect in our service area nearly doubled in 2020 in the course of a global pandemic. The CASA-EP volunteer base grew by 50% in that time, along with the critical need for advocates providing a voice for children in our region. In order to ensure high quality of individualized service, a volunteer is committed with only one case at a time. As a result, many children are left waiting for an adult to be their voice in court. With nearly 600 cases currently before the court system in our service area, advocates are in huge demand and recruitment efforts for volunteers are a critical component of all outreach programs. As a result, Each One Reach One was created to encourage internal organizational recruitment, an approach that has been found to be effective in this and other CASA programs across the nation.

The Caregiver Support Services department at Berkeley Senior Services provides respite (relief) for caregivers providing care for loved ones with an Alzheimer's or Dementia diagnosis. A variety of support is provided for families who are caring for a loved one. A monthly Caregiver Support group is offered which is an opportunity for family caregivers to share experiences and challenges they face with other caregivers. Another opportunity for caregivers is the Congregate Respite program. Through this service, a family's loved one can spend 5 days at the Senior Center participating in activities specifically designed for clients with the onset of Dementia or Alzheimer's, while the Caregiver is relieved to run errands, do their shopping, or simply relax. These services are also offered in the participants’ homes as well.
Berkeley County Meals on Wheels, Inc. (non-profit), provides hot, nutritional, low-cost, home delivered meals seven days a week for HOMEBOUND seniors and/or handicapped and convalescing residents covering the entire 322 square miles of the County. Hot meals are delivered mid-day Monday- Friday and weekend deliveries are available upon request. The daily home visit serves as a "well-check" to all recipients who live alone and is a life-line to them and their families. We maintain emergency contact information; if the client does not answer the door when the meal is delivered, our volunteer drivers call the office and the emergency contacts are notified. This has saved lives in the past. The recipients, recipient’s family and or caregiver know there is a safety net in place for those receiving this service; thus, sustaining their independence within their own homes. Our drivers have found recipients who had fallen the evening before and it wasn't until our driver arrived mid-day the next day to witness them collapsed or in an otherwise unsafe situation. Our project is executed through the efforts of over 120 volunteers, 5 part-time employees and an active Board of Directors (14 in all) who are all volunteer as drivers, packers or kitchen helpers as well. Meals are delivered on all Holidays; on Thanksgiving and Christmas, meals are delivered the day before the Holiday. When inclement weather restricts our drivers from making a safe delivery, we provide snow-kits (nonperishable foods) prior to the winter months for our recipients to save in their pantry should our drivers not be able to deliver. Because some of our clients’ only meal for the day is the meal we deliver, (we have testimonials stating this in their own words) we realize the critical need that a meal is available to them daily with no interruption.

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NIP funds will allow Shenandoah Community Health Foundation to support an initiative to expand treatment options for low income diabetic patients of Shenandoah Community Health and improve diabetes management and treatment. The project includes purchase of equipment and supplies to provide rapid-result Point of Care hemoglobin A1c testing at the time of an appointment, funds to supplement the costs of providing in-office diabetic retinopathy screening to ensure early detection of diabetes-related eye problems, and financial assistance for appointment referrals to diabetes-related care specialists such as endocrinologists, ophthalmologists, or podiatrists for patients who cannot afford the full cost of the office fee or co-pay. The SCH Medical Director stated that Hemoglobin A1C is the most important information that providers rely on to continue or modify treatment for diabetes, particularly true for patients who don't routinely monitor finger sticks. To obtain the information during the office visit allows providers to overcome a major current treatment barrier due to patients' non-compliance with blood work. This will have significant positive impact on management of diabetes for our unique patient population. The diabetes team looks forward to the initiative to offer Point of Care Hemoglobin A1c testing and screening for diabetes related eye problems as diagnostic options for diabetic patients of SHC.
Morgan County Starting Points will continue to utilize NIP credits to leverage additional funds to support initiatives that address food insecurity for Morgan County families. Starting Points has focused on this need through the operation of a community kitchen (2004), nutrition education programs (2011), and a Backpack program (2011). Our experience has been that NIP credits allow us to maximize the financial contributions from current donors and attract new donors who are drawn to Starting Points’ role in addressing community needs. The Meal Time Community Kitchen (MTCK) serves free hot meals three evenings a week. In March 2020, Starting Points adjusted and continued to provide meals by having staff, instead of volunteers, serve meals curbside. We are happy to say that volunteers returned to the kitchen in May 2021. The Morgan County Backpack Program distributes meal bags weekly during the school year to an average of 320 children grades pre-k through 12th grade. During the summer months meal bags are distributed through summer camps. The Town of Paw Paw, continues to meet the USDA criteria of a food desert. There are limited food and fresh produce resources available within a 45-minute drive. Starting Points has worked with Mountaineer Food Bank and DOT Foods to provide monthly food pantries to Paw Paw since May of 2020. Starting Points continues with a monthly “Cheap Eats” nutrition program that partners with families to demonstrate preparation of a nutritious meals on a budget. Families share in the prepared meal, receive nutrition education, gardening, and meal preparation ideas, and receive excess free food. Gardening programs offered free plants, seeds and planting materials to 50 families for the summer of 2020 and 2021. A second Cheap Eats program is being offered through the Early Head Start program. During the last year, families received a bag of nutritious food with recipes and activities as well as access to online/zoom cooking classes.

The heart of Community Combined Ministries (CCM) is feeding children, souls, and empowering communities with HIS love. We aim to build a unified community within Berkeley and Jefferson counties by partnering with individuals, churches and businesses to help relieve the food insecurity and other resource needs within those counties. This mission is being carried out through Kidz Power Pacs (KPP) our weekend food ministry that is under the umbrella of CCM and free community events. KPP meets monthly as a community to pack thousands of food bags. Hundreds of volunteers love to gather together, of all ages, to help those in need which produces a stronger, unified community. CCM’s goals include the following: to continue bringing awareness of the community’s hunger needs; to educate on the trials and burdens the children and families face; to rid the stigma that poverty is only a low-income issue, but actually can be due to unforeseen life circumstances; and of course, feeding the children. Educating others increases understanding, which increases compassion, which hopefully will increase giving so that CCM can continue feeding as many children as possible. CCM has been feeding food deprived children for 14 years and has distributed over 4.5 million meals to the hungry children thus far. Yearly, CCM holds a special free Community Day in the Park where local churches, non profits and local outreach agencies gather in one location to provide much needed resources for our community. It is a day where families, singles, old and young can enjoy a free day filled with fun activities, music and free food. Members of our community learn more about resources that are available and where they can volunteer to improve our community. The most valued anticipated impact continues to be restoring hope in the eyes, ears, hearts and souls of the children who have been blessed and the community that made it possible. TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!
Boone County Community Foundation (BCCF) will implement “Nourishing Boone County”, an emergency aid and basic needs assistance project that focuses on alleviating hunger and food insecurity in Boone County as well as providing for other basic needs, such as primary healthcare. By partnering with existing basic needs assistance agencies, healthcare organizations, other funders, and food assistance networks, BCCF will leverage its resources to help low-income seniors and families access food throughout the year. Like many youths, a significant number of children in Boone County depend on school meals as their primary source of nutrition. In making grants to backpack programs that assist families in feeding their children over the weekends and during the summer, BCCF helps to ensure that youth in our county do not go hungry. Additionally, BCCF supports several other feeding sites, including soup kitchens that serve financially disadvantaged seniors living on fixed incomes. Through the “Nourishing Boone County” project, BCCF will continue to coordinate with regional food assistance networks and other funders to share information and referrals and develop pathways to alleviating food insecurities throughout the county.

The Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits will be used to fund recruiting, screening, training and supervising community citizens to advocate on behalf of the abused and neglected children in Brooke & Hancock Counties West Virginia.
Support for Children Who Have Experienced Sexual Abuse

Children from Cabell and Wayne counties who have experienced the trauma of sexual abuse and their families will receive free and confidential crisis intervention and follow-up services whenever they need them. Practical and emotional support for children and their non-offending caregivers will be provided by CONTACT Rape Crisis Center's specially trained Child Victim Advocates during forensic interviews and exams at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Cabell Huntington Hospital and as they interact with law enforcement agencies or the court system. Children and their families may also access an advocate 24-hours a day for safety planning, counseling referrals, or just to ask questions for as long as needed.

Embrace, Empower and Employ - Helping Women Move Forward Post-Pandemic is Dress for Success River Cities' response to the needs local women have to overcome a myriad of pandemic-related challenges, specially related to gaining and maintaining employment, as women have overwhelmingly borne the economic and social costs of the pandemic. Our Embrace, Empower and Employ project will ensure that women who are navigating the uncertainties of workforce participation while our local economy and job market continue to recover, have the support and resources they need to move from a life of poverty to self-sufficiency. Dress for Success is equipped to provide the individualized career coaching, networking and job readiness services to help women prepare for and acquire interview opportunities, as well as the interview and job-specific attire needed to boost their confidence, allow them to put their best foot forward and have what they need to perform the duties of their job. Our Embrace, Empower and Employ model encompasses three areas crucial to the success of the women we serve and will provide the resources necessary for their long-term success. To embrace clients means that we meet them where and how they are, by acknowledging the mental strain that the pandemic has caused over the last 16 months, from the financial insecurity caused by job loss or a reduction in hours, to an increase in responsibilities related to housework, caregiving and homeschooling. Supporting the mental health and well-being of the women we serve, will provide for a smoother transition to the workplace. To empower clients means that we are giving them the power and resources to achieve their goals; a hand up when they need it most. To employ means that we are providing clients with resources specific to their needs, whether that be an updated resume, interview preparation, or a power suit to help them look their best, which will lead to not only gaining employment, but maintaining it.
### Patient Good Samaritan Fund

The Patient Good Samaritan Fund was established by Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation to support the needs of the most fragile and vulnerable members of the greater Huntington, West Virginia region. This Tri-State region, consisting of West Virginia, Southeastern Ohio and Eastern Kentucky, includes a significant population impacted by poverty, high incidences of substance abuse, poor health practices and inconsistent medical care. Among those served by Cabell Huntington Hospital, Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Hoops Family Children's Hospital are patients with very low income, people and families who are homeless, victims of domestic violence or trafficking, and those suffering with mental health and substance abuse issues. The Patient Good Samaritan Fund was designed to provide assistance to financially vulnerable patients, thus relieving stresses and worries that, far too often, present barriers to their seeking needed medical care. Assistance takes many forms, including co-pays, pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, payments for prescriptions, transportation to medical appointments (for those not eligible for other transportation services) and hotel accommodations for patients who are traveling for cancer treatments from afar. Far greater than the financial assistance it provides to patients in need, The Patient Good Samaritan Fund provides a measure of hope to patients who are struggling, not only with sometimes desperate medical diagnoses, but also with the uncertainty of how they will pay for care and treatment. Funds provided by NIP donations would be instrumental in bringing much needed financial assistance and the healing power of hope to hundreds of needy patients each year.

### John W. Hereford Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington have provided a safe and nurturing environment for tens of thousands of children in the Huntington area since 1959. The club, as a whole, is the project because its programs and services are designed with a holistic approach to each child. This includes programs like Power Hour, an interactive after-school homework assistance program led by certified teachers, that provides the support, resources, and guidance necessary to complete their homework and start the next school day with a sense of confidence. Each year, approximately 165 children between the ages of 6-18 participate in Power Hour, which includes homework assistance, tutoring, enrichment, field trips, and educational computer programs. The Boys and Girls Clubs also provide healthy snacks and meals daily during the school year, with breakfast included during the summer, which has culminated in an average of 2500 meals served each month in years past. Both club locations, Guyandotte and West Huntington, are in neighborhoods with higher rates of poverty and crime, which shows the value of the clubs' purpose as a safe haven, both after school and during the summer, when one or more parents or guardians maybe working or seeking employment. The club is also open during out of school days. Focusing our efforts on safety, well-being, and educational advancement of our members has led and continues to lead them to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.
Tri-State Huntington Homeless Shelter Mission, Inc. has developed a new initiative, "The Farmers for the Hungry." This program is based on the concept that the freshest food provides the best nutritional value and the finest people to raise such food are West Virginia farmers. We designed a program to reimburse the farmers using tax law and, in some instances, a micro grant to pay the farmers 100% of what they would receive after tax for their product, selling their livestock at market. The program simply seeks to reimburse a farmer 100% of what the farmer keeps "net" money after paying tax on the beef he/she sells. After selling the farm product, like all taxpayers a farmer is taxed with federal and state income tax. Tri State refers to this as our "break even point" that the program pays "net" to the farmer. Tri State intends to use funds offered from the WV Nip Program to provide micro-grants to the farmer, as an incentive to donating their livestock to our feeding program. The availability of this program will reduce the food cost budget associated with feeding the homeless of Huntington.

Facing Hunger Foodbank, Inc.

Through our Lincoln County & Logan County Schools Back Pack Program, Facing Hunger Food Bank seeks to continue to address the nutritional and developmental needs of a minimum of 1445 children qualifying for participation (through the free & reduced breakfast & lunch program) in the back pack program at seven PK-8 schools, and Lincoln County High School in Lincoln county- a total of 795 students; and 15 schools in Logan County, serving an additional 650 students. The back pack program, started in 2012, is part of our ongoing hunger relief efforts in the counties we serve by including the provision of weekly back packs for each child that are distributed each Friday afternoon. The back packs include breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacks, fruit/vegetables, juice & milk for the weekend, and are expanded in size for longer school breaks. The food bank provides these nutritional back packs to offset the absence, over the weekend and holiday breaks, of the free/reduced breakfast and lunches offered at the schools daily. This program provides increased availability of higher nutritionally valued foods for children, allowing them to have better physical development and assist in improved academic performance. In the provision of this food, we allow families to have additional resources for their children while increasing the food available in the home. The percentage of families with children living in the home under the age of 18 who live below the poverty level in Lincoln County is 37.4%, and in Logan County it is 29.4%. In order to break the cycle of poverty and increase academic performance, children must have enough to eat. Statistics support that children who have adequate nutritional support perform better on tests, comprehend their academic work better, then performing better in class, are more attentive and have fewer behavioral problems. All children deserve to have enough to eat, and as much support as we can provide to them to achieve to their academic capacity.
The Huntington City Mission operates a community feeding program (CFP) beginning in 1939 as a soup kitchen for homeless men. Today, the CFP is the only daily congregating mass feeding project within a 50 mile radius of Huntington. In 2020, the Mission served nearly 140,000 meals to those experiencing homelessness living in our shelters, or to the low-income community at large. The Community Feeding Program is a well established, ongoing project of the Huntington City Mission. If current trends stay in place, the Mission is on track to serve 160,000 meals in 2021. In addition to meals served on site, we collaborate with our local Informational and Referral service agency that will refer those housed with a voucher if a food box is needed. We distribute the food boxes once a week. The community feeding program is located at 1030 7th Avenue in Huntington and our program is easily accessible with public transportation. There is never a charge for any meal served. The Mission serves three meals a day Monday through Friday and two meals on Saturday and Sunday. We welcome anyone coming to our door for a meal with no questions asked. We do track demographical data such as approximate age, gender, race, and if they are a member of the community or currently a guest residing in our facilities. The CFP operates with a Kitchen Coordinator, 3 cooks, and a driver to pick up donations and to also deliver meals to our Continuum of Care's Quarantine shelter, a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers are welcomed to help with daily meal prep and serving. The primary goal of the CFP is to provide basic survival need of food. We are an open door to all who are hungry. Interviews with individuals who come to the CFP for assistance demonstrate program success. Many low income community members have money to pay utilities and rent, but not enough money to buy groceries. We believe that this shows the CFP helps to further prevent more homelessness.

Ebenezer Medical Outreach Inc. will be providing screening eye exams and hearing exams for low-income patients in Huntington, WV. Medicaid and Medicare do not cover eye exams or hearing exams, but these treatments are essential to maintain quality of life. We serve an aging population, and these patients do not otherwise have access to vision or audiology services. We will host two eye exam clinics, which also provide glasses and fitting for a nominal fee depending on the style of glasses needed, serving approximately 120 patients with eye exams and glasses over the year. We will host audiology exam services on-site or through a partnering provider by referral, and we will assist with payment for hearing devices as funds allow. We will provide 50 patients or more with hearing exam services.
The Coalition's project will focus on the provision of basic resources and essential services to over 850 individuals currently experiencing homelessness, at risk of becoming homeless or, formerly homeless but still receiving services through our day shelter, Harmony House. Harmony House is the only drop-in day shelter serving those experiencing homelessness in the Cabell and Wayne counties. Drop-in services range from emergency needs, such as medical care provided through partnerships with our local clinics, to everyday essentials like showers, laundry, toiletries, and meals. When these basic needs are met, we are better able to assist clients in navigating the housing and employment programs offered through our shelter. All programs managed by Harmony House are designed to provide the level of care each client presents with. We have Supportive Employment, Rapid Rehousing, and Permanent Supportive Housing teams that work with individuals to either increase or maintain their current income. These individualized programs allow teams to identify types of housing that clients can access quickly, but also sustain over time. These teams are also able to assist clients with access to treatment for mental illnesses, substance use disorders, and physical health conditions.

Harmony House also provides office space for community partners who offer services to those individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including Prestera Center’s PATH Outreach program and Information and Referral. Additionally, we also have an office and exam room for our medical providers in an effort to provide services to those less likely to access medical care offsite.

Mountain State Healthy Families (MSHF) is an accredited, voluntary in-home family education program offered free of charge to families with young children in Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, and Wayne Counties in WV. MSHF is a local affiliate of the national Healthy Families America program and promotes child well-being through family-focused and empathic support provided in the home, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect. The Healthy Families America accreditation is public recognition by Prevent Child Abuse America that MSHF is following best practice standards as established by nearly 30 years of research into what really works in intensive home visitation. The goals of Mountain State Healthy Families include: (1) building and sustaining community partnerships to engage families in home visiting services during the pregnancy or at birth (2) cultivating and strengthening nurturing parent-child relationships (3) promoting healthy childhood growth and development (4) enhancing family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors. Home visitors working with Mountain State Healthy Families:

Ensure families have a medical provider. Share information on how children develop. Assist families in identifying their baby’s needs and obtaining needed resources. Support families in the home while they respond to their child’s and their own needs. Share ideas on caring for babies, toddlers, and young children. Link families with other services in the community for assistance with job placement, child care, food security, substance use treatment, etc. Assist families in following up with recommended immunizations. Help families feel more empowered to act on behalf of their children.
Every individual ready to begin their journey toward recovery is welcome at PROACT, regardless of ability to pay. Treatment for substance use disorder, however, comes at a cost. Therapy, medication and physician services are billed to insurance providers for those with insurance. Others services, like employment assistance, family support services and spiritual care, are provided by PROACT as a service to our community at no cost to the patient. Our team guides uninsured patients through the process of applying for Medicaid coverage. Still, however, others remain uninsured or underinsured. These are the individuals who will benefit most from PROACT’s “Access to Recovery” Fund. By leveraging private contributions, PROACT will be able to offset the cost of services provided to these patients over the course of their treatment and thereby serve more individuals in need. Addiction care and treatment varies from patient to patient. Many engage weekly for months or years until they enter active recovery. We know that, in general, uninsured individuals use less health care overall than their insured counterparts, and with so many other barriers to recovery, PROACT does not want inability to pay for services to be one of them. PROACT remains committed to every patient’s care and long-term recovery. PROACT provided $164,000 in uncompensated care during the past 12 months. As PROACT continues to grow, we expect to see this number climb. The forward-thinking approach of establishing an “Access to Recovery” Fund will drive charitable giving in a direction that not only benefits our patients but will continue to help move the mission of PROACT forward for many years to come.

The YMCA Youth PROPEL (Preparation, Respect, Opportunity, Pride, Excellence, and Leadership) Program at the Phil Cline Family YMCA is focused on at-risk students from third grade through ninth grade. The program is designed to help those young people make the most of their time after school and in the summer. The program specifically combines a variety of resources and mentoring that gives young people direction for positive development, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle choices, and social responsibility. The youth involved in PROPEL will have access to the following activities under these main categories: Education—The YMCA provides computer access with mentoring and supervision to complete homework and additional STEM classes to get young people excited about science, technology, engineering, and math. --The YMCA Chess Club offers sessions every Saturday that help students with critical thinking skills. Nutrition—The Y provides areas for community gardening where youth prepare the soil, plant the seeds, and harvest the produce. --The Y provides free healthy meals and nutrition information. --The Y offers free healthy cooking classes in partnership with Huntington’s Kitchen and Mountain Health Network. Exercise—The YMCA provides a large workout room with equipment specifically designed to motivate young people to exercise while having fun. PROPEL participants have free access to this KIDS in MOTION activity area. --The Y also offers basketball and other gym activities during the evening and summer hours. Drug Abuse Prevention—The YMCA partners with the CCSAP (Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention) program at United Way of the River Cities to provide students with tools and information needed to stay away from drugs. Mentoring—The Y PROPEL program leader and other community leaders speak to students to motivate them and guide them to pathways for success.
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**Project Information:** Increasing Awareness and Sustaining Supportive Services for Seniors and chronically ill adults

FIA will continue to provide trained volunteers to meet the daily needs of senior citizens and chronically disabled adults. Services include transportation, assistance with shopping and errands, help with paperwork and bill paying, reassurance calls and medication reminders. Volunteers will also provide minor accommodations, such as installing grab bars, changing batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and completing minor repairs, for seniors who wish to remain in their home. As with many social service agencies, FIA experienced some lack of continuity during the Covid pandemic. We lost 10 Care Receivers to death or relocation. We lost some volunteers because they were high risk for Covid and therefore, hesitant to provide direct services. To continue providing these services in the most effective manner, FIA will create a new, updated website; updated brochures and a larger social media presence to assist with recruiting new volunteers and Care Receivers. This will supplement the recruitment already in place through quarterly newsletters and appeals to the faith communities in areas covered by FIA. New FIA Care Receivers recruitment will focus on ensuring social services agencies in the community have updated information regarding services offered by FIA.

### Recovery Point of Huntington, Inc.

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**Project Information:** Recovery Point Parkersburg Expansion Project

Recovery Point West Virginia (RPWV) offers several programs of recovery services to individuals with substance use disorder at no cost to participants. The organization will take on a project to aid in expanding the bed count of its Recovery Point Parkersburg location in Wood County, West Virginia. The overall renovation/expansion of the facility is a multi-phased project that will require extensive funding and time. However, this specific portion of the project will fund the early stages of the expansion including the costs associated with demolition, landscaping, site preparation, and hazardous material abatement in order to make the currently vacant front portion of the Parkersburg facility operational. This project will aid in expanding Recovery Point Parkersburg's current 80 bed men's facility to a 120 bed facility. Recovery Point will continue to ensure the basic needs of all program participants are met and strive to improve and expand if or when possible each of our facilities. It is our goal to help as many people as possible who are suffering from substance use disorder. The Recovery Point Parkersburg program offers a long-term, residential addiction recovery setting that sees 60 percent of all graduates remain sober after one year of graduating. Recovery Point West Virginia looks forward to offering the tools and resources needed to maintain lasting recovery to an additional 40 men in Wood County, WV.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State will enhance its efforts to reach more youth facing adversity and recruit more mentors to support those youth. Mentoring relationships with at-risk youth offer an alternative to negative influences by supporting personal and academic outcomes and preparing young people for the workforce and adult functional independence. At-risk youth are more likely to have academic struggles and less likely to have naturally occurring mentors. Based on the 2020 Behavioral Health survey conducted in middle and high schools in our area, over 1400 students stated they did not have an adult in their lives they could count on. We believe every child should have an adult in their corner, and we are committed to increasing our services in order to improve this statistic.

Negative cultural influences, peer pressure, challenging home and life circumstances put children at great risk. We believe that investing in the lives of children to minimize their risks and challenges will change the way our community looks in years to come. Over 89% of children in our programs have shown improvement in the areas of higher aspirations, greater confidence, better relationships, avoidance of risky behaviors, and educational success. Results are measured via Youth Outcomes Surveys completed by parents, guardians, and the children who are mentored. We also Performance Outcomes Evaluations (POE) at the end of the child’s journey with our organization that are routine for our agency as mandated by our national agency, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Performance Outcome Evaluation surveys consistently exceed the aforementioned Youth Outcome Survey results.

Lily’s Place has cared for the family of the infants we care for with counseling, peer recovery support and case management. We want to walk with our families in their recovery journey. We realized how important it is to get to the root of any problems for which they may have used substances to cope. Expanding on this, we saw the circle of the people we serve could widen making a larger impact in our community. We will offer our services to the community. Our counselor, peer recovery specialist and case manager will be available to everyone. For those with substance use history, we will help them in their recovery and for those with mental health challenges, we will help them learn healthy ways to deal with problems, thus decreasing the likelihood of initial substance use. While there are centers who struggle with the stipulations from insurance companies, limiting the amount of care that can be provided, or private pay, limiting the option of service at all, we are committed to providing as much care as needed and will be able to do so thanks to our generous donors and grants.

We always want to decrease the number of cases of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, and we can do this through recovery support and prevention.
UWRC supports more than 2 dozen nonprofit, direct-service programs in our four WV counties, including Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason, through a grant-funded process that a group of qualified community volunteers help oversee (with grants made based on donations pledged during the campaign). Grant awards focus on nonprofit entities whose services align with UWRC's community needs assessment, which is based on community profiles and feedback. These tend to revolve around poverty, which includes food insecurity, lack of access to medical care, homelessness and other emergency assistance to under-resourced people and families. These programs provide essential services that are critical to the health and productivity of thousands of people in our service area, including seniors, families and children.

In addition, UWRC leads three community impact initiatives that fill identified service gaps in our communities. That includes the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which recruits and trains more than 80 community members to provide free income tax preparation to income-qualified households -- most of whom are below the federal poverty guidelines. That has led to hundreds of thousands of dollars saved in tax preparation fees and in refunds that individuals and families use to improve their financial situations.

The Education initiative promotes the importance and value of education, community awareness and involvement, and early intervention. The initiative also coordinates a dropout prevention program in multiple middle and high schools.

UWRC's substance use prevention program provides curriculum and programming to middle and high school students and health classes. It is funded almost entirely by local, state and federal grant dollars.

All of UWRC's programs are designed to improve the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community we serve, while providing a broad range of basic needs assistance for the most vulnerable.

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Project Information: Peace of Mind Hospice Care

Hospice of Huntington Neighborhood Investment Program will cover the cost of services to our patients who are unable to pay.
“Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA’s Community Prosperity Services” is an ongoing project that provides Job Training and Employability supports strategically designed to offer individuals the vocational skills needed to facilitate a higher grade of employment and, in turn, financial stability. Our strategically designed, holistic programming addresses varied employment barriers by providing an array of services from foundational literacy to Industrial Certifications in high-demand employment sectors directly responsive to area business needs. Our Community Prosperity Services project offers an array of computer skills classes, as well as Industrial Certification tracks, including: 1. Microsoft Office Training & Windows Exam Certification: Excel, Word, Outlook & PowerPoint 2. Job Skills Training and Emergency Assistance Supports (via conducting BenefitsCheckUp® assessments) 3. Essential Education Online Platform (assists with Life Skills and Literacy Instruction via “Work Essentials” course) 4. Work Adjustment/Life Skills Training 5. Financial Education Certifications: Simple Steps to Save Money (And Improve Your Finances, Too!), Financially Frozen, Money in Motion, and Steps to Avoid Scams Each Industrial Certification track provides résumé writing, job search strategies, interviewing skills and internships. Further, Goodwill’s Family Service Division provides face-to-face, virtual, or Telecommunication counseling sessions that afford stabilizing behavioral health supports, which empower individuals to gain and retain high-quality employment. Participants will also receive essential employability skills, as well as appropriate interview attire via Goodwill's Clothing Voucher program for Women and Hire Attire program for Men.

Ronald McDonald House provides children with access to lifesaving healthcare, by providing lodging, meals, and assistance to pediatric patients and their families. When something scary happens, a child wants mom and dad close by. A serious illness often takes children away from home, and to a hospital in another city. We know that is frightening. Our mission is to keep families together during a medical crisis. Often, families do not have means of transportation nor are they able to afford a hotel room. Our House is comfortable for everyone, with kitchens, playroom, computer room, library, lots of toys and many smiling faces. We are “home away from home” after a day of chemotherapy, surgery, or physical therapy at the hospital. We provide a "hotel-style" bedroom, meals, toiletries and more, to families with very sick children who travel to our facility to receive treatment from pediatric specialists. We believe nothing is more important than keeping family together after a catastrophic diagnosis. Huntington is home to many specialized medical facilities that WV families seek for their children – Hoops Family Children’s Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital, RiverPark (behavioral healthcare facility for children with psychiatric and emotional conditions), Dr. Touma (ear/nose/throat specialists), and more. It is our mission to provide support to the parents, siblings, grandparents, caregivers, and the child patients themselves -- all free of charge.
FTSC’s project expands WVNIP’s reach by granting money generated from its endowments and other sources to projects and organizations that serve individuals at risk and their neighborhoods in Cabell, Wayne and Mingo Counties. Donor-advised and restricted funds provide on-going support for organizations such as Lily’s Place, A.D. Lewis Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Hoops Children’s Hospital, Huntington City Mission, Team for WV Children, Ronald McDonald House, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Heritage Farm, Cabwaylingo Presbyterian Chapel Community Outreach, Larry Joe Harless Center, and Childhood Language Center. Field of interest funds have the flexibility to support projects with specific focus, such as health and wellness, education, children and neighborhood revitalization. Discretionary funds provide early funding for new organizations; seed money for new projects; special equipment and technology needs; specialized training for staff; required matches for grants and, in response to COVID-19, general operating support. FTSC often provides grants to small organizations that do not have the donor base to support their own applications for WVNIP credits. FTSC collaborates with other non-profits to support place-based projects, including the James H. Harless Foundation (Mingo County), Coalfield Development Corporation and Heritage Farm Museum (Wayne County). FTSC collaborates with the City of Huntington to implement HIP (Huntington Innovation Project), which targets three blighted neighborhoods for revitalization, leading to job creation and improved quality of life for the residents. FTSC works with community leaders, neighborhood associations, local nonprofits, foundations and key institutions, including City of Huntington, Mountain Health and Marshall University, to maximize the transformative impact of its grants.

The project will increase the number of individuals, families and children engaged in behavioral health care services in Prestera Center’s Wayne County WV location. Prestera Center is expanding behavioral healthcare services in Wayne County WV in July 2021 to a larger and newly renovated location. Moving from 145 to 203 Kenmore Avenue in Wayne WV affords a space previously occupied by Valley Health, a medical services provider and FQHC (Valley Health moved into a newly constructed building). More offices allows additional staff to be hired, additional services to be implemented and most importantly, more clients to be provided services in this new location. Plans include expanding clinical staff, recovery staff and medical staff to better meet the increasing need for behavioral health care. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased anxiety, depression, stress and trauma. In the midst of the pandemic, compounded by an opioid epidemic, the demand for behavioral healthcare has increased. Many more people are requesting help like counseling, psychiatry, case management and peer support. Overdoses and overdose deaths are again rising in West Virginia, blamed on the isolation of the pandemic. Alcohol consumption is up as sales are soaring. Medication-assisted treatment for opioid use, and high quality care, are in demand. All of these issues have resulted in an urgent need for Prestera Center's effective behavioral health care services.
Since our founding in 1990, Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State has constructed 133 new houses and completed one critical home repair in our service area of Cabell and Wayne counties in West Virginia, Scioto and Lawrence counties in Ohio, and Boyd and Greenup counties in Kentucky. We have positively impacted the lives of 390 individuals, with 279 being children. In 2014, we created the Veterans Housing Initiative (VHI) to address the housing needs of previously homeless veterans who were living in supportive housing through the assistance of the HUD-VASH program, and were interested in homeownership. To date, 11 VHI houses have been built for single or coupled veterans, and one home was rehabilitated for a local veteran. The VHI has been recognized locally, statewide and nationally for its housing model, and received the Clarence E. Jordan Award for Innovation from Habitat for Humanity International. Additionally, the VHI house plans and policies have been shared with numerous Habitat affiliates across the United States. This fiscal year Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State will construct 4 new, traditional Habitat houses, rehabilitate 3 homes for the VHI program and complete 3 home repair projects. All new homes and rehabilitated homes will meet USEPA Energy Star Certification for energy efficiency, and will be located in Cabell and Wayne counties.

The project will repair or provide building materials for 30 coal camp homes occupied by low income families in Fayette County. Labor will consist of drop-outs learning construction skills and working on their GED's along with volunteers. The project also has a community center for 10 coal camp communities that provides after school and summer education, enrichment, and a healthy food program to the youth and community residents.
Greenbrier Valley Theatre is committed to helping under-served youth in our community by providing a comprehensive arts education, which has a documented effect of increasing graduation rates while teaching students valuable life skills like public speaking, empathy, teamwork, and confidence. This program promotes experiential learning through a scholarship-driven after-school drama program for students ages 5-18, a 2-week summer drama camp for ages 5-15, a music class partnership with 4th and 5th graders at Rainelle Elementary School, a spring production for middle and high school students, and a paid internship and apprenticeship program for high school and college students. Students in these programs develop valuable experience while working hands-on with career theatre professionals. At the conclusion of every program, students are presented the opportunity to perform live in front of a public audience. This creates performance opportunities for more than 200 students every year. Funding from the NIP ensures that we never have to turn a student away based on an inability to pay through the implementation of full and partial scholarships. Every year we work closely with local school districts and community organizations to ensure that professional theatre remains affordable and accessible. Through subsidizing ticket costs, we ensure that all members of our community can engage in our mainstage season as we seek to engage, inspire, and entertain audiences with a diverse array of productions.

Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County (CISGC) is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, serving Greenbrier County since 2004. CISGC currently provides site coordinators in all public schools in Greenbrier County. CISGC offers one-on-one mentoring, tutoring and case-management services for students referred to our program due to behavioral, academic or social/emotional challenges. Our mentor programs pair students in need with a caring adult who focuses on and commits to their achievements in and out of the classroom. CISGC brings the community’s talents and resources into our schools to develop group and school-wide educational programming and to provide a host of physical resources for students and their families. Our organization is an accredited affiliate of the nation’s leading drop-out prevention organization, Communities In Schools (CIS). CIS operates as a top-down model where CISGC is accredited through and receives benefits (such as operational and managerial support) from the national office. However, 100% of CISGC’s funding and resources stay within Greenbrier County, West Virginia. At no time does CISGC send any funding received through grant awards, fundraisers, individual or corporate donations to the national Communities In Schools organization. This year (in spite of a global pandemic), more than 300 students received one-on-one guidance and case management services, while more than 4,400 received educational programming or other services from our organization, including meal distributions, school supplies, books and holiday gifts to students and their siblings throughout Greenbrier County. Our services have become more even more intensive, focusing more on social, emotional and physical well-being rather than attendance and academics. We have adapted our program to meet the growing needs of our students through home visits, phone calls, letters home and video chats, and look to continue to adapt our program to ensure our students are safe and well.
Carnegie Hall's arts education programs are critical to the development of the young minds in our communities. We provide students with programs such as Spotlight on Schools, Link Up, Kids' College, and Carnegie Classrooms, all of which focus on arts education in the Greenbrier Valley. Carnegie Classrooms are classroom based, curriculum-connected, and arts-integrated residencies in area schools taught by teaching artists from Carnegie Hall. Students demonstrate their understanding of a topic that connects an art form to another subject area, often science, meeting evolving objectives of both disciplines. Our Carnegie Classrooms program was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but during the 2018-19 school year, 4,735 students in Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Summers, and Pocahontas counties participated in 228 Carnegie Classrooms sessions taught by 16 teaching artists. Spotlight on Schools is a program that invites every student in Greenbrier County to come to the Hamilton Auditorium for a performance on our Mainstage. Link Up is a recorder-based music curriculum for fourth and fifth grade students in the region. Students from public and private schools and home-schooled students participate in this program. Kids' College is a two-week art and science summer day camp available to students in the region. This programming that Carnegie Hall offers significantly impacts the arts education students in Greenbrier, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, and Summers counties receive. Many studies show that children from low socioeconomic backgrounds with significant exposure to the arts achieve higher test scores and are more likely to seek higher education than those with no access to the arts. Every school in these counties is considered a Title 1 School, meaning at least 40 percent of the students live below the poverty line.

For over a century, Davis Stuart has provided quality care to West Virginia's vulnerable youth and their families. As a nationally accredited therapeutic, residential facility for youth ages 12-18, our focus is on permanency. We strive to reunite our youth with their families in a healthy and constructive manner. If family reunification is not feasible however, we work diligently to find a loving foster or adoptive family, or to assist in the transition into independence. Our main campus is located on 574 pastoral acres just outside of Lewisburg. We also operate group homes in Princeton, Bluefield and Maxwelton. Davis Stuart offers a holistic, multifaceted approach in fulfilling our mission of caring for our residents’ physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Key program elements include group and individual therapy, medical and psychiatric services, individualized treatment planning, educational services designed to meet individual needs and fulfill requirements from our residents’ home school districts. Additionally, we offer optional programs that promote healing and an improved sense of pride, in areas including employment preparation, culinary arts, equine care/horsemanship, spiritual life, recreation and agriculture.
Shepherd's Center of Greenbrier Valley
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Gwen's Meals, our Senior Meal program for homebound adults, has continued preparing and delivering meals during the pandemic without ceasing. In fact, our program had expanded to the Alderson community in Greenbrier County. We are currently delivering 137 meals (up from 105 meals) each week to homebound adults. Each week the meals are prepared by volunteers from local churches and organizations and delivered by volunteer drivers. This not only is a good meal, but a chance for our drivers to check on recipients to make sure they are doing okay and have no immediate needs. This addresses the social isolation issue that is growing among the older population daily. The meal delivery from our volunteer might be the only human contact for that older adult for the week. The number rises each year of older adults in Greenbrier County. 88% of these older adults live alone. They do not eat healthy meals and this leads to poor health, illness, weakness, etc. Those 12% that do live with a spouse, one is usually a caregiver. They are tired from taking care of their spouse. These meals give a bit of respite to the individuals. They do not have to prepare a meal. The older adult appetite is less and these meals may last for both lunch and dinner. They all look forward to our coming each week not only for the meals, but for the socialization with our volunteers. If there are needs, they are reported back to our office and we help as needed. Gwen's Meals (started in 2003) is an important part of our Shepherd's Center program and continues to grow and expand throughout the county.

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The WVSOM Foundation will provide up to 10 scholarships of $2,000-$10,000 to underwrite the cost of medical education for low-income students who come from 20 high-priority counties in West Virginia and are willing to practice in the state. The priority counties are Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Nicholas, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Webster, and Wyoming. Each priority county has a poverty level of 18 percent or more, median household income of $43,000 or less, a primary care provider shortage and/or is considered medically underserved by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Our project helps get physicians into rural and underserved areas by prioritizing financial assistance for medical students from counties with high rates of poverty, low income levels, and tremendous need for medical providers and services. It also targets scholarship awards toward students who are low income (living at 125% of the federal poverty level or less) and willing to practice in West Virginia. Almost 90% of WVSOM students must borrow money (an average of $240,000) for medical school tuition and living expenses. Accumulating that kind of debt means they are tempted to work in higher-paid medical specialties and higher-paying urban areas. We will give preference to students from the 20 high-priority counties, although scholarships may be awarded to residents of other counties if not enough competitive applications are received from the priority counties. By reducing the debt load of low-income students, WVSOM Foundation provides financial incentives for students to practice in rural, underserved areas in West Virginia. WVSOM will give NIP credits to donors who give to the scholarship fund for immediate use or for permanent endowments earmarked to sustain the scholarship fund in perpetuity.
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The goal of United Way of the Greenbrier Valley's Sustainable Family Support Project is to provide basic needs and emergency assistance to individuals and families in the Greenbrier Valley who are living below the poverty level and facing circumstances that prevent them from securing or maintaining basic needs. The Sustainable Family Support Project collaborates with local nonprofit organizations to provide financial assistance to maintain vital services such as electricity, heat, and water, and offer necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc.
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Wellspring of Greenbrier, Inc. operates a resource center where services are provided to poor, working poor, homeless, transient and/or disadvantaged people of Greenbrier County. Among those served are addicts, former addicts, recently released felons, and those suffering from mental, social or physical disorders. Services include prepared takeout lunches, additional emergency food, clothing, washer and dryer services, counseling, payment of utility bills, auto fuel for specific needs, housing repairs, payment for necessary medicines and any other types of expenses deemed appropriate for assistance. This Wellspring project serves to provide hope to all who enter the center, and maintaining the resource center is the total focus of our NIP request.
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<td>Trillium provides free science based educational programs for the 3rd (&quot;Weathering the Elements&quot;) and 5th (&quot;Final Frontier&quot;) graders of Greenbrier County. These productions are for public, private, and home schoolers. This past year and this year these shows are being recorded for distribution to more students in the State and in case of another school shut-down due to the Pandemic. Plans are in the works to provide a show for 1st graders called &quot;The Sound of Color&quot; by Spring of 2022. All productions are original and include music, dance, theatre, and film.</td>
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The River House desires to maintain and expand its collaboration with Hampshire County Schools. Board of Education resources in rural communities are very limited, The River House (TRH) is here to provide exposure to and education in a variety of art forms. Instruction, field trips and outreach programs are interdisciplinary and educational, linking the arts to age appropriate Standards of Learning. They are designed for a range of age groups in a variety of subjects and focus areas. In 2021 The River House facilitated a variety of field trips and outreach programs including a first grade field trip where students learned about WV wildlife, students got to see real live animals brought to them by a representative of a local wildlife rescue organization, students then did an art activity where they created sun-catchers based on these animals. The students were also exposed to music history and traditional WV instruments, which included an interactive performance and demonstration. Another example includes an 8th grade field trip hosted by TRH. During this trip the class learned about solar energy in conjunction with new solar panels being installed on the roof of our facility, students had the opportunity to then make sun prints using the sun to create art. One final example includes a 4-part Science of Sound STEAM outreach program that was brought to students attending Hampshire County Summer School. Students participated in hands on activities to demonstrate the links between science and music including building their own instrument, using technology to make a recording and creating art inspired by sound waves. TRH has celebrated its fourth birthday and now brings consistency and stability to the community, to go along with our energy and passion for education. NIP credits would allow TRH to expand its donor basis to provide for the increasing need for art-related supplies and materials in the education of Hampshire County students.

The Harrison County Child Advocacy Center facilitates a multidisciplinary investigative team (MDIT) response to the investigation of allegations of crimes against children in Barbour County, including sexual abuse, sexual assault, severe physical abuse and neglect, drug endangerment, witness to violence (including homicide), depiction in pornography, and child trafficking. Our agency provides a physically and psychologically safe, child-friendly environment for the investigation of allegations of child maltreatment. We bring together child safety professionals so the child only needs to disclose the details of the abuse one time, minimizing the trauma which would occur if it was necessary to disclose to multiple agencies. Our services begin with a forensic interview conducted by one of our certified forensic interviewers while members of the Barbour County MDIT observe from a nearby room. We provide support and advocacy to the child victim and his or her protective caregiver from the initial disclosure of abuse through the completion of any criminal justice response. Our family advocates provide referrals for specialized medical examination and treatment and trauma-focused therapy. To ensure that no case, or child, falls through cracks in the system, the Harrison County Child Advocacy Center facilitates monthly meetings of the Barbour County MDIT for the purposes of case review.
The project entitled, Services to Prevent and Respond to Homelessness and Living Insecurity, is a project that our United Way has taken seriously in the past and even more so in response to the detrimental ramifications of Covid-19. We prioritize supporting services that prevent and respond to those experiencing life-threatening and altering circumstances that are specifically tied to social crises. Through this program we will engage individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness or living insecurity who may be alienated from mainstream services. Our United Way team will focus on connecting individuals to permanent, stable housing, as well as healthcare, employment, and meaningful daily activities. United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties program is linked to the statewide Coordinated Entry system.

Did you know that those who graduate from a recovery residence have lower arrest rates, higher employment rates, and better chances of maintaining housing as much as a year and a half later? (Journal of Psychoactive Drugs) That is why The Change Initiative has created The Phoenix Recovery House, so that women in our community can get the help they need to live a healthy, productive life. At The Change Initiative, we understand that most community members are directly impacted by the opioid epidemic. We believe that we are only as strong as our most vulnerable members and that’s why we are working to create additional supportive housing for women recovering from substance abuse, specifically certified Level 3 Recovery Housing. This Recovery House will offer a unique approach to women in recovery. We know that maintaining sobriety is an ongoing struggle for many. Through our community outreach and emergency shelter work, we’ve found that comprehensive recovery-living solutions for women is something that Clarksburg is lacking. We have developed The Phoenix Recovery House to not only focus on sobriety but also help women overcome past trauma and provide them with the life skills they need to succeed. In addition to working the 12-step program, our home offers a 12 month program that arms women with the tools they need to be successful. A case manager will work with each woman to help link them to clinical services. A live-In house manager will ensure daily schedules are followed and that everything runs smoothly. We will rely on a strengths-based approach and utilize evidence based programming. Each woman will work with their case manager to define goals and develop the tools they need to achieve those goals. We will offer weekly classes focused on life skills: budgeting, resume building, cooking and many more. The Phoenix Recovery House will also offer group and individual counseling to help women build their confidence so they can become productive members of society.
Health Access is a free and charitable clinic focused on overcoming health barriers and eliminating disparities among the most vulnerable residents of North Central WV with the hope of improving both medical and economic outcomes for low-income, underinsured adults. For the past couple of years, Health Access has worked closely with the Neighborhood Investment Program to address existing coverage gaps in vision and dental healthcare within West Virginia Medicaid. Unfortunately, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, these coverage gaps have grown to become coverage chasms as many low-income, underinsured residents have forsaken essential healthcare services out of concern for their safety, which has led to poor outcomes medically from delayed diagnosis and treatment and economically as many suffer unnecessarily from uncorrected vision and dental problems, diminished self-esteem, and even discrimination which severely limits their productivity and employment opportunities. With support once again from the Neighborhood Investment Program, Health Access intends to shrink this gap by extending access to vision and dental within the primary care setting through our Vision and Dental Outreach Project. Through this program, access to vision care will be provided by the WVU Eye Institute which will offer (3) two-day eye screening events at our free clinic site where nearly 400 residents at or below 125% of FPL will receive a comprehensive eye screening. Of those 400 residents, 250 will receive a pair of prescription glasses and another 75 will be diagnosed with an advanced disease like diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, or cataracts and will be referred to the WVU Eye Institute for care. Health Access also intends to recover its dental program from Covid-related disruptions and provide preventative and restorative dental healthcare including exams, cleanings, extractions, and fillings for 150 residents resulting in a total of 550 residents receiving critical care.

Central WV Community Action Association, Inc.’s Pathways to Independence initiative provides emergency services to low-income Lewis County residents. NIP donations support customers, who are experiencing financial straits, with emergency rent or mortgage payments, utility payments, food assistance, transportation services to maintain employment, and other basic needs in an effort to avert deeper crisis. Many of the agency’s customers include the working poor, who live daily on the edge of being able to meet their basic needs. When income is lost due to lack of transportation, lack of available childcare, or health-related incidents, families can transition from vulnerable to in-crisis overnight. Similarly, sudden pop-up expenses, such as car repairs, need to obtain new housing, unexpected babysitting costs, or medical/pharmacy expenses can mean the difference in paying or not paying a water bill, for example. It is the agency’s goal to provide transitional financial support to ensure that families can meet their basic needs and have the opportunity to thrive. While NIP-related donations provide for the actual cost of customer supports, the agency takes a holistic approach to assessing and meeting each customer’s needs related to their overall self-sufficiency. Customers are screened by a case manager for a variety of needs when applying for assistance, and each customer is encouraged to work with the agency's AmeriCorps member to deepen their financial management knowledge, either through individualized budgeting activities or completing the FDIC's Money Smart curriculum. Within the agency, customers can receive long-term case management assistance, Head Start, housing services, and employment transition support. Outside referrals are made for a host of additional services as well. The Pathways to Independence initiative is limited to Lewis County residents living at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines.
Genesis Youth Crisis Center has established itself as a premier emergency shelter provider in the state of WV. Currently we operate 3 emergency crisis shelters that serve children from all 55 WV counties. The youth we serve have all suffered traumatic experiences. Youth come to us with simply the clothes on their backs, and what little items they have in trash bags and no hygiene supplies. The monies raised from our NIP credits will go directly to maintaining our "Clothing Closet". This is a dedicated room we have at each of our locations where we keep needed goods, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene supplies, sweat pants, yoga pants, tee shirts, coats, sweatshirts, pajamas, flip flops, shoes, seasonal items such as coats, swimsuits etc and duffel bags. This space is set up to be "shopped" so residents can pick out their own items.

JCCF Inc will remain true to our mission. Through strategic planning, the Executive Committee has implemented the #JCCFGiveLocal Program. This project builds a network of giving between donors, sponsors, fund holders, nonprofits, schools, and volunteers. Our goal is to unit these individuals and civic groups together to help support the need in Jackson County, WV to build a brighter future. Our Charity Challenge Match Grant Program for local nonprofits and Celebration of Decorations for fund holders is unique approach to accomplish this objective. Through these special events JCCF has set a fundraising level of $160,000 which is an achievable target. 90% of fundraising dollars will immediately be re-granted to community nonprofits, and the remainder helps build new and existing funds that are administered through JCCF such as the new Jackson County Community Emergency Response Fund. Reaching this level of fundraising resources is only possible through generous allocations from the Neighborhood Investment Program. NIP’s tax credits enhance our ability to attract larger contributions from donors. Participating in the NIP gives JCCF the ability to connect donors to the root cause. Thanks to the 80+ volunteers, civic leaders, various committee members, and governing board, our administrative cost remain low and more viable than non-charitable institution. Our special events efforts are the key element in successful fundraising for the foundation and Jackson County, WV.
Since its founding, Shepherdstown Day Care's (SDC) mission has been to serve working families of the Eastern Panhandle. West Virginia social services assistance program, known as Mountain Heart, provides a subsidy to working families (families below the 125% of the federal poverty level) whose children are enrolled in our program. This gives the parents the ability to seek employment, further their education, and otherwise aid in their endeavors to further their careers. However, the subsidy does not cover the actual cost of the program. This shortfall is $1,800 per student per year. The gap/disparity between the subsidized tuition payments and funding needed for operations grows each year. Bridging the gap and balancing SDC's budget is an on-going and ever-present challenge. Funds realized for this project will enable SDC to enroll the working poor in our educational programs, thus keeping SDC operational and our educational program strong.

Volunteers perform an array of basic needs and direct services such as transportation to medical appointments and other necessary rides. Various home repairs help our clients remain safer, drier and warmer within their homes and are a much needed part of our outreach. The lending of medical equipment assists with issues regarding mobility while clients overcome sickness and disease or recover from recent situations. This helps and improves their overall quality of life during these times. We offer a variety of services such as in-home visits and phone calls, and other activities to comfort and watch over seniors especially those living alone to help them combat depression and support their well-being. The acceptance of applications for care receiving is ongoing. They are reviewed and fulfilled once resources are secured and a volunteer match is made.
Case Management and Continuum of Care. At JCCM, our case managers focus on four areas: 1. Meeting the clients and assessing their current situation for needs to assist the client in becoming self-sufficient. 2. Writing a client driven individual service plan to include goals, objectives, actions to meet the goals, and dates for completion. 3. Being the client’s advocate, however, will not complete the actions on the service plan if the client is capable of completing them. 4. Serving in a supporting role and making referrals to other community agencies as appropriate.

JCCM Case managers provide the following specific services:- Referrals to outside providers- Applications for SNAP, Medicaid, and Social Security Benefits- Replacement Identification documents- Housing Assistance- Coordination of care with outside providers- Medical appointments- Job search Under Continuum of Care, JCCM Case Managers also coordinate with West Virginia University Medicine and Shenandoah Community Health to provide medical care for those in need. JCCM provides assistance with Counseling, Pharmaceutical, and Addiction recovery by coordinating care with our partners.

Ranson Old Town Community Gardens

The complete title of our project is: Give a person a zucchini and they eat for a day Teach them to grow zucchini and they will feed their neighborhood!

Last year the Gardens began the transition of changing our focus from being a small grower of community produce to being a resource for helping the community understand the benefits of fresh vegetables and how they can reap the benefits of gardening no matter what their space or interests are. We re-established access to the power grid as well as reconnected to the city water service. We have begun monthly, free workshops that include a range of gardening topics as well as healthy cooking classes. We are now ready to build upon the foundation we created. We will add lighting and a sink to the classroom. This will allow us to expand the types and availability of our workshops and classes. We will improve our solar pumping operation so that it both functions more efficiently and can be used for demonstrations of solar power. This will also allow us to expand our cooking class offerings to include more low-cost, healthy meals as well as hold classes longer in the season. We will replace 9 of the current beds and add additional resident gardener plots. We were fully booked this year. We will add shade elements, benches, and plants to our greenspaces to create micro-parks for gardeners, students, and visitors. This space is used for our classes as well as being available to local residents.
Meals on Wheels of Jefferson County, Inc

Our project provides a healthy nutritious noon time meal at a reasonable cost to members of the Jefferson County community who either cannot prepare meals for themselves or do not have anyone who can prepare it for them. We do more than provide food, we provide a human contact for people who may not have someone checking on them on a daily basis. Our office staff maintains a contact phone number to use if the client does not answer the door when the meal is delivered. By providing the meal we help our client’s family or caregiver to be able to help the client to remain in their homes longer, avoiding or at least postponing high-cost assisted living facilities. The project is carried out through the efforts of 80 dedicated volunteers, one paid part time cook/kitchen manager, one paid part time schedulers/office administrator and one paid assistant who fills in as cook or office administrator when the regular cook or office administrator are on leave.

Gabriel Project of West Virginia

Babies are an enormous responsibility and especially challenging for low-income families who struggle each day with minimal resources to meet their infant’s essential, basic needs. Low-income families are single parent households, wed and unwed couples, and in rising numbers, kinship caregivers who unexpectedly received custody of a young relative and are unprepared to meet the child’s basic needs. Over the past year our client families have included households experiencing first-time poverty and financial distress as a result of the pandemic’s economic effects. The Gabriel Project will assist these low-income families by purchasing and directly distributing formula, diapers, clothing, cribs and car seats that are cost prohibitive for impoverished families but necessities for their young child’s health and well-being. We will provide this assistance through our network of community-based church sites and trained volunteers in the 26 counties of our project area. Formula, diapers and clothing are the most urgently requested basic needs. We will distribute formula to families who depleted their limited monthly public nutritional assistance allocation and to working poor families who do not qualify for public assistance yet cannot afford to adequately feed their baby. We will also distribute specialized formula for low-income families whose babies have medical issues, allergies or digestive problems. We will supply diapers and infant/toddler clothing to low-income families to keep their child comfortable and to lessen health risks. The new cribs we provide will give babies a safe place to sleep and reduce risks of rollover falling, positional asphyxia or other trauma. In our project area there are infants sleeping in adult beds or in wobbly strollers or baby swings because their families cannot afford a proper crib. We will also distribute new car seats to secure and protect young children from death or serious injury in motor vehicle crashes or sudden stopping.
WV CASA develops, supports, and strengthens CASA programs throughout WV to assure quality volunteer advocacy for abused/neglected children in the state’s court system. With this project, we aim to increase the number of CASA volunteers in WV. With more CASA volunteers, the more abused/neglected youth who are directly served and can directly benefit from a screened, trained, advocate on their side. Statistics prove that youth who have a CASA advocate assigned to their case are more likely to achieve permanency sooner and are less likely to reenter the child welfare system again in the future. Child abuse/neglect cases in WV reached a peak in April 2020 resulting in over 7,440 youth in foster care. With just 10 local CASA programs throughout WV, only 33% of these youth were paired with a carefully screened and highly trained CASA volunteer to provide individual advocacy for their specific needs. Going in to 2021, much research has been released pointing to heightened susceptibility for child abuse/neglect due to economic stressors and mental health issues. Preliminary data shows a significant rise in child abuse/neglect reports across WV. Now is the time to put resources in place to ensure that every youth subjected to abuse/neglect has the opportunity to interact and engage with a CASA advocate who is legally sworn to represent their best interest in the courtroom. As the number of child abuse/neglect cases continue to rise and an unprecedented number of youth enter the child welfare system, DHHR Deputy Secretary Jeremiah Samples reports that WV is experiencing a child welfare crisis. In 2020, local CASA programs served an average of 49% of child abuse/neglect cases in their counties. With increased public awareness of CASA services and child-centric impacts, WV CASA seeks to boost capacity of existing local CASA programs - increasing the number of children whose lives directly benefit from a CASA volunteer advocating for their best interest during court.

Girl Scouts is the world’s leading organization dedicated to the growth and development of girls into strong, successful young women. Our programming focuses on challenging girls to realize their potential, while growing into the best version of themselves along the way. At Girl Scouts, we develop girls into future leaders through programming focused around our four program pillars – STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills and Entrepreneurship. Girl Scouts is one of the only remaining organizations to focus on girls exploring what is possible, turning their dreams into reality, and helping them change the world. In 2017, the Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI) conducted a study focused on the health and well-being of girls across our nation. Based on this study the state of West Virginia ranked 38th according to the thirteen measures of girls’ health and well-being. Our project provides financial assistance to girls and volunteers in economically depressed communities to participate in Girl Scouts. Our goal is to deliver programs and provide resources to improve these girls’ health and well-being, as they become our future leaders.
Lawyer in the School is a legal assistance project designed to literally meet clients where they are. Staff attorneys from Legal Aid of WV work alongside volunteer attorneys from private law firms to provide free legal clinics at elementary schools in Kanawha, Cabell, Wayne, Taylor, Preston, McDowell, and Marion counties. McDowell is new to this year's project, based on requested services and a demonstrated need. Lawyer in the School was created to identify and assist with legal need where potential clients may not realize they have a civil legal problem; examples of these include housing stability, benefits problems, food security, custody and guardianship difficulties, domestic violence and abuse, and obstacles to income. Lawyer in the School's regular clinics create a reliable, safe resource for families who need assistance navigating complex issues in a legal system where those who can afford an attorney have an undeniable advantage. The schools served by Lawyer in the School have found that resolving civil legal issues results in greater stability in families' home lives. When issues at home are resolved, children can remain in school and focus on their education, and many of the children served have demonstrated significant academic improvement following help for them and their families. During the COVID pandemic, our staff still made themselves available, serving school-aged children and their families by phone, email, and any safe, in-person methods needed. We hope the 2021-2022 schoolyear will bring our in-person services back to the forefront for these communities, but we will continue to provide Lawyer in the School, in compliance with any safety measures.

FestivALL's Neighborhood Arts Program exists to connect our community's children and youth with education, engagement, and exhibition opportunities in the arts. Specifically, this program offers free arts instruction and supplementary arts supplies through partnerships with after-school programs, organizes youth and student art sales and free art projects through the Children's Art Fair, engages children with juried art exhibition: Art-for-ALL, and manages Ticket Town which offers free community arts and performance event tickets through partnerships with local arts organizations. The program primarily serves students and youth located on Charleston's West Side but is open to other areas and counties. These include Boone, Clay, Fayette, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties with a focus in areas with a higher concentration of individuals below the poverty rate.
The Religious Coalition for Community Renewal’s Transitional Storage Center located within Saint Mark’s United Methodist Church is a managed storage service providing 150 secure lockers and bins to people experiencing homelessness to store their personal belongings. The homeless face several barriers in trying to obtain shelter, services, and employment. Some of these obstacles are mental health and/or substance abuse problems, chronic health problems, disabilities, lack of access to transportation, and safe storage of their personal possessions. Providing a secure storage facility for the homeless helps to unlock the barriers that prevent them from obtaining permanent housing. Working with a case manager, the client, depending on the severity of the identified barriers, can expect to spend at least 3 months and up to 18 months in our program. The goal is for the client to achieve permanent housing using a Housing First approach with supportive services and collaboration among social service providers. In addition, the Transitional Storage Center offers a drop-in computer lab and Boutique where individuals experiencing homelessness may redeem vouchers for clothing.

Laotong Yoga Prison Project specifically focuses on coordinating and teaching weekly yoga classes in 3 WV state prisons. Co-Directors will teach a total of 160 classes divided among the following facilities: 1) Lakin Correctional Center, Mason Co. - Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes) & Ongoing Hatha Yoga (40 classes) 2) Mt. Olive Correctional Complex, Fayette Co. - Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes) 3) Charleston Correctional Center RSAT, Kanawha Co. - Basic Hatha Yoga (40 classes) In addition, Co-Directors will complete the remaining 9 monthly weekends (15 hours each weekend) of Yoga Teacher Training at Lakin. This particular project is fully funded and was suspended during the time of the coronavirus pandemic.
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Read Aloud West Virginia will support high-needs parents and families in building healthy reading habits at home. We will provide high quality reading material to children with poor access to engaging print literature, organize volunteer readers to act as "reading role models" for classes, and engage parents, grandparents, and other caregivers to help them help their children discover reading for pleasure. 54% of West Virginia students were already reading below grade level, then they weathered more learning challenges than ever before during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students missed out on months of crucial in-person instructional time with their teacher for which virtual class (while necessary in this case) is not a research-proven replacement. This is particularly concerning for young students who are learning to read as research shows that when children are on break from school, they lose reading proficiency unless they are reading regularly. Children who are not proficient readers by 3rd or 4th grade are 13 times more likely to drop out in high school. Poverty-level children, in particular, struggle to learn to read since they often begin school with a limited vocabulary and have less access to print. However, there is hope. Research shows that children who connect reading with pleasure and have access to print read more and become more proficient readers. Prior to the pandemic, we piloted Summer Book Binge - a research-based program giving self-selected books to combat reading skill loss over break. Initial data indicates that reading proficiency scores increased 14-21% depending on grade level after a summer of independent reading. We also know that motivation plays a huge role in reading success, and for many children that motivation starts at home. Just fifteen minutes of reading time with a parent every day can make a huge difference in a child’s skills and their perception of reading.

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KPCC Counseling is requesting this grant to support our efforts of providing quality mental health care to residents of Kanawha, Boone, Lincoln, and Putnam counties, particularly to people who have limited financial resources and/or little or no health insurance. The physical and mental health of all people is integral in building healthy communities - especially during and post COVID-19. All persons, regardless of their age, sex, race, beliefs, cultural background, religion, or ability to pay, deserve high-quality, professional care for their emotional needs. Receiving this kind of care usually translates into better health, better relationships with family and friends, all of which ultimately benefit our entire community. Funding given to this project will be used to provide counseling services to individuals that fall at or below the federal poverty levels.
Fitness facility: Our fitness facility is equipped with two types of equipment: free weights and machines. Free weights (barbells, dumbbells, and weight plates) and machines (Leg Press, Hack Squat, Leg Extension, Leg Curl, Calf, Leg Abduction/Abduction, Lat Pull Down, Pec Deck, tread mill). Nutritional counselling: It is important to eat the proper amounts and types of foods that contain adequate nutrition to help build the body as well as to prepare it to combat various diseases. We offer complete nutritional consulting, evaluate patients’ diets, make recommendations for change, and teach our members to adopt new nutritional habits. Addiction counselling: We offer counselling and support to young people and adults who are affected by drug addiction and alcoholism. We provide options and methods for them to use to stop addictive behaviors and reduce harm that is normally associated with those behaviors. Most important, we offer new opportunities and options for spending free time. Overall, we encourage them to understand that new choices allow them to cope with stress and live life more fully. Daycare: We offer child care, which facilitates parents to enroll in gyms or participate in one of our other lifestyle programs. Members often need someone to take care of children while they are working-out in the gym or participating in another program. Cardio-vascular clinics: Medical doctors from the Church volunteer and provide monthly cardio-vascular clinics at WV Health Right. These clinics are normally attended by 20 or more under-served community members.

Tyler Mountain/Cross Lanes Community Services is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) social services agency that assists with emergency basic needs of food and utility assistance. TMCLCS has been helping local residents in the Tyler Mountain and Cross Lanes communities since 1980. TMCLCS operates a food pantry two days per week, Christmas food basket program as well as a voucher program to assist with supplemental food from Save A Lot grocery store. We also assist with utilities and some prescription drug needs. TMCLCS sponsors a weekly community dinner at Cross Lanes United Methodist church. We are looking forward to restarting this program as soon as COVID 19 restrictions permit. TMCLCS also supplements our food pantry with fresh grown produce from our community garden.
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<td>The Bob Burdette Center, Inc. (BBC) is a 21st Century Community Learning Center and host to WV's first Children's Defense Fund Freedom School, offering out-of-school time programs at four locations with average enrollment of 175 children. Emmanuel Baptist Church is host to the BBC's largest program, serving 65 children in kindergarten through 12th grade from Edgewood and Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary (MCSWSE), West Side Middle, and Capital High. The BBC's second program is located at North Charleston Community Center and serves 50 children in kindergarten through 5th grade from Grandview Elementary, Edgewood Elementary, and MCSWSE. The BBC's third program is located at Edgewood Elementary and serves 40 children in kindergarten through 5th grade from that school. The BBC's fourth location, MCSWSE, serves 40 children in kindergarten through 5th grade from that school. The programs operate according the Kanawha County Schools calendar and for up to six weeks during the summer. Services are provided Monday through Friday, 2 PM until 5:30 PM during the school year and from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM during the summer. Participants engage in homework assistance, tutoring, enrichment, and recreational activities. BBC staff members provide supervision and implement programming such as the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum. Certified teachers provide one-on-one and small group skill based tutoring in reading and math. Opportunities for enrichment activities are provided by community partners such as West Virginia State University Extension Services and West Virginia University Extension Services who provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), positive youth development enrichment programs, and technical assistance. During the school year and summer, participants are provided with daily meals and snacks through the Offices for Child Nutrition (CACFP and SFSP). All services are provided to children and their families free of charge.</td>
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**Project Information**  
Bridging the Gaps, Neighbor to Neighbor  

We see evidence every day of the unique challenges our local communities face in ensuring the health and well-being of our low income senior population. Transportation and social isolation are two of the greatest barriers to these seniors aging in place, safely and with confidence. Other barriers include a general lack of awareness of available assistance, and economic considerations. Our project strives to remove those obstacles by offering free community-based access to medical care, food, a safe living environment, and social engagement. Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley recruits and trains a diverse pool of volunteers to provide these services to low income, often at-risk seniors at no cost. Our volunteers are empowered to offer practical solutions to real life, basic needs problems by providing transportation to medical appointments to address healthcare needs, and trips to the grocery store to ensure access to food. They also make friendly visits and reassurance calls to help combat the serious issues of loneliness and isolation. Our Honey Do Crews perform minor home repairs and maintenance projects to enhance both safety and quality of life. And our many outreach programs ensure that our care receivers feel connected and cared for.  

Our program exists to complement existing, more traditional publicly funded services; far from creating redundancies or competition, our program strives to fill gaps by taking care of seniors who find themselves unable to meet stringent eligibility requirements of publicly funded programs. Our project helps make these important services available to a much wider population. We are able to take referrals from and make referrals to other programs with an eye toward the best interests of the senior being served. Funds raised go directly toward the recruitment, training, and retention of our volunteers in service to our senior care receivers, and to purchase supplies for Honey Do Crews projects.

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**Project Information**  
ACC Financial Aid Program  

The Appalachian Children’s Chorus (ACC) has a history of 31 years of serving youth in West Virginia in offering a program to develop music excellence. The organization was established with the understanding that the program would be made available to all children despite socio-economic situations. For three decades, the chorus has been able to accept all children wishing to be in the program due to donor support. We are asking for $5,000 in NIP credits so that we may continue to give children of insufficient financial means the ability to join an organization that will have a lasting impact on their lives. ACC's program fosters the personal and social growth of choristers by promoting their sense of self-esteem, accomplishment, and pride in a nurturing, team-oriented environment. ACC meets all criteria spelled out in the NIP program and is in collaboration with many other arts and education organizations in the area. As a member of Youth Organizations United, ACC has collaborated annually with the River City Youth Ballet Ensemble, the Children's Theatre of Charleston, and the West Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra on a performance for school children as well as the public. Additionally, ACC is part of FestivALL with its Appalachian Children's Festival of Young Voices every other year. Throughout its history, the organization has touched and molded the lives of thousands of children who have now taken their place in our society as successful and active members of the community.
West Virginia State University has seen growth in admissions of students from southern W.V. The University acknowledges the extreme economic disadvantage that many students from areas such as Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln and Boone Counties face when pursuing a college education. The WVSU Southern Counties Scholarship Program, coupled with existing scholarship opportunities, will help encourage a greater number of students from these areas to pursue a degree at WVSU and will continue to assist these students, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college, as they progress through their studies. With this program a minimum of 5 students per semester will receive up to $2,000 to assist with tuition, fees, books and other needs based on the amount awarded.

Southern West Virginia consistently ranks at, or near the bottom in measures of health, income and education on statewide rankings. Statewide, 20.6% of West Virginians have attained a bachelor's degree or higher. The average percentage of Mingo, McDowell, Logan, Wyoming, Lincoln and Boone county residents who have attained a bachelor's degree is less than half of the statewide figure at 8.9%. It is increasingly important to focus on the real importance of education as it pertains to income potential, professional opportunities and overall standard of living. It is incredibly important to provide support for students within these areas to address and overcome any obstacles that may hinder their own educational attainment and professional development. Founded in 1891, West Virginia State University is a public, land-grant, historically black university, which has evolved into a fully accessible, racially integrated, and multi-generational institution. WVSU's accomplishments and envision building upon our baccalaureate and graduate programs and our excellence in teaching, research, and service.

CHS currently operates 9 emergency child shelters, with 96 beds available that serves and cares for children ages 7-19 years old. (although we have had few occasions where as we have had younger children 5-6). Children placed in emergency child shelters have been removed from their caregivers/biological families for any number of reasons. Physical Abuse, severe neglect, drug related issues, domestic violence, sexual abuse, lack of supervision or inability to meet a child's basic needs. Our shelters are statewide and are located in the counties of: Logan, Raleigh, Kanawha, Cabell, Berkeley, Wood, Nicholas, Greenbrier and Hampshire. CHS Emergency child shelters are 24 hours a day/365 days service to children in crisis. CHS utilizes it's family strengthening programs working in conjunction with our emergency child shelters to support the child and family when possible. If a child cannot return home we seek one of our certified foster families as a placement and as an effort to work towards permanency for our shelter children. CHS Emergency child shelters are 24 hours a day/365 days service to children in crisis. CHS utilizes it's family strengthening programs working in conjunction with our emergency child shelters to support the child and family when possible. If a child cannot return home we seek one of our certified foster families as a placement and as an effort to work towards permanency for our shelter children. When reunification with biological families is the plan we support the family by helping to stabilize basic needs, refer the family to a wraparound program, assist with therapy, parenting education. If we have an older youth nearing adulthood we would work to ensure they have a plan for housing, work or continued education, transitional living programs and offer support as needed. Our emergency child shelters provide all medical, psychological, educational needs of our children as well as assessment and treatment planning. Our child shelters are homelike environments, we celebrate milestones, birthday/holidays/graduations, we work to lessen behavioral issues children experience and the single most important thing is that we give these children hope. They come to us with their belongings in trash bags, they are emotionally suffering and hurting they need to know we are here to make their lives better.
YWCA Charleston works to improve the well-being of some of the most vulnerable women and families in Kanawha, Clay, and Boone counties by providing a continuum of care and services. YWCA programs provide emergency shelter, mental health and substance abuse counseling, education, advocacy, nourishment, and safe homes primarily for women and children in poverty, although we do serve homeless men who have custody of their children.

West Virginia Health Right, Inc. works to improve the well-being of some of the most vulnerable women and families in Kanawha, Clay, and Boone counties by providing a continuum of care and services. WV Health Right launched a state-of-the-art mobile dental clinic to provide oral health care to low-income adults in the rural counties of Boone, Clay, Logan, McDowell, and Roane. Through its mobile dental clinic, WV Health Right will provide dental care and treatment to 1,800 impoverished uninsured/underinsured adults. Local healthcare partners in each of the service counties assist in the identification of eligible residents as well as provide space and internet access for the mobile unit. Access to dental care services improves citizens' overall health status and decreases emergency room usage, which in turn decreases the number of opioids prescribed as a result of chronic tooth pain; this positively impacts the drug epidemic the state is facing. Further, increasing oral health care access also contributes to promoting employability and economic development and stability. In addition to providing free oral health care services to low-income adults throughout rural areas, health education materials will also be provided to 1,800 adults to help increase awareness for effectively managing chronic diseases and reducing habits that lead to chronic health conditions. Educational materials will be geared toward managing cardiovascular risks, diabetes, weight, hypertension, and tobacco cessation.
Hope for Appalachia focuses on those in active addiction as well as children and families that are directly affected by addiction. To do this we have three distinct projects: Children's and Family Resource Center: This is a multi-layered program designed to provide support and care for children in homes of active addiction or who have been directly affected by it. Through this program we seek to provide short-term emergency relief for children and families with children and connect them with existing community support systems and resources. Our goal is to ensure that children affected by addiction are cared for. HOPE Closet Program: For this program we have partnered with public schools to ensure that students have access to basic needs. Students can visit the HOPE closet with the assistance of their teacher/counselor/social worker to get toiletry items they might not have access to out of school. This will help remove the burden of not fitting so students with a stressful home life can go to school ready to learn. Outreach Program: This Program is designed to serve men and women in active addition that are ready or hesitant to begin a recovery program and are unsure where to begin. Our goal is to connect them with community resources as well as referrals to programs that will meet them where they are in the addiction recovery process.

The East End Resource Center will Fight the Fresh Vegetable Desert in the East End of Charleston by planting 40 raised beds of vegetables at two sites as 'free to pick' gardens for community residents. Volunteers will plant and maintain the gardens and also deliver vegetables to six feeding locations/food pantries. Nutrition education programs will be offered to students, seniors and families at the Roosevelt Neighborhood Center and to the community and to other groups in West Virginia through videos on three Facebook pages.
The goal of WVPB Pathfinders is to keep youth engaged with their local library and libraries across the state, focusing on economically distressed counties. We hope these activities will provide a broader view of places they have not seen or visited in a cost-effective way.

Rea of Hope provides the following services to women to assist them in gaining long term self-sufficiency such as:

1.) Supported Employment (job readiness, instruction on completing job applications, interviewing, appropriate dress code suggestions for employment, uniforms provided, transportation provided; instructions on how to be a reliable/dependable employee including punctuality calling in if late or sick and how to give a proper notice if changing employment.

2.) Permanent Supportive Housing (safe, sober, supportive housing provided and long term housing available for Rea of Hope graduates and their children for up to two years' post-graduation from Phase I of our program)

3.) Recovery Housing (structured, supportive alcohol and drug free home provided)
### Union Mission Ministries, Inc.

Three needs are being addressed: Food Insecurity, Homelessness and Addiction Recovery. These are provided through six of our nine programs. Food insecurity and homeless prevention efforts are offered through three of the six programs: Family Services (based at our Charleston campus), Outreach (located in 14 rural counties), Emergency Response Team (immediate basic needs in rural areas of 8 surrounding counties) for those who are struggling due to food insecurity and low (or no) income. The other three programs involve intervention for the homeless and those who are bound by addictive lifestyles through our three shelters in the Charleston area: Union Mission Men's Shelter, Union Mission Women's Recovery Program and Union Mission Men's Recovery Program. Each of these six programs involve practical, social/spiritual assistance, encouragement, and assistance with education and community integration.

### Daymark, Incorporated

Daymark’s Patchwork and Turning Point programs provide emergency assistance and long-term care to youth between the ages of 12 and 21. These youth are homeless or have been removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect. Many of their parents are missing, deceased or incarcerated. They have all experienced some kind of trauma. Daymark counselors encourage youth to focus on their futures by pursuing education and long term solutions to their problems. This cannot be accomplished however, until basic needs have been met. This project will focus on providing nutritious meals and daily counseling on coping skills. Once youth are fed, feel safe, and know how to gain some control over their emotions, they can concentrate on their educational and career goals.
Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center provides a unique program called "Earn While You Learn." This program provides every client with an opportunity to learn vital parenting skills and have their own personal parenting concerns addressed by a trained volunteer or staff person. The program contains hundreds of modules ranging from first-trimester prenatal care, breastfeeding, SIDS prevention, infant care, sleep issues in infancy, infant bonding, discipline in older children and so many more. We've just begun to incorporate a group breastfeeding class taught by a Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), and we have plans to start a group class based on pediatric emergencies and illnesses taught by a local pediatrician, a class on pediatric oral health taught by a local dentist, and a group class taught by a local fireman that will instruct parents on how to install and use a car seat. A Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer updates our curriculum on a regular basis to be sure everything that is taught is medically accurate and up-to-date. Every time a module is completed, the client earns "Baby Bucks" to be spent in our onsite baby boutique. Items such as car seats, strollers, pack-n-plays, medical kits, clothing, diapers, and much more can be purchased with "Baby Bucks" earned through taking "Earn While You Learn" classes. These classes empower our clients to be better parents, and they bolster their self-confidence through accomplishing their goals of providing for their children. No exchange of money takes place, and we've seen that babies are safer and better cared for because of this program. This program emphasizes the importance of excellent care for our clients' children. Last year we moved from a DVD based program to a streaming service giving us access to hundreds more classes. This has also given us the ability to text classes to clients (with alerts so we know if the module is completed) during the COVID-19 season.

Mountain Mission's Family Emergency Resource Project serves Kanawha County and the Greater Kanawha Valley. Our programs assist families and individuals with emergency supplemental perishable and non-perishable food, baby and child needs including diapers, wipes, food and clothing, shelter/housing needs, utilities assistance in emergency situations, non-narcotic medications, basic household items such as furniture and appliances when tied to a fire, flood or other catastrophic situation.
We will directly assist youth by facilitating their participation in evidence based programming that nearly doubles the chances of them being active, healthy, participating citizens as adults. Funds raised through the NIP program assist youth and families by financing expenses related to participating in the scouting programs. Funds are used for but not limited to items such as registration, uniforms, books, activity & camping fees, awards & advancement. The Brookings Institution has found through their research that interventions such as provided by scouting in early childhood, middle childhood and adolescence improves social mobility by increasing their social and academic competence. Participants are more likely to graduate from high school, more likely to be career or college ready and more likely to attend college. The Search Institute has identified 40 Developmental Assets that are fostered by participation in scouting. These assets align with the findings of the Brookings Institute and lead to more competent adults who are able to transition into productive adults. The recognition of achievement through rank advancement and merit badges, the opportunities to learn leadership, the learning of pro-social problem solving and conflict resolution skills build maturity and social competence. Participation in community service builds a sense of belonging in the community and decreases social isolation. Many scouts first identify a career choice through merit badge participation and build on that interest to have a productive and income secure job. Now that scouting is open to all youth, these opportunities will be available to both boys and girls.

The mission of Covenant House is to prevent and reduce homelessness by improving food security, preventing homelessness by providing access to emergency assistance and housing advocacy and improving access to health care. We provide an evidence-based Housing First Program providing permanent housing for chronically homeless persons, we also provide short- and medium-term rental and utility assistance to prevent evictions. Our Service Center provides a choice food pantry; personal hygiene products; feminine hygiene products; diapers; wipes; assistance obtaining legal documents; and other referrals and information. We also provide nutritional supplements for those living with advanced HIV/AIDS to improve their health outcomes. And through our partnership with WV Health Right, we have a full-time on-site street medicine clinic to address basic health care; testing and immunizations; and harm reduction and recovery care.
United Way of Central WV Information and Referral (I&R) will:

1) Work with school counselors to identify low income children who do not have adequate shoes to be safe and healthy and provide those shoes free of charge to the child. In addition, school counselors can receive other basic need items such as food, clothing, toiletries, etc. upon request.

2) Work with local audiologists to pay the application fees for free hearing aids for low income individuals through the Hear Now program. This program is indefinitely on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3) Partner with WV 2-1-1, the statewide I&R service, and will collect, update and maintain a database of hundreds of social service agencies that provide over 5,000 services to citizens in Boone, Braxton, Clay, Grant, Hardy, Kanawha, Logan, Mingo, and Putnam counties. I&R will take calls from these counties for those seeking services and provide referrals to resources based on zip code, ensuring they receive information about services closest to them.

4) Coordinate the Christmas Bureau, the clearinghouse for the Christmas assistance programs in Boone, Kanawha and Putnam counties. I&R will work closely with approx. 30 Christmas Bureau partners to provide toys and food to individuals and to reduce any duplication of services by using the Christmas Bureau database to record applications from the various providers.

5) When disasters strike our local area, be it a flood or a pandemic, I&R will provide timely updates on shelters, food and water distribution, long-term recovery assistance, etc. by partnering with WV VOAD, WV 2-1-1, and Emergency Management. Vital information will be posted on our Facebook page, emailed to our contacts, and shared with those who call our office or WV 2-1-1. During COVID-19, I&R operators spent countless hours updating resources and ensuring vital services like food pantries were open. I&R calls increased 400% over the previous year.

The Kanawha Valley Fellowship Home and Apartments (KVFH) provide safe drug and alcohol free housing, meals, education, counselling and after care. It is a structured program and environment for men who are serious about recovery from substance use disorder, alcoholism and drug addiction. Our goal is to instill positive habits, confidence and self discipline through a model which requires accountability and dedication. The men are required to attend 5 AA/NA meetings each week; attend a weekly house meeting; attend a weekly "Recovery Steps" meeting; attend weekly individual and group counseling sessions with a certified licensed Alcohol/Drug Treatment Counselor; attend a sit down dinner Monday through Thursday; observe a 10pm curfew; perform chores; volunteer in the community; work and pay minimal rent/fees which includes room and board and laundry facilities; submit to weekly and random substance testing. We are an abstinence based recovery facility with zero tolerance for failed substance testing. COVID-19 has presented many challenges to the KVFH for the past 15 months and we continue to deal with some of them. We added in house recovery meetings, streamed outside meetings via Zoom, adjusted curfews and home fees, forgave fees for three weeks at our "transitional home", streamed counseling sessions, and received help from many of our partners. All current residents are vaccinated and their health and well being is of paramount importance, an issue we will not compromise on. As we move past the pandemic we seek to return to our proven pathway to recovery for all those we serve.
Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries has a 56 year history of assisting low income individuals with their most basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. The main office in South Charleston serves that community as well as the surrounding areas of St. Albans, Tornado, Dunbar, Institute, Alum Creek, and Davis Creek. Thrift Store vouchers for free clothing and housewares are provided to low income applicants. Heart + Hand provides the local food pantry, diapers, utility/rent assistance, and work boots/shoes for those that strive to support themselves. Weekend food bags are provided every Friday to South Charleston Middle School students that might not have enough food on weekends. Heart + Hand is the only basic needs provider with a physical presence in Putnam County. Heart + Hand Putnam County helps with utility or rent assistance, diapers, formula, emergency food, and resource information. Additionally, Heart + Hand provides utility and rent assistance to residents of the underserved Upper Kanawha Valley, also known as the Riverside High School district. A small staff, dedicated volunteers, and a supportive community make it possible for over 5,000 individuals to benefit annually from Heart + Hand programs.

Our Neighborhood Investment Program project will support the feeding of low-income persons living in the St. Albans area. Services include providing a healthy, breakfast and lunch five days per week to the poor and needy, and providing supplemental groceries once per month to needy households. Recipients include the working poor, the mentally and physically challenged; those on a low-income such as senior citizens, single poor parents and grandparents caring for children; and the unemployed. Meeting the growing needs for those services is increasingly more difficult given the fragile economy and the effects of the pandemic. In addition to our core mission of feeding the needy, periodically other needs of those serviced are addressed including wellness checks, eye care needs, clothing, personal hygiene products and other critical needs.
### Bags of Blessings

**Project Information**

Bags of Blessings is an all volunteer organization providing presents to Kanawha county children in need. Sponsors provide the gifts of toys, coats, clothes, and shoes which are then distributed to families. Bags of Blessings volunteers also use donations provided by individuals and businesses to shop for children without a sponsor. Each child receives one of our signature red bags filled with presents. All children are certified as in need and an effort is made to make sure those children are not receiving assistance from other Christmas programs.

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### Children's Therapy Clinic, Inc.

**Project Information**

Children’s Therapy Clinic (CTC) provides therapy services to children with disabilities in the Kanawha Valley whose families have insufficient insurance and/or income to pay for needed services. Fees are determined by an income-based sliding-scale, but CTC never turns away a child because their parents cannot pay. The clinic offers physical, occupational, speech, and music therapies and social skills groups to improve functional abilities of children with a variety of disabilities. These include: developmental delays, neurological impairments such as cerebral palsy, musculoskeletal disorders such as spina bifida, and genetic disorders such as Down syndrome. Our therapists also work frequently with children who have autism, apraxia, seizure disorders, sensory integration disorders, prematurity, traumatic brain injury, phonological disorders, central auditory disorders, and exposure to drugs while in utero. While each therapy focuses on different goals, therapists help children learn skills so they can become self-sufficient and participate in activities at home, school, and in the community as independently as possible.

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**Project Information**

Room for Every Family - Ronald McDonald Family Room

The Ronald McDonald Family Room located inside Charleston Area Medical Center Women & Children's Hospital is a welcoming, home-like space for families, just steps away from their children inside the hospital. Markedly different than its clinical surroundings, the Family Room program provides families a break from the stress of the hospital environment where they can relax, prepare a quick meal, have a snack, or even take a nap. This valuable service is an extension of the services offered at the Ronald McDonald House and enables families to experience some restorative time for themselves without having to step too far away from their child’s bedside or leave the hospital. The Family Room provides family members and other care givers a place to rest and refresh and prepare for the emotional and mental demands of having a child in the hospital. To better serve our families, we are upgrading and remodeling the existing room, adding volunteer staffing to assist families and offering additional resources to those that utilize the space. Meeting the ever-changing needs of the families we serve is a top priority, which makes this project a top priority.

**Manna Meal, Inc**

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**Project Information**

Preventing hunger and promoting nutrition and connection in Kanawha County.

Manna Meal will utilize support from the Neighborhood Investment Program to improve access to healthy food, including fresh fruits and vegetables as well as proteins that are important for maintaining good nutrition and health for our community’s most vulnerable population. We serve fresh produce at every meal, and help to redistribute fresh produce to our guests that is reclaimed from local grocery stores and vendors that we cannot use in our kitchen. This helps to improve the quality of life and support the health of many homeless and low-income Kanawha County residents, and alleviates some of the food insecurity experienced by these populations. Manna Meal is one of the only safe havens in Charleston where people from all walks of life can come for the nourishment that they need, and we often see the individuals that are falling through the cracks in our service system on a daily basis, and are able to build strong and trusting relationships with them. Because of this, we serve as a central point for many of our clients, and are in the fortunate position of being able to act as a linkage and referral outreach service between these individuals and the many partner agencies that we work together with closely to find solutions and services. Without these connections, individuals needing advocacy and a way to navigate the social services system would struggle even more to get their basic needs met. By working so closely with partner agencies in the community, we can work to bridge the gaps that so many people in our community experience, and help them to gain access to the resources they need to improve their lives.
This community service project offers free and low-cost preventive gynecological care on a sliding scale to low-income, uninsured West Virginians based on income and family size including birth control, breast and cervical cancer screenings, pap smears, breast exams, STI testing and treatment, and screenings for heart diseases, depression, and intimate partner violence. Additionally, in-home, individualized pregnancy and parenting support services and education are delivered by a licensed social worker to high-risk, Medicaid insured pregnant people and infants through age one to promote health and family self-sufficiency. Services provided focus on breastfeeding, infant care, nutrition, dental care, smoking cessation, housing and utility payment assistance, transportation assistance in the form of bus tickets, and so much more. This year, the project will launch a new initiative to prioritize personal hygiene by purchasing, collecting and distributing free menstrual products and diapers for our patients and their families. As a reproductive health care provider, we recognize the importance of good menstrual and diaper hygiene and feel we have a responsibility to improve access to menstrual and diaper products for low-income families to improve health outcomes in our community.

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HospiceCare has an internal program designated as "Friends of Hospice". Each year this program raises funds to help indigent HospiceCare patients and their families pay utility bills, buy clothing, pay for prescriptions and small medical equipment devices. Three years ago, we added to the list a food pantry to provide food for food-insecure HospiceCare patients and their families in Kanawha, Boone, Lincoln, Roane, Clay and Jackson counties. Our goal set for last year was to serve an estimated 400 families. With the pandemic, we felt the challenges of reaching out to the families. With the inclusion of clothing, food, utility bills and other items for patients we are lowering this number to 250 families for the upcoming year. We will also be continuing our "Snack Basket" program for patients and their families using our inpatient facilities at the Hubbard House, Hubbard House West at Thomas Memorial, and our newly open facility Hospice House at CAMC Memorial. This program will provide free snacks to families and friends visiting in any of our facilities to make their visits feel more like home. Funds raised in the NIP will be used to pay for the meals and snacks for these programs.
The Education Alliance (EA) AmeriCorps is a student success initiative that impacts student attendance, behavior, and course performance; three measures correlated with likelihood of graduation. Through this program, 32 AmeriCorps Mentors will mentor at-risk students and 8 College Ambassadors will support college access. During the 2021-22 school year, students from 10 West Virginia counties will attend 20 or more mentoring sessions with an AmeriCorps Mentor. During these sessions, members will mentor students by addressing their academic and emotional needs, helping them develop positive attitudes towards education, enhancing social skills, and encouraging skills such as time management. Through the program, social workers, educators, and judicial system personnel assist members in developing individualized mentoring plans that contain strategies to support each student’s success. In response to COVID-19, EA AmeriCorps recently developed a social emotional learning (SEL) toolkit to help mentors incorporate student mental health best practices and strategies into their ongoing mentoring approach. The EA AmeriCorps will incorporate a SEL training series during the 2021-22 school year that provides strategies for mentors to support student mental health.

A new component will be added to support at-risk students from 3rd grade until they enroll in post-secondary education. College Ambassadors will serve as coaches for high school seniors and adults by supporting the college application process. The ambassadors meet regularly with interested students to apply for college, complete the FASFA, and facilitate pre-college enrollment activities such as campus tours. The Education Alliance has received a $298,582 grant from Volunteer West Virginia to administer the AmeriCorps program. In order to operate the program with efficacy, the Alliance must raise $254,012 in matching funds. The Alliance is requesting $15,000 in NIP credits to assist in this fundraising effort.

The West Virginia Humanities Council requests tax credits for “History Alive!” presentations in three rural, low-income counties. “History Alive!” provides audiences a way to explore state, local, and national history, actively and interactively. This program brings historical figures to life through in-person presentations developed through direct scholarship and analysis, rather than through a prefabricated script. This educational resource is presented at no cost to audiences at schools, libraries, museums, historical societies, senior centers and other community venues to engage audiences in dialogue with historical characters portrayed by expert scholars. In delivering detailed, research-based presentations, the Council aims to provide quality programming to West Virginians in the direst need of educational opportunities. The 2021-2022 “History Alive!” roster will feature 15 historical figures, including social advocate Abigail Adams, explorer Gabriel Arthur, author Mark Twain, and Underground Railroad leader Harriet Tubman.
**Ballet for All**

Ballet for All is a program that enables financially distressed children and families to experience the cultural and educational benefits of attending Charleston Ballet performances free of charge. Qualifying families will live in low-income neighborhoods of Kanawha County and meet the eligibility guidelines within the 125% of the federal poverty line. Free tickets to Charleston Ballet performances will be available for the fall, spring, and special student performances. In addition, a scholarship study program is offered to young students in collaboration with the Partnership of African American Churches (PAAC) Afterschool 21st Century Learning Programs and the American Academy Ballet, the official school of the Charleston Ballet, where the children take ballet classes. Attending performances through the Ballet for All program helps reinforce the connection of their ballet education with exposure to the world of dance and the participating artists. This educational experience extends into the families as well. Community arts programs build social capital by boosting one's ability and motivation to become civically engaged, increasing a sense of connection to the community. The arts impact high-risk youth by reducing delinquency and improving school performance.

**Ten Up Ministries, Inc**

The FAMS program is a specialized program in our ministry. We are noticing that many individuals, especially females and mothers, are leaving our existing recovery program, Anchor Homes. They are NOT able to earn an income that will maintain their family's household. When they started the Anchor Homes program, they needed to focus on relapse prevention techniques and recovery maintenance goals. The target population will maintain a job for a reasonable period of time and complete the objectives required to graduate. Yet they are still leaving and struggling to earn a decent wage. They have a great work ethic now, but they are only earning $10 an hour or sometimes less. They have the tools they need to live drug free today; but they do not have the tools they need to stay drug free by pulling themselves out of poverty. The FAMS program is an add-on to our existing program that will take mothers who have proven themselves to be determined women and transform them. The program will pay their participant fees to allow them to stay in the program and complete an educational course at Bridge Valley. They will be able to reduce their work hours to cover their basic needs and exclude housing from their expenses. The Family And Mothers Scholarship program (FAMS) is designed to give mothers who are in recovery a realistic opportunity to be reunited with their children and rebuild the family. The goal of the FAMS program is to rebuild the family structure through education, job training, and clinical therapy while located in a safe, secure residential setting. Priority is given to single mothers with active Child Protective Services (CPS) cases or other legal issues. Ten Up Ministries, through Anchor Project Center, is fully committed to reducing homelessness. All of these single mothers will now have what they need to succeed. They will be confident in their recovery, empowered, and they will have appropriate job training to help them earn enough money to succeed.
### Good News Mountaineer Garage

**Address:** 1637 4th Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia 25387  
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Good News Mountaineer Garage (GNMG) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, reliable transportation to West Virginians with lower incomes who are working toward a goal of financial independence. We do this primarily by accepting donated vehicles, making necessary repairs to those vehicles, and then providing them to qualified West Virginians to use as transportation to and from work or job training through WV Department of Health & Human Resources (WV DHHR) and Jobs and Hope of West Virginia Program. Earlier this year, GNMG began Keys to Success, a low-rate financing program for low income workers.  

1) To be eligible for a vehicle through the WV DHHR a client must receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) benefits, actively participate in the WV Works Program, have a valid West Virginia driver’s license, have a child under the age of 18, and be actively employed or beginning job training.  
2) Clients eligible for a vehicle through the Jobs and Hope West Virginia Program must be referred through a transition agent, be over the age of 18, and be re-entering the workforce after overcoming a personal challenge.  
3) Earlier this year, GNMG began Keys to Success, a low-rate financing program for the purchase of subsidized vehicles (reduced in price by as much as $4,000) for WV workers who, live in households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, are in need of a vehicle to access employment, are able to afford the loan payments and successfully complete GNMG’s financial training and empowerment program.

### The Appalachian Reading Center, Inc.

**Address:** 429 Third Ave., S. Charleston, WV 25303  
**County:** Kanawha  
**Phone:** 304-744-8188

Scholarships for Low Income Dyslexic Youth

This project goal is to provide specialized, individualized tutoring for dyslexic youth from low-income families. We plan to provide 20 scholarships to struggling students during the project period. These students will receive financial assistance to allow them to participate in specialized tutoring to improve their reading skills.
Kanawha Charleston Humane Society

1248 Greenbrier St
Charleston, WV 25311
Phone 304.342.1576 ext. 222

Project Information
Serving Families and Shelter Pets in Need

Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association provides services to the community through pet retention, providing pet food, and counseling to the public - all to create a healthier, happier, community for pets and people alike. Serving our region with two vet clinics, KCHA provides reduced-cost and free alterations, vaccinations, microchips, and basic preventative care for dogs and cats in Kanawha County and those surrounding.

Childhood Language Center
1313 Quarrier Street, Suite A
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
Phone 304-342-7852 x 106

Project Information
Sponsor A Child

Since 1990, the Childhood Language Center (CLC) has helped over 2700 children with speech, language, feeding and swallowing problems. The CLC is currently assisting 135 children from 10 different WV counties and has 13 children on its waiting list. The CLC's clients are dealing with a variety of difficulties, such as Autism Spectrum Disorders, Down Syndrome, hearing impairments, developmental delays and apraxia of speech. Research has found that there is a strong connection between a child's ability to communicate and their behavior, including behavioral, emotional and social difficulties. If a child cannot communicate with his/her outside environment, this can lead to frustration and bad behavior as the child grows. It has been calculated that it costs $2,500 to fund a child through one year of services at the CLC, which includes 51 individual therapy sessions, the opportunity to participate in group sessions and admission to the CLC's week-long summer camp. For many families in our low income service area (Boone, Logan, Roane, Lincoln, Fayette and Raleigh counties), the CLC is the only option for speech and language therapy because it is free to any family, unlike many programs in our service area. The Sponsor A Child program allows individuals, businesses and organizations to donate $2,500 or more in order to insure that all children who require communication therapy have the opportunity. The donation can be either done as a lump sum or in payments as desired. No matter how the donation is given, children who would otherwise struggle to find affordable and effective speech therapy are assisted.
**Woman's Choice INC.**

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**WV FREE**

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<td>With so many risk factors facing West Virginia's youth, it is critical that they receive age appropriate, medically accurate reproductive health education so they are equipped to make important decisions that impact their lives and futures. Our program addresses information about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), pregnancy prevention including abstinence, reproductive health and sexual violence prevention. We work to implement school-based sex education and sexual violence prevention programming K-12 and build capacity within schools to sustain programming over time providing educator training and support. The West Virginia Board of Education requires Wellness Education Standards be taught to students including: functions of the reproductive system; physiological and emotional changes due to puberty; consent; influence of media on a student’s future sexual activity; refusal skills to avoid risky behavior or situations; predicting positive and negative potential outcomes when making health-related decisions; identifying and applying skills to prevent communicable (e.g. STIs, HIV/AIDS) diseases; and decision making and goal setting skills. Even though the Wellness standards are in place, educators report struggling to meet them and need support. They report feeling overwhelmed with teaching sensitive topics as well as struggling to find good resources on the topic. Our programs “meets educators where they are” and trains them on how to deliver this information in a developmentally appropriate and comprehensive fashion meeting standards already in place. WV FREE's reproductive health education program is the only one in the state providing educator training, resources, best practices and support that meets these requirements. With continued state cuts to professional development, WV FREE is providing a vital service upon which educators and state agencies rely.</td>
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Southern West Virginia Community College Foundation has launched a new campaign "Excellence-50 Years and Beyond". Our goal is to raise $1.5 Million dollars by December 31, 2026 to be used to provide scholarships, educational assistance and emergency needs of students enrolled in Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Beginning with 2021 we also have subsidized students and those in our communities with 3,600 U.S.D.A. food boxes. We work with several non profit organizations, local school boards and civic groups in order to handle the logistics of this effort.

Union Rescue Mission's project is to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless through our soup kitchen and housing facilities. Our project encompasses a daily meals program with a nightly emergency low barrier shelter and a long term shelter for disadvantaged and homeless men, women, and children.
### United Way of Marion County

**Address:** 221 Washington Street, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554  
**Phone:** 304-366-4550

#### Project Information: Community Impact Program

Our community impact program encompasses four programs that work to build a stronger and healthier community in our region: Marion, Randolph, Taylor, Barbour, and Tucker counties. These programs work to address financial stability, health, and education through various tactics, including Information and Referral, which serves as a conduit for individuals needing services and looking for help; VITA/MyFreeTaxes, which allows individuals and families to prepare their taxes completely free or to have their taxes completed by a trained volunteer for free; Warm Coats Warm Hearts which aims to provide winter clothing to individuals and children in need; and United for Kids which aims to stock the school based pantries with critical items that students need for personal hygiene and health.

### Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE, Inc."

**Address:** PO Box 626, Fairmont, WV 26555  
**Phone:** (304)367-1100

#### Project Information: "Bringing New HOPE to Those Who Need it Most!"

HOPE, Inc. is a private, non-profit United Way agency that is licensed by the WV Family Protection Services Board to provide shelter and outreach services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families in Marion, Harrison, Lewis, Doddridge and Gilmer counties. HOPE’s emergency shelter has been in operation since 1980 and is the only shelter facility for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in our five-county area. While receiving shelter, victims receive services that ensure their safety and allow them to seek alternatives to their current situation. Last year, 100 victims were housed for 6191 nights. For most victims we serve, shelter is their last option physically, emotionally, and financially. Over the past decade, HOPE has worked to obtain a new facility. Our new facility is now completely handicapped accessible, while providing a safe, home-like environment for victims and their families. Most of our clients come to us with only the clothes on their back, so their needs are numerous. Our goal is to be able to provide our clients with the assistance they need to start fresh. This year our project will focus on providing our clients with the necessary financial assistance to make the move from shelter to a home of their own, free from abuse. In order to accomplish this goal, our clients need financial assistance in many different forms. The most basic forms would be rent and rental deposits, but often due to financial abuse, their needs are more numerous. They often need non-basic items such as paying to replace lost documents, a washer/dryer for those moving to rural areas with no transportation, minor car repairs so they can get to work, child care costs until they qualify for assistance, etc. These financial needs often keep a victim from moving on from an abusive situation. Our goal at HOPE is not only to provide a safe haven for our clients, but to give them independence to survive on their own.
The Neighborhood Investment Program Scholarship Fund provides opportunities to economically disadvantaged students attending Fairmont State University, with priority given to first-generation college students. All NIP scholarships will be awarded to students who reside in Fairmont State's 13-county primary geographic service area. The purpose of the NIP Scholarship Fund is to provide college-going access and educational opportunity to an under-served population. Fairmont State University's Office of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Academic Advising will actively work with each high school in the supported 13-county area to identify students whose decision to attend college will be most impacted by this scholarship.

Connecting Link's community based Emergency Financial Assistance Program aids low-income individuals and families by meeting the immediate crisis financial need and empowering them by linking to resources such as employment, education, training, medical providers, counseling, etc. Funds are utilized to stop primary utility terminations, prevent evictions, purchase prescription medications, provide job or medical appointment transportation assistance, and housing the homeless. We also may provide in-house budget counseling and assistance with emergency food resources. Our Emergency Financial Assistance Program has the capacity to assist in alleviating homelessness, hunger, and poverty situations by empowering clients to become more self-reliant and less dependent upon public assistance.
Our project Phase One is due to be finished by August of 2021. In August of 2019, we officially were able to begin our remodel project for the building we paid off in December of 2018. The remodeling plans that were developed will allow us to widen our services to better serve our mission. In our plans, we have included a full kitchen that we will be teaching people how to cook in general and also how to prepare foods to efficiently use SNAP benefits or small budgets while partnering up with other organizations. The kitchen will also be used to prepare food for events that we host throughout the year at "trigger times" for the recovering community. Once the first floor is finished, we will move our operations and begin on the second floor. A large part of this remodel project is the addition of a children's room during Phase 2 of our remodel. With the assistance of multiple organizations, we will be developing a children's program. This program will be aimed to help the children of persons suffering from Substance Use Disorder through talk therapy, art & music therapies, positive-image building activities, & effective communication training. There will be multiple spaces for support meetings to take place & a hangout area for people to socialize & build positive, healthy relationships that are beneficial to a long recovery. There are multiple areas for other services to be offered that are being developed. This phase will also include a recreation room for our clients to use during the day so that they have a safe place to be and socialize. The use of public computers will be available as well as laundry service when needed.

Due to the economic downturn resulting from business closures, Covid-19 shutdowns, oil and gas companies leaving the area, and substance abuse, the Marshall/Ohio county area has an increased need for support of the homeless, jobless, and underemployed. I-470 was constructed several years ago and cut the city of Wheeling in half. This has caused several sections of the city and Ohio county to become a stopping place for the homeless and a busy throughway for drug trafficking. Jacked up housing and rental costs added to this problem as out of area workers with high salaries came to work in the drilling industry. With this influx, landlords raised rental costs causing some residents to barely get by or even to become homeless. These workers are no longer in the area but prices have not gone down. As people struggle, needs for cleaning items and personal hygiene items, especially underwear/socks became more evident. Federal and State aid does not provide for cleaning and personal care items. To save the little funds they have many people walk wherever they have to go. Marshall County has no public transportation at all. Ohio County does have buses, but they cost to ride. After a very successful year in 2021 of providing cleaning and personal care items, AOI became aware that it is essential to also provide underwear/socks to those in need, thus the title of our project for 2022 - "The Comfort Zone".
### Community Foundation of Mason County/MCCF, Inc.

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Ripley  
WV  
25271  
County: Mason  
Phone: 304-372-4500

**Project Information**  
MCCF Inc will remain true to our mission. Through strategic planning, the Executive Committee has implemented the #MCCFGiveLocal Program. This project builds a network of giving between donors, sponsors, fund holders, nonprofits, schools, and volunteers. Our goal is to unite these individuals and civic groups together to help support the need in Mason County, WV to build a brighter future. Our MCCF Inc Build A Fund Program & Benefit Dinner for our fund holders and MCCF Inc Focus on a Cause for nonprofits are two unique approaches to accomplish this objective. Through these special events MCCF has set a fundraising level of $100,000 which is an achievable target. 90% of fundraising dollars will immediately have a direct impact on MCCF Inc community action funds for annual grant awards, and the remainder helps support local organizations participating in the Focus on a Cause event. Reaching this level of fundraising resources is only possible through generous allocations from the Neighborhood Investment Program. NIP’s tax credits enhance our ability to attract larger contributions from donors. Participating in the NIP gives MCCF the ability to connect donors to the root cause. Thanks to the 45+ volunteers, civic leaders, various committee members, and governing board, our administrative cost remain low and more viable than non-charitable institution. Our special events efforts are the key element in successful fundraising for the foundation and Mason County, WV.

### Childlaw Services, Inc.

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Princeton  
WV  
24740  
County: Mercer  
Phone: 304-425-9973

**Project Information**  
ChildLaw is a distinctive law firm in that it is the only non-profit law firm in WV that solely represents children. The children we serve are involved in juvenile delinquency and truancy, child abuse/neglect, high conflict custody, victims of crime (domestic violence and sexual abuse), adoption/guardianship cases. ChildLaw Services, Inc. actively campaigns for the advancement of children's welfare through court hearings, home and school visits, MDT meetings, serving as guardian ad litem, and by vigorously supporting others with the same mission. For instance, ChildLaw began a program, Southern Snuggles, to proactively address the need many parents have for diapers. Southern Snuggles addresses the inability to provide a sufficient supply of diapers to keep one's baby clean, dry, and healthy. Diaper need is everywhere, especially in Southern West Virginia. On average, children use 6 - 8 diapers per day (although it is double for newborns). Southern Snuggles is the ONLY exclusive diaper bank serving Mercer and McDowell counties. We fight each day to give children a fair start to life and helping families provide for their basic needs. By doing so, we are helping our children to become stronger adults and citizens in the future. Furthermore, we direct innovative prevention programs through Teens 'N Tots, Mercer County Teen Court, Kids Run the Nation, Girls on the Run, First Book, and Partners in Prevention. Each program listed provides a proactive approach toward meeting specific needs. ChildLaw participates in numerous abuse prevention endeavors through Body Safety courses, Listening Projects, and Youth Development. Nearly 60% of ChildLaw Services, Inc. funding stems from fee-for-services from the WV Supreme Court and the Public Defender's Service. Our NIP project delivers the groundwork for all avenues of our legal advocacy.
### The Wade Center's After-School Program

The Wade Center provides an after-school program at no charge for low-income children in grades 1-5 in Mercer County. We address food insecurity with USDA-approved snacks and meals and bags of easily opened and prepared food for the weekend. Our 3 tutors and volunteers help with homework and skills practice in reading, math, and computer usage. We have doubled our computer lab to 20 work stations and during school closures opened it to any Mercer County student needing internet access (30% of the homes in Bluefield lack it). Weekly classes in art, music, and devotionals help students express their creativity, and we provide quarterly field trips to rural points of interest.

### Concord University Pathways Scholarship

The Concord University Pathways Scholarship is focused on the retention and aid of students pursuing a degree; the students must be in dire need of financial assistance for covering their tuition, fees, and other education expenses. For all students receiving this scholarship, they will have difficulty completing their degree without the Pathways Scholarship. The student must be at least a sophomore, junior, or senior attending Concord University. In addition, all students must re-apply for the scholarship each spring, must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, and must be West Virginia residents. A committee composed of University employees from the Center for Academic and Career Development, Retention, and Student Affairs offices select the student recipients each spring for the following academic year.
### Bluefield State College Foundation

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Bluefield State College Foundation’s project is for job training and education. The BSC Foundation will provide NIP Scholarships and Endowments to enable West Virginia students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue higher educational opportunities. Funds will be used for scholarships and endowments meeting the following guidelines: residents of specified West Virginia counties, an individual’s family’s income is 125 percent less of the federal poverty level, and the ability to succeed in college.

### Princeton Community Hospital Foundation

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The Supplemental Charity Care Project allows individuals experiencing extraordinary circumstances, such as the sudden loss of income, a change in family dynamics, or a catastrophic health event, which are not considered as criteria under the hospital's traditional charity assistance program to be considered for financial assistance to pay for primary or emergency medical care. This program supports patients in our local community who are in the 125% poverty level range. All funds from this program are used for medical care expenses that patients incur at Princeton Community Hospital. PCH serves a multi-county area suffering from extreme poverty, high unemployment and low income. For those who have insurance, they are faced with high deductibles that they cannot afford to pay, therefore many go without medical care. This program helps cover the costs of necessary medical care for those struggling in our area.
SARAH’S House Child Advocacy Center is a child-friendly, child-focused facility that provides a different way to investigate, treat and respond to allegations of child abuse. These allegations can include sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, witness to violence, drug endangerment, exposure to/depiction in child pornography and child sexual exploitation. Children, ages 3-17, who have been victimized by abuse, receive services from certified professionals that coordinate investigative responsibilities with child protective services and/or law enforcement to increase the likelihood of a successful outcome. SARAH’S House offers services to families in need regardless of their ability to pay. The Right from the Start (RFTS) program is part of the state of West Virginia’s Office of the Maternal, Child, and Family Health that helps Medicaid eligible women and their babies up to a year live healthier lives by offering home visitation services with a Designated Care Coordinator (registered nurse or licensed social worker). The services are FREE and support mothers, their new babies, and their families by helping create a safe, nurturing home.

In collaboration with the Aging and Family Services of Mineral County (AFSMC), the Community Trust Foundation supports the Meals on Wheels program in Mineral County through an established endowed fund. This endowment will assure the long-term sustainability of the Meals on Wheels program which, despite being crucial to the well-being of more and more low-income senior citizens, continues to be increasingly underfunded. This Meals on Wheels program is a community-based, emergency assistance program that serves primarily low-income senior citizens in the economically distressed area of Mineral County, West Virginia. Meals on Wheels is a service designed to assist frail, elderly shut-ins by providing them with one well-balanced, nutritious hot meal, five days per week. The program is for those persons who cannot cook for themselves or don't have anyone to cook for them, and are unable to leave their homes for meals. This service allows people to stay in their homes, maintain some independence and avoid living in costly institutions - a financial benefit to the client and the community. A Meals on Wheels delivery also provides a reassuring "check-in" on those who live alone. Any unanswered delivery is reported and investigated. Changes in a recipient’s health or needs are noted so that dietary changes can be made or appropriate referrals to a family physician, or other community services, are arranged. NIP Tax Credits to this program go to relieving the hunger deficit of needy senior citizens and assuring the long-term sustainability of this vital program. As the endowment grows in perpetuity, 4% is used by the MCAFS to feed the low-income elderly. After 10 years, we expect the endowment to hold $100,000 minimum, providing $4,000+ each year for the agency to address senior hunger and isolation.
The Sisler Street Affordable Housing Project is an ongoing project that consists of a triplex that is located in Kingwood, WV; Kingwood is nestled in Preston County, WV. The proposed project will take approximately one and a half to two years to complete. The construction of the Kingwood Sisler Street project was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Funds were spent on legal, surveyor fees, architectural and engineering fees. All of this preparation work is now complete and we intend to commence construction as permission has been granted to reinstate volunteers. With three (3) units total in the Sisler Street project, the goal is to provide safe, affordable housing to three (3) families. During the construction process, each individual (18 years and older) partnering with Mon Valley Habitat through the Homeownership Program will have to complete 250 "sweat equity" hours. The purpose of the required sweat equity is to have these individuals invest more than just finances into their new home. The sweat equity hours include attending financial literacy classes, homeownership education classes, helping on the construction site and in the ReStore.

The Christian Help (CH) direct & emergency support services are provided free-of-charge to facilitate financial stability for individuals & families in, and to avoid, crisis situations. This help includes grants-in-aid; vocational assistance; daily & maternity clothes, outerwear, footwear; infant/children needs; household items, small appliances, linens; and food pantry orders. If clients have an unexpected shortage, the CH emergency financial assistance (EFA) program grants can help. This may be for identification documents critical to securing employment and benefits; or, to help pay a bill. CH EFA underwrites utilities, shelter, transportation, medical, and/or personal (e.g., birth certificates & IDs) needs. During CY20, we served 459 households with $46,328 in monetary aid. Confirmation of need (i.e., billing statement, invoice) and legal right (e.g., account, vehicle, homeowner), as well as voucher acceptance from the involved vendor is required. Our network of vendors is extensive, and our reputation and payment record with them is stellar. The CH Food Pantry (FP) and Free Store (FS) programs provide direct aid via donated in-kind products to help meet client needs and off-set financial shortfalls. During CY20, CH FP served 915 households with nearly $10,285 direct cost to CH. The FS served 9,037 shoppers, plus 2,954 special and vocational needs. Base physical needs, such as undergarments, toiletries, clothing, and shoes, as well as survival blankets, hot hands and feet pads were given to our most vulnerable (i.e., homeless, low-to-moderate income) residents. CH does more than simply help with finances. Our counselor is an education resource and referral service for clients seeking aid. We listen to each unique situation and offer the most beneficial resources. Whether the resource is one of our programs or another agency's, no client leaves without the full support we can offer. Individual stability supports family stability which supports community stability.
The goal is to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities. According to Cornell University, 37% of West Virginians with a disability are living in poverty while the poverty rate for the general population is 17.8%. Having a good paying job is the clearest way out of poverty. PACE Enterprises performs economic development at a grassroots level with a population that most people regard as difficult, if not impossible, to employ. Many people with disabilities find successful careers working in businesses created by PACE that provide products or services or through placement with other employers. After completing an evaluative assessment, clients enter a vocational training program that best meets their interests and abilities with the end goal of securing a job in a competitive employment environment. PACE provides:

- one-on-one career exploration and evaluation services
- options to overcome employment barriers
- training in general work habits such as communication, teamwork, etc.
- vocational rehabilitation services tailored to individual needs
- job training in a variety of career tracks
- referrals to prospective employers and support after the hire

But, most of all, the dignity and independence of a good job.

The Injury Prevention and Safety program at WVU Medicine Children’s is committed to improving the health and safety indicators for children across the state of West Virginia. Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death and disability of children in the United States, and most are predictable and preventable. Education, age-appropriate safety items, and home safety modifications are proven to reduce injuries and deaths, but many West Virginia families are not able to afford these measures. Our program is a statewide initiative which provides resources and support to families, both in the hospital and community, aiming to support primarily families with incomes less than 125% below federal poverty level. These families come from every county in our state including the 18 counties the Appalachian Regional Commission ranked as distressed in FY2021 and the additional 20 counties that contain distressed areas. Services are provided to families in the hospital after a baby is born or when a child is admitted with an unintentional injury, during community events like baby fairs and car seat checks, when assistance is requested by a community partner, or when a family calls or reaches out through social media. Our program also targets child care centers, parenting groups, and clinics to help improve outreach and accessibility throughout West Virginia. Education is provided on car seat use and installation, safe sleep, shaken baby prevention, neonatal abstinence syndrome, and home childproofing to prevent injury. Age-appropriate child safety items, such as car seats, boosters, play yards, locking medicine boxes, home safety kits, and bike helmets are provided to families meeting low income guidelines or in need of emergency assistance due to car crash, natural disaster, etc. Our Injury Prevention and Safety team is comprised of experts in the field who stay current on best practice to help keep West Virginia children safe and serve as a resource across the state.
The Shack Neighborhood House, Inc.

PO Box 600

Pursglove, West Virginia 26546

County Monongalia

Phone 304-599-5466

The Shack Before and After School/Youth Program, offered Monday through Friday during the school year, provides a safe and inclusive environment for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade to receive academic support, recreation, nutritional and social enrichment. This program provides children of high risk the opportunity to have additional tutoring, often times this is one-on-one tutoring, that the children would most likely not receive for free at school. Because of this program 95% of the children progress academically throughout the school year. The physical education component of this program affords children a place to open up and be able to move after being restricted to sitting down most of the day, allowing them release their energy that has built up all day. We have incorporated an anti-bullying and social justice component, and art and STEM projects into the programming as well. All of these programs help enrich and change the trajectory of the child’s life. In March of 2020 we incorporated a feeding program in with the After School program. The children receive a healthy snack when arriving after school and are provided with a hot meal for each person in their family on Monday, Wednesday and Friday when leaving for the day. All of these programs help enrich and change the trajectory of the child’s life.

Milan Puskar Health Right

341 Spruce Street

Morgantown, WV 26507

County Monongalia

Phone 304-292-5702

The Friendship House

Since the year 2000, Milan Puskar Health Right has addressed the needs of a growing mental health problem. Services such as mental health counseling, case management, and community engagement have been provided free of charge to those in need. This project will support the Friendship House drop-in center, which is a safe place for low income people in recovery from substance use disorders and/or with a mental illness diagnosis, to find day shelter and support 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday. The Friendship House currently has 832 unique participants enrolled and the number continues to increase. Funding is needed to ensure MPHR is able to continue offering this service to the consumers. The Friendship House provides peer support through psycho-educational and support groups designed to enhance recovery, teach coping skills, solve problems, and improve health and wellness. The drop-in center offers a comprehensive approach to recovery through mental health and substance abuse groups, art classes, occupational therapy, and music therapy through our community partners, which include West Virginia University, Conscious Harvest Cooperative, Sober Living Houses, and local businesses. Some of the people we serve receive mental health care from other agencies and use our program for extra support. For others, the Friendship House is the only mental health support they receive. Such folks are often in very vulnerable situations, may be homeless, and/or have a serious mental illness. At the Friendship House, they are able to make friends and strengthen social bonds while also being offered evidence-based services.
Spark! Imagination and Science Center will create hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) kits to give to all elementary schools in Gilmer and Clay counties. These kits will contain all the materials and instructions needed for teachers to provide hands-on STEM lessons for their students. The interactive STEM lessons will teach fundamental STEM concepts while getting kids excited about science. These types of programs can help students prepare for a future in STEM careers. All of the activities will be designed to be hands-on and interactive. For example, to learn about the concepts of capillary action and chromatography, students will use markers on a coffee filter and then spray the filter with water to watch the ink move up the filter. By doing this, students will actually see capillary action and chromatography happen. These two fundamental science concepts can help children have a better understanding of the world around them. This type of activity can also get kids excited to learn more about biology and forensic science. Branches of science represented in the kits will include nanoscience, chemistry, natural science, and more. Instructions for the activities will be written especially for teachers with little science background, making them useful for all teachers and students. Materials such as beakers, graduated cylinders, and Petri dishes will be included when relevant, so teachers can discuss tools that scientists use in their work and so they can be used for other experiments teachers may want to do with their students.
The West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest, Inc.
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Morgantown | WV | 26506-6130 | Phone (304) 293-8555

Project Information West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest—Legal services for the poor, 2022

The West Virginia Fund for Law in the Public Interest's summer project sends current West Virginia University College of Law students into the field to serve the unmet legal needs of the poor. Our postgraduate project does the same, but with graduating students who will serve as full-time lawyers. These students and graduates address the legal needs of the poor by working in non-profit organizations throughout West Virginia that serve low-income clients in the areas of housing law, disability rights, family law, consumer law, and domestic violence. In 2022, our summer project will fund at least 15 law students; these students will each work full-time for 10 weeks. Our post-graduate fellowship program will fund one law graduate; that fellow will work full-time for one year.

Since the WV Fund's inception in 1987, our fellows--each of whom has completed a competitive selection process--have provided thousands of their fellow West Virginia citizens with the free legal help that they so desperately need. Specifically, the WV Fund has funded over 515 summer fellows who have served low income clients, primarily in civil legal aid offices. Since 2008, the WV Fund has funded 24 full-time, postgraduate fellows who have also served low-income West Virginians with complex legal needs. Their work helps their clients escape domestic violence, retain safe housing, protect their children, and obtain relief from fraudulent consumer debt collection practices. Summer fellows and post-graduate fellows serve clients by providing them with direct legal representation, by giving them legal advice and information, by referring them to needed resources, by conducting legal research on their behalf, and by creating written informational pieces designed to educate them about their rights and options. Our student fellows work under the supervision of licensed attorneys. Our post-graduate fellows begin work once they have passed the bar exam and become licensed attorneys.

Scott's Run Settlement House
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PURSGLOVE West Virginia 26546 | County Monongalia | Phone 304-599-5020

Project Information Backpack Feeding Program

Scott's Run Settlement House's (SRSH) Backpack Feeding Program provides food for the weekend to children who rely on school meals as their primary source of nutrition and experience food insecurity. Each week SRSH delivers bags containing two breakfast items, two lunch items, two dinner items, two snacks, and one fruit item to the schools who then distribute them to the children enrolled in the program. Beginning in 2011 with 100 children participating at one school, the program has grown to serve over 500 children at 11 schools. The benefits of this program are quite substantial. Surveys from both parents and teachers indicate a positive impact in the children's mental, emotional, and physical health in addition to improved academic performance. Specifically, 78% of parents reported an improvement in their child's overall mood and behavior while 72% of teachers reported improved attention in class. The additional nourishment the program provides allows children to develop properly and decreases the stress associated with childhood food insecurity. The cost of this program is roughly $100 per child, per school year. This reflects food costs alone and does not include transportation or staff expenses. For the 2021 - 2022 school year, SRSH's food cost will be approximately $50,000. Additional funding will not only allow SRSH to continue to provide for hundreds of children in need, but it will also allow healthier foods to be purchased. With your support our program will continue to evolve and expand to ensure no child goes hungry.
This project is an exciting opportunity to provide Pre K-12 at risk youth in West Virginia with the mental and emotional health tools and resources they so desperately need. The pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of students. Anxiety is skyrocketing, and surveys show that many students don't know where to turn in a crisis, or have the tools to deal with anxiety, stress, depression, and more. LovePacks are reusable drawstring backpacks filled with age appropriate books and resources to help students work through mental health struggles and know where to turn for further help. Each pack has an age appropriate book to help students learn to deal with anxiety and depression; a journal with prompts to write out their feelings; a resource card with links to free anxiety apps, websites for many different struggles students may face, and help for depression and bullying; pens and hand sanitizer with crisis numbers to text or call in a crisis; coloring books for calming and distraction; thumb drives and QR codes with videos on body safety, online safety, and human trafficking prevention; a stress ball; motivational stickers; a handwritten card telling students how valuable and important they are; a caregiver card to provide tools to help caregivers with anxiety and stress; and healthy snacks. Not only will these LovePacks get these resources right into the hands and homes of students, so that they have the help they need, they will show students someone cares. Stamped and addressed feedback postcards are also included, so we may learn more about how to best meet student needs in the future.

An important aspect of these LovePacks is the crisis numbers on everyday items that will be used frequently, such as pens and hand sanitizer, so students and caregivers alike will know where to turn if a student is depressed, suicidal, or self harming. These packs will provide life saving tools and resources.

The SteppingStones summer Camp is being designed to give children and young adults with disabilities the skills and knowledge to navigate through society as independently as possible and to keep them active and fit to avoid health complications due to inactivity/obesity. The program will begin in June 2022 and last until mid-August 2022. The program will run Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. It is designed to teach everyday "life" skills while having fun and socializing among friends. Campers will be asked to enroll in a variety of classes throughout the day. Each class will have daily "life" lessons that will be taught by our instructors. Classes include healthy eating, cooking, science, computers, parks and recreation, music, art, scouts, daily living skills, and a variety of other smaller breakout lessons. These fun-filled classes will be geared toward learning but our campers won’t mind because they will be having so much fun, all while gaining the much-needed skills to live and lead an active, productive life, and be an upstanding member of our society! In addition to the "in-house" classes, we will invite members of our community into the facility as guest speakers to talk about a variety of topics that will help our campers learn and grow. We will give each camper individualized attention to help them be successful within the classes and programs that they chose as well as the tools to carry over what they learn into their home life. Our vision is to engage these young minds and fill their days with upbeat fun activities. We need to engage and stimulate their learning as well as keep them active to avoid the mindless hole that technology can create. Those who suffer from disabilities are more likely to become obese and have underlying health issues. Our summer mission is to get our camp participants on their feet & active, All while teaching some valuable life lessons that will carry on throughout adulthood.
The Monroe County Education Foundation (MCEF) was established in 2001 to help Monroe County residents of all ages seeking a higher education. MCEF provides scholarships, financial assistance for higher educational opportunities to full time students. This program awards scholarships each year to Monroe County residents of all ages, those just beginning their college education, those already enrolled in college or those pursuing a higher education later in life. Scholarships are awarded to students attending 2-year colleges, 4-year colleges/universities as well as those attending technical/trade schools, helping Monroe County residents pursue a higher education, making dreams a reality. MCEF is also in the early stages of implementing a program to help with continuing education. Course cost as well a daycare expenses, if needed while attending continuing education classes. The mission of MCEF is to help Monroe County residents of all ages for the enrichment of families, and children. Our mission is becoming a reality because of charitable giving. Our scholarships awards are determined by donations and other income received by MCEF.

If we have learned nothing else from the COVID-19 pandemic, we have learned that strong bonds, community and unity can conquer the troubles facing us. With all of the rapid changes happening in our world, the NCCF has become an anchor in that storm of changes here in Nicholas County. From its beginnings as a small hospital foundation in 2006, to a continually strengthening and growing community foundation, just 15 years later, the NCCF now helps to support and grow many of the non-profit organizations and assist many students by providing scholarships to further education to reach career and life goals. Our project is one of continual support. From providing local food pantries with supplies and inventory, resource centers with refrigeration to start a USDA food program, schools and school programs with funding for special student projects to Christmas programs for families unable to provide for their children, support of a "Coats for Kids" program in Nicholas County, work training for handicapable folks in the community to get to work, local hospital support, operational support of local rehabilitation programs to help members of our community dealing with addiction issues to get on a drug free and healthy life track to building a non-profit collaborative within our community to strengthen our resources collectively and provide training to our community front line soldiers..all of these projects and more are the framework of our NIP project and under the umbrella of the Neighborhood Investment Program of the great state of West Virginia, "TOGETHER WE RISE". On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am so very thankful for your consideration of our project application.
CFOV's Critical Needs Project for the Northern Panhandle will directly address homelessness, empower low-income women, and provide emergency funds for agencies serving the region's most distressed neighborhoods, qualified as census tracts. Gifts to three funds will be eligible: 30% of NIP Tax Credits will be earmarked for the FACTS Impact Fund, a donor-advised fund tasked with lifting at least 25 individuals out of homelessness; an additional 30% will be earmarked for the Women's Giving Circle, which has previously made grants to fund transitional housing, second chance employment and empowerment programs for homeless or otherwise at-risk women; the final 40% of NIP Tax Credits will be reserved for a new discretionary Targeted Resource Program which will be available for qualified organizations serving the defined service area. This will provide additional funds to rural and urban communities alike with a combined poverty rate of 29% and an average median income of $29,596, intentionally focusing funds and investment into those communities often left behind. As communities emerge from the economic and public health setbacks of COVID-19, Community Foundations are uniquely positioned to nimbly respond to urgent needs within their service areas. The CFOV successfully implemented an Emergency Impact grant program to respond to last year’s crisis, fully utilizing the professional expertise of program staff to proactively respond to critical needs quickly and effectively. The lessons of COVID-19 are proof positive that similar funds – and the ability to grant them – will be needed for future emergencies. While the events of the past year were a common challenge, our most vulnerable communities are regularly faced with disasters on their own; the Targeted Resource Program ensures that those communities have access to the tools and treasure necessary to rebuild, revive and thrive, thereby advancing equity between the diverse neighborhoods serviced by the CFOV.

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) will use Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits to raise funds in support of its emergency assistance, SNAP outreach and case management programs. The emergency assistance program provides financial support to income eligible clients facing eviction or utility service termination. Assistance may also include financial help to fill prescriptions; provide gas for transportation to medical appointments or job interviews; or for alternate sources of heating like firewood, kerosene oil and propane. Income eligibility is defined as households whose income falls at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Our SNAP Outreach project seeks to help alleviate food insecurity by assisting low-income individuals and families with the SNAP application process. CCWVa and its partner organizations work to identify the barriers to enrollment and address them in the form of public awareness, education, pre-screening activities and enrollment assistance. Much of this is done through our 13 food pantry locations and partner agency sites. We focus on those most in need including seniors, children, and individuals with disabilities. Clients who receive emergency or basic needs assistance often transition into CCWVa’s case management program. Case management services go beyond meeting an immediate need to help families improve their health and well-being, and ultimately their long-term stability. Services involve a social worker or trained professional sitting down with a family to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Based on these, the clients set goals then meet regularly to work on steps to achieve those goals. The service offerings are comprehensive in nature, and can help clients address a number of obstacles that may be preventing them from breaking the cycle of poverty. These services include one-on-one coaching, financial assistance to help with employment and education, and programs to increase knowledge and skills.
YSS has been preventing and responding to youth homelessness since 1974. We have two youth emergency shelters (ages 8-17) and a Transitional Living Program (TLP) for youth aging out of foster care or experiencing homelessness (ages 17-21). We also serve homeless and street youth in our community. In FY2020, we served 183 youth in our shelters and TLP. In the past 10 years, we have expanded to serve adults. We have served more than 94 families with 207 children through our new homeless prevention program. Our Winter Freeze Shelter, which we started in 2009 and operates each year from Dec. 15-March 15, provides vital shelter to help prevent serious illness and death. Despite COVID-19, we opened the 2020-21 shelter using space provided to us by the City of Wheeling that allowed for safe social distancing, and we served 194 individuals. We welcome our guests with a hot meal, clean linens on every bed, and positive engagement with devoted, compassionate staff and volunteers. Every Friday, medical volunteers with Project HOPE street medicine tend to our shelter guests. We have staff and volunteers trained to help guests find and take the next steps necessary to get off the street, whether that means purchasing a bus ticket to a relative's home, tracking down a birth certificate, transporting them to apply for an ID or connecting them with housing services. Finally, for people in recovery from substance use disorder who need housing, we offer three YSS Recovery Homes, Lazarus House, Mark's House and Mary & Martha House, where residents live among peers and work together on their recovery with the goal of becoming employed and independent. Our community supports our efforts through the annual Wheeling SleepOut fundraiser and by donating money, cooking meals and providing many material needs — clothes, blankets, tents, sleeping bags, toiletries, food and medicine, for the people we serve.

Faith in Action Caregivers (FIAC) volunteer match project provides free, caregiver services to support the independent living of low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities within Ohio and Marshall Counties. Volunteer caregivers provide services, not covered by insurance and are not within the care receiver’s budget. Frequentlly, we see our elderly and individuals with disabilities fall through the cracks; the money needed to pay bills (medical and utilities, food and medicine) overshadow the costs associated with transportation to doctor’s appointments or shopping for groceries and many do not have family or friends available to help. The project provides support and services that helps older adults and individuals with disabilities remain independent. Transportation is crucial to ensure access to essential services such as medical care and grocery shopping. The availability of adequate transportation enables older adults and individuals with disabilities live independently in their communities and helps to prevent isolation and the possible need for long-term care placement. For many it is necessary to find community resources for transportation, as this vital support service may be their only connection to the outside world. FIAC provides a network of volunteers who offer flexible transportation for shopping, doctors’ appointments, recreation, and other activities. One-way, round-trip, and multi-stop rides are available. The project provides door through-door service, offering personal, hands-on assistance by helping passengers through the doors of their residences and to their destinations. The service includes levels of assistance from opening doors and providing verbal guidance, to physical support. The strength of the project lies in the residents of the community; volunteer caregivers come together from all neighborhoods to help their neighbors throughout Ohio and Marshall Counties.
### The Seeing Hand Association

The Seeing Hand Association continues to provide free educational programs to the communities of the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia. These educational programs will consist of a discussion about proper eye care, healthy diet, and specialized seminar on eye disease. One of our most used educational devices are vision goggles. These goggles are used to simulate the vision of an individual with specific eye conditions. For example Macular Degeneration. The Seeing Hand Association visits and invitations to local daycare facilities and schools to visit the agency where we discuss the Courtesy Rules for the Blind, how a visually impaired adapts to their work environment and how their work environment adapts to their needs, and learning how blind individuals bowling. As well as encourage discussions of how individuals who are visually impaired want to be treated. The Seeing Hand Association continue attending local health fairs, senior centers and back to school and youth events to provide educational information. The Seeing Hand Association offers free screening for Glaucoma at local low income high rises in each of the counties in our catchment area, we want to expand more educational programs to these low income high raises. The Seeing Hand Association hold a seminar each year on topics that will assist individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

### The House of the Carpenter

The House of the Carpenter has completed the construction of the Toni and Nancy Bedway Center for Youth. The project is now ready to expand programming post the Coronavirus Pandemic. Currently, the House of the Carpenter continues to serve more than 1,400 individuals each week with programs to meet basic needs such as a food pantry, thrift shop, and utility assistance. This was a vital service throughout the Pandemic and was greatly needed in the Upper Ohio Valley. The House of the Carpenter engages disadvantaged neighbors in programs (children, youth & adults) that will transform their lives. Current programs with children and youth such as Pathways to Success, Energy Express, literacy camp and cooking classes are having a positive impact on their lives. Beginning in the fall, there will be an afterschool program for middle school students, dance programs, archery program, senior volleyball, a walking program for senior citizens and a yoga program, to name a few. Other programs are being developed and expanded now that the space is available. The rationale for these types of programs are: twenty-four percent of kids under the age of 18 are living in poverty in Ohio County according to Kids Count, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. That’s higher than the national average of 21.7%. Twenty-five percent of Wheeling Island’s population is under the age of 18—approximately 570 children (US Census). The House of Carpenter’s statistics are startling-450 families or over 1,400 individuals visit the food pantry monthly. In the Wheeling area, nearly a third of housing is rental property which places low income residents competing with gas and oil workers who can afford the inflated costs (HUD.gov). Of the 12,827 family units, 7,976 are making below 50,000. The House of the Carpenter takes a holistic approach to serving clients’ minds, bodies, and spirits enabling them to transform their lives to become productive members of their communities.
NIP credit contributions will fund two projects - emergency assistance to students and student scholarships. The Emergency Assistance Fund helps low-income students with unanticipated expenses that hinder retention and program completion. The scholarship funds assist students who receive little to no federal assistance. Awarding scholarships decreases the amount of loans taken out by students and, therefore, also decreases the loan default rate, which is a challenge for community colleges across the state of WV and across the country.

Access to the Parks offers each low-income child in Ohio County (WV), along with an accompanying parent, free admission to activities at Oglebay and Wheeling Park year around, where they can reap the physical, mental, educational and social benefits of spending time outdoors in the parks. Included are all recreational and educational options (including related equipment) such as swimming, golf and miniature golf, tennis, boating, fishing, ice skating, skiing, and visits to the zoo, museums and nature education center. Interested families register and receive passes good for one year. Without “Access,” many low-income children would not have the chance to engage in these healthy, social and mentally stimulating activities due to their families’ inability to pay. Additionally, many live in neighborhoods that offer no natural areas for outdoor activity, or that are unsafe for play. Through Access, however, children are outside in a safe and healthy environment, exercising their bodies and minds, acquiring new skills and knowledge, and engaging with nature and with other children – all year long. These qualities, in turn, build self-reliance, foster healthy family ties, connect community members, and provide alternatives to destructive decisions – all of which help to break the poverty cycle.
Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center

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**Project Information:** Uncompensated Care for Disabled Children and Adults

Easterseals provides medical rehabilitative services to disabled children and adults in northern and central WV. Services include medical care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, and early intervention and child development. All services are provided without regard to the patient's ability to pay for them. We believe that open access to healthcare for the most fragile members of our society is integral to our mission. Additionally, Easterseal offers many ancillary services at no cost, such as an equine therapy program named Ride With Pride. As a consequence of these policies, the organization incurs several hundred thousands of dollars of uncompensated care and/or unreimbursed cost annually. Programs such as NIP will help Easterseals defray the cost of these policies.

St. John's Home for Children

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**Project Information:** Meeting the basic needs of abused and neglected young boys in West Virginia.

Older than the state of West Virginia, St. John's Home for Children will raise third source income to feed, clothe, and shelter young abused and troubled boys from around the state that have been removed from their homes because of abuse and/or neglect. Fundraising efforts will engage donors in assisting in caring for West Virginia's most vulnerable population-its children. Most of the boys that come to St. Johns Home have nothing but the clothes on their backs. St. Johns Home provides a safe home-like environment for the boys the minute they walk in the door. Staff members and the other boys take on family roles. They are given new clothes and shoes to fit in with the kids in the local schools. If a boy plays sports or is in the band, St. Johns Home ensures he has a uniform. The boys are also fed several healthy meals and snacks throughout the day. Most of the boys are shy in the beginning and can't believe they can have second helpings of food. Many donors, in fact, give specifically to the food program. The food bill alone for 10 growing boys is substantial. Meeting the basic needs of the boys is where the majority of St. John's Home donors prefer to see their donations go. This enables the agency to continue to communicate with the donors how important their donations are to the boys in St. John's Home care, many of whom stay for a year.
Since 1995, West Virginia has shown a steady incline in the cases of adult diabetes and obesity. Currently, the State is ranked #1 in the Country for adult obesity, #7 for child obesity in low income children between 2 - 4 years old, #3 for obesity in adolescent children (age 10 to 17 years old) and #2 in high school age children (http://stateofobesity.org/states/wv/). In order to prevent that number from continuing to rise, nutrition education is important in a young child's life. We continue to use a variety of ways to teach and promote healthy eating at the Center. Our outdoor garden provides the Center with tomatoes, squashes, zucchini and cucumbers. The Center continues to be part of Keys 4 Healthy Kids, a program which provides tools and resources on proper nutrition for the children, staff and the families we serve. This program also teaches the staff how to implement change and encourage children to try new foods. We took part in two farmer's markets in 2020 where children and families were able to take home a box of fruits and vegetables along with recipe cards for each item. Some of the goals set by the Center in this program have been to reduce processed foods, offer fresh fruit and fresh vegetables at meals and encourage children to drink more water to stay hydrated. Tax credits awarded for 2022 will continue these efforts, educate children on the benefits of healthy eating habits and provide healthy meals to the children.

To provide quality primary health care and pharmaceuticals to the underinsured and uninsured including expanded Medicaid patients. This is an effort to meet the growing need for Medicaid providers precipitated by the ACA. Our goal is to ensure that quality health care and medications, as well as health education and preventive services are provided to those most in need - the uninsured, Medicaid recipients, underinsured, as well as those who can't afford the high deductibles of their Marketplace plans. With increased responsibility at the state level on covering the increasing percentage of costs of Medicaid, our clinic and board feel it is our goal to decrease our dependence on state funding and establish long-term, sustainable funding, regardless of the availability of state funds. The clinic has met a longtime goal of adding a free dental clinic to its menu of services to meet another very pressing need in the Northern Panhandle.
### Project Information: The Fun-Raiser Urban Mobile Playground

The Fun-Raiser Urban Mobile Playground (UMP) at The Mother Jones Center for Resilient Community, provides FREE safe, trauma informed play stops and programs in low-income, at-risk neighborhoods to mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and create greater well-being. The Fun-Raiser UMP uses play and peer support to address community issues of Obesity, ACE scores (Adverse Childhood Experiences), the Prevention of Substance Abuse & the negative impacts of WV ranking in the top 5 for preventable chronic health diseases. The Fun-Raiser UMP adapts to the space & places available in an urban setting to create safe community play. By building community & diversity, community members of all ages & generations, known as “Fun-Facilitators”, oversee the play stops and activities, under the leadership of the youth Never Bored Board. The Fun-Raiser UMP visits schools, community and non-profit events, impacting over 3000 local children a year! Youth oversee The Fun-Raiser Urban Mobile Playground operations by providing leadership, peer to peer mentoring & by being a part of the youth “Never Bored Board”. This year, we also have Adult Peer Recovery Coaches coming to our play stops to help families struggling with addiction issues. The Fun-Raiser UMP youth are also responsible for inviting diverse community members, organizations and businesses to come to Play Stops to be guest "Fun-Experts" who share a skill or talent, have fun & build a greater understanding of community resources. The Fun-Raiser UMP is dedicated to supporting youth visionaries, leaders, healthy kids & relationships - & fun of course! Learn more at TheFunRaiserOV.org & on Facebook at The Fun-Raiser OV.

### Project Information: Transitional Shelter

The Coalition’s Transitional Shelter program provides quality, non-congregate emergency shelter for people who become homeless in the five-county Northern Panhandle region of West Virginia. Transitional Shelter is offered in two agency-owned and operated buildings located in Ohio County, West Virginia. Each building contains four non-congregate units; one building for single adults/couples without children and one building for families with children. Transitional Shelter offers participants comprehensive supportive services, either in-house or by referral, to address housing barriers including debt, insufficient income, poor rental history, substance abuse issues, and mental health conditions. Systematically, Transitional Shelter compliments the region’s Coordinated Entry System by serving as the region’s only emergency shelter for families with children and offers single adults/couples emergency shelter without separation based on household composition or gender in accordance with HUD’s Equal Access Rule. Other vulnerable populations prioritized for Transitional Shelter include Veterans who do not qualify for one of three VA-funded programs in the region, victims of domestic violence or those vulnerable to victimization who are no longer at imminent risk of danger, youth ages 18-24, and those most at risk of becoming chronically homeless if for no other available intervention. NIP contributions close gaps in funding for Transitional Shelter operations and services. The project underwent formal restructuring in 2020 after the region lost its only emergency shelter serving families with children in 2019. Despite the changes, the Coalition is confident in its ability to continue offering success-driven services, which are evidenced in the former project’s nearly 20 year operation where it served 183 adults and 121 children with only 7 percent of those served returning to homelessness, demonstrating a 93% success rate in permanently ending homelessness.
During this last year it has become exceedingly clear that having a plan in place for unforeseen circumstances is of the utmost importance in regards to food. With that being said, we have provided over 2,000 boxes and bags of shelf stable food items to our clients during the past year. Our project goal is to continue to provide shelf stable food items to decrease food insecurity if any unforeseen circumstance were to occur.

Partnerships to Build Capacity and Self-Reliance for Children and Families brings Wheeling Symphony staff and musicians together with local organizations for the mission of providing assistance to individuals and families in distress to develop a pathway out of the tradition of poverty through education and training. This project offers people who are in economically distressed neighborhoods or are homeless training in music through free after-school programs for children; Young People's Concerts created specifically for music education for grades 3-8; and interaction with families by nurturing latent talent and developing trusting relationships. Through this project, we aim to "see" people who are living in distressed neighborhoods, who are homeless, and who have latent talent that can be nurtured giving them dignity, purpose, responsibility, and a pathway toward breaking the tradition of poverty. This project is uniquely situated because we have partnerships with so many organizations that offer emergency services and assistance to clients in highly distressed neighborhoods of East Wheeling, downtown Wheeling, and Wheeling Island. Together we can offer more and better services than can be provided by only one organization. We can "see" and work with the whole person. This project focuses on children first to develop self-reliance, discipline, and a "can-do" attitude that will help them graduate from high school and be prepared to enter the workforce or attend college/technical training through the guidance of staff in this collaborative effort. Adults will be targeted to locate latent talent; create, perform, and listen to music; and develop a trusting relationship through the energy of a collaborative effort. Music is a part of all our lives and must be a part of a collaborative plan to lift people from poverty and find hope. With post-Covid, we will follow all health and safety guidelines and continue with virtual learning, if required, with help from partners.
The Independence through Intervention program focuses on giving children with autism the life skills to live a safe, happy, life of independence. The therapists at ALLC focus on various life skills. A "mock apartment" is set up in the new center so that the pre-adolescents can learn to complete the various life skills needed to become independent in the future. The apartment is equipped with a bed, washer, dryer, ironing board, and closet. There is also a kitchen that is equipped with a refrigerator, stove, and dishwasher. The pre-adolescents participate in community outings with their therapists to work on navigating public transportation, communication, learning to ask for help, building social relationships, learning to read and identify signs, learning how to eat at a restaurant, etc. A major focus and highlight of the program is learning pre-vocational skills. Prior to COVID-19, the youth were volunteering at Catholic Charities of Wheeling on Tuesdays and Thursdays where they would learn food service skills, while providing a valuable service to the community. While there, they would work on the food service line, package meals, and stocked the pantry. Since COVID-19 restrictions have kept them from volunteering in person, the students are now making cookies for the meals on wheels program and a staff member delivers them. The youth in the program also started "Groot's Garden" where they have planted vegetables, herbs, and flowers. The youth are learning to cultivate the garden and will harvest it. The youth will use the vegetables to follow recipes and make meals. Ashley Coleman has also devised lesson plans that will incorporate the garden. The other vegetables will be donated to Catholic Charities of Wheeling. The students will return to volunteering in-person when the staff and parents feel it is safe and COVID restrictions have lifted.

Harmony House's project of "Addressing Child Abuse through the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Model" continues to provide the unique CAC multi-disciplinary team approach to strengthen the response to child abuse and the abuse of individuals with developmental disabilities in the counties of Ohio and Marshall in West Virginia. This project facilitates the identification, intervention, and prevention of abuse. It does this by providing forensic interviews, mental health interventions, medical assessment coordination, victim advocacy, multi-disciplinary team (MDT) collaboration, and prevention education. Harmony House's services are provided at no charge to reduce the barriers for accessibility. Harmony House is the only accredited (through the National Children's Alliance - NCA) Children's Advocacy Center serving the counties of Ohio and Marshall, West Virginia. This on-going project encompasses various forms of abuse/crimes including sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, drug-endangerment, internet crimes, human trafficking, domestic violence, and exposure to violence. The project is evaluated directly by those who used Harmony House's services and those who make referrals to our services through the Outcome Measurement System (OMS) surveys.
Human trafficking is a rising problem both nationally and in the state of West Virginia and The Children’s Home of Wheeling, Inc. has found the need for adequate education and prevention efforts to be more important than ever. The Children’s Home of Wheeling, Inc. serves male youth ages 12-18 from throughout West Virginia. Our organization is designated as a residential treatment facility for vulnerable youth in the state, with youth experiencing abuse, neglect, trauma, and other troubled backgrounds. In addition to their age, the youth in our care have other experiences that make them even more likely to experience human trafficking. Youth survivors of human trafficking also experience child welfare involvement, run away behaviors, sexual abuse, and mental illness, divorce or separated parents, physical neglect, and physical abuse. With this information in mind, our education coordinator meets with our youth on a bi-weekly basis to provide the Love 146 Not a Number human trafficking prevention curriculum. This curriculum provides youth with an introduction to human trafficking and exploitation, recognition of societal and cultural influences, skills to identify red flags and unhealthy relationships as well as how to build healthy relationships, a understanding of vulnerabilities and resilience, and ways to reduce risky behaviors and seek help if needed. When youth are identified through our program as having experienced human trafficking or exploitation, they are referred for additional services as necessary. Our staff are also trained yearly on the human trafficking curriculum and value the importance of this as we engage with the youth in our care. Additionally, we are committed to education and prevention efforts in our community. As a certified provider of the Love 146 curriculum, we plan to increase our reach by offering this prevention education to various community groups and holding awareness events.

The Pocahontas County Youth Arts Engagement Program will give donors a a direct pathway to fund after school and summer programs for youth in our community. Donations received through this program will also be used to increase in-school programming and youth focused in-house performances and workshops. The after school theater program targets low income and at risk families. The Opera House provides a safe place for students who have minimal family support or opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities a chance to feel connected to their community by engaging in creative healthy activities. This helps the students develop self reliance and confidence that discourages them from making bad decisions that could lead to drug use and addiction. It also builds communication and social skills and encourages leadership and goal setting. Students will work with staff and volunteers from the community who have gone on to higher education who will encourage them to look beyond public assistance and set career goals for their own future. The week long summer camp will provide classes in drama skills, dance movement, puppetry, set and prop design. For the first time we will be providing older students who have participated in previous camps a chance to serve as junior-counselors. They will serve as mentors and role models for the younger students which will promote drug prevention for both groups. Both the summer and after-school programs provide healthy snacks for all participants. This year the summer programs and performances will be held in outdoor performance spaces to comply with CDC guidelines for COVID 19.
### High Rocks Academy

High Rocks is a youth empowerment organization that has been working with the young people in West Virginia for 25 years, teaching them how to be strong, confident leaders. The High Rocks Academy project equips youth with the tools, resources and skills necessary to chase their dreams and achieve success. Our summer camps are at the hear of our project. We offer a variety of classes, mentoring opportunities and wellness activities for teenage girls and visiting college interns. New Beginnings Camp is the doorway for most girls to enter the High Rocks Academy program. Admissions is open for rising 8th grade girls. We provide leadership roles for older girls and college interns and welcome staff from a network of professions from around the country. Camp Steele is for older girls, providing them with a choice of two academic tracts in a variety of interest areas, including art, media, mountain transitions, construction, food culture, music and STEM. Volunteers teach math and financial literacy concepts. Tracts are like mini college courses, providing strong in-depth learning for girls in a scholastic setting. Admissions is open to rising 8th through 12th grade girls in our service area, as well as girls from other youth programs in the region. Camp is free for girls within our home service area. During the school year, we run a college access and a student leadership program. These programs include one-on-one mentoring, tutoring, college trips, service-learning overnights, enrichment events, community outreach, leadership roles and advocacy. High Rocks coordinates multiple opportunities for students to speak with their representatives in the state legislature and partner with other organizations as opportunities arise to teach relevant topics in their communities. Our participants are encouraged to expand their horizons and challenge themselves, enabling them to realize that they are smarter, stronger, braver and can achieve more than they thought possible.

### Special Olympics West Virginia

The true power of Special Olympics West Virginia lies in its' ability to create change in the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics West Virginia is often the only place where they have opportunities to develop a strong belief in themselves. They begin to see themselves differently. Whether stepping onto the field, court or other venue, they will see themselves as individuals who can do much more, who have a purpose in their lives, and who highlight their skills while reducing the tendency to see their disability instead of the person. The organization enables these individuals to train for and compete in multiple competitions which provide opportunities for them to demonstrate their courage, showcase their abilities, fulfill their hopes, and reach their potential. These individuals have the determination to give their best and overcome challenges when given the chance. Individuals will participate at no cost to them or their families so low socioeconomic status does not prevent their involvement. Prior to each competition, individuals will train for weeks with local volunteer coaches so they may test their skills and improve their sports competencies. The competitions, which are scheduled to provide continuous year-round opportunities in multiple different sports, include the Fall Sports Festival, State Bowling Championship, Winter Sports Classic, Spring State Basketball and Cheerleading Tournament, and Summer Games. Each state competition includes divisions based on age and ability level to give participants an equal opportunity to compete. All participants will be publicly recognized for their accomplishments. The state competitions are all designed to improve physical fitness and motor skills, enhance self-confidence and personal well-being, offer social interaction with peers and local community members, reduce isolation, and promote acceptance, diversity and inclusion.
### Project Information: Direct Impact Dental

WomenCare, Inc., dba FamilyCare Health Centers' proposed NIP project is: "Direct Impact Dental." This project would provide dentures to 25 individuals in Kanawha and Putnam Counties. FamilyCare's mission is to provide health care that focuses on the whole person and benefits the entire community, which this project complements along with existing fundraising efforts to expand services. FamilyCare Health Centers serve more than 33,000 individuals in south-central West Virginia. Out of those 33,000 individuals, 2,136 use FamilyCare's dental services. The target population is those individuals living in FamilyCare's service area with incomes under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines in Putnam County and Kanawha County. FamilyCare's service area includes the city of Charleston, but also includes small towns and rural areas. Dental health disparities in WV exist across the lifespan. WV adults have a higher rate as compared to the nation of permanent teeth extraction and a lower percentage of adults visiting the dentist each year. This project would increase awareness of the importance of oral health, decrease oral bone loss, and ultimately give self-confidence to those individuals who participated.

### Project Information: Urban Stage Financial Aid

Arts in Action’s Urban Stage is celebrating its 18th year providing performing arts instruction and performance opportunities to youth in Charleston’s West Side neighborhood. Our 2021-2022 program offerings include dance, voice, percussion, and theater / improvisational comedy. This afterschool program is provided by professionally credentialed instructors and through collaboration with local partners including Emmanuel Baptist Church, Kanawha County Schools, and the Bob Burdette Center. Urban Stage’s impact goes well beyond performing arts instruction. Adult volunteers and instructors are also mentors who provide encouragement and a safe, supportive environment. In addition to performing arts skills, students learn self-discipline and teamwork while growing in confidence and self-esteem. They make new friends, receive opportunities to help others and become more physically fit. Research shows that an arts education improves academic performance, can lead to successful careers and improves overall happiness. Our students prove these assertions! The specific purpose of this NIP Credit Project is to ensure that the approximately 110 Urban Stage students of low-income families are able to receive full program services including professional instruction, music, percussion instruments, dance attire, shoes, costuming and performance opportunities without cost. An additional 65 students (without income verification) are served through the program with other funding and do not benefit from the NIP project.
The Hope and Healing Scholarship Program provides scholarships for those who are trapped in addiction. Residents come to us through various channels and have lost everything because of their substance use disorders (SUDs). Most often, neither they nor their family have the means to afford a treatment program, but these men and women are worth rescuing! A scholarship provides them with the opportunity to change the course of their lives. Over the 12 months in our programs—the Safehouse for men and Sparrow’s Nest for women—they are taught the skills and given the time needed to rebuild their lives and escape the enslavement of SUDs, all in a safe, closed-campus environment. A strong Aftercare Program and close-knit recovery community includes housing units with graduated rent (beginning at $0), transportation, and mentoring to help ensure continued recovery and a successful reentry into society. When Joey came to Brian’s Safehouse, his life was one of despair. Lost in grief when his wife was killed by a drunk driver, he did not know how to cope. He lost several family members in the ensuing months and his house burned down. Overwhelmed, he spiraled into addiction. Having lost everything and facing legal issues, he despaired; then Joey heard from one of our graduates about Brian’s Safehouse and came on full scholarship. He graduated and is now part-time staff at the Safehouse in addition to working a full-time job. He is reunited with his son, making restitution, studying to become a peer recovery specialist, and encouraging men that an SUD can be overcome. The scholarship program makes possible joyful, productive lives for men and women like Joey. The Hope and Healing Scholarship Program brings freedom to men and women, lifting them out of poverty, hopelessness, and even lives of crime, bringing purpose and productivity, health and healing to them and their loved ones. There IS hope for addiction!

New River Community and Technical College Foundation provides increased student access to educational, workforce training programs, and services. The Foundation strives to fill the gaps that exist in our 9 county service area by providing NIP scholarships, emergency assistance to meet the direct needs of economically disadvantaged students, particularly those whose course loads do not qualify for state and federal assistance. Priority is given to residents of counties with the highest poverty rates and lowest median household incomes. The return on investment assists the state and college with higher college graduation rates and decreased unemployment rates.
In 2022, HSWV will celebrate the 9th year of hosting our children’s bereavement camp. Camp Hope is expected to serve 30 children in a secure & nurturing atmosphere with activities led by licensed professionals. Recognizing that each child’s experience is unique, the camp staff provides a safe environment where children grieving can receive comfort & support to facilitate the healing process. They can also form lasting friendships & enjoy activities that encourage them to be kids.

Camp is scheduled to last 3 days & will be held at the Glade Springs Resort, which offers an array of fun activities, including bowling, laser tag & swimming. At the same time, participants will be provided therapeutic engagement opportunities such as storytelling, arts, journaling, group discussions & interactive group exercises, such as: solutions basket, yarn-web, & "what helps/what hurts". Camp Hope offers children in need of bereavement services the opportunity to understand both the individualistic nature of grief & to connect with peers who are also working through loss. Attendees are able to express their grief in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Focusing on their own unique healing process, rather than being told how they should grieve. Camp Hope uses engagement techniques coupled with best practice models to support children. Camp Hope genuinely offers hope to hurting young people. Southern WV counties have suffered tremendous loss recently, not only due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but as a result of a continuing opioid epidemic. WV leads the nation in the highest rate of overdose deaths. Camp Hope serves children in a four-county area who have been deeply affected by loss. The need for bereavement services in the area is critical. This follows a negative pattern of neglecting mental health, especially that of children. Our camp is a positive step away from this ingrained practice of false bravado & neglecting self. Camp acknowledges grief as part of the human condition.

The United Way of Southern West Virginia is our community’s resource of resources. We provide funding opportunities, platforms for collaboration, and connections for community partners to improve lives in southern West Virginia. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, it is our goal to recover and rebuild together, ensuring efficacy and efficiency surrounding health, education, and financial stability programming. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, our 2-1-1 Information and Referral Hotline has been an invaluable resource to our community. Our Hotline provides a quick and confidential way for residents to meet their needs, which range from food, utility, and housing assistance to medical transportation and physical and mental health and wellness concerns. Our 2-1-1 Hotline provided support to the WV Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program, offering pre-screening for potential clients of MRAP. Calls to 2-1-1 increased by 600% during the height of the pandemic, with many callers finding themselves requiring assistance for the first time, without any idea of where to turn. We also focus on specific Community Impact Initiatives including the Raleigh County Healthy Grandfamilies Program, in connection with West Virginia State University. This program is a ten week workshop that provides vital information and resources to local grandparents who are bravely raising their grandchildren. Our Equal Footing Shoe Fund is another successful Community Impact Initiative that supports children and families within our seven county coverage area. A child with shoes that do not fit, have holes, or are weather inappropriate faces many challenges, including stigmatization by their peers, inability to participate in physical activity such as P.E., and safety concerns. We hope that by providing children with a pair of new, athletic style shoes they are better able to concentrate on things children should be thinking about: school, friends, and fun.
Through grants and individual donations Hope in the Mountains has raised enough money to purchase a former doctor's clinic building in Sophia, WV, with the closing to take place in July, 2021. The building will be converted into a community center which will be named The Hope Center. We are now in the process of raising funds needed to remodel the building to make it suitable for a community center, estimated to be about $190,000. Once the renovation has been completed we will continue to raise funds for property maintenance and repairs, as well as money needed for operation of the community center, programming needs, etc. Daily operations will be overseen by a Church and Community Worker who will be paid by the United Methodist Church. Once The Hope Center is open to the public in the fall of 2021, we will provide a safe and welcoming space offering Internet access, programs for seniors and youth, tutoring and homework help for kids, arts and crafts, and free classes on practical life skills and a variety of topics, from budgeting and checkbook balancing to cooking classes to help people of all ages. The majority of our programs will be provided through the generosity of appropriately screened and trained volunteers. Hope in the Mountains will maintain a supply of food and clothing for emergency assistance. We will also provide referrals to other agencies as needed. The Hope Center will also be available to be used as a shelter during inclement weather, power outages, etc.

Beckley Area Foundation, Inc.

Beckley Area Foundation, Inc. (BAF) is a conduit that links municipalities, donors, private foundations and businesses to non-profits that serve the underserved population in the counties of Raleigh, McDowell, Wyoming, Webster and Fayette. BAF’s NIP "Inspiring Charitable Giving that Advances our Community" project serving southern WV will provide support to individuals through grantmaking. To accomplish this, BAF will earmark at least 60% of the NIP total award to agencies providing programs to the region's distressed communities. This allocation will be accomplished by designating 1/2 of each contribution to a BAF permanent endowment with the other 1/2 being "passed through" directly to an agency. The remaining NIP award will be used to start new endowments or to build existing endowments. Eligible endowments and non-profit agencies, such as Active Southern WV, Raleigh County Bd. of Education, Appalachian Reading Center, Woman's Resource Center, East Park Marital Arts, Hope Restored, Raleigh Co Commission on Aging, Itmann Food Bank, Brian's Safehouse and United Way of Southern WV are among agencies in our region that provide support for: 1.) Health and Human Services-support the homeless, physically and mentally challenged, youth and senior citizens, personal safety, abuse and food pantries; 2.) Recreation-provide support for recreational and arts activities to those at or below the federal poverty level; 3.) Education-provide financial support for enrichment programs (ie. literacy, arts, and STEM) in and out of the classroom setting to students from low-income families. BAF is the conduit that links municipalities, donors, private foundations and businesses to non-profits that serve the underserved population in the counties of Raleigh, McDowell, Wyoming, Webster and Fayette.
Davis & Elkins College has a long history of serving first-generation and low-income students. The College was founded in 1904 to create access to education for the citizens of Elkins, WV and the rural Appalachian region surrounding it. In keeping with that tradition, the Highlands Scholar Program debuted in 2009 to make private higher education affordable to students in surrounding counties by providing scholarships to students who have a minimum 2.5 GPA. This segment of the program’s original 7-county region comprises the current Highlands Scholars Regional Program and ensures these low-income students (often 1st-generation high school graduates and 1st-generation college students) access to a private college within their home state at a reasonable tuition rate. Average awards are $19,000 for residential students and $16,000 for commuting students ($76,000 / $64,000 for four years respectively), making the dream of a college degree accessible and affordable. To date D&E has invested over $36.5 million in 1,433 Highlands Scholar recipients. Last year, 194 enrolled from this 7-county region, and this year to date 178 are enrolled, with more enrollees daily. At D&E students find small classes and a nurturing community, increasing their likelihood of academic and personal success. D&E believes that while a college education provides value for a lifetime, students shouldn’t have to spend a lifetime paying for it. With the Highlands Scholar Regional Program, D&E provides deserving low-income students in the local region with an opportunity to receive a quality, private education at an affordable price close to home. This unique program will continue to have a positive impact on our young people, ensuring the best opportunity for WV to thrive in the future.

The Saving Historical Places Grant Program aims to provide immediate financial assistance to save and preserve our Mountain State’s unique cultural heritage. The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia administers a competitive application process and provides grants between $500 - $8000 for two purposes – (1) emergency stabilization to address life safety issues in dilapidated historic buildings, and (2) for pre-development costs, including architectural/engineering drawings and fees for deed research to purchase an endangered historic property. The Preservation Alliance of West Virginia is the grassroots, statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation. It created the Saving Historical Places Grant Program in 2020 in response to overwhelming inquiries asking for help and funding to save dilapidated historical buildings in communities across West Virginia. This grant program provides the necessary capital needed to tackle and understand dilapidated building problems that we all generally face when trying to repurpose an old building. Our goal through this program is to preserve West Virginia’s beloved historical buildings and help our rural towns and cities thrive.
### Beverly Community Education and Assistance

Beverly Community Education & Assistance project by HBP and Beverly ON TRAC will meet direct needs and engage local low-income residents with limited opportunities to help increase their self-reliance. We will provide library services for the Beverly community through opening a Beverly Branch Library in the upstairs of the Beverly Heritage Center, which has been delayed by COVID but is slated to open fall 2021. We are continuing to support the Beverly Bookmobile and its summer reading program that helps students stay engaged with learning through the summer, improving school performance & retention. The Beverly Branch Library will expand these activities year round, providing a work space and library for Beverly residents. We will offer at least 12 activities or programs providing community educational opportunities and supporting children reading & staying in school. Through this library, our BHC & Community Room facilities, and our expanded digital delivery platforms, we will also offer workshops, programs, and individual direct service technical assistance to assist local residents. Topics may include economic development training such as small business and job seeking skills; home maintenance how-to information for repairs, maintenance, preservation, energy efficiency, and preparing for and dealing with disasters; and healthy lifestyles activities including education about gardening & healthy foods. We will provide technical assistance direct services to local low-income residents who need help in these areas, and work with them directly to address their needs & help them find additional resources, including emergency assistance in cases of individual or community emergencies. We will offer at least 10 workshops, programs, or direct technical assistance to increase self-sufficiency, build skills and economic capacity, support housing maintenance, and encourage healthy foods. Our direct service activities will serve an estimated 150 local low-income residents.

### Randolph County Humane Society

The Randolph County Humane Society's Compassion in Action program provides services to low-income clients such as spay/neuter assistance, straw for outdoor animals in cold temperatures, emergency veterinary medical care, emergency pet food assistance, fencing to keep animals safe and contained, and other services on a case-by-case basis that keep animals healthy and safely with their families.
Randolph-Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center coordinates a team approach to the investigation and treatment of child abuse. Recorded forensic interviews are conducted by trained individuals in a child friendly space, bringing together all investigating agencies to collaboratively work together for the best outcomes for children at risk. RTCAC then connects these children and their families to shelter, legal protection, medical treatment, crisis counseling and other resources and services as needed, free of charge. RTCAC’s Family Advocacy Project will fund targeted support services to low income families in crisis, enabling struggling caregivers to provide support to their children.

Youth Health Service will utilize funds raised through NIP to provide transportation services to low income children/families so that they can receive mental/behavioral health services and food pantry distributions. Our agency provides mental/behavioral health services to children 3yrs through teens 18yrs old and young adults up to 24yrs old; these services are often needed to help resolve symptoms impacting daily functioning in one capacity or another that gone unaddressed could result in maladaptive coping/functioning, impacting them for their lifetime. Many of those served by our behavioral health program are parts of families that struggle financially and providing transportation for these much needed services would result in a hardship. Our food pantry recipients that would benefit from our NIP fundraising efforts, likewise struggle to secure reliable transportation for their food distributions; the ability to delivery food to the persons in need of food distributions would greatly reduce the impact of the hardship they are currently navigating. By providing Safe, Reliable Access to Transportation Services our agency will be better positioned to help the families in our community.
### Hinton Area Foundation

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#### THIRTY YEARS OF INVESTMENT & PARTNERSHIP FOR SUMMERS COUNTY

HAF celebrates in 2022 our 30 years providing for charitable needs of Summers County. As part of our five-year Strategic Plan (2021-2025), attention will be focused on 5 goals to: 1) strengthen our operations and sustainability; 2) grow our endowment to $15 million; 3) increase community awareness and involvement with HAF; 4) identify, prioritize and engage in community leadership; and 5) assess and establish impact measures for our scholarship and grant funding. Summers County, which lies at the heart of Appalachia, is designated as economically distressed and historically one of the nation's poorest regions. The economy of the County is in the midst of a shift away from the railroad and coal industries, toward reliance on the travel-tourism and the promotion of the area as a retirement destination. We will continue to use pass-through donations and income from permanent endowments to fund projects that improve the quality of life here. Our size and flexibility, our collaborative relationships with other nonprofit charitable entities and city/county government enable our community foundation to make Summers County a better place for those who work, live and visit here. We will provide funds for: 1) mini grants for teachers to provide innovative teaching projects w/ a focus on STEAM; 2) need-based scholarships for post secondary education; 3) nutritious week-end snacks and meals, and books for students living in food deprived environments; 4) Therapeutic Equine Activities for youth and adults with disabilities; 4) Children's Home Society materials for training foster and adoptive parents; 5) clothing and toys for at-risk children; 6) support to build a Hinton-based playground and community garden space for intergenerational use; 7) support for sports and arts programs for youth 5 - 18; 8) support for summer reading programs; 12) collaboration with City of Hinton on dilapidated building clean-up.

### REACHH Family Resource Center, INC

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#### Expanding our REACHH

REACHH is a multi-service organization that provides services to children and families in Summers County, with limited services in Mercer County. We are a growing organization that has over 31 years of dedication to providing needed services. Our comprehensive services include: outreach, intervention, advocacy, information, referral and linkages, multi-disciplinary planning, counseling, group support community education and children's recreational and educational programs. Demand has increased for these services due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we have grown to meet those needs. REACHH is currently housed in an historic home and a smaller home directly behind it. The current space has proven to be inadequate for the services we provide. Our food and supply pantry, which is located in the larger home, has expanded! We estimate that it will continue to grow and need double the space it currently occupies. The smaller home houses our Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The CAC is in need of larger office space, which would include offices for our family advocates and therapists including a room for play therapy. We also need to update our forensic interview rooms. After review of several properties, we believe that we have found a place adequate for expansion, however, the remodeling and furnishing will exceed our current financial capabilities. We will utilize NIP funding to insure that our new location is a child and family friendly location that Summers County residents feel comfortable coming to for help.
"Sips & Dips". The goal of this project is to improve resident health and life enjoyment. Nutrition and hydration are essential elements to sustain life. Obtaining those in adequate amounts can be challenging as we age, particularly when age is accompanied by chronic or acute illness. Health care professionals are constantly looking for ways to stimulate appetites and thirst. The desire to eat and drink is greatly influenced by our surroundings. "Sips & Dips" creates an attractive and comfortable setting designed to increase nutrition and hydration in those being served by Cortland Acres. The name signifies nourishment and refreshment. It may often be associated with memories of fun and laughter, both which help stimulate an appetite. The specific features of "Sips & Dips" are as follows: *

- "Sips & Dips" is a dedicated area within the main dining room of Cortland Acres Nursing Home*
- The unique appearance and atmosphere are created through signage, décor, furniture and structural changes*
- Soft ice cream, slushies, and drink machines provide the desired nourishment and hydration*
- The utilities and cabinetry enable adding other drink and nourishment machines*

For over 130 years West Virginia Wesleyan College (WVWC) has had at its core, a mission to provide intellectual development for West Virginians that can be used in service to others. WVWC graduates can be found throughout the state and the country in positions of leadership in business, industry, community service, politics, medicine, government, and education. WVWC strives to make college as economically accessible as possible for all who seek our educational experience. Therefore, WVWC proposes to solicit donations in support of the WV Opportunity Scholarship. This scholarship is designated for students from 12 counties in Central West Virginia (Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Lewis, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Roane, Upshur, and Webster counties) who are at or below 125% of the federal poverty level.
Since 1992, the Upshur Cooperative Parish has assisted local residents with meeting their basic needs including food, shelter and warmth. On average, we serve 75-80 families per week with emergency food packages, rent/utility assistance, some medical costs and more. In 2020, we provided help to 3,254 households including 8,582 individuals. More than 30% of these individuals were children and youth. To combat food insecurity, emergency food packages typically include food for five days per household. We also provide takeout lunches every Thursday. For rent, utilities, or other financial assistance, the maximum we can pay is $175 per family (paid directly to landlord, utility company or vendor). We work closely with other agencies in our region to make sure needs are met and utility shutoffs and evictions are prevented. Meeting essential and basic needs is of primary concern for us. Our partnership with NIP will be utilized to secure additional donations for our food pantry, holiday meal baskets, Christmas Day dinner, takeout lunches, and financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical/health needs (prescriptions, dental care, etc.). Our food pantry also supplies hygiene products, cleaning supplies and diapers. Last year we provided: backpacks filled with school supplies to 772 Upshur students, 679 Thanksgiving baskets with turkeys and 583 Christmas baskets with hams to Upshur families, and over 350 takeout Christmas Day dinners. We started a new Easter food box program in 2021 distributing 438 to local families. Since the pandemic began, our rate of new clients requesting assistance has increased by 300%. Due to COVID, we continue to need additional resources for food pantry items and holiday meal baskets. We need to increase our maximum financial assistance to at least $200 per family. We know our community would benefit by providing an evening meal once per week. We especially want to insure our children and youth are provided with food and other necessities.

Recreational Activities for Golden Girl Group Home
Golden Girl Group Home Group Home houses 24 girls ages 12-18 who have been sexually abused, neglected and abandoned. The girls have been taken out of their home and brought to us to live, grow and heal. Unfortunately, funding for recreational activities is not available for our girls. Research shows that girls who have been victimized (especially sexually) show an increase in positive behaviors due to a variety of recreational activities. It is expensive to provide recreational activities for 24 girls throughout the year and the availability of volunteers and donor designations for these activities are slim. The recreational activities include membership to the local YMCA, stretching which involves trauma sensitive moves that increases self-esteem and confidence in the girls; an annual camping trip which includes wildlife educational activities and cultural arts enrichment. The variety of activities along with the extra staff cost to oversee these activities are a necessity. The girls that come to live at Golden Girl Group Home are traumatized and come from poverty stricken homes. The stipend received for the girls does not cover recreation. The combination of poverty and abuse creates such a bondage within the hearts of the girls that it shows in their behaviors and all aspects of their lives. Consistency and a variety of fun, rewarding and educational activities significantly helps in the healing process and produces more positive behaviors. According to "The Journal of Abnormal Psychology", children especially adolescents that have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder caused by abuse and neglect benefit tremendously from consistent "fun" and "diverse" recreational activities. The release of stress due to trauma through therapeutic play is not only beneficial in immediate behaviors it has been proven to provide long term positive results in the future.
ArtsLink, Inc. will present concerts and theater productions at low or no cost to the audience or participants. Admission costs currently remain at 2001 levels. NIP credits will be used to encourage sponsorships and other donations to allow free and reduced price events. In addition to the adult population of the area, ArtsLink plans to involve approximately 3,600 children in its activities. Due to coronavirus restrictions, all of our concerts from February 2020 through June 2021 have been rescheduled, including a children’s theater presentation by Missoula Children’s Theatre. The new concert dates span September 2021 through May 2022, with Missoula Children’s Theatre planned for June.

Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Ohio Valley will construct one affordable single family home and repair one owner-occupied home in Wood County. As a result of the projects, three low-income individuals will move into stable, affordable housing and an additional low-income family will have a safer place to live. In addition to affordable housing, Habitat will also provide first-time homebuyer education and hands-on educational courses on a variety of home maintenance and home repair topics.
This year our application is on behalf of nine separate Salvation Army locations serving forty-two different counties in West Virginia. Our programs aim to meet clients where they are with empathy and understanding. Homeless individuals, families struggling financially, and elderly adults are assisted everyday through our agency. While some clients receive assistance regularly, others simply need support to get by for the month, and our program works to lessen the burden regardless of a client’s situation. Social service programs, such as rental and utility assistance, provide financial support to help clients catch up on bills while remaining in the comfort of their homes. Our Pathway of Hope program works as a supportive steppingstone for families to maintain independent housing. Our shelter provides individuals and families with a safe, warm, caring place to stay while they receive case management and resources to assist them in successful societal reentry. Our newest programs focus on youth participation in vocational training and character building.

The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation & Regional Affiliates (PACF) is a public charity grantmaking organization, which, over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic delivered significant, direct local relief grants that reduced the burden of hardship and hunger in our region through our three local community emergency need funds for our service area—the PACF “Safety Net Fund;” “Fund for Hunger;” and the “Recovery Fund.” Our specific FY 22 NIP project will raise funds to re-build these essential resources for these three important emergency assistance funds and raise additional funds to make current grants to address the significant needs of low income citizens and distressed communities. We will accomplish this by raising funds for grants for our three emergency needs funds via our Give Local MOV initiative (a unique 24-hour online fundraiser that leverages matching funds for participating charities), and with support raised for the Foundation’s Community Sponsors, Community Action and Advised Grants programs. Collectively, these grantmaking programs directly benefit vulnerable populations and needy citizens by funding organizations that provide shelter, clothing, food, water, medical and dental health services and supplies, mental health support, and that help to meet essential personal or family safety and hardship needs.
Everyone deserves good healthcare, especially pregnant women since their health directly affects the baby's health. In 2019, West Virginia had about 1 in 17 infants (6.1% of live births) born to a woman receiving late or no prenatal care and about 1 in 7 infants (14.1% of live births) born to a woman receiving inadequate prenatal care (marchofdimes.org/peristats). According to nichd.nih.gov, prenatal care can help prevent complications and inform women about important steps they can take to protect their infant and ensure a healthy pregnancy. Positive Healthcare You Deserve is a focused effort we implement to serve women in the Mid-Ohio Valley. All of our medical services are free, from pregnancy testing and ultrasound, to early pregnancy diagnosis and prenatal vitamins, to STD testing and treatment. Lab quality pregnancy testing is performed by nurses in a controlled environment. Ultrasounds determine the gestation and viability of the pregnancy. Nurse consultations serve our patients by helping them evaluate not only the physical aspect of their need but the emotional, social, and spiritual also. Sexually Transmitted Diseases left untreated can have many negative consequences on a woman's health and fertility, so diagnosis and treatment are a high priority. Healthcare costs are a burden, especially to those with no insurance. Money worries are a leading factor in individuals not getting the proper medical treatment or help needed. By taking cost out of the equation, our patients' stress level goes down and they are able to think more clearly about their healthcare decisions. Positive Healthcare You Deserve is all about providing free testing, ultrasounds, consultations, and treatments to empower women to make healthy life choices.

House to Home is a day shelter committed to helping those in our community who have no homes, who have inadequate housing or who cannot always afford food, clothing and other necessities. House to Home helps by providing shelter during the day from the weather and the elements to those who have nowhere to go. House to Home also provides food, clothing, hygiene facilities (shower and bathroom), laundry facilities and computer access, all at no cost to clients. Since House to Home is open during the day, our clients can contact other agencies and service providers while these agencies are open for business and are available to assist. We also refer clients to other providers for needed services. Our assistance may be as simple as helping with an application for a birth certificate or identification card so that someone may seek employment. Or we may help someone file income taxes or apply for public housing or provide some clothing from our clothes closet. While we do not provide overnight shelter, House to Home helps clients with their daily struggle for food, shelter and other basic needs. Clients can instead focus on other important matters, such as finding employment, stable housing or reliable transportation.
In 2019 the Art Center (PAC) heard of Recovery Point, a residential treatment center for men recovering from drug addiction. The Recovery Point program emphasizes community involvement, and we help to clean out a part of our old building. These hard-working young men spent a week with us, and did a good job. When we asked what we could do in return, they requested food and art lessons. A daily pattern was established: work, lunch, then afternoon art lessons. The men particularly enjoyed the clay arts, taking pride in the process and the finished products. In 2020, Recovery Point was quarantined. We provided materials and remote art instruction for the men. Now they are back to work as part of the United Way’s Downtown Ambassadors program, doing similar jobs in other old buildings. When nearby, they stop in to visit, often saying how much they’d enjoy more time with the clay.

Recovery Point is not the only local residential treatment center. There are now five for men and women in Parkersburg, with space for several hundred people. Based on our Recovery Point experience, we believe these patients have skills that could benefit the Art Center and other non-profits. We also believe that PAC’s programs would help each participant develop new skills, and to take pride in making art. Using this experience as a model, we will engage with leadership at the other treatment centers, asking them to choose the patients in their programs who would benefit from active participation in art training, and who have work skills to offer in return. This year will be an exploratory year, determining if PAC can play a role in the recovery of the hundreds of valuable individuals who have had their lives derailed by the opioid epidemic. At PAC, we believe that art is for everyone. Seeing the young men from Recovery Point engaged and taking pride in their creations reinforces that belief. If we can develop a program that will expand on these successes, how can we not try?