It seems that every day our world gives us new challenges that seem overwhelming. We are inundated with obstacles that make it easy to remain isolated and complacent, waiting on someone else to solve the problems.

When faced with the roadblocks of the day, I often think that I can't have an impact; the issues are too big for me to make a difference; I can't change what is happening. Fortunately, I am surrounded by a community of people whose inspiration helps me overcome my doubts and pursue goals “greater than myself.”

Personally, that community of people is the Community Foundation of Burke County. I am inspired by the work of the organization that is supported by endowment funds. I am amazed by the work of the Burke Youth Organized Philanthropists (BYOP). I am confident in our future as I learn about our scholarship recipients, their accomplishments and future endeavors. I am in awe of the number of nonprofit organizations in Burke County and around the world that are supported by our individual donors.

You, our donors, are a part of this inspiring community of people. I thank each of you for taking action and making a difference. As you review the following pages, please reflect on the tremendous impact being made in our community and beyond. Nonetheless, there is still much to be done. Let’s continue supporting each other and our community, by making our world better through a purpose greater than ourselves.
Burke County is known as a community that responds to challenges. However, the year 2020 tested our strengths, both individually, and as a community. There is no one who did not experience the effects of the pandemic, either financially, emotionally, or socially. Nonetheless, Burke County as a community and the people who comprise it are resilient. Throughout this annual report, one can see how collaboration, commitment, determination, education, action, and responsiveness have prevailed through the most trying of times.

In 2020, total gifts given for charitable purposes increased by 88% over the previous year, attributed to our generous donors and the establishment of The J. Alex and Vivian G. Mull Foundation Charitable Fund. Total charitable gifts for 2020 were $2,604,964, with eighty percent (80%) of those gifts remaining in Burke County to meet local needs. Thirty five percent (35%) of all charitable gifts were designated for human services; eighteen percent (18%) for religion; seventeen percent (17%) for health; sixteen percent (16%) for education; and fourteen percent (14%) for the arts, economic viability, environment, and animals.

In March of 2020, the Foundation’s Board of Directors approved the establishment of the COVID-19 Community Emergency Fund in collaboration with Burke County United Way, Burke Women’s Fund, Camp Lake James Stewardship Fund, Grace Episcopal Church Foundation, Huffman-Cornwell Foundation, Rostan Family Foundation, Western Piedmont Foundation, and private donors. As of December 31, 2020, $202,043 was granted to nonprofits serving Burke County’s unprecedented needs experienced from the pandemic.

The Burke Youth Organized Philanthropists (BYOP) met via ZOOM during 2020 and focused its work on meeting the needs of children and their families, ages 0-18. While these students were experiencing unparalleled learning challenges and obstacles, they held fast to their commitment to BYOP by identifying and assisting organizations that supported its mission. These students, representing high schools across Burke County and led by Board Member Sara Black Moses, discussed mental health challenges that young people are facing. In those conversations, the depth of knowledge, concern for peers, and a desire to find an ongoing solution to address those challenges was evidenced.

During 2020, the Board of Directors focused on systemic issues that impact our community. Assisted by broad community representation, the Transportation Committee, led by John F. Black, Jr. (Chip), and the Homelessness Task Force, led by the Rev. Dr. Marshall A. Jolly, continued the difficult work of identifying barriers and finding solutions to lessen/eradicate these dilemmas.

In a year when interdependence was needed, our community, our donors, and our nonprofit agencies came together to meet the challenges. As you read through the 2020 annual report, my hope is that inspiration comes from the heroes and leaders that gave of themselves – their time, talents, and treasures - to support this community that we call home.

“Collaboration, commitment, determination, education, action and responsiveness have prevailed through the most trying of times.”
In Tribute: John W. Ervin, Jr.

The late John W. Ervin, Jr.’s role in the creation of the Community Foundation of Burke County (CFBC) deserves our appreciation and celebration. We asked some of the people who were present at the start of the CFBC story to share their reminiscences of John and his efforts to make the Foundation a reality.

To put the origination of the CFBC in context, Samuel J. Avery shared the following background information about the initial steps to form a Community Foundation in Burke County:

*In the late 1990’s, the Huffman Cornwell-Foundation funded a broad countywide visioning and planning process facilitated by futurist Leland Kaiser and organized by the United Way of Burke County. This complex procedure involved many throughout the county. At a final convocation in CoMMA, the large group present voted to form four task forces, one of which focused on resource development with a stated objective to form a community foundation. John W. Ervin, Jr. and Samuel J. Avery were chosen to lead that effort.*

Subsequently, a small group formed to study community foundations with James H. Rostan, W. Harold Mitchell, and Grady R. Pitts joining John and Sam. The group visited established community foundations and heard presentations from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, Community Foundation of Henderson County and the NC Community Foundation. These individuals educated the group on
the virtues of a regional community foundation with local affiliate boards.

Ultimately, the group decided to form an independent community foundation to serve Burke County. John, Jim, and Harold led the efforts to create the legal structure and the initial board of directors. The rest is a well documented, precious history.

Sam added the following about John W. Ervin, Jr.:

Indeed, a community foundation for Burke County was a dream of John’s in his many years of law practice. John was the most knowledgeable and sought-after attorney on estate planning matters. He said to me many times that he regretted deeply that a community foundation for Burke had not been formed years earlier, lamenting the fact that so many capable donors who were deceased could have made a massive difference. The Community Foundation of Burke County would not have happened without John’s leadership.

Jim Rostan, one of the CFBC’s founders, had this to say about John W. Ervin, Jr. and his contributions:

John insisted on several concepts which I believe still continue. First, it must be countywide with board representation throughout the county, and meetings would alternate in Morganton and Valdese to encourage participation. Second, the community foundation should not compete with other nonprofits for funds, but seek out fund sources that would build endowments to assist other nonprofits.

I always enjoyed working with John. When he had a mission in mind, he gave it all his energy. He welcomed an open discussion and was willing to agree to recommendations - but you had to have your “case” prepared if you wanted to convince him. He was the driving force in founding the CFBC.

Chip Black, a current member of the CFBC board, fondly recalls the effect John W. Ervin, Jr. had on him:

One of my life’s greatest gifts, I received from John Ervin. After explaining that he and Harold Mitchell and Jim Rostan were exploring the idea of a charitable community foundation, he simply said: “Chip, you ought to be involved in this.” I later learned that I was not the only community member who John drafted into the service of CFBC. His enthusiasm for the idea was boundless, as was his conviction that this charitable endeavor must be for all of Burke County. Much of our success can be attributed to John’s constant reminders that CFBC should address the needs of all Burke County residents, and we should be flexible and ready to meet needs which had not yet been imagined. His foresight was apparent this past year as CFBC responded to an unimagined pandemic with the COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Fund.

Finally, Caroline Avery, the original Executive Director of the CFBC, shared her memories of “Big John”:

John was a storyteller and he generously shared his laughter. He knew this part of North Carolina well and delighted in these mountains, streams, and soil. He fiercely loved Burke County and its people. He was determined to establish a Community Foundation that would support the needs of this county in perpetuity. He did it with much hard work, a close-knit group of like-minded folks and plenty of fun. This was the only way that John knew how to do things right.

John lived to see the fruit of his labors as the Community Foundation of Burke County has grown out of the hopes and dreams of a small group of people to become an organization that annually serves all of Burke County and its residents. John’s beloved wife, Nancy Taylor, succeeded Caroline Avery as CFBC’s Executive Director. She continues to honor John’s legacy through her leadership of the organization he was so instrumental in founding.

J. J. David Fletcher
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In March of 2020, the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Burke County (CFBC) announced the creation of the **COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Fund**. This was a community-wide effort to address the health and financial crisis that severely impacted Burke County. The Foundation was joined in this effort by Burke County United Way, Burke Women’s Fund, Camp Lake James Stewardship Fund, Grace Episcopal Church Foundation, Huffman-Cornwell Foundation, Rostan Family Foundation, Western Piedmont Foundation and private donors.

This fund was established to assist tax exempt nonprofit agencies addressing local humanitarian needs. Nonprofits were encouraged to apply for grants to help those who were in need of food, mental/medical services and shelter/housing. Also, agencies were allowed to seek grants to support their enhanced operational needs (i.e. personal protective equipment, disinfectants, technology needs, etc.). Grant requests were submitted on a weekly basis, reviewed by the CFBC Grants Committee, and decisions made within the same week.

During 2020, 52 grants, totaling $202,043, were distributed to 27 nonprofit organizations serving Burke County. These grants provided funding for personal protective equipment (i.e. masks, gloves, face shields, hand sanitizers, etc.), financial assistance for qualified patients/clients, pre-packed food boxes, iPads, ZOOM licenses, emergency shelter, telehealth equipment, mental health services, cluster ion machines, rental subsidies, and general operating costs.

In October of 2020, the J. Iverson Riddle Center applied for a grant through the COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Fund and received funds to purchase iPads for residents to communicate with their families and guardians. Alicia Lorenzo Wilson, Director of Volunteer Services for the J. Iverson Riddle Institute, shared the following story with CFBC:

*The guardians have appreciated being able to see their loved ones through the COVID-19 Pandemic when they were unable to come on campus. They were able to see how they looked, and to look them in the eyes through an isolating time, which has added some comfort. One resident comes to mind who is deaf. He was unable to really communicate with his Mom since all in-person visits had stopped and he was unable to hear on the phone. The video calls have been able to support him in his communication, using ASL (American Sign Language) via the video. Being able to see his Mom, and to communicate with her, helped both of them to know that they were each okay.*

The COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Fund has continued into 2021, providing monetary assistance to organizations struggling to meet the needs of their clients/residents and/or working to stabilize their operations. This fund demonstrated the value of collaboration and the significant impact organizations can have when they come together to serve a common mission.

### Recipients of COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Funds

- **American Cancer Society**
- **American Red Cross**
- **Assure The Future**
- **Baptist State Convention of North Carolina – Oak Ridge Baptist Church**
- **Burke Council on Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency**
- **Burke County Literacy Council, Inc.**
- **Burke County Public Schools**
- **Burke United Christian Ministries**
- **Casting for Hope**
- **Center for Rural Health Innovation**
- **East Burke Christian Ministries**
- **First United Methodist Church – Morganton**
- **Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina**
- **Good Samaritan Clinic**
- **Habitat for Humanity of Burke County, Inc.**
- **MedAssist of Mecklenburg**
- **Mimosa Christian Counseling Center, Inc.**
- **Morganton Day School**
- **Olive Hill Community Development Organization Options, Inc.**
- **Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina**
- **Southmountain Children and Family Services**
- **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**
- **The Meeting Place One, Inc.**
- **The Outreach Center**
- **Waldensian Presbyterian Church of Valdese**
- **Western North Carolina Workers Center**
2020 Endowment Funds

Animals
Burke County Friends for Animals Endowment Fund

Arts
Burke Arts Council Endowment Fund
Caldwell Arts Council Endowment Fund
Caldwell Arts Council Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
The Rock School Arts Foundation Endowment Fund

Broad Charitable Purposes
Avery-Causby Fund
Donald and Betty Taylor Fund
Dorothy K. Ervin Endowment Fund
Emanuel A. and Romilda P. Richard Endowment Fund
Francis and Emily Grill Memorial Fund
George H. and Rose Marie Yount Endowment Fund
Jean Conyers Ervin Fund
Marilyn Malone Gordon Endowment Fund
Otto and Wynne Woerner Fund
William E. and Laura Ervin Smith Fund

Cemetery Maintenance
Mountain View Cemetery Fund
Quaker Meadows Cemetery Fund
Waldensian Presbyterian Church Cemetery Endowment Fund

Culture/History
Historic Burke Foundation-Alice Elaine Falls Endowed Fund
Historic Burke Foundation-Alice Elaine Falls Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
History Museum of Burke County Endowment Fund
History Museum of Burke County Limited Endowment Fund
Library Foundation of Burke County Endowment Fund

Deaf and Hearing Impaired
Albert Mehl Endowment Fund

Donor Advised
Bob and Susan Merrill Endowment Fund
Bowers-Greene Endowment Fund
Burke Sunrise, Inc. Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Burke Women’s Fund
Camp Lake James Stewardship Fund
Charles M. and Alice M. Carey Fund
Chris and Leanne Brittain Family Fund
Christian Shull Children’s Endowment Fund
Cooper McCall Endowment Fund
Ellen and Rountree Collett Fund
Gresham Orrison Endowment Fund
Jackie and Paul Deaton Fund
James H. and Doris G. Edwards Endowment Fund
James H. Rostan and Linda R. Rostan Endowment Fund
Janice H. Rostan Endowment Fund
Joel Hastings Endowment Fund
John P. Rostan, Jr. and Naomi Bounous Rostan Endowment Fund
Joyce Amos Jones Endowment Fund
Little Blue Fund
Mayas la nueva generacion-Mayas the Next Generation Fund
Morgan-Avery Fund
Norvell Family Fund
Rotary Club of Morganton Charitable Fund
Salsbury-Taylor Fund
Ted and Evelyn DeAugustinis Fund
The J. Alex and Vivian G. Mull Foundation Charitable Fund

Education/Scholarship
Adam Benson Scholarship Fund
Anita Wilson Scholarship Fund
Ann Cornwell Patton and George Thomas Cornwell Fund
Barrett L. and Diana S. Crawford Scholarship Fund
Betty and Otto Woerner Endowed Scholarship Fund
Burke Education Endowment Program Endowed Fund
Cranford Scholarship Endowment Fund
Clyde Nichols Young, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund
Crump-Pollpeter Scholarship Fund
Darren Wilson Scholarship Fund
Drexel Alumni Association Fund
Glenn R. Yoder Scholarship Endowment Fund
Jimmy C. Draughn Scholarship Endowment Fund
Keith Warren Black Educational Scholarship Fund
Larry and Louise Huffman Scholarship Endowment Fund

Please consider making a donation to one of these endowments.
Larry Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Margaret Franklin Scholarship Fund
Michael Williamson Eley Endowment Fund
Mildred and Hugh Fletcher Scholarship Fund
Morganton Day School Scholarship Endowment Fund
Norvell Family Fund – Libby Enos Norvell Educational Scholarship
Norvell Family Fund – Paul J. Koehnke Fine Arts Scholarship
Raymond K. Miller Scholarship Endowment Fund
Robert A. “Bob” Shook Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rotary Club of Morganton Scholarship Endowment Fund
Ruth Bolick Christian Scholarship Fund
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church Miss Annie Avery Scholarship Fund
The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics – Morganton Fund
Tim Spain Scholarship Fund
Valdese Rotary Club Endowed Scholarship Fund
Waldensian Presbyterian Women Scholarship Program Endowment Fund
Wynne and Otto Woerner Endowed Scholarship Fund

Environment
Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina Burke County Endowment Fund
Martha’s Park Endowment Fund

Healthcare
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care Endowment Fund
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund II
Good Samaritan Clinic Endowment Fund
Ron LaSalle Limited Endowment Fund for Charitable Care
Stop Alcohol and Drug Addiction Endowment Fund
Teeth in Need Endowment Fund

Human Services
Andrea Galen Jacks Endowment Fund
Blue Ridge Community Action Fund
Burke Charitable Properties Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Burke County United Way Fund
Burke United Christian Ministries Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Children’s Home Society of North Carolina Limited Endowed Fund
Drew Woerner Endowment Fund
Foothills Service Project Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
Habitat for Humanity of Burke County, Inc. Fund
Options Against Family Violence Fund
Ray and Laura Consley Endowed Fund
Southmountain Children and Family Services Endowment Fund
W. Edwin & Marie T. Hoyle Endowed Fund

School Nurse Program/Nursing Scholarship
Minnie Belle Rector Cooper Nursing Scholarship Fund
Stiff Endowment Fund

Religion
Edna Daves and Thomas Jackson McCall Endowment Fund
First Presbyterian Church Morganton Limited Endowed Donor Advised Fund
George Lewis “Jake” and Annie Taylor Paschall Endowment Fund
Waldensian Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund
Walter Howard Lewis Endowment Fund

Travel Fellowship-First Baptist Church Morganton
Jerald C. Liebhart, Sr. & Grace Folmar Liebhart Fund

Unrestricted
Betsy and Billy Joe Patton Endowment Fund
Bill and Hazel Bailey Abernathy Endowment Fund
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Donald Jackson McCall Endowment Fund
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John L. and Caroline W. Kos Fund
John W. Ervin, Jr. Endowment Fund
Pat and Harold Mitchell Fund

Please visit www.cfburkecounty.org to donate online.
Bayleigh Brooke Gentieu knew at the age of eight that her goal was to attend the United States Military Academy West Point. With that goal in mind, Bayleigh became focused on academics and physical fitness. She attended Jimmy C. Draughn High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl Club, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Interact Club, and Book Worms Anonymous. Bayleigh was on the softball team while in high school and played for Burke County Post 21 in the North Carolina American League Lady Fastpitch League. She also was an accomplished wrestler in both middle and high school and worked to earn the respect of her male counterparts as she wrestled with the boys.

When Bayleigh discovered that she was medically ineligible to attend the United States Military Academy West Point because of epilepsy, she was not deterred in her dream to serve her country. Ms. Gentieu and her parents visited Charleston and decided to tour The Citadel. When Bayleigh walked onto the grounds of The Citadel, she immediately knew this was where she belonged.

In the fall of 2020, Bayleigh was one of 97 women offered enrollment to The Citadel, along with 696 men. She was challenged her first year; but, Ms. Gentieu embraced the opportunity, made connections with her fellow classmates, and developed an appreciation of the diverse country in which we live. She learned to work eighteen hour days in Boot Camp and become a stronger person for the experience. With her passion for physical exercise, she became a member of the Cross Country Team. Her motto is: “Don’t let your brain tell you that you can’t do it.”

Bayleigh was the recipient of the 2020 Cranford Scholarship, established by Paul Cranford. She is aware of the history of Paul Cranford’s nephew, Eric Cranford, who served in the United States Navy and lost his life in the 911 Attack on the Pentagon. Also, she is knowledgeable about Paul Cranford’s brother, Fred Cranford, who served as Assistant Superintendent for the Burke County Public Schools. Bayleigh plans to honor their memories by attending Harvard University and becoming a JAG officer. Her accomplishments thus far would suggest that she will achieve these goals.

“Don’t let your brain tell you that you can’t do it.”
“Malawi was the perfect place for me to be,” states Julia Randolph, Burke County native. Malawi, located in Southern Africa, was a great distance from Julia’s life in Burke County and her educational experiences at Patton High School and the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (where she majored in Global Studies and Spanish). In Malawi, Julia achieved her dream of serving in the Peace Corps. In 2019, her assignment was to teach Secondary School English for 27 months. Although the adjustment was not always easy for her, two families taught Julia how to make Malawi feel like home. She learned to live without electricity and running water, to complete daily chores using only a few plastic buckets, and to value gratitude, hospitality, selflessness, and community to a greater depth than ever before.

On March 16, 2020, Julia received notice that she had less than 24 hours to pack her life into two bags and prepare for evacuation from Malawi. The Peace Corps mandated a departure from her new home due to the pandemic. The goodbyes to her students, her families, her neighbors, her cat, brought some of the most troubling emotions she had ever known. In less than a day, Julia’s vision of building a library for the Mkaika Community seemed to vanish.

After returning to Morganton, Julia approached the Community Foundation of Burke County (CFBC) to secure assistance with her plan to build the library. CFBC advised Ms. Randolph on how to establish the Mkaika COSS Library Project Nonendowed Fund, to develop a donor engagement plan, and to connect with an international grantee, World Connect, Inc. With unwavering resolute, Julia was determined to build the much needed library for the Malawian Community.

Even though the fundraising and the construction were huge successes, neither was without great obstacles. The rainy season in Malawi (almost one-half of the year), cultural barriers, language hurdles, COVID-19, and finding an international grantee (World Connect, Inc.) to partner with CFBC were challenges that became opportunities for Julia. With sheer determination, she raised almost $10,000 to see her vision to fruition.

In February of 2021, Julia returned to Malawi, to oversee and supervise the construction of the library. Julia gives all the credit for the construction of the Mkaika library project to the community members and to the generous hearts of CFBC donors. Although Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world, the people are known as “the warm heart of Africa” and their efforts are seen in the fulfillment of this endeavor. However, without Julia’s vision, the project would not have transpired.

As for Julia, her dream continues for the Mkaika community. Now her focus is adding additional books to the library and building a hostel for female students. Currently the library has 1,000 books for checkout. Julia said, “Through the creation of this library and the hope of building a hostel, I hope to give my community an enriched environment that can begin to change their lives in the same way they changed mine.”
Betty and Otto Woerner Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Betty and Otto Woerner Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by Betty Woerner. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide resources to a student entering college, attending college, or attending graduate school. The student must be pursuing a degree in teaching, culinary arts, or fashion design.

Macy Fulbright, a graduate of Burke Middle College, was the 2020 recipient of the Betty and Otto Woerner Endowed Scholarship. During her time at Burke Middle College, Macy was active in the National Honor Society, Burke Middle College Leadership Team, and Vice President of the Western Piedmont Community College Student Government Association.

Macy is now attending Gardner Webb University where she is majoring in elementary education. Her classes include Mathematics for Elementary Teachers, Educational Psychology, Class Leadership for Elementary Education, and Literacy Foundations.

Glenn R. Yoder Scholarship

The Glenn R. Yoder Scholarship was established in 2003 by the Valdese Lion’s Club to honor the life of Mr. Yoder. Mr. Yoder was a longtime member of the Valdese Lion’s Club and was a career elementary school teacher and principal.

Brenna Pearson, a graduate of Burke Middle College, was one of the recipients of the 2020 Glenn R. Yoder Scholarship. During her time at Burke Middle College, Brenna was a member of the Burke Middle College Student Leadership Team, the Western Piedmont Community College Undergraduate Research Team, and Vice President of the Western Piedmont Community College Natural Science Club.

Brenna is now attending NC State University where she is pursuing a degree in engineering. Her classes include Engineering in the 21st Century, Calculus, Foundation of Graphics, and Physics.

Jimmy C. Draughn Endowment Scholarship

The Jimmy C. Draughn Endowment Scholarship was established by Emma Draughn and East Burke High School to honor the life of Jimmy C. Draughn, the first principal of East Burke High School. The purpose is to provide financial resources to a graduating senior from East Burke High School who is committed to completing a four year degree and demonstrates strong leadership and participation and/or service in school or the community.

Chelsea Walters, a graduate of East Burke High School, was the 2020 recipient of the Jimmy C. Draughn Endowment Scholarship. While attending East Burke High School, Chelsea was active in the National Honor Society, HOSA Club, Science Olympiad, and the Key Club.

Chelsea is currently enrolled at Gardner Webb University, majoring in nursing. Her courses include Human Anatomy/Physiology, General Chemistry, Nursing Assessment, and Pharmacology in Nursing Practice.

Michael Williamson Eley Scholarship

The Michael Williamson Eley Scholarship was established in 2014 by Margaret L. Acuff in memory of her son, Michael Williamson Eley. The purpose of the fund is to provide resources to a graduating senior who commits to a four year degree, demonstrates scholastic achievement and academic ability, and pursues a major in engineering, math, physics, or chemistry.

Annaleigh Breedlove, a graduate of Robert L. Patton High School, was the 2020 recipient of the Michael Williamson Eley Scholarship. During her time at Robert L. Patton High School, Annaleigh was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, and the Student Government Association.

Annaleigh is currently attending the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill where she is majoring in mathematics. Her coursework includes...
Scholarship Recipients

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Lindsey Cales, Brett Childers, 
Kathryn Wilson, Alexandria Hoover, 
Benjamin Teffeteller, Chelsea Walters, 
Brenna Pearson

Second Row - left to right |
Erika Whisnant, Hannah Ward, Jacob Lowman, Makenah Wilson, Gunnar Hudson, Megan Letherwood, Hannah Scronce

Third Row - left to right | Hunter Jensen, Andres Mateo, Joshua McManus, Clara Hawn, Bayleigh Gentieu, Allyson Mouglea, Estela Lemus-Mora

Fourth Row - left to right | Macy Fulbright, Lucia Alon-Mejia, Jaden Ramsey, Saniah O’Neil, Abigail Parker

Calculus, Foundation for Statistical Data Science, Spanish, and Life Fitness.

Margaret Franklin Scholarship Fund
The Margaret Franklin Scholarship Fund was established in 2018 by Benny Franklin to honor the memory of his wife, Margaret. She devoted her life to teaching and caring for the young people of Burke County. Megan Letherwood, a graduate of Burke Middle College, was the 2020 recipient of the Margaret Franklin Scholarship. Before attending Burke Middle College, Megan attended Freedom High School where she was active in the Anchor Club, Honors Chorus, and the Gardner Webb and Lenoir Rhyne Choral Festivals.

Megan is attending Western Piedmont Community College where she is majoring in education. Her coursework includes Child/Family/and Community, Child Development, and Creative Activities.

Robert A. “Bob” Shook Memorial Scholarship
The Rutherford College Lion’s Club established the Robert A. “Bob” Shook Memorial Scholarship in 2015 to honor the life of Robert A. “Bob” Shook. Mr. Shook was an educator, coach, and a member of the Rutherford College Lion’s Club for over 30 years. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial resources for a graduating senior from East Burke High School or Jimmy C. Draughn High School who is pursuing a degree in education.

Alexandria Hoover, a graduate of Jimmy C. Draughn High School, was one of the recipients of the 2020 Robert A. “Bob” Shook Memorial Scholarship. During her time at Jimmy C. Draughn High School, Alexandria was a member of the National Honor Society, Anchor Club, Write World Council, and the Volleyball Team.

Alexandria is attending Appalachian State University where she is majoring in English and Secondary Education. Her coursework includes World Literature, Renaissance Literature, American Sign Language, and the Principles of Language.
In the fall of 2020, the Burke Youth Organized Philanthropists (BYOP) entered their fifth year of operation. Sara Black Moses, a native of Burke County, and a Board member of the Community Foundation of Burke County (CFBC), serves as Volunteer Director.

In a year when COVID-19 drastically changed the school life of our young people, BYOP members stayed committed to their mission of meeting the needs of children, ages 0-18, and their families. Their monthly meetings and grant interviews were all conducted via ZOOM.

BYOP completed their competitive grant cycle in June and awarded four grants to organizations that supported their mission. Recipients of the grants were Blue Ridge Community Action to develop a mobile app for students that would provide links to students for health and counseling services, community resources, and national hotlines; First United Methodist Church - Valdese to provide funds for its Backpack Feeding Ministry; Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, Inc. to cover the cost of Burke County families staying at its Charlotte Ronald McDonald House; and Southmountain Children and Family Services to assist with the purchase of a surveillance system.

The work of BYOP is supported by the Foundation and private individuals. The financial donors believe in the importance of young people’s desire to learn about philanthropy, our local nonprofits, and the needs of Burke County children and their families.
Since 2009, the Burke Women’s Fund (BWF), operating under the auspices of the Community Foundation of Burke County (CFBC), has focused on its mission to address the issues that impact the lives of women and their families. As of December 31, 2020, BWF has awarded more than $341,955 to nonprofit agencies who meet those needs.

Due to the pandemic, the BWF was not able to hold its annual celebration. However, its work continued. In March of 2020, the BWF presented its membership’s grant recommendations to the CFBC Board of Directors. Six grants, totaling $33,470, were awarded to Baptist State Convention of North Carolina – Oak Ridge Baptist Church; COVID-19 Community Emergency Response Fund; Habitat for Humanity of Burke County, Inc.; Options, Inc.; The Meeting Place One, Inc.; and TOSS.

At year end, the Burke Women’s Fund had increased its endowment fund to $161,986. In so doing, BWF continues to ensure the long term vision of advancing the power of collective giving among Burke County women for years to come.

2020 BWF Steering Committee Members
First Row - left to right | Nancy Taylor, Beth Heile, Anna Moose, Janice Gravely
Second Row - left to right | Rosa Read, Allison Pryor, Margaret Hampson, Leslie Rostan
Third Row - left to right | Mary Charlotte Safford, Ashley Brown, Kelle Huffman, Lisa Miller
## Statement of Financial Position

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<tr>
<th>Assets</th>
<th>2020 Total</th>
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<td><strong>Current assets:</strong></td>
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<td>Cash and equivalents</td>
<td>632,897</td>
<td>605,596</td>
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<td>Short-term investments</td>
<td>63,147</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<td>Promises to give</td>
<td>5,977</td>
<td>4,919</td>
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<td>Other receivables</td>
<td>1,334</td>
<td>838</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
<td>5,111</td>
<td>9,322</td>
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<td>Land held for sale</td>
<td>25,500</td>
<td>25,500</td>
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<td><strong>Total current assets</strong></td>
<td>733,966</td>
<td>648,175</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
<td>26,826,906</td>
<td>23,321,951</td>
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<td>Cash surrender value of life insurance</td>
<td>23,454</td>
<td>23,558</td>
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<td>Property and equipment</td>
<td>1,552</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>27,585,878</td>
<td>23,993,684</td>
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| Liabilities and Net Assets   |            |            |
| Current liabilities:         |            |            |
| Accounts payable             | 6,636      | 7,484      |
| Grants payable               | 45,466     | 57,225     |
| **Total current liabilities**| 52,102     | 64,709     |

| Net assets:                  |            |            |
| Unrestricted                 |            |            |
| Discretionary                | 157,234    | 112,681    |
| Board designated             | 530,115    | 474,940    |
| Donor advised                 | 443,761    | 349,185    |
| **Total without donor**      | 220,000    | 210,000    |
| restrictions                 | 1,131,110  | 936,806    |
| With donor restrictions      | 26,182,666 | 22,782,169 |
| With donor restrictions -    |            |            |
| perpetual endowment          |            |            |
| **Total net assets**         | 27,533,776 | 23,928,975 |
| **Total liabilities and net**| 27,585,878 | 23,993,684 |
## Statement of Activities

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<td><strong>Revenues and other support</strong></td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>2,604,964</td>
<td>1,378,751</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>350,228</td>
<td>527,866</td>
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<td>Net realized and unrealized gains on investments</td>
<td>2,384,537</td>
<td>3,664,641</td>
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<td>Change in cash surrender value of life insurance</td>
<td>(104)</td>
<td>(52)</td>
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<td>In-kind contributions</td>
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<td>12,696</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>718</td>
<td>685</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenues and other support</strong></td>
<td>5,340,343</td>
<td>5,584,587</td>
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<td><strong>Expenses:</strong></td>
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<td>Program services</td>
<td>1,625,980</td>
<td>1,569,030</td>
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<td>Management and general</td>
<td>109,562</td>
<td>121,150</td>
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<td>Pledge cancellations</td>
<td></td>
<td>365</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>1,735,542</td>
<td>1,690,545</td>
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<td><strong>Increase (decrease) in net assets</strong></td>
<td>3,604,801</td>
<td>3,894,042</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets at beginning of year</strong></td>
<td>23,928,975</td>
<td>20,034,933</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets at end of year</strong></td>
<td>27,533,776</td>
<td>23,928,975</td>
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Complete audited statements are available at the office of the Foundation.
Financial Reports

Assets

Growth of Endowment
In 2020, $12,488,134 in grant funding was distributed to qualified nonprofit agencies and organizations. Human Services received the largest allocation (35%).

**Burke Women’s Fund Endowment Balance**

- 2020: $162K
- 2019: $149K
- 2018: $123K
- 2017: $131K
- 2016: $110K
- 2015: $94K
- 2014: $91K
- 2013: $81K
- 2012: $63K
- 2011: $44K
- 2010: $40K
- 2009: $11K

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