We’ve all heard the saying, “You get what you pay for.” Well, that’s not true with charitable giving, especially when giving through BCCF. With the generous matching program funded by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, you get much more than you pay for! For each donation we receive, a 50% match is provided to BCCF to award in grants for Boone County. What does this mean? If you give a $1,000 donation to any BCCF endowed fund (except scholarships), we will receive $500 to award in the next grant cycle! Boone County has reaped great benefits through this program in the last year. We urge you to take advantage of the match while it lasts… it’s the perfect opportunity to make a tax-exempt gift to the foundation, knowing that your community… your neighbors… your causes… will benefit far beyond for value of your gift. A little means a lot when it’s matched!

More bang for your buck!

-Emily Dickinson

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.

-Emily Dickinson
Good people making good investments to create grants for good causes … that’s the Community Foundation!

Hope...

Can we touch it? Can we feel it? As a Community Foundation, we believe we can give it and see it. **We give hope** to students and senior citizens when we grant money to their schools and organizations who provide for them. **We give hope** to the causes that form our communities when we support local needs like large print books for the library and preventive health events for the hospital. **We give hope** to the local groups who don’t know how to write a polished grant proposal but want desperately to see their student theatrical group succeed or their veterans honored with a memorial. **We give hope** to the small non-profits who don’t have what it takes to stand alone in the grant world when we pair them up with a larger organization to act as their fiscal agent, and then tell them they can receive a grant. **We give hope**... and then **we see that hope** fulfilled in the eyes of donors who realize that they have participated in giving some hope back to their community, as well.

**Hope is a state of mind, not of the world.** Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good.

-Vaclav Havel

2007 Grants

Many thanks to our generous donors, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation for making these grants possible. The Benedum matching program provided **an additional $39,170** to award as grants this year, making a total of **$50,590** awarded to organizations in Boone County. We anticipate great success with the matching program in the year to come, as well! Our 2007 grant recipients are:

**Amazing Grace Fellowship**: “The Rock” after-school program

**Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation**: the Coal Museum

**Bituminous Coal Heritage Foundation**: the WV Coal Festival

**Boone Madison Public Library**

**Boone Memorial Hospital**

**Regional Family Resource Network**: The “Family Times” program

**Regional Family Resource Network**: the “Stop Watch” program

**STAGE**: county student theatrical group

**TEAM for WV Children**

**United Way of Central WV**: Regional Teen Institute

**Van Jr/Sr High School**: Thom Cline Academic Retreat

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