



HCCF News

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Thank You!

The High Country Charitable Foundation's annual fundraiser on August 3rd was an absolute blast, taking guests on a vibrant journey back to the '80s! As soon as you stepped through the neon balloon-adorned doorways of Prime 21, you were transported to a dazzling world of color and energy. Exotic drinks flowed freely, setting the perfect tone for an unforgettable night that seamlessly transitioned to Primo.

The evening kicked off with a heartwarming dinner under a beautifully decorated tent, where tear-jerking tributes highlighted the incredible work of the foundation. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as attendees eagerly raised their paddles, all vying to support the cause in a spirited display of generosity. And let's not forget the 'Auction Mania'— that had folks binding against their friends. With all that bidding HCCF has raised \$350,000 and still counting!!

But the real party got started when the Molly Ringwald Band took the stage, igniting the dance floor with classic '80s hits! Guests twirled and grooved, reliving the magic of the decade while basking in

the infectious energy of the crowd.

The true highlight of the evening was the overwhelming love and support from everyone in attendance. It was a night filled with joy, laughter, and a shared commitment to making a difference. This event not only raised funds but also fostered a sense of community that will resonate long after the last dance. Bravo to all that attended the High Country Charitable Foundation for an unforgettable night!

Putting Out Fires



The Banner Elk Fire Rescue may be small, with only 2 full-time employees, but they are mighty thanks to their dedicated team of volunteers. Each volunteer undergoes a rigorous year of training, mastering a series of tasks to ensure they are prepared to handle any emergency that comes their way.

On average, the Banner Elk Fire Rescue answers 650 calls a year, ranging from home and business fires to automobile accidents, remote medical emergencies, and severe weather situations. During the summer months, they are called upon to rescue hikers, while in the winter they assist injured skiers on the slopes.

Despite their small size, the Banner Elk Fire Rescue is often the first to arrive on the scene to assist EMS workers, the police department, the sheriff's office, and the Emergency Management. Their dedication to serving the community and their quick response times make them an invaluable resource in times of crisis. But they are more than that, the Banner Elk Fire Rescue is very active in the Avery County community. They enjoy teaching fire safety to community residents particularly reaching out to elementary schools and offer CPR classes.

Next time you see a member of the Banner Elk Fire Rescue, be sure to thank them for their hard work and commitment to keeping our community safe. Or drop by in person, you will enjoying meeting them.

The Banner Elk Fire Rescue are proud HCCF grant recipients.

Did you know much of their fire safety equipment is purchased through donations? Last year they received a grant to purchase brand new Scott Air Packs which are essential for firefighters so they are not exposed to hazardous toxins when they enter a burning structure.

Thank you to our firefighters for all the amazing work you do!!!



Williams YMCA of Avery County

2023 Grant Recipient

The Williams YMCA of Avery County is a beacon of hope and positivity for the youth and families of our community. This incredible organization works tirelessly to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all who walk through its doors.

Through a variety of programs and activities, the YMCA of Avery County aims to empower and inspire the next generation. From sports leagues and fitness classes to after-school programs and summer camps, there is something for everyone at the YMCA.

The Avery County YMCA is a first class facility boasting seven different centers. The Wellness Center, The Aquatic Center, The John M. Blackburn Indoor Facility, The O'Connell Field House, The Arthur Youth Center, and The Martha Guy Development Center.



The Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation

2023 Grant Recipient

Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was formed in 2009 to operate the prudently developed 700-acre portion that includes the Mile High Swinging Bridge, Wilson Center for Nature Discovery, hiking trails, Wildlife Habitats and much more.

Grandfather Mountain formed as a scenic travel destination in 1952 under the leadership of founder Hugh Morton and was privately owned for six decades. After Morton's death in 2006, his heirs sold 2,600 acres of the rugged backcountry to the state of North Carolina, leading to the creation of Grandfather Mountain State Park. They also formed the foundation.

Since they are a non-profit organization, everything they do is to benefit the mountain itself and the people who visit. The Stewardship Programs strive to make Grandfather a place where people can escape the daily grind, explore natural wonders and understand the amazing world

These centers have a positive impact on the lives of the Avery County community. But perhaps the most important aspect of the Williams YMCA of Avery County is the sense of community it fosters. Families come together to support one another, creating a network of love and acceptance that is truly special.

So let us celebrate and support the Williams YMCA of Avery County, for they are truly making a difference in the lives of our youth and families. Together, we can create a brighter future for all. HCCF proudly supports The Williams YMCA.

around them.

Grandfather Mountain is an exciting classroom. Through education programs, annual events, research, and behind-the-scenes experiences, they provide dozens of learning opportunities in nature for all ages.

Help us to continue to support The Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Program so generations to come will enjoy this special place.



Thank You!



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High Country
Charitable Foundation

As our community's needs evolve, we remain committed to improving the quality of life for all. And your gift helps make it possible!

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