



RUTHERFORD COUNTY

ENDOWMENT

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Grant History

291 Grants Totaling \$2,030,323

Spring 1997 – Spring 2026

Spring 2026 (\$95,550)

Basics Christian Ministries - \$7,000 to cover the rising costs of food, transportation, and overhead expenses that support its food pantry.

Blue Ridge Community Health Services - \$6,000 to purchase vision screeners for the Rutherford Health Center.

Blue Ridge Hope - \$5,000 to support the Hopeworks afterschool program and expand its capacity to meet the rising needs of at-risk middle and high-school students.

Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - \$3,000 to ensure that childhood cancer patients can access lifesaving treatment and non-clinical family assistance.

Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach - \$9,000 to provide financial support to clients who need help with rent and utility payments.

Hope Center of Rutherford County - \$6,000 to purchase a used vehicle to provide transportation for women in its transitional housing and recovery programs.

Least of These Carolinas - \$3,050 to provide new shoes and essential school supplies to children in foster and kinship care.

Maw-Maw's Cheer Ministries - \$7,000 to meet overhead expenses necessary to its work serving underprivileged children.

Mosaic Hope - \$7,000 to support the construction of a trauma-informed, boutique-style CARE Closet to expand support for children in foster care.

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$2,500 to purchase bulk food and supplies and cover miscellaneous operating expenses.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$6,000 to provide free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income Rutherford County survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$7,000 to support home repairs for low-income homeowners, helping preserve safe and affordable housing for vulnerable residents.

Salem United Methodist Church - \$9,000 to support food and transportation costs at the Washburn Community Outreach Center's food pantry.

Town of Rutherfordton - \$9,000 to purchase a walk-in cooler for Ruffton Roots Community Garden to address critical needs that have emerged as the garden has expanded.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$9,000 to support low-income residents with rent and utility assistance.

Spring 2025 (\$93,250)

Abounding Grace Ministry - \$7,000 to help incarcerated women transition into society.

Blue Ridge Hope - \$4,500 for an afterschool program serving disadvantaged middle and high school students and providing mentorship, tutoring and community-building activities.

Grahamtown Team - \$10,000 to expand its food pantry.

Hope Center of Rutherford County - \$10,000 to improve housing essential to its transition program for court-involved people.

Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of the New Hope Community - \$6,000 to support an event that educates residents about the history and significance of Juneteenth.

Mosaic Hope - \$5,000 to support marketing and promotion efforts regarding specific foster care needs.

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$1,000 to purchase bulk food and supplies.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000 to support construction of new homes for low-income people.

Rutherford County Schools Education Foundation - \$7,500 to provide kitchen kits, that include fruit and vegetables, for students and their families who live in hotels or campers or who do not have a working stove.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$8,000 for home repair and improvements.

Salem United Methodist Church - \$10,000 to provide nutritious healthy food and to repair the outreach service center.

South Mountains Christian Camp - \$5,000 for electrical work for new cabins.

Special Olympics North Carolina - \$1,750 to support athletes, coaches, and volunteers who serve children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The Symphony of Rutherford County - \$7,500 to install two 3-ton HVAC splits into an existing rehearsal and recital venue.

Spring 2024 (\$90,660)

Basics Christian Ministries - \$5,000 to upgrade its plumbing.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$3,500 for a mentoring program that serves disadvantaged youth.

Blue Ridge Community Health Services - \$8,000 to purchase food for its pantry.

Grahamtown Team - \$5,000 to assist in adding space for a food pantry.

Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach - \$10,000 to purchase food for its pantry.

L.E.A.P. (Leaders & Entrepreneurs for the Advancement & Promotion of Girls & Youth) - \$3,000 for a music and education enrichment program that serves diverse youth.

Martin Luther King Committee of New Hope Community - \$4,000 for a Juneteenth education program.

Mosaic Hope - \$5,000 to provide support for children in foster care and foster families.

Out Of The Ashes - \$7,160 to support its homeless shelter operations and programs.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$8,000 to provide free civil legal assistance and advocacy to low-income survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.

Recovery Ventures Corporation - \$4,000 to repair and renovate the driveway of a women's residential treatment facility.

Rutherford County Schools Education Foundation - \$5,000 to purchase a box truck that will be used to pick up food for its backpack program.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$8,000 to repair and improve homes for people with low incomes.

Salem United Methodist Church/Washburn Community Outreach Center - \$9,500 to offer local meats to its clients, improve signage at the Center, provide off-site mobile food pantries and support a community event.

Special Olympics North Carolina - \$2,500 to support the athletes, coaches, and volunteers of a program that serves children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$3,000 for marketing support to enhance community awareness of its thrift store and services.

Spring 2023 (\$89,500)

Abounding Grace Ministry - \$5,200 for a substance abuse program for court-involved women and girls.

Basics Christian Ministries - \$5,000 to increase storage space for food and other necessities.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina - \$2,500 for a mentoring program serving disadvantaged children.

Blue Ridge Hope - \$4,500 to maintain the building and facilities used for its youth programs.

Grahamtown Team - \$10,000 to help provide affordable homes for working families, repair assistance for homeowners, and to acquire abandoned properties for repair or building.

Out Of The Ashes - \$8,000 to support its programs for homeless people.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$4,000 to provide free civil legal services to low-income people.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$8,000 for maintenance of its ReStore.

Rutherford County Schools Education Foundation - \$7,500 to provide kitchen tools and other resources that will help middle school students prepare meals at home.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$8,000 to upgrade homes rented by low-income people.

Salem United Methodist Church/Washburn Community Outreach Center - \$8,800 to provide fresh produce and hygiene products to low-income people.

The Source Outreach Center - \$8,000 for food assistance to low-income families and for a youth enrichment program.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$10,000 to provide necessities to low-income people in crisis.

Spring 2022 (\$84,670)

Basics Christian Ministries - \$8,000 for building repair, technology and a water heater for its building that houses services for low-income and homeless people.

Blue Ridge Hope - \$4,000 to rent a building for its afterschool programs.

Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas - \$2,500 to support children with cancer and their families by assisting with medical treatment and travel expenses.

Community Pet Center - \$2,500 to provide free vaccines and microchips for pets of low-income families.

Grahamtown Team - \$10,000 to refurbish and sell houses to fund services for low-income people.

Hope Center of Rutherford County - \$7,670 to repair a floor in a building used for transitional housing.

Out Of The Ashes - \$5,000 to support homeless shelter operations.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$5,000 to provide legal services to protect children.

Rutherford County/NC Cooperative Extension - \$2,500 for a youth gardening program.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$10,000 to provide home repair services for low-income people.

Salem United Methodist Church/Washburn Community Outreach Center - \$10,000 to correct a drainage problem at its food distribution center.

Thrive - \$7,500 to provide housing and support services for homeless people.

The Source Ministries/The Source Outreach Center - \$10,000 to provide food, hygiene products, baby supplies, and household items to the community through a weekly pantry and delivery service.

Spring 2021 (\$36,740)

Basics Christian Ministries - \$4,740 to provide homeless and low-income people with laundry and shower facilities.

Chase Corner United Methodist Ministry - \$5,000 to assist low-income people with rent.

Grahamtown Team - \$3,000 for educational support to children who need assistance with remote learning.

Least of These Carolinas - \$4,000 to provide monogrammed duffel bags packed with items and clothes for children being placed in foster care.

NC MedAssist - \$4,000 to provide medication for low-income people.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000 for home repairs for low-income veterans.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$3,000 to replace roofs for low-income families.

Salem United Methodist Church/Washburn Community Outreach Center - \$5,000 to add climate control to a storage facility used for food distribution to low-income people.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$3,000 to provide medical equipment for low-income people.

Spring 2020 (\$81,600)

Basics Christian Ministries - \$8,000 to refurbish a donated house for use as a homeless shelter.

Carolina Cross Connection - \$2,500 to purchase building supplies to make necessary repairs for low-income households.

Community Pet Center - \$3,000 to provide free pet food to low-income families.

Gardner-Webb University - \$2,500 toward tuition for current Rutherford County undergraduate students.

Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach - \$9,150 for a children's food program.

NC MedAssist - \$5,000 to purchase lifesaving prescription medications for low-income, uninsured individuals.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$7,500 to provide free civil legal aid to low-income families.

Rutherford Building Agriculture Relationships Now - \$4,300 for farmers market marketing and outreach.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$7,500 to undertake critical home repairs for low-income veterans.

Rutherford County Senior Center - \$10,000 to deliver meals to seniors.

Salem United Methodist Church/Washburn Community Outreach Center - \$9,150 to expand its food pantry to serve more people.

Salvation Army of Shelby, NC (for Rutherford County) - \$3,000 to meet basic needs for low-income people.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$10,000 to provide utility assistance for people with disabilities.

Spring 2019 (\$81,360)

Basics Christian Ministries - \$5,000 for renovations and improvements to its building.

Carolina Cross Connection - \$5,300 for building supplies to help low-income households with necessary repairs or improvements.

Community Pet Center - \$4,560 to provide free pet food to low-income families.

Forest City Housing Authority - \$6,000 for a domestic violence education and support program.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$8,500 for legal aid programs that benefit children.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$10,000 for a week-long day camp to introduce construction skills and trades to 4th – 6th grade girls.

Rutherford County - \$8,000 to support the Farmers Market.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000 for renovations to its office building.

Rutherford County Library - \$4,000 for a nutrition and gardening program.

Rutherford County Senior Center - \$10,000 to provide meals to seniors.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$10,000 for crisis assistance to low-income people.

Spring 2018 (\$75,000)

Isothermal Community College - \$6,500 to support implementation of best practices in recruiting and serving its students.

KidSenses Children's INTERACTIVE Museum - \$8,000 to support Fantastic Fridays 2018, a program that offers free admission and STEM educational programs on the first Friday of each month.

NC MedAssist - \$8,000 to purchase lifesaving prescription medications for uninsured individuals in Rutherford County.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000 to complete home repairs for veterans.

Rutherford County Schools Education Foundation - \$5,000 to purchase backpacks that will supply 95 food-insecure Forest City-Dunbar students for six weeks during the summer months.

Rutherford County Senior Center - \$9,000 to supplement its home-delivered meals program.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$8,500 to buy three portable ramp systems.

Yokefellow Service Center, Inc. - \$10,000 to provide heating assistance to low-income residents.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$10,000 to help purchase a used van.

Fall 2017 (\$63,645)

Foothills Credit Counseling, Inc. - \$20,000 to provide housing counseling services to homeowners at risk of losing their homes, including loan modification, foreclosure intervention, default/delinquency counseling, reverse mortgage counseling and renter/pre-purchase guidance.

KidSenses Children's INTERACTIVE Museum* - \$8,645 to support the STEM library program.

Yokefellow Service Center, Inc. - \$15,000 to provide heating assistance to low-income residents in crisis.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$20,000 to support an after-school program serving at-risk youth, ages 10 to 17, to reduce delinquency, substance abuse, inappropriate school behavior and violence and to improve family relationships.

Spring 2017 (\$73,410)

American Red Cross - Asheville Mountain Area Chapter - \$5,000 for programs that provide emergency disaster relief, preparedness education and home fire prevention.

Basics Christian Ministries, Inc. - \$7,500 to purchase a used van to pick up donated food for its pantry that serves approximately 500 people monthly.

Foothills Credit Counseling, Inc. - \$4,000 to provide basic financial and budgeting education classes to people residing in the Rutherford County homeless shelter.

Forest City Housing Authority - \$7,500 to continue a Domestic Violence Education and Support Group and to fund a facilitator to head a research-based curriculum providing workbooks and other reading materials and self-awareness activities.

Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach - \$5,000 to help low-income people with emergency financial needs such as medication, rent, mortgage, utilities and gas.

KidSenses Children's INTERACTIVE Museum - \$5,000 to help create a new energy exhibit that will educate visitors about electricity.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$7,500 to improve the health and well-being of at least 400 low-income children and their families.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000 toward the purchase of building materials to be used to build four houses.

Rutherford County Senior Center - \$6,200 to supplement the Home Delivered Meals program that helps maintain and improve the health of impaired homebound older adults by providing nutritionally balanced meals served in the home.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$7,210 to buy necessary building materials for volunteers to improve housing conditions for low-income families so that they can remain in their homes and have a safe place to live.

Yokefellow Service Center, Inc. - \$6,000 to provide crisis assistance to people with disabilities.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$7,500 to relocate to a larger facility and to increase advertising to inform social service and mental health agencies about its programs so that more youth will receive services.

Fall 2016 (\$20,000)

Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity - \$20,000 to purchase building materials for five houses.

Spring 2016 (\$60,000)

Abounding Grace Ministry - \$7,000 to provide services to teen girls and women who are, or have been, incarcerated and addicted to drugs and alcohol to assist them in a positive transition back into society.

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$2,500 to help provide the evening meal for homeless and impoverished men, women and children in Forest City, Spindale and Rutherfordton.

Isothermal Community College - \$7,500 to purchase pianos and support a summer program for high school students as part of the new Associate of Fine Arts Degree Program in Music.

KidSenses Children's Interactive Museum - \$7,500 to support the "Making Your Own Future" initiative in THE FACTORY, a new facility designed to engage older youth in STEM-related programs.

Rutherford County Arts Council - \$8,000 to purchase copier equipment that will enable the Arts Council to create and produce scripts and scores for participants and promotional materials for the Council's cultural events and programs.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000 for home repairs in the Spindale area to help provide safe and secure housing for low-income families.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$8,000 to help renovate a Forest City house which will become the sixth rental unit in the Housing Matters program.

Salem United Methodist Church - \$2,500 for the Washburn Community Outreach Center to purchase food for its pantry.

Union Mills Learning Center - \$5,000 for a summer learning camp experience featuring reading, field trips and activities that will serve 40 youth each full-day session.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$7,000 to improve food service for afterschool and summer programs that reduce truancy, school dropout, abuse and neglect, gang involvement, substance abuse and hunger in Forest City neighborhoods.

Fall 2015 (\$52,000)

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$20,000 to hire the construction manager on a full-time basis and to complete at least 100 urgent repairs for low-income homeowners annually.

Rutherford County Senior Center - \$12,000 to provide pre-packaged meals on weekends during the winter months to physically or mentally impaired, homebound older adults in Rutherford County.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$20,000 to provide heating assistance during the winter months to low-income families in Rutherford County.

Spring 2015 (\$62,000)

Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy - \$5,000 to support the Weed Action Coalition of Hickory Nut Gorge that protects natural communities and scenic beauty of the Hickory Nut Gorge through the management of non-native invasive plant species.

Forest City Housing Authority - \$8,000 to support the *I Like Me: Learning, Healing, and Hope Journey Project*, a domestic violence education and support group program serving adults and teens.

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$8,000 to serve an evening meal seven days a week for homeless and impoverished men, women and children in Forest City, Spindale and Rutherfordton.

Pisgah Legal Services - \$5,000 to provide free civil legal aid to help low-income Rutherford County residents escape domestic violence and avoid homelessness.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$8,000 to make roof, plumbing or other urgent home repairs in the Spindale area to help provide safe and secure housing for low-income families.

Rutherford County Senior Center - \$5,000 to expand the Home Delivered Meals/Meals on Wheels program that improves the health of homebound older adults by providing nutritionally balanced meals.

Rutherford County Tourism Asset Foundation - \$5,000 toward the purchase of the historic 1838 Bechtler House, which will serve as a public heritage center representing Rutherfordton's legacy to America's gold history and, thereby, stimulate tourism and commerce in Rutherford County.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$8,000 to provide emergency rent or utility payments for low-income Rutherford County residents.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$10,000 to support afterschool and summer programs to reduce truancy, school dropout, abuse and neglect, gang involvement, substance abuse and hunger in one of the poorest Forest City neighborhoods.

Fall 2014 (\$40,000)

Foothills Credit Counseling, Inc. - \$20,000 to supplement federal funds supporting financial counseling to avoid foreclosure or bankruptcies related to home ownership for 200 individuals in Rutherford, McDowell, Burke and Polk Counties.

KidSenses Children's Interactive Museum - \$20,000 for the Y.E.S. Discovery Program that provides interactive educational STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) workshops and assembly style programs at 20 library branches for approximately 8,000 children.

Spring 2014 (\$53,100)

First United Methodist Church - \$2,500 to help support the Soul Food and Welcome Table programs that serve nutritious meals to more than 200 individuals weekly.

Mountain Area Health Education Center - \$10,000 to purchase medical equipment for the new Family Health Center at Lake Lure.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$7,800 toward the purchase of building materials for use in building four houses during the 2014 building season.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$7,800 for the Pro-Skills program that pays professionals for repairs when timing is critical or when the need is outside of the capacity of volunteers.

Salem United Methodist Church - \$2,500 for the Washburn Community Outreach Center to assist with start-up costs associated with partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank for the Feed My Sheep mobile food pantry.

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church - \$2,500 to fund the purchase of food and supplies for the Jericho Road Soup Kitchen.

Storehouse Pantry of Rutherford County - \$10,000 to purchase and transport food from Second Harvest in Charlotte to feed the hungry of Rutherford County.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$10,000 to assist low-income families at risk of homelessness with temporary funding of mortgage, rent or utility expenses.

Spring 2013 (\$7,763)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$1,000 for general operating support.

Communities in Schools of Rutherford County - \$1,000 for general operating support.

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$1,000 for general operating support.

Family Resources of Rutherford County - \$763 for general operating support.

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$1,000 for general operating support.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$1,000 for general operating support.

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church - \$1,000 for operating the Food Pantry.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$1,000 for general operating support.

Fall 2012 (\$47,500)

Forest City Housing Authority - \$20,000 to fund a Domestic Violence Education/Support program primarily for victims of abuse who reside in FCHA communities.

Isothermal Community College - \$7,500 to defray the cost of uniforms, training equipment, and state exam fees for Basic Skills Plus students.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$20,000 to demolish a house on a lot practically given to RHP, grade the lot for construction, pour the footings for the house and begin construction, using as much volunteer labor as possible, of a 2- or 3-bedroom house to rent for a family in need.

Spring 2012 (\$40,611)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$25,000 to support an additional "patient care team" to more effectively provide health care services to the low-income uninsured residents of Rutherford County at the recently expanded community clinic.

Gilkey School Community Center - \$15,611 toward the renovation of three classroom spaces to be used for an expanded food pantry and community closet that will provide emergency assistance of food, clothing and other household needs to residents of rural Gilkey community.

Fall 2011 (\$12,173)

Communities in Schools of Rutherford County - \$1,739 toward the back pack school nutrition program.

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$1,739 in operating support.

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$1,739 in operating support.

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$1,739 in operating support.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$1,739 for emergency home repairs.

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church - \$1,739 for operating the soup kitchen.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$1,739 for the utility assistance fund.

Spring 2011 (\$21,000)

KidSenses Children's InterACTIVE Museum - \$7,000 to purchase new software for the Explorer Dome Traveling Planetarium Outreach Program which is an inflatable planetarium that uses digital and gaming technology to provide a highly exciting, engaging way of learning.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$7,000 to assist with the replacement of Habitat ReStore's truck used to pick-up and deliver large appliances and furniture as well as donated building materials.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$7,000 to explore the feasibility of and develop an operating plan for a new rental housing program in Rutherford County since home ownership is not an option for many in this economy and there is a lack of suitable rental units for the Section 8 program.

Winter 2010 (\$7,235)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$1,000 for purchase of low-cost diabetic supplies to ensure patients are able to successfully manage their disease.

Family Resources of Rutherford County - \$1,000 for therapeutic counseling to women and children affected by domestic violence.

The Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$1,000 to support increased operating expenses for the evening meals and shelter for families.

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$ 735 for expenses for Thursday evening meals.

Rutherford County Chapter of The American Red Cross - \$1,000 to provide food, clothing, shelter and medicine under their disaster relief program.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$1,000 for support of cases where RHP must hire professionals to provide electrical, heating or plumbing repairs.

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church - \$500 for Jericho Road Soup Kitchen program.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$1,000 toward utility/heating assistance supplementing the Share the Warmth funds from Duke Energy.

Fall 2010 (\$20,000)

Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of the Carolina Foothills - \$20,000 toward support of housing counseling staff to provide advice and help resolve financial issues so that families can remain in their homes.

Spring 2010 (\$14,000)

American Red Cross – Rutherford County Chapter - \$2,000 toward residential fire relief including immediate need for food, shelter, and clothing. With the loss of jobs in county, many homeowners and renters have dropped their insurance and ARC has experienced a 31% increase in direct aid to clients.

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$2,000 toward cost of emergency prescriptions for indigent patients. By providing one-time prescription coverage for patients able to offer a more complete scope of care and better assist those patients needing medications but with limited funds.

Family Resources of Rutherford County - \$2,000 toward operation of the domestic violence shelter. The PATH shelter provides comprehensive services which include emergency housing, food, clothing, personal counseling and court advocacy. The average length of stay continues to increase as a result of the worsening economy in the county and government support reduced by the budget crisis.

The Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$2,000 toward operating expenses for the evening meal program in Forest City and expenses at shelter for homeless families in Spindale

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$2,000 to purchase food and supplies for the soup kitchen that serves 350-400 meals every Thursday night at the Green River Baptist Association. The kitchen was started in 2001 and is operated by volunteers with the only expenses for food and supplies toward the meals.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$2,000 toward urgent needed repairs to homes of qualified low-income homeowners. This will enable the agency to hire professionals (plumbers, electricians) to promptly address unsafe, substandard housing conditions.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$2,000 to provide utility assistance to families in a crisis as result of recession. Families are assisted according to service guidelines including assessment of need based on job loss or reduced hours that results in assistance paid directly to service providers. In 2009 Yokefellows assisted 4,719 families representing 13,169 individuals, including 1,497 families receiving utility assistance.

Fall 2009 (\$17,000)

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina - \$5,000 to support 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 - \$6,000 toward 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 - \$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.

Spring 2009 (\$8,730)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$2,510 toward a prescription voucher program that provides indigent patients with vital medications until they qualify for medical assistance programs through pharmaceutical companies.

The Salvation Army in Forest City - \$3,110 to support the distribution of food boxes to families affected by increased unemployment in the county.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$3,110 to provide emergency assistance for mortgage/rent, utilities, medications, clothing or food to families whose income has been reduced by layoffs during the past year.

Winter 2009 (\$19,075)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$1,575 for medication and testing supplies.

Family Resources of Rutherford County - \$850 for prescription fees and medical co-payments.

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$1,575 toward costs related to the homeless shelter & soup kitchen.

Grace of God Rescue Mission - \$2,400 for the Grace of God Rescue Mission Evening Meal.

New Beginning Soup Kitchen - \$1,575 to purchase food.

Rutherford County Chapter of the American Red Cross - \$1,575 to provide emergency clothing, food, medicine and housing.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$1,575 toward emergency repairs for low-income homeowners.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$2,400 for its emergency home repair program.

Salvation Army - \$1,575 to purchase food gift cards for *Christmas Cheer '08*.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$1,575 for immediate crisis needs including housing payments, utility assistance and medications.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$2,400 for the Recession Recovery Program.

Spring 2008 (\$106,020)

Community Clinic of Rutherford County - \$24,300 to serve diabetic patients who are of low-income, uninsured and medically indigent.

Communities in Schools of Rutherford County - \$25,000 to expand a county-wide, in-school mentoring program.

KidSenses Children's InterACTIVE Museum - \$25,000 for continued support of work to bring a traveling planetarium and science-programs to elementary school students in six WNC counties.

Judicial District 29A Drug Treatment Court - \$6,720 for educational materials and equipment to support a drug treatment program in Rutherford County.

Rutherford LIFEServices - \$25,000 to expand adult day care services for families in Rutherford and Polk counties.

Winter 2008 (\$11,750)

American Red Cross of Rutherford County - \$1,000 for disaster recovery support for families.

Animal Protection Alliance of Rutherford County - \$625 for Animal Veterinary Emergency Fund.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina Foothills - \$1,000 for community outreach/re-education initiative.

East Rutherford High School - \$625 for Exceptional Children - Washington, DC trip.

Family Resources of Rutherford County Inc. - \$1,000 in support of client medical assistance.

Heartbeats Pregnancy Center, Inc. - \$250 for educational resources and baby items/supplies.

Rutherford County Air Rescue Squad - \$1,000 for helicopter operations support.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$1,000 for home building supplies and materials.

Rutherford County Judicial District 29A - \$625 for Drug Treatment Court.

Rutherford County Rescue Crew - \$1,000 for defibrillator equipment.

Rutherford County Schools Parents as Teachers - \$625 for PAT visit software.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$1,000 for Operation Inasmuch building materials.

Shiloh-Danielstown-Oakland Volunteer Fire Department - \$625 for laptop for training presentations.

South Mountain Christian Youth Camp - \$750 for summer camp scholarships.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$625 for crisis assistance for residents with disabilities.

Fall 2007 (\$19,520)

Realize Rutherford, Inc. - \$5,520 to develop and implement a capacity building center for nonprofit organizations in Rutherford County.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$7,000 toward interior building improvements at the Habitat ReStore.

Union Mills Learning Center - \$7,000 to complete renovations of the school auditorium for use by the community.

Spring 2007 (\$64,000)

Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina - \$25,000 to initiate a working forest land conservation program for landowners in Rutherford and McDowell counties.

KidSenses - \$25,000 to purchase a traveling planetarium for science classes serving elementary schools in six WNC counties.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$7,000 to provide medication assistance to uninsured Rutherford County residents with limited access to mental health services.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$7,000 to improve transportation for at-risk teens to attend tutoring, mentoring and life skills classes.

Fall 2006 (\$19,400)

Rutherford County Animal Protection Alliance - \$7,000 to fund a part-time office, volunteer and program coordinator at the county's animal control facility. This grant will help overcome scheduling inadequacies and inconsistency of services.

Rutherford Hospital - \$7,000 to provide cancer screenings to low-income women as a part of the Cancer Outreach Project. This pilot project is collaboration between Rutherford Hospital, The American Cancer Society and the Rutherford County Health Department.

Union Mills Learning Center - \$5,400 to purchase and install replacement windows and a front door to winterize the Union Mills Club House, a local community center. The Union Mills Club House was built in 1939 and is currently undergoing renovation.

Spring 2006 (\$59,000)

KidSenses - \$7,000 for two new science exhibits, The Magnetic Sculpture and The Momentum Balls, for this interactive children's museum.

Realize Rutherford - \$7,000 to develop a community-wide mentoring initiative project to address the high dropout rate by demonstrating to students that a meaningful education will contribute to future success.

Repay - \$25,000 to replicate an effective offender reentry program in Rutherford and McDowell counties.

Rutherford County Arts Council - \$20,000 to support a multi-level arts-based afterschool educational program featuring musical theatre.

Spring 2005 (\$39,217)

County of Rutherford/Foothills Connect Small Business Programs - \$25,000 to support entrepreneurial services provided by the new Foothills Connect Business and Technology Center, a community-wide collaboration to provide access to technology for individuals and small business entrepreneurs.

Rutherford Life Services/Life Enrichment - \$7,000 to create a teaching kitchen and provide exercise equipment for people who are physically and/or mentally disabled and need help preparing for future self-sufficiency.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$4,500 to purchase a replacement tool storage trailer that is critical to housing construction.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$2,717 toward a computer technology upgrade that will allow the agency to efficiently provide low-income families in crisis with housing, clothing, food and/or medication assistance.

Fall 2004 (\$7,000)

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$7,000 for the "Skilled Worker Identification Project," a partnership between four local nonprofit organizations that will provide a shared database of volunteer construction/ rehabilitation workers.

Fall 2003 (\$45,000)

Community Empowerment Project - \$15,000 to renovate the Old Dunbar School kitchen to serve as a community resource center in Forest City.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$15,000 to increase the organization's capacity to build more houses for people in need.

Rutherford Life Services - \$15,000 to support critical services that enhance the lives of individuals and families with special needs.

Spring 2003 (\$50,971)

Family Resources of Rutherford County Inc. - \$10,971 to establish an on-site computer lab to better serve participants in MotherLearn and New Choices training programs.

Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina - \$15,000 to support voluntary conservation of lands along the Broad River Basin.

Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice - \$15,000 to hire a new bilingual case developer for the Sentencing Services Program to focus on Spanish-speaking clients in Rutherford and surrounding counties.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$10,000 to purchase a truck to pick up donated furniture and appliances as part of the organization's efforts to provide crisis assistance to Rutherford County residents.

Fall 2002 (\$37,000)

Community Progress Association of Union Mills - \$7,000 toward renovations to their community center to expand services for local residents.

Learning Tree - \$15,000 to hire a certified teacher for special needs pre-school children from Rutherford and Polk counties.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$15,000 to start a program that provides professional repairs so that low-income people can remain in their homes safely.

Spring 2002 (\$30,000)

Hospice of Rutherford County - \$15,000 to train volunteers and health professionals to assist families in dealing with end of life care issues.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$15,000 to launch a new in-school mentoring program for elementary students to work in partnership with local business volunteers.

Fall 2001 (\$43,157)

KidSenses - \$15,000 for a new outreach program featuring "Stuffee," a seven-foot tall soft doll, which will be used as an educational tool in the schools and to promote the planned regional children's museum.

Learning Tree - \$8,157 toward equipment and toys to furnish an infant room at their new state-of-the-art child care center.

Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000 to support a shared executive director for Habitat and the Rutherford Housing Initiative to address affordable housing needs.

The Town of Rutherfordton - \$10,000 to equip a skateboard park, which is being created in response to grassroots community efforts of youth that are not otherwise involved in the community.

Fall 2000 (\$58,816)

Community Progress Association of Union Mills - \$15,000 to create a computer technology center in the former Union Mills Middle School in Rutherford County.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Carolina Foothills - \$12,000 for start-up of a Senior Financial Care program, which will provide elderly residents with in-home assistance on bill-paying, budget management, and insurance filing.

Green Hill School Community Center Organization - \$8,612 to hire a project manager to coordinate volunteers and oversee the renovation of this former school in Rutherford County.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$10,000 to increase the hours of the director position in order to expand housing assistance for low-income, elderly and disabled citizens.

Youth Empowerment of Rutherford County - \$13,204 for a part-time administrative assistant to improve services for young people who have survived physical and sexual abuse in Rutherford County.

Spring 2000 (\$42,500)

Building Community - \$15,000 to help carry out an extensive citizen-based planning and implementation process to improve Rutherford County for the future.

Rutherford County Arts Council - \$4,500 to purchase technological equipment for audio and video taping of performances, which will be used for educational purposes.

Rutherford Town Revitalization - \$15,000 to renovate an historic Rutherfordton building for use as a downtown community center and offices.

Spencer Baptist Church - \$2,000 for expansion of its Super Buddies after school program, which serves disadvantaged children from the public school located next door in Spindale.

Yokefellow Service Center - \$6,000 for a new outcomes management program to more effectively help low-income clients in Rutherford County become self-sufficient.

Spring 1999 (\$9,500)

Dispute Settlement Center/Foothills Mediation Center - \$5,000 to launch a program in Rutherford and Polk County high schools on high school conflict resolution and peer mediation.

Little Symphony of Rutherford County - \$4,500 to purchase percussion instruments for this multi-generational all-volunteer orchestra, and for creation of a development plan for future support.

Fall 1998 (\$12,900)

Family Resources of Rutherford - \$3,400 to furnish a playroom for children of domestic violence victims who stay in the organization's shelter.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Service/Rutherford County - \$500 toward construction of a walking track and public garden in Spindale.

Rutherford Housing Partnership - \$9,000 to hire a first-time staff person and provide needed home repairs for low-income and elderly residents of this largely rural area.

Fall 1997 (\$2,000)

Hospice of Rutherford County* - \$2,000 to purchase materials for a new grief support group for bereaved parents.

Spring 1997 (\$5,000)

Dispute Settlement Center* - \$3,500 to provide training sessions for volunteers who will then offer mediation services for court-referred cases in Rutherford County.

Rutherford County Schools* - \$1,500 to provide a three-day residency for six local schools and the public with the Chuck Davis African Dance Ensemble.

**The Rutherford County Endowment advised CFWNC grantmaking decisions during these cycles, serving an important leadership role. The Rutherford County Endowment began providing financial support in the fall of 1998 after meeting its initial fundraising goals.*