

Wythe-Bland Community Foundation

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Improving life in Wythe & Bland Counties...



Photo: Jean Farley, Enterprise

Note from the Executive Director:

This first year for the WBCF has been very busy and rewarding. It has been a privilege for me to be part of this exciting adventure to provide grants to the nonprofit organizations which improve the health, education, and welfare of our community. There are many more exciting days ahead. Another round of grants will take place with an August 1st deadline and the Wytheville Community Center is nearing completion. We have only just begun.

Gail

April 1st Grant Recipients

The Wythe-Bland Community Foundation is pleased to announce the awarding of its first five grants for a total of \$120,050 to qualified 501 (c) (3) organizations (or governmental entities) serving Wythe County and Bland County, Virginia, that support, promote and/or further the Foundation's mission. The funds are awarded to:

Wythe County Public Schools: \$20,000 for start up costs for a Wellness Program for Children K-12.

Habitat for Humanity: \$3,000 for computer, phone line with high speed internet connection, printer, and management software to manage mortgages, materials, and applications more efficiently to serve working poor families.

Bland County Medical Clinic: \$52,000 for equipment for the clinic expansion.

Mt. Rogers Community Services Board: \$5,050 for Camp Chinquapin for exercise and wellness activities for children with developmental disabilities attending day camp.

Wytheville Community College: \$40,000 for equipment and educational material for health care curricula in Medical Laboratory Technology, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assistant, RN, LPN, and CNA.

The Foundation will also be giving another \$1.5 million to the **Wytheville Community Center** to complete the \$2.5 million pledged for the construction of the facility.

The Foundation, which was established in June, 2005, provides opportunities to improve the health, education, and welfare of the citizens of the Wythe and Bland Communities, with an emphasis on health care needs.

Grant Application Deadline

The next grant application deadline for the Wythe-Bland Community Foundation will be August 1, 2006. Please review the Grant Guidelines at www.wbcfoundation.org for the latest update to the guidelines. All 501-(c) (3) nonprofit organizations are invited to submit applications. Grants will be awarded October 1, 2006. Please contact Dr. Catron at 276-228-8001 to discuss ideas for possible grant applications.

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The Wythe-Bland Community Foundation is anticipating the opening of the Wytheville Community Center in early 2007. According to Steve Moore, Wytheville Assistant Town Manager, "the facility is 70% complete, but progress may seem to be much slower with the finer detail required of finish work on the inside." The foundation is providing \$2.5 million for the construction of the facility.