

2018 People in Need Awards

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American Cancer Society, Inc.	HPV VACs (Vaccinate Adolescents against Cancers) Program	\$20,000	For an HPV vaccine program in WNC that will partner with area clinics to increase the number of adolescents receiving the vaccine	McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Yancey
Arts For Life	Development Coordinator for Arts For Life's Programs at Mission Children's Hospital	\$20,000	To hire a Development Coordinator to sustain and grow support for its programs for pediatric patients and families at Mission Children's Hospital	WNC Region
Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Asheville Habitat Home Repair Expansion	\$7,500	To purchase tools and equipment to help complete 50 home projects	Buncombe
Asheville City Schools Foundation	In Real Life (IRL) After-School	\$20,000	For hands-on, equitable, and accessible after-school programming for at least 200 Asheville City middle school students	Buncombe
Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry	The Peer Support Counseling Program for Women and Veterans in Transitional Housing	\$20,000	For peer counseling for women transitioning out of homelessness and into living-wage employment and permanent housing	Buncombe
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Foundation	STEP (Skills Training Employment Program)	\$20,000	For a skills training program that will offer education and help in finding higher paid employment to recipients of food assistance	Buncombe, Madison
Bakersville Community Medical Clinic, Inc.	Bakersville Community Medical Clinic Backup Generator and Computer Upgrades	\$13,000	To purchase and install a backup generator to help the clinic function during power outages and to ensure vaccine storage would not be compromised	Mitchell
Basics Christian Ministries, Inc.	2019 Freezer Replacement Project	\$6,000	To purchase two upright freezers to replace four old, donated chest type freezers used to store meat for clients	Rutherford
Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project, Inc.	Increasing Access to Dental Care in WNC	\$20,000	To provide free dental health care to 750 low-income people	Jackson, Macon, Swain, Transylvania
Bountiful Cities Project	FEAST/Grass to Greens School Garden Expansion Project	\$20,000	To expand a successful school garden education program at three elementary schools to a total of seven elementary and middle schools	Buncombe

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Bounty & Soul	Rooted in Health™ Expansion	\$20,000	For the expansion of its successful food and health education programs for low-income people	Buncombe, McDowell
Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County	Leaving No Child Behind	\$20,000	For new staff positions that will allow up to 50 wait-listed children to attend club activities	Henderson
Bread of Life	Replace defective kitchen appliances, make needed plumbing improvements	\$11,989	To replace three non-working stoves and to install a water heater	Transylvania
Buncombe Alternatives Inc	Buncombe County Teen Court	\$20,000	For a coordinator for a teen court program designed to help first-time offenders change behaviors, graduate high school, and not re-offend	Buncombe
Burke Council on Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency, Inc. DBA Burke Recovery	A Second Chance: Supporting Recovery and Treatment Services (Burke County)	\$15,000	For substance abuse treatment and recovery services for people falling in a healthcare coverage gap	Burke
Carolina Public Press	Hunger in Western North Carolina	\$20,000	For a journalism project in partnership with MANNA FoodBank that will explore and report on hunger in Western North Carolina, including its effects, root causes and potential solutions. The project will produce reporting, forums and tools that increase regional dialogue and knowledge.	WNC Region
Center for Domestic Peace	Center for Domestic Peace Victim Advocacy	\$20,000	For a domestic violence advocate who will provide direct client support in court and in finding and maintaining safe housing	Jackson
Children & Family Resource Center of Henderson County	Preschoolers Reaching Educational Potential (PREP)	\$20,000	For hearing and vision impairment screenings for at-risk children and to prepare a care plan for those who need it	Henderson, Transylvania

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Children First/Communities In Schools of Buncombe County	Providing In-School Support to Economically Disadvantaged Elementary and Intermediate Students	\$20,000	For a student support program in five schools that will coordinate with principals, teachers, and social workers to develop and implement a comprehensive site plan addressing school-wide needs and identifying services for students at high risk of dropping out of school	Buncombe
Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas	Western North Carolina Childhood Cancer Safety Net	\$20,000	To help low-income WNC families that have a child with cancer manage lost wages, travel and lodging expenses, and critical home-care costs	WNC Region
Community Housing Coalition of Madison County	Year-Round Volunteer Repair Assistance Program	\$20,000	For the expansion of its volunteer program and to increase the number of houses being repaired	Madison
Conserving Carolina (formerly Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy)	Asheville-Buncombe Community Land Trust Operational Start-Up	\$20,000	To launch a new nonprofit that will address a lack of adequate housing options for low and moderate income families	Buncombe
Dig In! Yancey Community Garden	The Community Farmer: Creating the Farm & Education Manager at Dig In!	\$15,000	To hire a full-time Farm & Education Manager to increase garden production and educate local gardeners on how to provide produce to economically disadvantaged people	Yancey
Duke University	Partnership for Appalachian Girls' Education (PAGE)	\$20,000	For an education enhancement program serving 60 girls in grades 6 - 9 and digital education for grades 8 - 9	Madison
Fines Creek Community Association	Fines Creek MANNA Pantry	\$3,600	To provide food for more than 70 families and for utility expenses for the pantry	Haywood
Freedom Life	Jobs and Vocational Training to Prevent Recidivism	\$15,000	To purchase a truck for its pressure washing program, which provides transitional employment, training, and life skills to formerly incarcerated people	McDowell

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Graham Revitalization Economic Action Team	Graham Revitalization Economic Action Team	\$20,000	To continue the citizen-based organization that engages local, state and federal government representatives, businesses, citizens, EBCI representatives, and nonprofits to address county needs and improve economic vitality	Graham
Haywood Community College	The Lavender Fund	\$10,000	For an emergency assistance program for Haywood Community College students who are at risk of dropping out of school due to poverty, homelessness, or food insecurity	Haywood
Helpmate, Inc.	Case Management for Domestic Violence Survivors	\$20,000	For case management for survivors of domestic violence	Buncombe
Henderson County Young Leaders Program d/b/a Camplify	Program Six: Building Capacity and Expanding Family Outreach	\$20,000	For its programs serving disadvantaged youth in grades 4-12	Henderson
Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach	Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach Food Pantry Enhancements	\$10,000	To build a small intake room, increase the quality and quantity of food, and to purchase shelving, a refrigerator, and a freezer	Henderson, Rutherford
Homeward Bound of WNC	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$20,000	For case management for a program that provides permanent housing for vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals with disabling conditions such as mental illness, substance abuse, or chronic physical illness	Buncombe
Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge	Breathe Easy Expansion Project	\$6,000	To purchase equipment and supplies for a respiratory program	Avery, Mitchell, Yancey
Hospice House Foundation of WNC	Oversight of Construction of a Hospice Inpatient Facility that will serve far western NC	\$15,000	For construction contract administration for a \$4 million inpatient hospice facility	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain
Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House, Inc	Roof for the Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House Homeless Shelter	\$13,000	For a new roof for its homeless shelter	Cherokee
Irene Wortham Center, Inc.	Irene Wortham Center ELC and ADA Update	\$20,000	For teaching software for its 8 classrooms, a dishwasher, and kitchen floor replacement	WNC Region

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Jewish Family Services of WNC, Inc.	JFS Case Management Services	\$20,000	For a coordinated continuum of basic needs services to help low income people and families develop skills, access resources to overcome barriers, and thereby improve their security and quality of life	WNC Region
Just Economics	Raising the Wage Floor Through Living Wage Certification	\$20,000	For a living wage program in which Just Economics certifies employers and promotes in the community	Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania
Ledford's Chapel UMC-Matt's Ministry	Matt's Ministry - Food & Skills Program	\$13,000	For food and other expenses related to 10 children's food & cooking workshops	Clay
Loving Food Resources, Inc.	Feeding the Need in the Western Zone	\$20,000	For a food program and an expansion to serve 20 more families in hospice care	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain
McDowell Senior Center	McDowell Senior Center Commercial Food Steamer Request	\$19,232	For a commercial food steamer to prepare food for 280 elder clients daily	McDowell
Meals on Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County	Emergency Winter Food Supply for Elderly Homebound	\$9,850	To purchase 500 supplemental food boxes and approximately 50 cases of a supplemental nutrition beverage as an emergency winter food supply for the home-bound elderly	Buncombe
Mountain Housing Opportunities	Emergency Home Repair Program Expansion	\$15,000	To support development staff as they raise funds for its home repair program	Buncombe
NC MedAssist	Free Pharmacy Program for the Uninsured in Western North Carolina Region	\$20,000	To purchase generic lifesaving medications for the uninsured in WNC	WNC Region
NC Rural Center	Homegrown Leaders	\$20,000	Partial challenge grant match for a program that develops leaders in rural WNC	WNC Region
OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling	IRS VITA: Free Tax Preparation Project	\$20,000	For a free tax preparation program helping at least 650 income-eligible clients file tax returns and receive the highest possible tax refunds, save on fees, and avoid high-interest refund anticipation loans	Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Yancey

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Open Hearts Art Center	Empowering Adult Artists with Developmental Disabilities	\$14,000	To help developmentally disabled clients sell art online through eCommerce tools and artist video biographies	Buncombe
Read To Succeed Asheville	Read To Succeed Asheville/Buncombe Training Expansion Project	\$20,000	For a part-time staff member who will train, supervise, and place volunteer reading tutors in Asheville City and Buncombe County elementary schools	Buncombe
Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity	Volunteers for Tomorrow	\$20,000	To renovate an underutilized office space to house out-of-town volunteer groups	Rutherford
Rutherford Housing Partnership	Pro-Skills	\$15,000	For urgently needed repairs to homes of low-income homeowners	Rutherford
Sixth Avenue Psychiatric Rehabilitation Partners/dba Thrive	Operations Director	\$20,000	For clinical supervision and expertise and data collection support for client services	Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania
Southern Reconciliation Ministries Inc.	Food pantry ministry	\$10,000	To purchase food for its pantry that serves over 350 families a month	Yancey
Southmountain Children and Family Services	Medical Equipment for Transylvania County Children's Advocacy Center	\$20,000	For medical equipment needed in child abuse investigations that will provide forensic information with the least amount of trauma to the victims	Transylvania
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	Backpacks of Love 2019	\$20,000	To purchase food for approximately 5,000 backpacks	Haywood
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry	Meeting Vital Transportation Needs	\$20,000	To help clients with transportation needs, including repairs, gas vouchers, and monthly bus passes	Buncombe
The Free Clinics (of Henderson County)	Bridges to Health Expansion	\$20,000	To expand a health program in collaboration with Blue Ridge Health that will provide an alternative medical home for vulnerable patients with chronic medical conditions, behavioral health concerns, or severe economic deprivation	Henderson, Polk

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The Haven of Transylvania County	Shelter and Code Purple Program Manager	\$20,000	For a shelter manager position that will oversee an emergency shelter during freezing weather and manage its adult and family shelters	Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania
The Hinton Rural Life Center	Working Smarter Not Harder through Advanced Technologies	\$20,000	For a comprehensive phone system and customer relationship management system to increase efficiency and effectiveness	Clay
The Housing Assistance Corporation	Home Repair Program	\$20,000	For home repair for low-income people	Henderson, Polk, Transylvania
The Meeting Place One	Rapid Re-Housing for FACES of Homelessness in Burke County	\$15,000	For a housing program for 10 families	Burke
Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Alliance	Increasing Resources for Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	\$20,000	For therapeutic programs for child abuse victims	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain
Under One Sky Village Foundation	Bridging Over Trauma for Youth in Foster Care	\$20,000	To expand its support services year-round for children in foster care through supporting social workers and foster families and through ongoing trauma-informed staff training	WNC Region
United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County	Homework Diners	\$20,000	To expand a weekly after-school program designed to help at-risk students succeed in school	Buncombe
Western Carolina Medical Society Foundation	Breaking the Language Barrier: WCMS Interpreter Network (WIN) Support of Project Access®	\$20,000	For interpreter/translation services for participating providers who offer free or low-cost health care to low-income patients without health insurance	Buncombe, Madison
Williams YMCA of Avery County	Avery County Teen Center - Phase 2	\$20,000	To open a Teen Center that will provide 638 youth with social activities, academic support, and life skills, and teach healthy lifestyles	Avery
YWCA of Asheville and WNC	Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World (GA)	\$20,000	For a program that empowers the poor to build resources for more prosperous lives for themselves, their families, and their communities	Buncombe
		Total:	\$1,152,171	