

LIGHTING THE WAY for Philanthropy

News from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation & Regional Affiliates (PACF)



Carol Rader, Mary & Bob Wright, Marie Caltrider and Cynthia Brown enjoying the festivities.

Happy Anniversary



Supporters of the RCCF raise a glass to the past with hope for the future.



The Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation (LKACF) recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a gathering at the Two Runs Community Building in Palestine, WV. Founded in 2004 as a regional affiliate of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF), LKACF has grown from a single grantmaking fund to 18 funds supporting Calhoun, Gilmer, and Wirt counties. Together with PACF, LKACF has awarded over \$1.79 million in grants and scholarships. Recent recipients include local fire departments, libraries, and schools, showcasing the Foundation's commitment to strengthening local communities through donor-supported initiatives.



The Ritchie County Community Foundation (RCCF) recently celebrated its 25th anniversary at Wines of Bonds Creek in Ellenboro, WV. Established in 1999 as a regional affiliate of the PACF, RCCF has grown from a single fund to 37, supporting various local initiatives. Together with PACF, RCCF has awarded over \$1.86 million in grants and scholarships to groups like the Pennsboro Volunteer Fire Department and Ritchie County Humane Society. This milestone reflects the generosity of donors and RCCF's commitment to enhancing Ritchie County through targeted philanthropic support.

NEW FUNDS ON THE BLOCK

As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening our community, we've recently worked with generous donors to establish six new funds that will support a variety of initiatives and projects. Each fund has been created to address specific needs and empower local organizations, ensuring that our community continues to thrive.



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PARKERSBURG CHARITABLE FUND

After 100 years of dedicated service, the Junior League of Parkersburg is preserving its legacy with the new Junior League Charitable Fund. Established in April 2024 with the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation, this fund will support women and children in Wood County, WV, emphasizing volunteerism and community engagement.

The Junior League has made significant contributions to the community, including a milk fund for needy mothers and the Boundless Playground at Parkersburg City Park. Although the League has disbanded, the Charitable Fund ensures their commitment to empowering women and children continues for years to come.

C. RANDALL AND TERESA A. LAW CHARITABLE FUND

Longtime Wood County residents Randy and Teresa Law have established the C. Randall and Teresa A. Law Charitable Fund with the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) to support local literacy and health initiatives.

Randy, a retired WesBanco Senior Vice President, and Teresa, a former French teacher at Parkersburg High School, now live at Alpine Lake Resort in Terra Alta, WV, but remain committed to Wood County. The fund will annually support the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library for reading materials and the WVU Medicine Children's Hospital to enhance children's health and wellness.

"This gift ensures vital resources are available now and forever," said PACF's Julie Posey. "We are grateful for their support."



MAD MAX SPIRIT FUND

The PACF is thrilled to announce the Mad Max Spirit Fund, honoring Larry "Mad Max" Maxwell. This fund will ensure the Parkersburg South Patriots spirit thrives for generations.

With over 40 years of service, Maxwell inspired countless students, served as assistant soccer coach, and led the Rat Pack Spirit Group.

The Mad Max Spirit Fund will support non-athletic initiatives that enhance school spirit, promote pride, strengthen connections to Parkersburg South, develop student ambassadors, and foster a lasting sense of pride in education.

Maxwell expressed gratitude for the fund, stating, "I'm deeply humbled. My hope is that PSHS remains a community pillar, with students growing in excitement and pride."

FUNDING FUTURES

Thanks to the generous contributions from local donors and organizations, these funds will provide essential financial assistance, helping aspiring scholars pursue their educational dreams. Discover how these scholarships are paving the way for the next generation of leaders!



GORDON TERRY CLOVIS MEMORIAL MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A member of the PACF's Legacy Society, Gordon "Terry" Clovis, 87, of Pennsboro, WV, passed away on March 20, 2024. Born on October 27, 1936, in Parkersburg, Terry graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1954 and earned a degree in Commerce from Ohio University. He served over eight years as a jet bomber pilot in the United States Air Force and later worked in insurance and financial management. He also owned Clovis Farm in Deerwalk, WV.

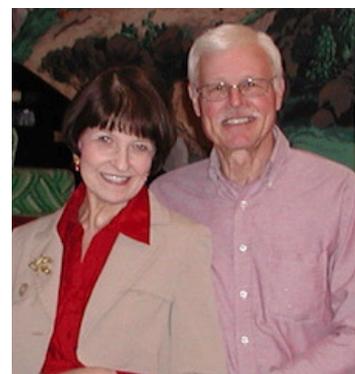
Eligible students must be former graduates of Parkersburg South High School or Ritchie County High School and pursuing a Master's degree. Character, citizenship, leadership, interest in their community, and above average achievement are all considered.

JOSE AND ROSEMARY ALONZO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Born on May 29, 1926, in Clarksburg, WV, Jose Alonzo lived in Parkersburg. After serving as a Navy pilot in World War II, he became a certified hotel chef at the Hotel Fairmont. Fluent in Spanish, he worked as an interpreter for Kaiser Aluminum before beginning his credit union career in 1962. He was moved up the ranks to become President of the WV Credit Union League in 1968, a position he held until his retirement in 1989. Jose passed away in November 2017.

Rosemary was born on May 28, 1926, in Shreveport, LA. She married Jose in April 1966. They both volunteered at Blennerhassett Island with Rosemary serving as treasurer for many years. She supervised home construction projects in Charleston and later managed the WV League Central Federal Credit Union. She passed in January 2023.

This renewable scholarship is for high school seniors in PACF's service region with financial need and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selection is based on character, academic performance, and community involvement.



JUDITH COTTRILL SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Norman and Judith Smith have established the renewable Judith Cottrill Smith Scholarship to support Parkersburg High School graduates attending Glenville State University. The scholarship aims to provide students with the same excellent educational opportunities that Judith enjoyed.

Judith, a 1962 PHS graduate and 1966 Glenville State graduate, has strong ties to both institutions. She earned a Master of Education from the University of Virginia and a Master of Guidance/Counseling from the University of South Florida, retiring after 34 years as a teacher and guidance counselor. Her husband, Norman, retired after 36 years in education as well.

Scholarship Season is Approaching

It's that time of year again! Scholarship season is just around the corner, and we're excited to announce that applications will open on December 1st and close on February 28th.

We are currently visiting area high schools to spread the word and ensure students are aware of these important opportunities. This year, students will also want to keep in mind that the FAFSA will open on December 1st as well. After last year's state of emergency in West Virginia concerning FAFSA issues—where we were the only state in the nation to declare one—this opening will help expedite funding for students, ensuring they have access to the financial resources they need for their education.

We can help you create a permanent scholarship that honors family or friends, celebrates retirements, memorializes loved ones, or ensures that your values are passed from one generation to the next. Give us a call!



www.pacfwv.com/scholarships



Our hearts are with the millions impacted by Hurricane Helene. Community foundations nationwide are streamlining efforts to support relief, making it easy to contribute to those in need.

The PACF has donated \$10,000 from the Walter E. and Marie Aussenheimer Memorial Fund to the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina for their Emergency and Disaster Response Fund (EDRF) specifically for Hurricane Helene relief and support. We chose this foundation because they are accredited by the same organization as us, the Community Foundations National Standards, ensuring that contributions are managed with the highest level of integrity. Additionally, they are the closest resource to the areas where the greatest need exists.

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) is leading local efforts in Asheville, NC, and 17 surrounding counties. As an accredited and audited organization, CFWNC ensures that your donations go directly to the areas where they are most needed. Furthermore, the Appalachian Funders Network has launched the Appalachian Helene Response Fund, a pooled resource dedicated to providing both immediate and ongoing support to communities across the six states most severely affected by the hurricane. Together, we can make a significant impact in the recovery efforts.

BIG GRANTS, BIG IMPACT: SUPPORTING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SAFETY

The Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of substantial grants to two vital community organizations, thanks to the generosity of Mary Anne and Doug Ketelsen and the Foundation's unrestricted funds. A combined \$85,000 has been granted to the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, including \$10,000 from the Ketelsen Charitable Fund, \$25,000 from the Mary M. Welch Advised Fund, and a \$50,000 Impact Grant. This funding will support the renovation of the Children's Home Society's new office at the former Worthington Elementary School, enhancing their ability to serve children and families in need.

Additionally, a \$50,000 grant was awarded to the Parkersburg Police Department's Law Enforcement Support Fund, enabling the purchase of new equipment, training, and community engagement tools.

The PACF extends its deepest gratitude to Mary Anne and Doug Ketelsen for their continued dedication to improving our community, exemplifying the transformative power of philanthropy.



Mary Ann Ketelsen presents funding to the Children's Home Society. Accepting the award is Jodi Null, Denise Hughes, and Brooke Heck.



Mary Ann Ketelsen presents a grant to Parkersburg Police Chief Matt Board for their Law Enforcement Support Fund.

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Year End Giving Reminders

As the end of 2024 approaches, now is an ideal time to give, grow, and grant from your fund to maximize tax benefits while supporting the causes that matter to you for years to come. As you plan your charitable contributions for 2024, please keep the following deadlines in mind to ensure timely processing:

- Cash and checks must be postmarked or hand-delivered by Dec. 31st
- Gifts of marketable securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) must be fully transferred by Dec. 31st
- Credit card gifts must be made at www.pacfwv.com/donate before midnight on Dec. 31st
- Gifts made under the Charitable IRA Act must be delivered from the plan administrator by Dec. 31st



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