



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

**Grants & Gifts Program History**  
**Fall 1995 – Fall 2009**

Fall 2009

**Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project** awarded \$5,000 toward operating expenses at the free dental clinic that provides full dental services for low income and uninsured children and adults in the Cashiers- Highlands area.

**Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers** awarded \$4,000 for operating expenses including staffing, pharmacy and medical supplies for this free clinic providing primary health care for uninsured residents and workers in the Highlands-Cashiers communities.

**Highlands Emergency Council** awarded \$5,790 toward heating and utility assistance for low income residents, including the elderly and working families in Highlands area.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC** - \$2,000 toward program coordinator that matches and supports 20 Highland School elementary students in one-on-one mentoring relationships.

**Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$5,000 toward support of programs including after-school tutoring, GED classes, ESL Classes and adult literacy classes, especially using the computer lab at Peggy Crosby Center.

**Peggy Crosby Community Service Center** - \$5,000 toward the replacement of windows for improved energy efficiency and safety, especially in the Early Head Start classrooms.

Spring 2009

**Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers** - \$5,000 for operating expenses including pharmacy and medical supplies for the free clinic providing health care for uninsured residents and workers in the Highlands and Cashiers communities.

**International Friendship Center** - \$3,000 for the food pantry at the Peggy Crosby Center.

Winter 2008

**The Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$1,435 as a Summertime Kids Grants to support the Council's summer program.

**International Friendship Center** - \$1,435 for food pantry purchases.

**Highlands Emergency Council** - \$1,435 for heating and utility assistance.

**Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers** - \$1,435 for general operations of the clinic.

Fall 2008

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC** - \$2,000 to support the organization's Mentoring Program in Highlands.

**Highlands Emergency Council** - \$5,000 to provide fuel assistance to senior citizens and families.

Summer 2008

**Performing Arts Center** - \$5,000 to underwrite new programming to expand audience in 2008.

Spring 2008

**The Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$7,000 to expand the computer lab and help children and adults learn basic skills.

**Highlands Biological Foundation** - \$4,425 to underwrite speaker costs and to market the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series, an annual public forum for regional environmental organizations and residents.

**The Bascom-Louise Gallery Corporation** - \$7,000 to equip a new ceramic studio that will serve students and adults in the Highlands community.

Winter 2007

**Highlands Emergency Council** - \$5,000 to provide fuel assistance to senior citizens and families.

**Highlands Community Child Development Center** - \$5,000 to help cover the cost for teaching staff and childcare operating expenses.

**International Friendship Center** - \$5,000 for a transportation study to assess common needs and possible solutions for workers serving the community.

Spring 2007

**The Fine Art Center/Bascom-Louise Gallery** - \$25,000 to partially fund the new position of Managing Director to provide professional organizational management and to develop and implement a sustained fundraising plan.

**Highlands Biological Station and Nature Center** - \$6,700 toward entranceway improvements at the Botanical Gardens that will complement educational programming on native plants of the Highlands Plateau.

**Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$7,000 to purchase reading tutorial software to assist the afterschool and adult literacy programs that are serving 65 participants yearly.

**Highlands Historical Society** - \$5,000 toward restoration of the one-room "Bug Hill" cottage as an educational exhibit of Highlands' historical heritage. The cottage was built in the early 1900's as a tuberculosis sanatorium.

Winter 2006

**Highlands Emergency Council** - \$5,000 to provide fuel assistance to senior citizens and families during the winter.

**Highlands Community Child Development Center** - \$5,000 to help cover the cost for teaching staff and childcare operating expenses.

**The Bascom-Louise Gallery Corporation** - \$5,000 to support the organization's capital campaign to build a new facility. The funds will go toward the early construction costs.

Fall 2006

**Fibber Magee's Closet** - \$5,000 to help the Highland Woman's Club pay the mortgage on their first Club-owned building that houses Fibber Magee's Closet, a clothing store where Highlands residents can buy quality used clothing at reasonable prices.

Summer 2006

**Highlands Historical Society** - \$5,000 to replace a wall damaged by heavy rains that has caused ongoing erosion and property damage.

**Highlands Studio for the Arts** - \$2,500 for scholarships for the "Instant Theatre," a special summer children's theatre program.

**International Friendship Center** - \$2,500 to assist the center in providing services to immigrant workers and their families including visa applications, living arrangements, health issues and jobs.

**Performing Arts Center** - \$2,500 for an awning on the front of the building that will provide a dry area for passenger drop off.

Spring 2006

**Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers** - \$25,000 to help start a free health clinic for people of limited resources who live or work in the Highlands-Cashiers area and do not have health insurance.

**Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$7,000 to equip the Computer Lab to provide adult students with after-hours access to programs for learning English and/or studying for the GED.

**Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust** - \$2,500 toward the acquisition costs for the Pine Street Park in Highlands.

Winter 2005

**Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival** - \$1,500 towards the cost of underwriting free family concerts presented in the community during the summer season.

**Highlands Emergency Council** - \$2,500 to purchase fuel for heating for senior citizens and families.

**Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$2,500 towards the purchase of equipment for a Computer Lab that will serve as a Learning Lab with language software for the ESL (English as a Second Language) program.

Fall 2005

**Highlands Community Child Development Center** - \$4,000 to install an elevated walkway and interpretative signage for the rain garden. The site incorporates state-of-the-art stormwater runoff management practices and will be used to inform and educate students, local developers and government officials.

**Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund (of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina)** - \$1,000 toward the relief effort. These funds will be forwarded to the Greater New Orleans Foundation and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation in southern Mississippi to help with unmet needs in the heart of the disaster.

**Highlands Community Child Development Center (HCCDC)** - \$2,500 toward the cost of creating a demonstration area to teach students, contractors and property owners about the latest techniques in stormwater management from the state-of-the-art technologies system installed at the HCCDC.

**Highlands School** - \$2,500 toward achieving the school improvement plan goal of assuring that all Highlands School students entering at kindergarten are able to read at grade level by third grade. The funds will be used for teachers and assistants to attend sessions in reading instruction at the NC Reading Association annual conference.

**Town of Highlands/Land Steward of the Highlands Plateau** - \$2,500 toward the eradication of Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), a non-native plant that has invaded the corridors and streets of the Town of Highlands, crowding native plants, eliminating wildlife habitats and blocking scenic vistas.

Spring 2005

**The Instant Theatre** - \$2,500 to cover a portion of cost for rent, scripts, textbooks, props, costumes, set materials and instructor fees that will allow the organization to offer free acting classes to local middle school students.

**Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207** - \$500 toward replacing tents and other camping gear damaged by storms during the troop's annual campout.

**International Friendship Center** - \$23,400 to expand services to immigrant workers and their families including referral and assistance with housing, employment and translation.

**Macon County Sheriff's Department** -- \$1,473.60 to purchase winter clothing for inmates who pick up trash along the highway in Highlands as a part of the Community Inmate Beautification Project.

**Highlands School** -- \$2,500 to fund staff development for mathematics faculty to attend Accelerated Math Training.

Fall 2004

**Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance** - \$1,650 to purchase audio-visual equipment for community presentations on important environmental issues like the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid problem facing Highlands and the surrounding area.

**Bascom-Louise Gallery Corporation** - \$5,000 for an afterschool visual arts program for kindergarten and first-grade students at Highlands School related to curriculum developed by the NC Department of Instruction.

**International Friendship Center (Centro de Amigos)** - \$2,500 to increase office space and expand their services to meet current needs for medical and legal referrals, promotion of an improved quality of life for non-English speakers, community education and the integration of the international population into the community at large.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Western North Carolina** - \$1,000 for a program coordinator to develop a community-based mentoring program that includes recruitment, screening and training of adult volunteers to serve as mentors.

Fall 2004 – Special Grant

**Cullasaja Gorge Fire & Rescue Squad** – a special gift by the Highlands Community Foundation Board of \$4,150 to aid those affected locally by hurricanes and flooding. The Cullasaja Gorge Fire & Rescue Squad was the first to respond to people in the area and will continue to help devastated individuals and families as they recover and rebuild.

Spring 2004

**Carpe Diem Farms** - \$2,500 to support an experiential adventure afterschool program for Highlands School students using horses as the primary “staff” to help at risk children grow and develop to their full potential.

**Peggy Crosby Center** - \$2,500 to support psychological and financial counseling for families who do not have the resources to pay for private counseling.

**Highlands School** - \$2,500 toward a new playground structure for elementary age youth.

**The Instant Theatre Company** - \$2,500 to fund classroom space and provide scripts, textbooks, classroom supplies and teaching materials for community youth theater program.

Winter 2004

**Peggy Crosby Center** - \$1,000 toward the installation of a new telephone system at the Center to serve nonprofit tenants and other organizations in the community.

**Highlands Community Christian Chorale** - \$700 toward materials and supplies to establish a centralized storage space of music for community-wide use.

Fall 2003

**Highlands Community Child Development Center, Inc.** - \$2,500 toward construction of a new childcare center.

**Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$5,000 to research and develop an outreach program to address adult illiteracy.

**Bascom-Louise Gallery** - \$2,500 to continue an afterschool program for middle school youth that do not receive art education in the public school.

**Highlands Historical Society** - \$2,500 towards the cost of connecting the sewer line from the Highlands Historical Village to the town system.

**Peggy Crosby Community Service Center/International Friendship Center (Centro de Amigos)** - \$2,500 toward the part-time salary of an assistant director/office manager who is bi-lingual for this ecumenical, multi-cultural organization.

Spring 2003

**Highlands Land Trust** - \$2,450 to print 5,000 brochures entitled "Designing Your Home and Garden to Protect the Beauty of Our Mountains."

**Literacy Council of Highlands Inc.** - \$2,500 to purchase the Wilson Language System tiles teaching tool.

Fall 2002

**Bascom-Louise Gallery** - \$5,000 for a community outreach program to teach middle school students to use art as a way to learn about local environmental issues.

**Performing Arts Center** - \$10,000 to purchase equipment needed for community groups to offer educational and arts presentations.

Spring 2002

**Highlands Historical Society** -- \$7,500 toward the relocation and restoration of the old Hudson Library as a cultural interpretive center.

**Highlands Land Trust** - \$5,000 for expansion of the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series to educate the public about protection of natural resources.

Spring 2001

**Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$3,200 to expand operations and to begin a 12-week "English as a Second Language" program for Hispanic women and children in Macon County.

Fall 2000

**Performing Arts Center** -- \$12,000 for a part-time coordinator to oversee ticket sales, bookings, and fundraising for this new, year-round performing arts facility in Highlands.

Spring 2000

**Highlands Cashiers Conservation League** - \$1,500 to support a lecture series on the Highlands Plateau to increase awareness about the importance of the local natural environment.

Spring 1999

**First Presbyterian Church** - \$7,500 for a Pre-School Parent Education Program.

**Highlands Land Trust** - \$3,000 toward a summer educational program.

Fall 1997

**Literacy Council of Highlands** - \$5,000 to purchase two computers and related materials for its tutoring programs.

Fall 1996

**Highlands American Red Cross** - \$2,500 challenge grant to be matched by new gifts from the community to establish and furnish an emergency shelter in Highlands.

Fall 1995

**Highlands Biological Station & Nature Center** - \$3,000 to create and distribute Nature Education Kits to public school teachers in Macon, Jackson, Swain and Clay counties.

**Highlands Rotary** - \$1,500 to increase opportunities for people in Highlands and the surrounding area to participate in community theater through the Highlands Community Players.