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## **SCF Reaches \$3 Million Milestone**

(Woodstock, VA) The Shenandoah Community Foundation continues to grow with assets topping \$3 Million in 2016.

"We are so grateful to the citizens and friends of Shenandoah County who continued to step up and support philanthropic giving in 2016," said Foundation President, Jeff Dalke. "We expect to continue to grow as we help more people make their dreams for this community come true."

Contributions from donors, together with the earnings on those donations, enabled the Foundation to serve the Shenandoah County Community and beyond through grants and scholarships in 2016.

"We gave out \$152,000 last year, including \$79,000 in scholarships to the county's graduating high school seniors, \$46,000 to local non-profits through our Community Grants Program, and another \$27,000 to non-profits though other grants programs," said Program Coordinator, Jeanne Russell. "It is extremely gratifying to be able to positively affect so many lives through the Foundation."

In 2016 the Foundation established two new scholarship funds for Central High School graduates in honor of three long-time Shenandoah County educators--the Ethel L. Wisman Scholarship Fund and the Donald and Mary Womble Scholarship Fund.

In addition, the Foundation awarded its first John Duncan Wilburn Adventure Scholarship to enable a young person to attend "Leave No Trace" classes in the Grand Canyon.

It is the mission of the Shenandoah Community Foundation to connect people who care with causes that matter in Shenandoah County Virginia and surrounding areas. For more information, visit: <u>www.shenandoahCF.org</u> or call (540) 459-7737. The e-mail address is: Shencommunityfound@gmail.com