

# **Shenandoah Community Foundation**

**2015  
Annual Report**

## The Shenandoah Community Foundation

In 2015 Shenandoah Community Foundation continued its mission of connecting people who care with causes that matter in Shenandoah County and surrounding areas. In December we passed an important milestone of having awarded over \$1 Million in grants and scholarships since 2008. We are so grateful for the support of our donors, volunteers and community. And we look forward to continuing to serve our community in the years to come.



*Susan Massie Scholarship Recipient Mary Payne with her Father and SCF Program Coordinator, Jeanne Ellen Russell*

### **New Funds in Organization or Finalized in 2015**

**Curtis Willey Warrior Scholarship** - Established by friends and family of Strasburg native son Curtis Willey to be given to a Strasburg High School graduate who demonstrates the character traits of effort, tenacity, and friendliness to all.

**Donald and Mary Womble Scholarship Fund** - CHS Scholarship honoring the Wombles who were educators in Shenandoah County. This fund is one of many funds established to honor our teachers.

**Ethel L. Wisman Scholarship Fund** - CHS Scholarship established by the family of Fort Valley native Ethel L. Wisman who overcame many obstacles to get an education and then taught in Shenandoah County Public Schools for over 30 years.

## 2015 Key Statistics

The following financial information is taken from the Foundation's 2015 Federal tax return, which will be available on the Foundation's website in late spring.

- ◆ Year-End Assets: \$2.846 Million
- ◆ Contributions to Foundation: \$261,500
- ◆ Grants from Foundation: \$145,500
- ◆ Asset Growth from Contributions and Investments: +2.10 %
- ◆ Operating Expenses: \$41,690
- ◆ Major Programs
  - ◆ Community Grants Program
  - ◆ High School Scholarship Grants Program
  - ◆ Other Donor Fund Grants Program

## Persons Remembered or Honored by Contributions in 2015

Helene Albright  
Ted and Faith Ashby  
Kristin, Tom, and Becca Bendien  
Jesse Bolstridge  
The Bush Family  
Glenn B. Cofer  
Glenn B. Cofer, Jr.



*Strasburg Library*

Helen Cofer  
Jeremy Cook  
John Copp  
Julie and Eddie Corder  
Departed Members of CHS Class of '78  
John and Elizabeth Cottrell  
Joyce and Kenny Dawson

Brandon Kelly Dawson  
Warren and Patricia French  
Bonnie Gochenour  
Joan Costello Gochenour  
Franklin Jarrett  
Janice Jarrett  
Irene Virginia Jeffers  
Melissa and Curt Joyce  
Colton Lindamood  
Jason Long  
Lawrence Lucas  
Susan Massie  
Bob and Kathy Moody  
Christopher Morehead  
Michael Morehead  
Patsy and Stanley Morehead  
Donald and Leigh Morrison  
Marge Moyers  
Oliver "Butch" Orndorff  
Holly B. Reeves  
Julie Regan  
Herbert White  
Erin Wilburn  
John Duncan Wilburn  
Curtis Willey  
The Willey Family  
Joe Williams

## Spotlight on The Enrich Program

### A Foundation Grant Recipient



*The Foundation's Program Coordinator, Jeanne Russell, sat down with Lucinda Erbach, founder and director of the Mount Olive Shiloh United Methodist Church Enrich Program, to learn how her organization got started and how she first heard about the Foundation. This is just one of many stories about how committed people can make a difference.*

Jeanne: Tell me about The Enrich Program.

Lucinda: We started the Program to help some of the 40% of students in northern Shenandoah County who are eligible to receive reduced-rate or free meals. I was always concerned about what happened to those children during the summer. What were they going to eat? Since we started, the Program has grown to not only meet the children's nutritional needs during the summer, but also their academic needs.

Jeanne: You were telling me how you, as a teacher, would see kids go off in the summer and then the next year they would backslide a bit.

Lucinda: Research shows that if children are not enriched during the summer in some way they will backslide academically. Many families do things like take trips, have children read, and all those kinds of things during the summer. But some families can't. So we read, the children do math, basic facts, fractions, and all sorts of things at their level to help keep them stimulated so that when they start the school year again, they're not behind their peers who were able to get enriched during the summer.

Jeanne: How did you first learn about the Shenandoah Community Foundation?

Lucinda: Through the newspaper, I believe. I think there was an article about your grants for that year. At the bottom of the article the deadline for the next year's grants was mentioned, so I jumped right on it.

Jeanne: How has getting a grant from the Foundation affected your Program?

Lucinda: Well, it's made it possible for one thing. After our first year we had no funding. We had start funds and that was it. The second year I was still raising money while the Program was running and going week-to-week to feed the kids. The Foundation's grant didn't cover the entire expense, but it made it possible that I knew that I would have a full 4 1/2 weeks for the children and it allowed me to do other fundraising.

Jeanne: So what would you like to say to young, and maybe not-so-young, people about the importance of philanthropic giving?

Lucinda: Once upon a time the government was able to do summer programs for children who needed it. Those times are past and I don't know if they'll ever come back, or if they should come back. So as citizens it is our responsibility to step in, those of us who can, and fill the needs. If that's through your church, if that's through your civic organization, if it's through finances or through time, you need to do what you can. There is a need out there. It's not just in Shenandoah County; everywhere there's a need.

Jeanne: Thank you, Lucinda.

## 2015 Dream Makers

The donors named below contributed in 2015 to either new or existing funds established by the Foundation. We thank each and every one of you for your generous support!

Anonymous  
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*Board Member Russell Adams at  
the 4-H Gallon of Milk Sale*

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Randy Jones

## 2015 Scholarship Recipients

2015 Scholarships were awarded to area high school graduates through the Shendoah Scholars Fund, Marge Moyers Scholarship Fund, 4-H Dairy Club Fund, Michael Morehead Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jessica Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship Fund, Colton T. Lindamood Memorial Fund, Harry H. Combs Memorial Scholarship Fund, Russell Adams Fort Valley Scholarship Fund, John C. Copp Scholarship Fund, Brandon Kelly Dawson Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund, Stonewall Jackson High School Alumni Fund, Helene Albright Scholarship Fund, Oliver "Butch" Orndorff Scouting Scholarship Fund, Jesse A. Bolstridge #55 Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jeremy M. Cook Scholarship Fund, CHS Class of 1978 Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jason A. Long Flight to Success Fund, CHS Alumni Fund, Joe Williams Fund, Bonnie B. Gochenour Scholarship Fund, and Curtis Willey Warrior Scholarship Fund.

### Strasburg High School

Hallie Harriman  
Dean Hunter  
Holly Funkhouser  
Benjamin Miller  
Kathleen Mumper  
Sophia Lederman  
Rachel Tischer  
Garret Richards  
Ryan Smoot  
Noah St. Clair  
Carl Williams  
Austin Weaver

### Stonewall Jackson High School

Brittany Bowman  
Rosie Clifton  
Kristin Derflinger  
Amber Gonzalez  
Adam Goodier  
Ally Hepner  
Jerimiah Hines  
Nicole Kibler  
Jayme Kokkonen  
Darian Kolb  
Johnathon Koontz  
Kayla Miller  
Benjamin Rosenberger  
Brooke Simpson

Derrick Smith  
Megan Stalbird

### Central High School

Andreina Argueta  
Brady Phillip Baker  
Gregory Baker  
Grant Coffey  
Taylor Cooper  
Emily May Dysart  
John Cameron Helsley  
Heather Landes  
Emma Lineberry  
Triston Lucy-Speidel  
Andrew Rhodes  
Bethany Neri  
Tierra Scott  
Stephanie Sfarnas  
Hailey Shoemaker  
Nicholas Waldron  
Jackie Walsh  
Desiree Williams

### Tripplett Tech

Kylie Biller  
Franklin Hernandez  
Iraida Torres Diaz



*The Dental Team at the Shenandoah Community Health Center*

### **Dream Makers Con'd**

Marjorie Joyce  
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*A Toast at Shenandoah County Tourism's Gardens, Galleries & Grapes Event*

### **Dream Makers Con'd**

Lorelle Rau  
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## 2015 Unrestricted Grant Recipients

The following 2015 grants were made possible through the generosity of Woodstock Anonymous.

A Small Hand

Apple Valley Mediation

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Family Promise of Shenandoah County

Healthy Families Shenandoah County

Help with Housing

Mt. Olive and Shiloh UMC Enrich  
Program

Response

Schultz Theater

Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging

Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter

Shenandoah County Dental Clinic

Shenandoah Community Health  
Clinic

Shenandoah County Tourism

Shen-Paco Industries, Inc.

Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries  
Luke's Backpack Program

Shenandoah Valley Music Festival

Spring Forward Program

Strasburg Community Library

V.E.C.C.A.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Woodstock Museum



*Shen-Paco's New Truck  
Purchased with Help from  
SCF Community Grants  
Program*



*Above: Volunteers  
Hold New Enrollee at A  
Small Hand*



*Left: Healthy Families  
Home Visit*



### *Spring Forward Afterschool Tutoring Session*

#### **Other Donor Fund Grant Awards**

2015 grants were made to these non-profit and government organizations from the following donor-advised or restricted Funds: the Donald H. Albright Fund, Children's Initiatives Fund, Dr. John and Elizabeth Cottrell Fund, Curtis L. Groves Fund, Shenandoah County Free Clinic--Dr. Charles Miller Fund, Warren and Patricia French Family Fund, Herbert Parker Funds, Susan P. Massie Theatre Scholarship Fund, Strasburg Express/Homewood Fund, and Shannon Musical Heritage Fund.

Amnesty International

Bowman-Shannon Cultural  
Arts Center

Children's Defense Fund

Edinburg Heritage Foundation

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Fort Valley Community Center

Fort Valley Museum

Friends of the North Fork of the  
Shenandoah River

Harrisonburg Education Foundation

Liberia Orphan Education Project

March of Dimes Foundation

Response, Inc.

Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter

Shenandoah County Free Clinic

Shenandoah County Library

Archives

Shenandoah County Memorial

Hospital Foundation

Shenandoah Forum

Shenandoah Valley Music Festival

Peter Muhlenberg Middle School  
for Shrine Mont's Summer

Music & Drama Camp Program

Southern Poverty Law Center

Stonewall Jackson High School

Strasburg Community Baseball

Woodstock Methodist Church

## Thank You Volunteers!

The Shenandoah Community Foundation depends on the support of donors and volunteers who help us fulfill our goal of “connecting people who care with causes that matter.” Thanks to ***ALL*** of the volunteers who served on the various Grant and Scholarship Committees and helped us at the Gallon of Milk Sale (and apologies to all those we may have missed):

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*Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn performing at the Shenandoah Valley Music*

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