

Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation



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Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation Announces \$36,800 in Grants

(May 2012) – The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation is pleased to announce \$36,800 in recent grants to local nonprofit organizations that provide critical services for economically disadvantaged people. The grants include:

\$11,800 to Warren Wilson College for the **Community Service Learning Fellows** program to develop a service learning course to better integrate community service into the academic model. Designed by students, college employees and community partners and approved this spring, the program helps students gain a deeper understanding of some of the most pressing social issues and formulate a plan for continuing their service after graduation. Beginning fall 2012, new students can also count social activism or policy work toward their 100-hour service learning requirement.

\$25,000 to The Welcome Table to purchase food for the weekly Wednesday community-wide lunch to feed those in need. This volunteer-led organization serves meals to Swannanoa Valley and Black Mountain residents of all income levels. Clients of FIRST, a local drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, or clients on parole work in food preparation and help with catering as they build employment skills.

The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation is an affiliate of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) and was established in 1999 by a group of local residents as a permanent endowment and resource for charitable efforts that benefit the entire Swannanoa Valley. The local, volunteer board of directors works to raise awareness of the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation and to build assets for the future. These board members are: Sandra Abromitis, Dave Alexander, Mike Begley, Gladys Brooks, Joan Brown, Julia A. Capps, W. Travis Childs III, John Corkran, Lynn Deese, Barbara Griffin, Jerone Herring, William G. Hollins, Jeff Hutchins, Jim Lenhart (Chair), Gretchen Naff, and Connie Root.

For additional information about the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation, contact Chair [Jim Lenhart](#) at 828-357-1053. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, donate on-line at www.cfwnc.org or by mail to the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation, 103 Richardson Boulevard, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Contributions of any size are welcome and do make a difference.

The Community Foundation is a nonprofit serving eighteen counties in Western North Carolina. The Foundation is a permanent regional resource that facilitates more than \$8 million in charitable giving annually. CFWNC inspires philanthropy and mobilizes resources to enrich lives and communities in Western North Carolina.

CFWNC supports the growth of its affiliate funds to extend the benefits of philanthropy across the region. To learn more about The Community Foundation, call 828-254-4960 or visit www.cfwnc.org.

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