

Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation



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Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation Announces \$14,000 in Grants

(May 2011) – The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation, formerly known as the Black Mountain Community Endowment Fund is pleased to announce \$14,000 in recent grants to local nonprofit organizations supporting important community initiatives. The grants include:

\$7,000 to the Mediation Center, Inc. to implement a re-entry program for inmates at the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women and their loved ones. Approximately 40 female inmates within six months of release will have the opportunity to identify up to three individuals on whom they will depend once they are released. The mediation sessions will give the inmates a chance to repair relationships and plan for future stability, thus alleviating some of the stress and difficulty associated with prison release.

\$7,000 to The Welcome Table towards the salary of its first paid staff. This volunteer-led organization serves weekly 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 new staff member will recruit, train and find appropriate placements for promising clients.

The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation is an affiliate of The Community Foundation and was established in 1998 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, Gladys Brooks, Joan Brown, Katherine "Scottie" Cannon, Julia A. Capps, W. Travis Childs III, Scott Counce, Julia Courtney, Lynn Deese, Emily Ferguson (Co-Chair), Connie Gardi, Robert N. Headley, Jerone Herring, William G. Hollins, Jim Lenhart (Co-Chair), Judith Mayer, Gretchen Naff, Charles E. Reiley and Letta Jean Taylor.

For additional information about the Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Foundation, contact Co-Chair [Emily Ferguson](#) at 828-664-0190 or Co-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.

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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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