



High Country Charitable Foundation Grant Presentations

Western Youth Network



Sabena Maiden of Western Youth Network accepts the 2020 grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation.

Western Youth Network would like to express gratitude for your support of the Avery Mentoring Program. With this funding, we will bring further awareness about our programming while also recruiting new volunteers to ensure that we can serve the many Avery youth waiting for a mentor.

Banner Elk Book Exchange



Allen Bollick (left) and Susan Staton happily accept a 2020 grant for the Book Exchange from the High Country Charitable Foundation.

For the fourth year in a row, the High Country Charitable Foundation has funded a grant request from the Banner Elk Book Exchange for important programming which will occur in 2021. A significant portion of the grant was written to continue with our elementary-age tutoring program for children needing "extra help" with academics during the summer; a large part of the grant will allow us to initiate an enrichment program for Banner Elk Elementary students in week-long sessions including art, music, creative movement and science. Without the support of High Country Charitable Foundation none of these special programs could take place. Thank you to our friends who give so generously and make such a difference in our community! --Donna Dicks

OASIS, Inc.



Sara Crouch of OASIS (left) receives the 2020 High Country Charitable Foundation grant from Gary Butler.

OASIS, Inc. (Opposing Abuse with Service, Information, and Shelter, Inc.) will use funding from the HCCF to support survivors of intimate partner violence in finding and maintaining safe, independent housing for themselves and their children. These funds will provide security deposits, utility assistance, security equipment, and more for survivors as they work towards their housing goals. Stable housing is one of the most important factors in a survivor maintaining safety and stability for themselves and their children.

Hospitality House



Executive Director Tina Krause of Hospitality House displays the 2020 grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation.

"Hospitality House of Northwest North Carolina is grateful to receive this grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation. Last year, Hospitality House provided 2,739 (out of a total 39,754) nights of shelter services to 35 Avery County individuals for a total cost of \$87,658 at an average of \$32.00 per day.

As the largest contributor from Avery County, the HCCF grant accounts for 11% of the total needed to house and support Avery County residents. The continued support of HCCF will allow us to continue safely and stably housing homeless individuals and families in Avery County."

Spirit Ride Therapeutic Riding Center



Craig and Patty Adams eagerly anticipate the coming year thanks to the financial assistance of the High Country Charitable Foundation.

During these unprecedented times, Spirit Ride Therapeutic Riding Center is more determined than ever to offer our services FREE of charge. Many of our families have lost their jobs, insurance, and childcare. The disruption to a typically developing child during this time is creating a hardship on parents across the globe - but for children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, Emotional Disabilities, or Cognitive Impairment - the effects can be devastating. Thanks to an extremely generous and thoughtful grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation, Spirit Ride will continue to give these families the support they need.

The Spirit Ride horses and volunteers thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Patty Adams, CEIP-ED
Executive Director – SRTC

Hill Learning Center



Banner Elk Elementary School staff Justin Carver (left), Amanda Bentley, Shannon Silver and Cameron Sarafim will improve teaching skills thanks to a 2020 grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation to the Hill Learning Center.

This grant will continue to benefit our school and students through the use of HillRap, Executive Functioning and HillMath. Teachers will utilize professional development from the Hill Center and their support systems to work with students on various academic abilities.

Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center



Holston Camp leaders Jim Austin (left) and Crosby Palmer joyously accept the 2020 grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation.

The generous donation from the High Country Charitable Foundation will be used to renovate a community building at Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center (HPCRC) to include two single-stall ADA compliant bathrooms that cater to the physical needs of children ages 2-5. This renovation will provide the means for HPCRC to collaborate with Banner Elk Presbyterian Church to offer affordable, quality outdoor early education and childcare for local families in Fall 2021.

Linville Fire Department



Roy Dellinger, President Linville Fire Department, (left) accepts the 2020 grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation presented by Gary Butler.

Linville Volunteer Fire Department recently received a grant from the High Country Charitable Foundation. This grant will be used to buy safety equipment for our water rescue team. Fire Departments have to be all hazards ready. The foundation has provided much needed funds to help us accomplish these goals that will be felt county wide. Thank you for supporting Emergency services.