

**Recession Response Fund
November 2009
71 Grants totaling \$437,555**

Buncombe

ARC of Buncombe County awarded \$6,500 for the Direct Financial Assistance Program for people with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities.

Big Ivy Community Development Club awarded \$2,500 for heating assistance to purchase wood and fuel that will serve approximately 50 families in the Big Ivy Community.

Bountiful Cities Project awarded \$7,600 for operating support, tools and supplies to further a number of community partnerships to develop urban community gardens.

Caring For Children awarded \$7,000 for Trinity Place, a transitional, short-term shelter for children referred by DSS, Juvenile Courts, mental health professionals, school personnel and from direct family requests.

Catholic Social Services Diocese of Charlotte awarded \$5,000 for Emergency Financial Assistance funds for food, utilities, rent and mortgage payments for families in Buncombe and surrounding counties impacted by the recession including immigrants who do not speak English.

Center for Participatory Change awarded \$15,500 to support a new VISTA program. VISTA members are full time, one-year volunteers who commit to a year of service in exchange for a living stipend, health coverage and an educational award. Eight VISTA's will be placed with organizations in five counties.

The Chapel Door awarded \$5,500 for the Lord's Acre which coordinates churches and volunteers to work in a community garden that provides local organic produce for families in need.

Children First of Buncombe County awarded \$7,000 for the Program Coordinator of the Family Resource Center at Emma.

The Church of the Advocate awarded \$5,500 for direct emergency assistance to people who are homeless.

Grace Community Development Corporation awarded \$4,000 to provide low-income students with a nutritious meal and snack for the Success Through Education and Prevention.

Homeward Bound awarded \$8,000 for the A HOPE Center which serves the chronically homeless, those cycling through a period of homelessness, and individuals tenuously housed.

Irene Wortham Center awarded \$6,600 to supplement the increase in health insurance for the Supported Employee Program.

MANNA FoodBank awarded \$37,500 to fund an additional truck driver in order to enable increased deliveries of food supplies to agencies and begin making store level pickups primarily in Murphy, Sylva, and Waynesville.

Meals On Wheels of Buncombe County awarded \$7,000 to buy bulk quantities of food for preparation of individual meals.

Mountain Area Child and Family Center awarded \$5,000 to continue the Rainbow in My Pantry - Food Assistance Program that provides high quality nutritional food to low-income families through monthly food box deliveries and bi-monthly socials that teach food preparation and nutrition.

OnTrack Financial Education and Counseling awarded \$10,000 to hire a Tax Project Coordinator to prepare taxes, train and coordinate two volunteer tax preparers, and complete grant and IRS reporting.

Pisgah Legal Services awarded \$30,960 to provide legal aid across six counties for families in crisis due to the recession. There has been a 29% increase in cases in the past year.

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Three Streams Family Health Care Center awarded \$5,000 for organizational and medical supplies for the regular operation of the adult primary care clinic.

Western Carolina Rescue Ministries awarded \$5,000 to increase their capacity to serve people in need of food and shelter due to the rise in unemployment.

Burke

Burke United Christian Ministries awarded \$7,000 to support crisis assistance for rent and utility payments to help people stay in their homes.

House of Refuge Ministries awarded \$5,000 to fund a fire alarm system, HVAC upgrades/repairs and concrete for Handicap accessible parking/walkway to enable a new homeless shelter to open.

Options, Inc. awarded \$5,000 to provide shelter services to women and children primarily in Burke County and surrounding counties as space is available.

Cherokee

Cherokee County Sharing Center awarded \$5,000 towards food supplies to enable clients to make two visits per month to this food pantry serving Cherokee County.

Hurlburt-Johnson Friendship House, Inc. awarded \$5,000 towards operating expenses of a homeless shelter in Murphy.

Murphy First Baptist Church awarded \$5,000 towards Sparrow's Nest expenses, a food pantry and crisis ministry serving Cherokee County.

Task Force on Family Violence/REACH, Inc. awarded \$5,500 towards domestic violence shelter operations.

Clay

Clay County Food Pantry awarded \$5,000 towards purchasing food supplies so they do not have to deny services to those in need.

Communities In Schools of Clay County awarded \$5,000 towards Hayesville Hands of Hope program which evolved from a Christmas program called Holiday Hope that coordinated agencies and church efforts to assist families in need.

Hinton Rural Life Center awarded \$5,000 for their Gifts of Kindness/Samaritan's Promise program serving Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties.

Henderson

My Father's Storehouse awarded \$5,500 towards purchase of food supplies for distribution to elderly and working poor in Henderson County.

Jackson

Community Table awarded \$5,000 towards food and utility costs associated with addressing food insecurity and hunger in Jackson County.

Good Samaritan Clinic of Jackson County awarded \$5,000 towards costs of medications and related supplies for patients at this adult primary care free clinic in Sylva serving Jackson and Swain counties.

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Mountain Youth Resources awarded \$5,000 towards operating expenses of the Hawthorn Heights Emergency Youth Shelter.

Mountain Projects Community Action awarded \$10,000 towards the administrative costs associated with a federal grant providing program services related to homeless prevention in Haywood and Jackson counties which will assist in leveraging \$1,252,836 in federal funding over three years.

Macon

Macon County Care Network (Caretnet) awarded \$5,000 for the winter pantry food project.

Madison

Community Housing Coalition of Madison County awarded \$5,600 for operating expenses to enable continued home repair programs in Madison County.

Salvation Army - Hot Springs Corps awarded \$5,500 for a food pantry serving Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Polk

Polk Wellness Center awarded \$5,000 to assist 125 clients receiving affordable medical and behavioral healthcare.

Steps to HOPE awarded \$5,000 to provide temporary assistance to clients of their domestic violence/sexual assault shelter or counseling services.

Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry awarded \$5,000 to support their "Paths to Hope" program that provides food and emergency housing assistance (rent/utilities) to people in crisis in Polk County.

Swain

Community Services of Swain, Inc. awarded \$5,500 toward their Family Resource Center Emergency Food Distribution Expansion Project.

Swain/Qualla SAFE, Inc. awarded \$5,000 to support direct services for clients of domestic violence, sexual assault and displaced homemakers in Swain County.

Black Mountain Community Endowment Fund

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

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

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

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

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Cashiers Community Fund

Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry awarded \$12,192 towards purchase of food supplies and additional refrigeration equipment to participate in MANNA's TEFAP programs along with relocation expenses for the food pantry serving Cashiers community.

Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project, Inc. awarded \$11,000 towards 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.

MANNA FoodBank/ Community Table awarded \$3520 towards the Back Pack for Kids food program at Blue Ridge School served by the Community Table.

The Fund for Haywood County

The Community Kitchen awarded \$2,600 toward a food ministry that provides hot, nutritious meals and food boxes to poor and struggling individuals in Canton area of Haywood County.

Crabtree, Iron Duff, Hyder Mountain Community Development Club awarded \$1,400 toward emergency assistance with heating and utilities to keep residents safe and warm in their homes despite economic hardship.

Fines Creek Community Association awarded \$2,000 toward purchase of a freezer to increase storage for distribution of nutritious foods through the federal The Emergency Food and Assistance Program (TEFAP) especially for seniors and mothers with children in this rural community of Haywood County.

Good Samaritan Clinic of Haywood County awarded \$4,000 toward operating expenses including medical supplies, staffing and other necessary expenses to continue the free medical clinic serving uninsured adults.

Long's Chapel United Methodist Church awarded \$2,000 toward the Open Door program that provides food and emergency assistance to families struggling with basic needs as a result of the recession in Haywood County.

REACH of Haywood County, Inc. awarded \$4,000 toward operating expenses of the emergency shelter providing housing to women and children displaced from their homes because of domestic violence.

Highlands Community Foundation

Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers awarded \$10,000 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 the Highlands area.

The McDowell Foundation

McDowell County Department of Social Services awarded \$4,926 for the Food Pantry and Community Garden Project.

McDowell Mission Ministry awarded \$4,940 representing three grants for emergency utility assistance.

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Foundation for Mitchell County

Mitchell County Safe Place awarded \$5,000 for operating support for the domestic violence shelter due to state budget cuts.

Mitchell County Shepherd's Staff awarded \$2,000 for heating assistance for families in need.

Pine Grove UMC awarded \$1,035 for supplies to expand the Green Valley Community Garden Project.

Rutherford County Foundation

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 Inc. awarded \$6,000 towards 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 \$6,000 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.

Transylvania Endowment

The Free Clinic of Transylvania County awarded \$5,550 towards purchase of pharmaceutical medications for uninsured and low income clients. This is the former Transylvania Volunteers in Medicine that since 2003 has operated the free clinic at the Sharing House in Brevard.

Gods Way Fellowship awarded \$4,240 towards costs of operating a weekly food pantry serving 130 families in the Balsam Grove community. Funds will be used to increase refrigeration and food purchases through MANNA (including the federal TEFAP) which multiplies the nutritious impact of each dollar spent.

Rosman United Methodist Church awarded \$1,000 to support a food pantry serving the Rosman community.

Yancey Foundation

Blue Ridge Regional Hospital Foundation awarded \$7,000 for emergency prescription assistance. (\$2,000 was funded by the Foundation for Mitchell County & \$5,000 by Yancey Foundation)

Centro de Enlace awarded \$2,732 for emergency food and crisis assistance funds.

Family Violence Coalition of Yancey County, Inc. awarded \$5,000 to cover the cost of heating the shelter and help shelter clients with energy assistance upon moving out of the shelter.