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FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Transylvania Endowment, contact Chair Tom Penn at 828-884-4237. For more information about The Community Foundation or to subscribe to e-news, contact Tara Scholtz, affiliate & development officer, at 828-254-4960 or by email at scholtz@cfwnc.org.

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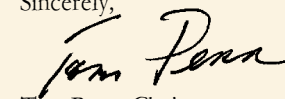
an affiliate of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina since 1998

The recession affected each of us; 2009 has been a year marked by a financial upheaval, the likes of which many of us have not experienced. In partnership with The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, the Transylvania Endowment launched a Recession Response Fund campaign. The Community Foundation provided a \$10,000 challenge grant; with these funds and an overwhelming response from people like you, a total of **\$30,790** has been distributed since March. (See inside for a complete list of our Recession Response Fund Grants.)

As 2009 comes to a close, the financial markets have been relatively stable. Our assets are slowly recovering. It is time to reflect on this year's accomplishments and strategize on the key role we play in shaping our community's future.

On behalf of the board, our grateful appreciation goes to each of you who contributed to our efforts this year. In the uncertain economic climate, your response demonstrated a deep and abiding willingness to help those less fortunate. If you've not yet sent a gift, there is still time - every gift makes a lasting impact on the lives of everyone who calls Transylvania County home.

Sincerely,



Tom Penn, Chair



Photo courtesy of Transylvania Christian Ministries

This refrigerator, purchased with Recession Response Funds, enables Transylvania Christian Ministries to accept more produce and high-protein donations.

INTRODUCTION & HISTORY

The Transylvania Endowment serves donors and nonprofits in Transylvania County. This endowment fund was established in 1998 by caring individuals who recognized the importance of a permanent charitable resource to support the ever-changing needs and opportunities in our community.

Contributions made to the Transylvania Endowment are pooled and invested by The Community Foundation. Proceeds from the investments are used to make grants while the original gifts remain intact, continuing to grow and becoming an everlasting resource for our community.

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RECESSION RESPONSE FUND

The Recession Response Fund campaign was launched to help front-line nonprofit organizations meet their clients' increasing needs for food, shelter, medical and utility assistance. No administrative fees were charged – every dollar raised was returned to the community. Our board reviewed compelling proposals on an expedited schedule to provide aid as quickly as possible. We are proud to have supported the following grantees during 2009:

Bread of Life - \$3,000
The Free Clinic of Transylvania County - \$10,050 (2 grants)
God's Way Fellowship - \$8,640 (3 grants)
Meals on Wheels of Brevard - \$1,000
Rosman United Methodist Church - \$1,500 (2 grants)
Transylvania Christian Ministries - \$5,600 (2 grants)
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