



**BLACK MOUNTAIN -
SWANNANOVA VALLEY**
ENDOWMENT FUND

A CFWNC AFFILIATE FUND FOR 20 YEARS

Grant History

127 Grants Totaling \$1,031,290

Spring 2000 – Spring 2019

Spring 2019 (\$100,850)

Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000 for home repairs that address health, safety and accessibility issues.

Black Mountain Center for the Arts - \$4,000 to provide art programs to people with dementia.

Black Mountain Counseling Center - \$10,000 to provide mental health services to low-income people.

Black Mountain Primary School - \$2,310 for picnic tables and landscaping.

Bounty & Soul - \$10,000 to establish a farmer's outreach program.

Charles D. Owen Middle School - \$7,500 to remodel the cafeteria.

Food Connection - \$5,400 for supplies and a driver for food distribution.

LEAF Community Arts - \$2,000 for a training program designed to help teachers integrate art in their curricula.

Meals on Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County - \$10,000 for food for meals for home-bound seniors.

NC MedAssist - \$2,500 for a free pharmacy program for low-income patients.

The Old Depot Association - \$2,590 to purchases benches and promotional material.

Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council/Children and Friends Enrichment Center - \$550 to purchase educational toys.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$10,000 for utility assistance for low-income people.

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County - \$10,000 to support its middle school initiative at Owen Middle School.

Verner Center for Early Learning - \$5,000 to install a controlled access front door.

Western North Carolina Lions/Marjorie McCune Memorial Center - \$5,000 to provide medical care for blind, frail or elderly veterans and disabled residents.

YMCA of Western North Carolina - \$4,000 to provide life-saving water safety skills to children.

Spring 2018 (\$90,905)

Black Mountain Center for the Arts - \$3,000 for facility exterior lighting to improve building visibility and security.

Bounty & Soul - \$10,000 to provide health and wellness education and resources to youth in Black Mountain/Swannanoa Valley.

Christmount Christian Assembly/Camp Lakey Gap - \$7,000 to purchase sensory play equipment for a renovated playground used by children of all abilities.

Friends of Buncombe Libraries/Friends of Black Mountain Library - \$3,000 to install a ceiling-mounted projector and sound system.

Meals on Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County - \$10,000 to purchase wholesale food for 35 homebound seniors.

Mountain Area Health Education Center, Inc. - \$2,100 to purchase a pulmonary function test machine for the Swannanoa health center.

NC MedAssist - \$5,000 to purchase lifesaving prescription medications for the uninsured in Black Mountain and Swannanoa Valley.

North Carolina Outward Bound School - \$5,000 to support a comprehensive experiential education program at Owen High School.

Serpent Child Productions - \$4,000 to help fund a documentary film, *Blanket Town: The Rise and Fall of An American Mill Town*, about the Beacon Blanket Mill and its employees.

Special Olympics North Carolina - \$2,500 to develop and grow its local program.

Swannanoa Community Council - \$5,000 to support the construction of a permanent covered performance pavilion in Grovemont Park.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$10,000 to help low-income people perform necessary home maintenance.

Swannanoa Valley Museum - \$6,805 to purchase museum quality, locking exhibit cases.

United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County - \$10,000 to support its Middle School Success initiative at Owen Middle School.

Western North Carolina Lions/Marjorie McCune Memorial Center - \$7,500 to provide medical care for veterans and blind, elderly and disabled people in the Black Mountain/Swannanoa Valley Community.

Fall 2017 (\$40,000)

Black Mountain Counseling Center - \$20,000 to support a transition in the Executive Director role from providing individual counseling to meeting the managerial and administrative needs of the Center.

Verner Center for Early Learning - \$20,000 to cover funding gaps for low-income working families that allow children, birth to five years, to access high-quality affordable early care and education and a wide range of supportive family services.

Spring 2017 (\$83,640)

Black Mountain Counseling Center - \$10,000 to provide free group support services to people who need therapeutic counseling.

Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families - \$10,000 for apprenticeship programs that offer opportunities to youth who face developmental and environmental challenges that can make a traditional education difficult. The goal of the program is to help youth earn a living wage, and it includes experience in automotive, hospitality, housekeeping, culinary, outdoor leadership and recreation industries.

Bounty & Soul - \$10,000 for its Latino Outreach Program that holds weekly markets at Owen Middle School (which is convenient to 3 predominately Latino neighborhoods), conducts the Rooted in Health program in Spanish with translated written materials and offers weekly ESL classes and twice weekly Zumba classes.

Friends and Neighbors of Swannanoa - \$3,000 for supplies needed to build an Education Pavilion at the Swannanoa Community Garden that will serve as an outdoor classroom for Swannanoa Valley schools and clubs.

Friends of Buncombe Libraries/Friends of Black Mountain Library - \$2,300 to purchase and install two wall mounted baby changing stations and two dispensers for diaper disposal bags.

Friends of Buncombe Libraries/Friends of Swannanoa Library - \$3,551 to purchase a computer system, software and ancillary materials designed for preschool children.

Mountain Area Health Education Center, Inc. (MAHEC) - \$7,250 to purchase a portable ultrasound machine for the MAHEC Family Health Center at Swannanoa. The onsite ultrasound services will provide high quality and accessible care for patients and will help maintain a productive teaching environment for Family Medicine residents and medical students who rotate through the clinic.

Mountain Housing Opportunities - \$10,000 to expand home repair services to very low-income homeowners. The Emergency Home Repair program serves homeowners who earn less than 50% of area median income, and more than half of the services are provided to elderly residents.

Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council/Children and Friends Enrichment Center - \$10,000 to fund the development of a comprehensive expansion and building plan needed to build a new developmentally-appropriate center to serve 150 children.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$6,625 to provide assistance for 135 people who have unmet health care needs.

Swannanoa Valley Museum - \$3,414 to place three recycled plastic benches in its Alley exhibit space and to add signage to the southern exterior of the museum building.

Western North Carolina Lions/Marjorie McCune Memorial Center - \$7,500 to purchase necessary medical supplies for the elderly, veterans and disabled people.

Fall 2016 (\$20,000)

Bounty & Soul - \$20,000 to support the Rooted in Health-Spanish Resources program to expand health and wellness education to food-insecure Latino and Hispanic residents in the Swannanoa Valley.

Spring 2016 (\$74,000)

Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families - \$3,000 for an Educational Incentive Retreat to provide rewards that encourage foster care youth to focus on education.

Bounty & Soul (fiscal sponsor St. James Episcopal Church) - \$5,000 for the Rooted in Health-Spanish Resources program to expand health and wellness education to food-insecure Latino and Hispanic residents in the Swannanoa Valley.

Charles D. Owen Middle School - \$10,000 to purchase instruments, equipment and music for the newly established middle school strings orchestra program.

Junior Achievement Central Carolina-WNC - \$2,500 to provide Swannanoa youth, grades K-12, an opportunity to engage with community leaders and experience “real world” scenarios involving financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship.

Marjorie McCune Memorial Center - \$5,000 to provide medical supplies for the low-income patients, the uninsured and veterans.

North Carolina Outward Bound School - \$7,250 to support the Wilderness Unity Course, a comprehensive experiential education program at Owen High School designed to enhance students’ non-cognitive skills, increase cultural competence and transform school culture.

Rotary Club of Black Mountain Foundation - \$4,000 for a Back Pack program that provides healthy food over the weekend and holidays to children who are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program.

Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council/Children and Friends Enrichment Center - \$10,000 to build an additional classroom to accommodate the waiting list of children who need early learning opportunities to prepare for kindergarten.

Swannanoa Valley Museum - \$10,000 to renovate the interior of the historic Black Mountain Fire House where it is housed.

Town of Black Mountain-Recreation & Parks Department - \$8,250 to install a ceiling and finish floors and walls in the Carver Community Kitchen.

Verner Center for Early Learning - \$9,000 to support a technology upgrade to help Verner continue to provide high-quality early education to low-income families.

Fall 2015 (\$40,000)

Black Mountain Counseling Center - \$20,000 to support a full-time licensed mental health therapist to meet the demand for services for adults, couples and families currently on a wait-list.

Verner Center for Early Learning (formerly Mountain Area Child and Family Center) - \$20,000 to provide affordable, high-quality early care and education and a wide range of supportive family services to low-income families with children from 6 weeks to 5 years old.

Spring 2015 (\$46,610)

Black Mountain Center for the Arts - \$9,000 to update and upgrade the main floor lighting in the Old Town Hall, along with theater stage renovation and program support, to build capacity to serve the community.

Black Mountain Parks and Greenways, Inc. - \$8,000 toward the cost of the purchase and installation of a town clock to be located at the corner of Highway 70 and Montreat Road in the Town of Black Mountain. The clock includes a plaque recognizing the great work of James A. Buckner as a major supporter of the town.

North Carolina Outward Bound School - \$7,410 to support the Wilderness Unity Course at Owen High School, a comprehensive experiential education program designed to enhance students' non-cognitive skills, increase cultural competence and transform school culture.

Rotary Club of Black Mountain Foundation - \$5,200 to provide children eligible for the free lunch program with healthy food over weekends and holidays.

Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council's Children and Friends Enrichment Center - \$9,000 to purchase and install playground equipment.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$8,000 to assist with the medical needs of clients living in poverty.

Fall 2014 (\$20,000)

Bounty & Soul - \$20,000 to support the launch of its Mobile Market program to fill an urgent need for fresh, healthy, affordable food in rural food deserts.

Spring 2014 (\$26,000)

Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity - \$4,676 to help build a Swannanoa Valley home for a low-income family.

Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc. (now Mountain Child Advocacy Center) - \$7,500 to provide educational programs to students about child abuse and support services to victims and their families.

Friends and Neighbors of Swannanoa - \$560 to purchase equipment for a community garden.

LEAF Community Arts - \$3,700 for performing artists to conduct arts education residencies in Owen schools.

Rotary Club of Black Mountain Foundation - \$5,200 to provide food to children and their families through the weekend.

St. James Episcopal Church - \$4,364 to operate weekly markets providing fresh food, nutrition literacy and health and wellness counseling for low-income seniors, working poor, under-employed, unemployed and food insecure children and families.

Fall 2013 (\$30,000)

Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families (formerly Presbyterian Home for Children) - \$20,000 for additional staff to expand a program that has proven to be a successful motivator for youth to finish high school or earn a GED and consider pursuing post-secondary education.

Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center (now Black Mountain Counseling Center) - \$10,000 to subsidize the cost of lower-income children, adults, couples and families seeking help with mental, behavioral, emotional or spiritual issues.

Fall 2012 (\$44,700)

The Ministry of Hope (formerly Black Mountain Correctional Center for Women's Chaplaincy Program) - \$20,000 to help ensure that at least two part-time chaplains remain at the prison to continue serving a growing prison population.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$20,000 for Educational and Job Skills Training Program to aid clients of the Swannanoa Valley with attending college-level courses and programs.

Swannanoa Valley Transitional Housing Committee - \$4,700 to develop materials and promote its program at Jane Pfaff House to help with fundraising efforts.

Spring 2012 (\$36,800)

Warren Wilson College - \$11,800 for a program expansion to develop a service learning course with four to six nonprofits to better integrate community service into the academic model.

The Welcome Table - \$25,000 to purchase food for weekly Wednesday community-wide lunch to feed those in need.

Spring 2011 (\$14,000)

Mediation Center, Inc. - \$7,000 to implement a re-entry program for inmates at the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women and their loved ones.

The Welcome Table - \$7,000 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.

Fall 2010 (\$25,000)

Swannanoa Valley Transitional Housing - \$25,000 to hire its first Executive Director. The director will offer ex-inmates a mentor and help with problem solving to include, education, job hunting assistance, personal problems, financial guidance and anything that will help with a positive transition into society.

Fall 2009 (\$12,870)

Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center - \$4,970 for administrative and counseling support.

Hand in Hand of the Swannanoa Valley - \$400 to address the needs of children in Swannanoa Valley Schools.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$5,000 for Crisis Mortgage and Rental Fund and the Crisis Utility (Power and Water) Fund.

Town of Black Mountain - \$2,500 for The Welcome Table to purchase food to continue the weekly lunch program.

Spring 2009 (\$10,000)

Community High School - \$4,000 for Farm to Table: A Hunger and Employment Initiative. The grant will pay the supervisor of teen workers in this summer's garden program. Produce will be donated to families in need in the Swannanoa Valley through referrals from Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry and The Welcome Table in Black Mountain.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$5,000 for the Crisis Utility (Power and Water) Fund. Coupled with what the Ministry can supplement, approximately 25 additional families will benefit, enabling about 100 people – to include 35 youth and 10 elderly or disabled – to continue to have power and/or water in their homes.

Town of Black Mountain - \$1,000 for The Welcome Table to establish a food pantry and to purchase food preparation equipment to expand the weekly lunch program. The Welcome Table is also extending its reach to those individuals in need of financial counseling, blood pressure testing and providing fresh produce from the Black Mountain Community Garden at the Community High School.

Winter 2008 (\$12,500)

Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center - \$2,500 for administrative and counseling support.

Hand in Hand of the Swannanoa Valley - \$2,500 for the program *Valley Churches helping Valley Students*.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$5,000 for the Crisis Mortgage and Rental Fund.

Town of Black Mountain - \$2,500 to upgrade the kitchen facility for the Black Mountain Welcome Table.

Fall 2008 (\$5,400)

NC Cooperative Extension - \$5400 for a community participatory planning process project for the Swannanoa community.

Spring 2008 (\$52,900)

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Buncombe County - \$25,000 to prepare teenagers in Black Mountain and Swannanoa for the future by teaching career exploration and financial-management skills.

Black Mountain Pastoral Care and Counseling Center - \$24,900 for a new center that will provide mental health services.

Black Mountain Swannanoa Arts Center - \$3,000 to purchase equipment for new dance and music programs.

Spring 2007 (\$7,000)

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$7,000 to purchase equipment and furnishings for the Welcome Center at its newly expanded facility.

Fall 2006 (\$14,000)

Black Mountain Center for the Arts - \$7,000 to purchase media equipment to enhance several of the Center's productions and launch a new film series.

WCQS Public Radio - \$7,000 to replace a transmitter in Black Mountain to bring public radio programming to local areas where reception is currently poor or unavailable.

Spring 2006 (\$29,440)

Presbyterian Home for Children - \$25,000 toward planning and design of a new facility that will allow older children to live in an apartment-type setting and learn independent living skills while pursuing higher education.

The Old Depot Association - \$4,440 to help refurbish the historic caboose, which houses a collection of artifacts and photos that document a portion of the history of the Swannanoa Valley.

Fall 2005 (\$12,000)

Black Mountain Center for the Arts - \$5,000 to purchase kilns and other pottery equipment for the new wet clay studio that will benefit artists and the general public. The studio will provide classroom space for instruction in a wide variety of pottery techniques and skills.

Town of Black Mountain – Village Way Greenway - \$7,000 to build a 7/10-mile connector footpath between the primary and elementary schools, which share facilities, programs and staff. The footpath will provide an efficient, safe passageway that promotes physical activity and will become a part of the town's master greenway plan.

Spring 2005 (\$15,750)

Black Mountain Correctional Center for Women's Chaplaincy Program - \$7,000 to develop a video/DVD that will convey the nature of their work and be used as a fundraising tool to expand the financial support among churches, organizations and civic groups across the region they serve.

Swannanoa Valley Historical & Preservation Association - \$5,250 to conduct a two-day charette and other planning processes to assist in the design and renovation of the historical site.

The Town of Black Mountain - \$3,500 to complete RiverWalk Park and its educational staging area on a two-acre site in downtown Black Mountain behind Bi-Lo and demonstrate to grade school children and college students that polluted runoff from the parking lot can be effectively purified through a natural, bioretention wetland system prior to its release into the Swannanoa River.

Fall 2003 (\$23,500)

Quality Forward (now Asheville GreenWorks) - \$15,000 to improve the garden at Buncombe Community School East for vocational training at this alternative school.

Town of Black Mountain - Public Works Department - \$8,500 to transform a busy downtown thoroughfare into a safe pedestrian-friendly walkway.

Spring 2003 (\$22,080)

Buncombe County Schools Foundation - \$13,080 to purchase supplemental material for the Black Mountain Elementary School's Media Center's collection.

Mountain Area Hospice (now CarePartners Hospice & Palliative Care) - \$9,000 to initiate a Care Team Network in Buncombe County that would train and support faith community volunteers in providing care for individuals and families who are dealing with serious health issues.

Fall 2002 (\$6,000)

Black Mountain Center for the Arts - \$6,000 to ensure the continuation and improvement of a folk history play entitled, "Way Back When: The Story of Black Mountain and Swannanoa Valley."

Spring 2002 (\$10,500)

Quality Forward* - \$3,000 for the Charles D. Owen Community Park improvement project in the Swannanoa Valley.

The Swannanoa Valley Historic & Preservation Association (now known as Swannanoa Valley Museum) - \$7,500 to hire a part-time trained museum professional to provide curatorial functions for the museum.

Fall 2001 (\$8,000)

Town of Black Mountain - \$8,000 to develop a professional landscape plan for beautification efforts in the town's public spaces.

Spring 2001 (\$37,500)

American Adventure Service Corps (formerly known as Scouting Outward) - \$15,000 for a first-time program director position for a new Black Mountain site.

Black Mountain Center for the Arts - \$10,000 for the writing and production of an original play, "Way Back When: The Story of Black Mountain and the Swannanoa Valley," to be performed in the schools and for the public.

Swannanoa Valley Youth Academy* (formerly called the Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention) - \$12,500 to create a "Safe Room" where staff can safely and humanely place youth who are suicidal or are placing others at risk.

Fall 2000 (\$27,500)

Buncombe County Schools Foundation - \$10,000 for new counseling programs at the Black Mountain Family Center to target local families identified by the Department of Social Services as "at-risk."

Black Mountain Correctional Facility - \$10,000 to create a resource development plan for sustaining the chaplaincy position, which provides inmates with support during incarceration and planning for life after prison.

Mountain Area Child and Family Center* - \$7,500 for equipment and resources for a Family Services Center at this Swannanoa child care program, where parents will have computer access, a community meeting site, and a lending library.

Spring 2000 (\$31,845)

Swannanoa Community Council - \$10,345 toward construction of a playground adjacent to the Swannanoa Public Library.

Forsyth Initiative for Residential Self-Help Treatment (FIRST)* - \$10,000 to support expansion of its nonprofit moving business, which will produce income for the start-up of this addiction recovery program.

Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry - \$500 challenge grant to help create an annual fund for medical needs of low-income people in Black Mountain.

Swannanoa Valley Child Care Council - \$10,000 to purchase equipment and supplies for an expanded after-school program serving elementary age children.

Black Mountain Swannanoa Center for the Arts* - \$1,000 toward an opening celebration that is intended to solidify long-term support for this new facility.

**The Black Mountain – Swannanoa Valley Endowment Fund did not have funds to allocate to these projects but advised CFWNC grantmaking decisions on these grants and served an important leadership role.*