



## Rutherford County Foundation

*An Affiliate of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina*

### **Grants History 1991 – Spring 2010**

#### Spring 2010

**American Red Cross – Rutherford County Chapter - \$ 2,000** toward residential fire relief including immediate need for food, shelter, and clothing. With the loss of jobs in county, many homeowners and renters have dropped their insurance and ARC has experienced a 31% increase in direct aid to clients.

**Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$2,000** toward cost of emergency prescriptions for indigent patients. By providing one-time prescription coverage for patients able to offer a more complete scope of care and better assist those patients needing medications but with limited funds.

**Family Resources of Rutherford County - \$2,000** toward operation of the domestic violence shelter. The PATH shelter provides comprehensive services which include emergency housing, food, clothing, personal counseling and court advocacy. The average length of stay continues to increase as a result of the worsening economy in the county and government support reduced by the budget crisis.

**The Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$2,000** toward operating expenses for the evening meal program in Forest City and expenses at shelter for homeless families in Spindale

**New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$2,000** to purchase food and supplies for the soup kitchen that serves 350-400 meals every Thursday night at the Green River Baptist Association. The kitchen was started in 2001 and is operated by volunteers with the only expenses for food and supplies toward the meals.

**Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$2,000** toward urgent needed repairs to homes of qualified low-income homeowners. This will enable the agency to hire professionals (plumbers, electricians) to promptly address unsafe, substandard housing conditions.

**Yokefellow Service Center - \$2,000** to provide utility assistance to families in a crisis as result of recession. Families are assisted according to service guidelines including assessment of need based on job loss or reduced hours that results in assistance paid directly to service providers. In 2009 Yokefellows assisted 4,719 families representing 13,169 individuals, including 1,497 families receiving utility assistance.

#### Fall 2009

**Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina Foothills** awarded \$5,000 toward support of a part-time housing counselor to improve agency services that help families resolve financial issues and remain in their homes.

**Family Resources of Rutherford County** awarded \$6,000 toward operating expenses of the domestic violence shelter and to support therapeutic counseling to women and children struggling to recover normal lives in challenging family situations exacerbated by the economy.

**Yokefellow Service Center** awarded \$16,000 to provide emergency utility and housing assistance to working families affected by layoffs or reduced income. These funds will supplement support of this program from Duke Energy's "Share the Warmth" program and decreased thrift store revenue.

Spring 2009

**Community Clinic of Rutherford County** - \$2,510 toward a prescription voucher program that provides indigent patients with vital medications until they qualify for medical assistance programs through pharmaceutical companies.

**The Salvation Army in Forest City** - \$3,110 to support the distribution of food boxes to families affected by increased unemployment in the county.

**Yokefellow Service Center** - \$3,110 to provide emergency assistance for mortgage/rent, utilities, medications, clothing or food to families whose income has been reduced by layoffs during the past year.

Winter 2009

**Grace of God Rescue Mission** - \$2,400 for the Grace of God Rescue Mission Evening Meal

**Rutherford Housing Partnership** - \$2,400 for its emergency home repair program

**Yokefellow Service Center** - \$2,400 for the Recession Recovery Program

Winter 2009

**Community Clinic of Rutherford County** - \$1,575 for medication and testing supplies

**Family Resources of Rutherford County** - \$1,575 for prescription fees and medical co-payments

**Grace of God Rescue Mission** - \$1,575 toward costs related to the homeless shelter & soup kitchen

**New Beginning Soup Kitchen** - \$1,575 to purchase food

**Rutherford County Chapter of the American Red Cross** - \$1,575 to provide emergency clothing, food, medicine and housing

**Rutherford Housing Partnership** - \$1,575 toward emergency repairs for low-income homeowners

**Salvation Army** - \$1,575 to purchase food gift cards for *Christmas Cheer '08*

**Yokefellow Service Center** - \$1,575 for immediate crisis needs including housing payments, utility assistance and medications

Spring 2008

**Judicial District 29A Drug Treatment Court** - \$6,720 for educational materials and equipment to support a drug treatment program in Rutherford County.

**Rutherford LIFEServices** - \$25,000 to expand adult day care services for families in Rutherford and Polk counties.

**Communities in Schools of Rutherford County** - \$25,000 to expand a county-wide, in-school mentoring program.

**KidSenses Children's InterACTIVE Museum** - \$25,000 for continued support of work to bring a traveling planetarium and science-programs to elementary school students in six WNC counties.

**Community Clinic of Rutherford County** - \$24,300 to serve diabetic patients who are of low-income, uninsured and medically indigent.

Winter 2008

**American Red Cross of Rutherford County** - \$1,000 - Disaster Recovery Support for Families

**Animal Protection Alliance of Rutherford County** - \$625 - Animal Veterinary Emergency Fund

**Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina Foothills** - \$1,000 - Community Outreach/Re-education Initiative

**East Rutherford High School** - \$625 - Exceptional Children - Washington, DC Trip

**Family Resources of Rutherford County Inc.** - \$1,000 - Supporting Client Medical Assistance

**Heartbeats Pregnancy Center, Inc.** - \$250 - Educational Resources and Baby Items/Supplies

**Rutherford County Air Rescue Squad** - \$1,000 - Helicopter Operations Support  
**Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity** - \$1,000 - Home Building Supplies and Materials  
**Rutherford County Judicial District 29A** - \$625 - Drug Treatment Court  
**Rutherford County Rescue Crew** - \$1,000 - Defibrillator Equipment  
**Rutherford County Schools Parents as Teachers** - \$625 - PAT Visit Software  
**Rutherford Housing Partnership** - \$1,000 - Operation Inasmuch Building Materials  
**Shiloh-Danielstown-Oakland Volunteer Fire Department** - \$625 - Laptop for Training Presentations  
**South Mountain Christian Youth Camp** - \$750 - Summer Camp Scholarships  
**Yokefellow Service Center** - \$625 - Crisis Assistance for Residents with Disabilities

Fall 2007

**Realize Rutherford, Inc.** - \$5,520 to develop and implement a capacity building center for nonprofit organizations in Rutherford County.

**Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity** - \$7,000 toward interior building improvements at the Habitat ReStore.

**Union Mills Learning Center** - \$7,000 to complete renovations of the school auditorium for use by the community.

Spring 2007

**Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina** - \$25,000 to initiate a working forest land conservation program for landowners in Rutherford and McDowell counties.

**KidSenses** - \$25,000 to purchase a traveling planetarium for science classes serving elementary schools in six WNC counties.

**Yokefellow Service Center** - \$7,000 to provide medication assistance to uninsured Rutherford County residents with limited access to mental health services.

**Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County** - \$7,000 to improve transportation for at-risk teens to attend tutoring, mentoring and life skills classes.

Fall 2006

**Union Mills Learning Center** - \$5,400 to purchase and install replacement windows and a front door to winterize the Union Mills Club House, a local community center. The Union Mills Club House was built in 1939 and is currently undergoing renovation.

**Rutherford Hospital** - \$7,000 to provide cancer screenings to low-income women as a part of the Cancer Outreach Project. This pilot project is collaboration between Rutherford Hospital, The American Cancer Society and the Rutherford County Health Department.

**Rutherford County Animal Protection Alliance** - \$7,000 to fund a part-time office, volunteer and program coordinator at the county's animal control facility. This grant will help overcome scheduling inadequacies and inconsistency of services.

Spring 2006

**Rutherford County Arts Council** - \$20,000 to support a multi-level arts-based afterschool educational program featuring musical theatre.

**Repay** - \$25,000 to replicate an effective offender reentry program in Rutherford and McDowell counties.

**KidSenses** - \$7,000 for two new science exhibits, The Magnetic Sculpture and The Momentum Balls, for this interactive children's museum.

**Realize Rutherford** - \$7,000 to develop a community-wide mentoring initiative project to address the high dropout rate by demonstrating to students that a meaningful education will contribute to future success.

Spring 2005

**County of Rutherford/Foothills Connect Small Business Programs** - \$25,000 to support entrepreneurial services provided by the new Foothills Connect Business and Technology Center, a community-wide collaboration to provide access to technology for individuals and small business entrepreneurs.

**Rutherford Life Services/Life Enrichment** - \$7,000 to create a teaching kitchen and provide exercise equipment for people who are physically and/or mentally disabled and need help preparing for future self-sufficiency.

**Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity** - \$4,500 to purchase a replacement tool storage trailer that is critical to housing construction.

**Yokefellow Service Center** - \$2,717 toward a computer technology upgrade that will allow the agency to efficiently provide low-income families in crisis with housing, clothing, food and/or medication assistance.

Fall 2004

**Rutherford Housing Partnership** - \$7,000 for the "Skilled Worker Identification Project," a partnership between four local nonprofit organizations that will provide a shared database of volunteer construction/rehabilitation workers.

Fall 2003

**Community Empowerment Project** - \$15,000 to renovate the Old Dunbar School kitchen to serve as a community resource center in Forest City.

**Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity** - \$15,000 to increase the organization's capacity to build more houses for people in need.

**Rutherford Life Services** - \$15,000 to support critical services that enhance the lives of individuals and families with special needs.

Spring 2003

**Family Resources of Rutherford County Inc.** - \$10,971 to establish an on-site computer lab to better serve participants in MotherLearn and New Choices training programs.

**Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina** - \$15,000 to support voluntary conservation of lands along the Broad River Basin.

**Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice** - \$15,000 to hire a new bilingual case developer for the Sentencing Services Program to focus on Spanish-speaking clients in Rutherford and surrounding counties.

**Yokefellow Service Center** - \$10,000 to purchase a truck to pick up donated furniture and appliances as part of the organization's efforts to provide crisis assistance to Rutherford County residents.

Fall 2002

**Community Progress Association of Union Mills** - \$7,000 toward renovations to their community center to expand services for local residents.

**Learning Tree** - \$15,000 to hire a certified teacher for special needs pre-school children from Rutherford and Polk counties.

**Rutherford Housing Partnership** - \$15,000 to start a program that provides professional repairs so that low-income people can remain in their homes safely.

Spring 2002

**Hospice of Rutherford County** -- \$15,000 to train volunteers and health professionals to assist families in dealing with end of life care issues.

**Youth Empowerment** -- \$15,000 to launch a new in-school mentoring program for elementary students to work in partnership with local business volunteers.

Fall 2001

**KidSenses** -- \$15,000 for a new outreach program featuring “Stuffee,” a seven-foot tall soft doll, which will be used as an educational tool in the schools and to promote the planned regional children’s museum.

**Learning Tree** -- \$8,157 toward equipment and toys to furnish an infant room at their new state-of-the-art child care center.

**Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity** -- \$10,000 to support a shared executive director for Habitat and the Rutherford Housing Initiative to address affordable housing needs.

**The Town of Rutherfordton** -- \$10,000 to equip a skateboard park, which is being created in response to grassroots community efforts of youth that are not otherwise involved in the community.

Fall 2000

**Rutherford Housing Partnership** -- \$10,000 to increase the hours of the director position in order to expand housing assistance for low-income, elderly and disabled citizens.

**Youth Empowerment** -- \$13,204 for a part-time administrative assistant to improve services for young people who have survived physical and sexual abuse in Rutherford County.

**Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina Foothills** -- \$12,000 for start-up of a Senior Financial Care program, which will provide elderly residents with in-home assistance on bill-paying, budget management, and insurance filing.

**Green Hill School Community Center Organization** -- \$8,612 to hire a project manager to coordinate volunteers and oversee the renovation of this former school in Rutherford County.

**Community Progress Association of Union Mills** -- \$15,000 to create a computer technology center in the former Union Mills Middle School in Rutherford County.

Spring 2000

**Rutherford County Arts Council** -- \$4,500 to purchase technological equipment for audio and video taping of performances, which will be used for educational purposes.

**Building Community** -- \$15,000 to help carry out an extensive citizen-based planning and implementation process to improve Rutherford County for the future.

**Yokefellow Service Center** -- \$6,000 for a new outcomes management program to more effectively help low-income clients in Rutherford County become self-sufficient.

**Rutherford Town Revitalization** -- \$15,000 to renovate an historic Rutherfordton building for use as a downtown community center and offices.

**Spencer Baptist Church** -- \$2,000 for expansion of its Super Buddies after school program, which serves disadvantaged children from the public school located next door in Spindale.

Spring 1999

**Dispute Settlement Center/Foothills Mediation Center** -- \$5,000 to launch a program in Rutherford and Polk County high schools on high school conflict resolution and peer mediation.

**Little Symphony of Rutherford County** -- \$4,500 to purchase percussion instruments for this multi-generational all-volunteer orchestra, and for creation of a development plan for future support.

Fall 1998

**Rutherford Housing Partnership** -- \$9,000 to hire a first-time staff person and provide needed home repairs for low-income and elderly residents of this largely rural area.

**N.C. Cooperative Extension Service/Rutherford County** -- \$500 toward construction of a walking track and public garden in Spindale.

**Family Resources of Rutherford** -- \$3,400 to furnish a playroom for children of domestic violence victims who stay in the organization's shelter.

Fall 1997

**Hospice of Rutherford County** -- \$2,000 to purchase materials for a new grief support group for bereaved parents.

Spring 1997

**Rutherford County Schools** -- \$1,500 to provide a three-day residency for six local schools and the public with the Chuck Davis African Dance Ensemble.

**Dispute Settlement Center** -- \$3,500 to provide training sessions for volunteers who will then offer mediation services for court-referred cases in Rutherford County.

Fall 1995

**Family Resources of Rutherford County** -- \$2,000 to launch a new in-school program at three Rutherford County high schools called "Consumer Credit College," to teach an estimated 500 teens about fiscal responsibility.

1994

**Magnolia House** - \$1,500 to help start a mobile crew at this day program for adults with mental illness.

**Pisgah Legal Services** - \$10,000 to launch a Children's Law Project serving Rutherford and five other western North Carolina counties to assure children have access to the publicly funded services.

1993

**Family Resources of Rutherford County** - \$3,000 toward new program which will provide in-home financial counseling to the elderly to help them remain self-sufficient.

1991

**Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice** - \$15,000 to develop an Alternative Sentencing Program to link nonviolent criminals with community service activities in Rutherford and four surrounding counties.