



# 2025

# IMPACT REPORT



Community Foundation  
Northern Shenandoah Valley



# Who We Are

## OUR MISSION

To inspire philanthropy for the benefit of the City of Winchester and the Counties of Clarke, Frederick and Warren.

## OUR VISION

To create a healthy and vibrant community through engaged philanthropy, community knowledge and leadership.

## OUR VALUES

Helping individuals, families, businesses and non-profit agencies achieve their charitable and financial goals by providing tools and resources that make giving easy, flexible and effective.

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## *A Message from Our* **BOARD PRESIDENT**

In 2025, the Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley reached inspiring new milestones that reflect our region's generosity and shared commitment to lasting impact. We welcomed a record 11 new funds, strengthening our ability to serve emerging community needs. Donations grew by 22%, demonstrating deep trust in our mission and stewardship. Thanks to our donors, we awarded \$100,000 in grants to 48 nonprofits through our Spring Grant Cycle, supporting vital programs across our region.

We also celebrated the hiring of our new Executive Director, whose proven nonprofit leadership positions us for an even stronger future. With this strong foundation and renewed enthusiasm, CFNSV is exceptionally well positioned to celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2026 and to continue building a vibrant, resilient future for everyone in the Northern Shenandoah Valley.



*Erik Beatley*

## *A Message from Our* **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Over the past six months of my tenure, the Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley has experienced remarkable growth and community energy. We welcomed a flurry of new funds that reflect the diverse passions of our donors and launched two new fiscal sponsorships to support local public safety initiatives. Our community campaigns—Chain of Checks and Coats for Kids—reached unprecedented levels of generosity, demonstrating the deep compassion of our region. Overall, CFNSV funds gave \$1.7M back to the community in 2025. We are grateful for the generosity and support of our community and look forward to scaling our impact in 2026.



*Nancy Croft Baker*

# 2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**11** NEW FUNDS  
TOTALING  
**\$338,648**

**↑ 22%**  
INCREASE IN  
DONATIONS

**\$100K**  
IN GRANTS  
TO **48**  
NONPROFITS 

**\$61K+**  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO **23**  
STUDENTS 

**\$1.7M** IN GRANTS FROM CFNSV FUNDS  
BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS



Coats for Kids  
**1K+** COATS



Chain of Checks  
**\$40K+**

**\$18.6M**



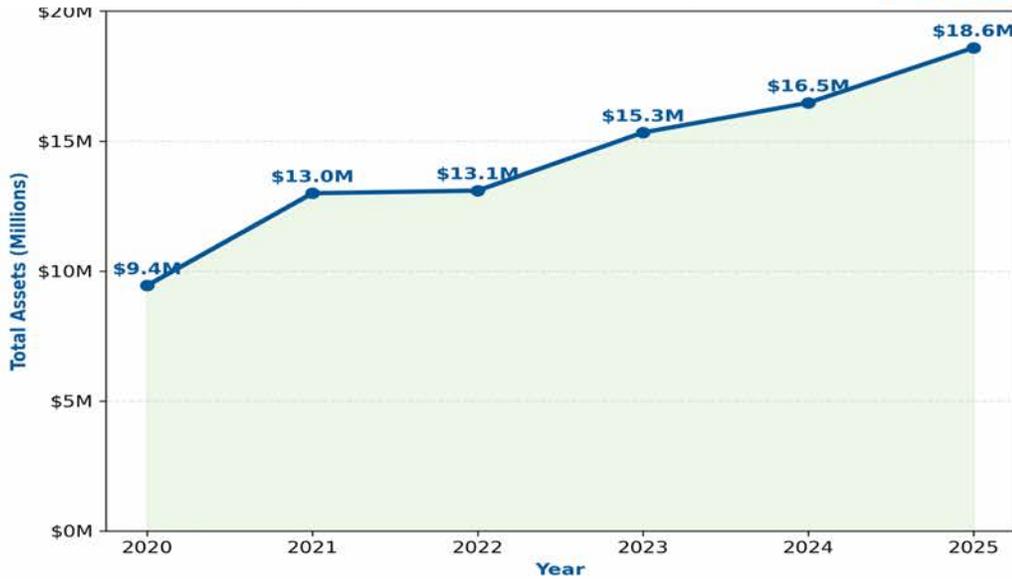
INVESTMENT  
PORTFOLIO

**2** NEW FISCAL  
SPONSORSHIPS

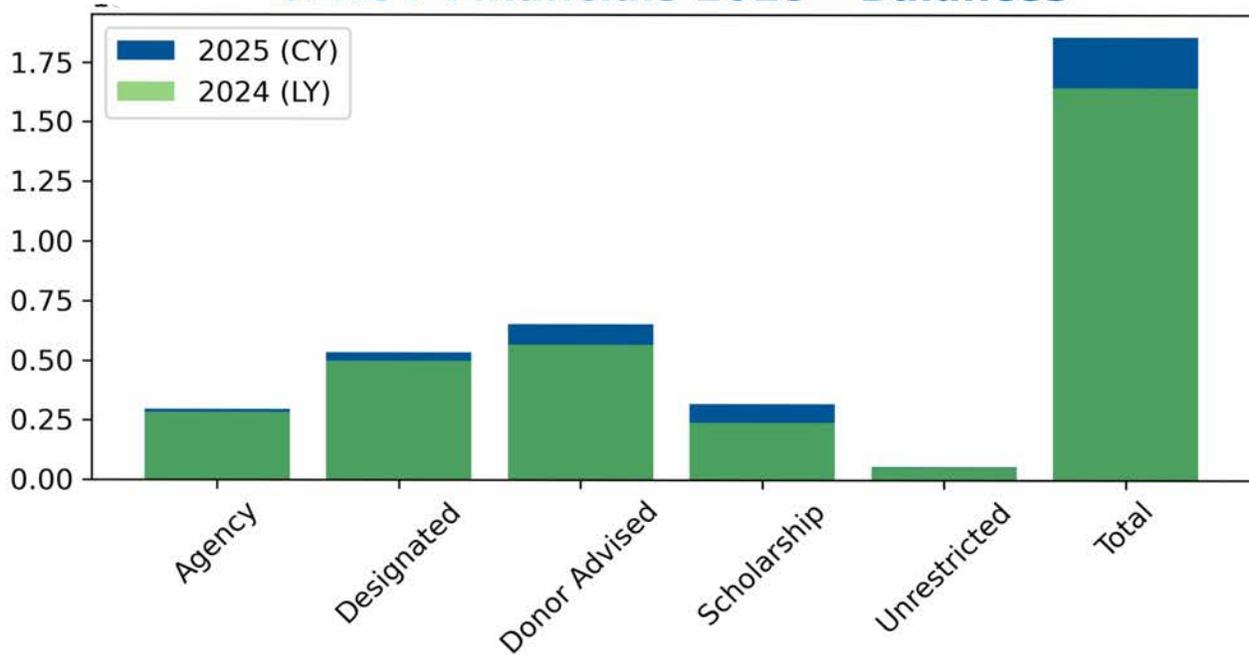
Winchester Police Support Fund  
Warren County VA Sheriff's Office Foundation

# 2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

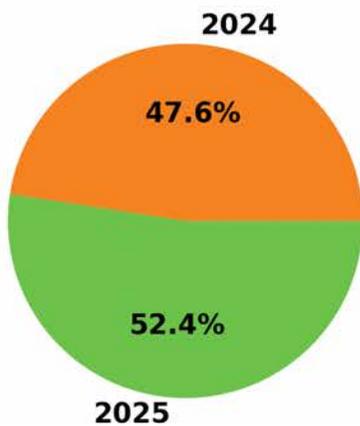
## CFNSV Financial Growth: Total Assets 2020-2025



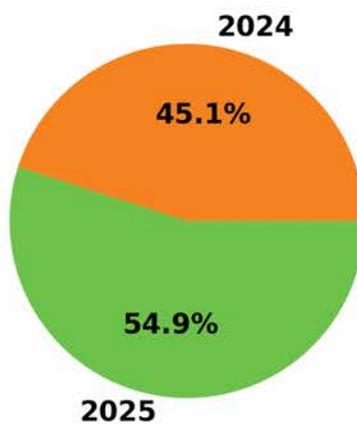
## CFNSV Financials 2025 - Balances



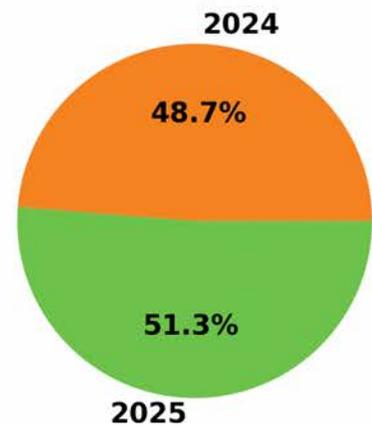
### Donations Growth



### Grants Growth



### Scholarships Growth



# SIGNATURE EVENTS

## COMMUNITY STARS

It was a night of laughter and good cheer as we honored Nancy C. "Tootie" Rinker with our 2025 Community Star Award. Tootie is a distinguished leader and philanthropist whose dedication to service has profoundly impacted the Northern Shenandoah Valley. The event took place on March 6th at Shenandoah Valley Golf Club, celebrating Tootie's exceptional contributions and bringing together community members in a night of recognition and inspiration.

Tootie Rinker's legacy of service spans decades, from her early career as an audiologist to her tenure as the Executive Director of the Winchester-Frederick

Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she served for 19 years. Her leadership extends across numerous community organizations, including the Winchester Rotary Club, where she was president and recipient of multiple Distinguished Service Awards. In addition, her work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace Strasburg-VA Chapter and the WMC Auxiliary has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving lives in our community. Tootie puts her heart and her elbow grease into everything she does. In fact, it's not unusual to find her wearing safety goggles and work gloves to build a bed for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Her star continues to shine brightly on our community.



## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY STARS SPONSORS

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# SIGNATURE EVENTS



## COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY DAY LUNCHEON

CFNSV awarded a record \$100,000 in grants to 48 local nonprofits during its 12th annual Community Philanthropy Day Thank-You Luncheon at Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury. "It's a powerful reflection of our region's philanthropic spirit and the collective commitment to uplifting the vital work of our nonprofit community," said Erik Beatley, CFNSV Board President.

This year's public grant cycle saw a 47% increase in applications, underscoring the growing needs across the Northern Shenandoah Valley. The event celebrated the inspiring and innovative work of local nonprofits, as well as the philanthropists who made the grants possible. CFNSV distributed more than \$1.7 million in both public and private grants in 2025 (details on the following pages).



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Grant recipients pose with CFNSV board member and Claytor Family Fund donor Rieman Claytor (second from right).

## THANK YOU TO OUR PHILANTHROPY DAY SPONSORS

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# COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS



## Chain of Checks

Chain of Checks founder Barry Lee Bowser celebrated the 40th year of this cherished community campaign in a big way in 2025, raising twice as much funding as expected. "Our original goal was to provide four \$5,000 grants," noted Bowser. "But the money kept coming in, so we were able to share this community's big heart by expanding our original grants, plus adding

four more!" A fiscal sponsorship of CFNSV, Chain of Checks awarded \$8,000 grants to Concern Hotline (top left), Love to NIC (top right), Seniors First (Bottom left) and Sinclair Health Clinic (bottom right) Recipients of \$2,000 micro-grants were Blue Ridge Housing Network, Families Reaching Out Group, Highland Food Pantry and NW Works.

## Coats for Kids

This annual community campaign of the Rotary Club of Winchester distributes more than 1,000 coats to kids of all ages. It was born of a conversation with a teacher who lamented how many of her students came to school without warm clothing in the winter. Each year, Rotarians fundraise for the campaign, which is a fiscal sponsorship of CFNSV. Coats are distributed by Rotary volunteers to Fremont Street Nursery, Winchester Day Preschool, Froggy's Closet, Bright Futures, CCAP Winchester and the Salvation Army.



# 2025 GRANT AWARDS

## SPRING 2025 PUBLIC GRANT CYCLE

**Beatley Stevenson Family Fund**  
2 for 2 Foundation

**Boxley-Fox Endowment Fund**  
Barns of Rose Hill  
Shenandoah Arts Council  
Shenandoah University  
Winchester Little Theater

**Byron Brill & Kathleen  
Kanter Family Fund**  
Just Neighbors Ministry Inc.

**Cochran Family Youth Fund**  
AbbaCare  
Arte Libre  
CCAP Winchester  
ChildSafe Center  
Girls on the Run of the  
Shenandoah Valley  
Reaching Out Now  
Samuels Public Library  
Special Love

**CFNSV Future Fund**  
Blue Ridge Housing Network  
Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc.  
Blue Ridge Wildlife Center  
Cars Changing Lives  
Families Reaching Out Group  
Laurel Center  
Museum of the Shenandoah Valley  
Our Health  
Phoenix Project  
Samuels Public Library  
SPCA of Winchester, Frederick and Clarke  
Counties  
The McShinn Foundation

**Chain of Checks**  
Concern Hotline  
Love to Nick  
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging  
Sinclair Health Clinic  
NW Works  
Families Reaching Out Group Bringing  
Resources to Aid Women's Shelters  
Highland Food Pantry

**Claytor Family Fund**  
Opportunity Scholars  
People Incorporated of Virginia  
Salvation Army  
Shenandoah Valley Discovery  
Museum  
Timber Ridge School

**Paul & Martha Rees Fund**  
Access Independence  
American Red Cross of the  
Greater Shenandoah Valley  
Bringing Resources to Aid  
Women's Shelters (BRAWS)  
Foundation for Rehabilitation  
Equipment & Endowment  
(F.R.E.E.)  
Front Royal-Warren County CCAP  
Godfrey Miller Home, Inc.  
Highland Food Pantry  
NW Works  
St. Luke Community Clinic  
Wheels for Wellness  
You're Not Alone Ministry

## IN MEMORIAM



We are saddened to report that we lost three long-time and cherished donors in 2025. Former Shenandoah University President James Davis (left) created a CFNSV fund to support education and youth development, reflecting his enduring commitment to student success and regional opportunity. James K. Wright (right) granted hundreds of thousands of dollars to local nonprofits through his endowed fund and was able to experience the impact of his generosity before his passing. Likewise, Douglas Cochran (center) generously supported dozens of nonprofits serving youth in the NSV throughout his life, despite no longer residing in the area. It is a great honor to carry on the legacies of these fine men.

# 2025 GRANT AWARDS

## PRIVATE GRANTS

**Adult Care Center Capacity and Growth Fund**  
Adult Care Center of the Northern Shenandoah Valley,  
Inc.

**Betty Jane Ward Winchester SPCA Fund**  
SPCA of Winchester, Frederick, and Clarke

**Reveley Ann Lee Memorial Fund**  
Wheels for Wellness

**Blue Ridge Arts Council Endowment Fund**  
Blue Ridge Arts Council

**Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity Fund**  
Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity

**Byron Brill and Kathleen Kanter Family Fund**  
Wheels for Wellness  
Rotary Club of Strasburg

**CCAP Non-Endowed Agency Support Fund**  
Congregational Community Action Project Of Win-  
chester (CCAP)

**Clark and Wyatt Charitable Fund**  
Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc.

**Christopher A. & Maria A. Molden Endowed  
Fund**  
Rotary Club of Winchester

**Copenhaver Childs Justice Fund**  
Emory & Henry College  
Hand Up Loans

**Dr. Craig Zunka and JoEllen McNeal Family Fund**  
Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation  
Families Reaching Out Group  
Winchester Rescue Mission  
Samuels Public Library  
The McShin Foundation  
St. Luke Community Clinic  
Winchester Little Theater  
Special Love  
United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley  
Shenandoah National Park Trust  
Shenandoah Area Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America  
Warren County Parks and Recreation Department  
Salvation Army Front Royal  
Shen-Paco Industries, Inc.  
Shenandoah Arts Council  
American Red Cross of the Greater Shenandoah Valley  
Winchester Rescue Mission

**Dr. Craig Zunka Boy Scout Troop 52  
Scholarship Fund**  
Boy Scout Troop 52

**Dutton Family Foundation (In Memory of  
Dave & Kathy Dutton)**  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Braddock Street United Methodist Church  
Warren County Parks and Recreation Department  
Lackawanna College  
Roanoke College

**E. Wilson Morrison Library Fund**  
Opportunity Scholars  
E. Wilson Morrison Elementary School

**Front Royal Women's Resource Center Fund**  
Front Royal Women's Resource Center

**Gretchen T. Byrd and Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Family  
Fund**  
Raendrop Art  
SPCA of Winchester, Frederick and Clarke  
Fremont Street Nursery  
Powhatan School  
Museum of the Shenandoah Valley  
BRAWS  
CCAP of Winchester  
Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area  
Sinclair Health Clinic

**Harrington Smith Fund**  
Rotary Club of Front Royal  
Kernstown Battlefield Association Inc

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Salvation Army Front Royal  
Woodstock Fire Department  
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Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

**Helvetia Fund**  
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging  
Wheels for Wellness Endowment Fund

**Continued Education for Healthcare  
Professionals Scholarship Fund**  
Friends of Handley Regional Library System  
Shenandoah Valley Westminster-Canterbury Foundation

# 2025 GRANT AWARDS

## **Humane Society of Warren County Endowment Fund11**

Humane Society of Warren County

## **Jack and Page Carter Fund**

Barns of Rose Hill  
Blue Ridge Wildlife Center  
Brown Ledge Foundation Inc.  
Cunningham Chapel Parish  
Project Orbis International, Inc.  
Island Workforce Housing  
Opera House Arts  
Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries  
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AbbaCare Inc.  
Roanoke College  
Shenandoah National Park Trust  
Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum  
Foundation of the State Arboretum  
Sinclair Health Clinic  
University of Virginia Medical School Foundation

## **James and Janet Davis Fund**

Henry and William Evans Home for Children

## **James K. Wright Jr. Endowed Fund**

Blue Ridge Wildlife Center  
Peaceful Fields Sanctuary  
Serenity Farm Virginia  
Warren County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.  
St. Luke Community Clinic  
Rotary Club of Front Royal  
Special Love  
Leashes of Valor

## **JoEllen McNeal Dare to Dream Endowment Fund**

Front Royal Women's Resource Center

## **Kernstown Battlefield Association Endowment Fund**

Kernstown Battlefield Association Inc

## **Kim South Girl Fund**

Front Royal Women's Resource Center  
Knights of Columbus Council 3572 Winchester, VA  
Sinclair Health Clinic  
Knights of Columbus - Winchester, VA

## **Kim South Girl Grant Fund**

Front Royal Women's Resource Center

## **Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area Fund**

Literacy Volunteers Winchester Area

## **Peter Heerwagen and Jane Lambert Endowment Fund**

University of Lynchburg  
Girls on the Run of the Shenandoah Valley  
Winchester Rescue Mission  
Sinclair Health Clinic

## **Philips Family Impact Fund**

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley  
Healthy Families NSV  
St. Luke Community Clinic  
Braddock Street United Methodist Church

## **Reveley Ann Lee Memorial Fund**

Rotary Club of Strasburg

## **Robert & Genevieve Boxley Barns of Rose Hill Fund**

Barns of Rose Hill

## **Rotary Club of Front Royal Brody Michael Youth Athletic Fund**

Rotary Club of Front Royal

## **Samuels Public Library Endowed Fund**

The McShin Foundation  
Samuels Public Library

## **Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury Foundation Fund**

Wesley Housing - Senseny Place  
Continued Education for Healthcare Professionals Scholarship Fund

## **Shockey and Luttrell Memorial Fund**

Samuels Public Library  
Shockey and Luttrell Memorial Chapel

**Student Art Award/Front Royal/  
Warren County Fund**

Rotary Club of Front Royal

**The Culbreth Family Fund**

Kernstown Battlefield Association, Inc.  
Wheels for Wellness

**Tom and Sheila Baker Special Love Fund**

Kernstown Battlefield Association, Inc.  
Special Love

**Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter  
(WATTS) Fund**

Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter (WATTS)

**Women's Empowerment Fund**

Front Royal Women's Resource Center

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



**Clint A. Nichols Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**

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Znyah Johnson, Johnson & Wales University  
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**Dr. Craig Zunka and JoEllen McNeal  
Scholarship Fund**

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Athlete of the Year Scholarship Fund**

Rotary Club of Front Royal

**Shell Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Caden Haislop, Regent University

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors whose support strengthens the Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Your commitment fuels meaningful programs, empowers local organizations, and helps create lasting positive change throughout our region. Thank you for investing in a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

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- Winchester Area NAACP
- Winchester Brew Works
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- Zunka and McNeal Household

# 2025 LEADERSHIP



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# IMPACT STORIES

## OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARS



Opportunity Scholars connects families, schools, and businesses to create a low-cost pathway to high-paying jobs for low/middle income young adults—creating economic mobility in underrepresented groups, while building a pipeline of trained workers for local businesses.

A recipient of a grant from the Claytor Family Fund in 2025, Opportunity Scholars combines academic coaching, career exploration, financial literacy and hands-on workforce training. Students build confidence, discover their strengths, and chart a path toward meaningful careers. They also gain mentors who believe in them and the practical skills needed to thrive after graduation.

As a first-generation college-bound student, Paula Dominguez felt overwhelmed by the college application process. Through personalized coaching and career guidance, Paula gained clarity and confidence. She enrolled at Laurel Ridge Community College, later transferring to Shenandoah University to pursue accounting. Opportunity Scholars also helped her find financial aid and an internship. Now she coaches other students like her, advising them: “Even if you don’t know what you want to do, education is a pathway in itself. Getting involved with Opportunity Scholars opened so many doors that were closed before.”

## SENIORS FIRST

A recipient of a 2025 Chain of Checks grant, Seniors First (the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging) strengthens the well-being, independence, and dignity of older adults across the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Located in Front Royal, it helps aging community members can remain healthy, connected, and supported in the places they call home.

Programs that make daily life possible include home-delivered meals, senior centers, care coordination, transportation services, and in-home care, among other wrap-around services. Perhaps more important, Seniors First provides connection and companionship to those who feel isolated and forgotten.

Alice and Frank, are in their 90s and live in a remote area of the Valley. They rely on Seniors First’s home-delivered meals program for their daily survival. “These meals have been a lifesaver for us — we can’t get out to shop on our own,” says Alice.



Volunteers like Chuck also feel a sense of gratification and purpose. “I’m not just dropping off food. I’m making sure they are okay,” he says. “Some days, I’m the only other person they see.” His experience reflects the heart of Seniors First: practical support paired with human connection, ensuring older adults are not just cared for, but truly seen.

# IMPACT STORIES

## LEASHES OF VALOR



Leashes of Valor transforms the lives of post-9/11 veterans by pairing them with highly trained service dogs—at no cost. Its mission is rooted in a simple but powerful belief: Every veteran deserves to reclaim independence, confidence, and connection after trauma.

The program rescues and trains dogs to meet rigorous service standards. Veterans participate in immersive, on-site training, learning to navigate daily life together—managing anxiety, providing grounding during episodes of PTSD, and offering steady companionship that eases isolation.

Leashes of Valor was a recipient of a \$250,000 grant from the James K. Wright, Jr. Endowed Fund. CFNSV worked diligently with Mr. Wright's family to ensure he could experience the fruits of his philanthropy before passing from a long illness. The donation allowed the organization to build a larger training facility, hire more trainers and place dogs with more veterans.

"It was a perfect match for Jim, combining his love of animals with his desire to help fellow veterans," says stepdaughter Anita Welch. "Jim was so proud of the positive impact he was able to make happen."

## BARNS OF ROSE HILL

The Barns of Rose Hill stands as a cultural heartbeat in Clarke County, transforming two historic dairy barns into a vibrant center where art, music, and community come alive. Its programs—ranging from concerts and gallery exhibitions to educational workshops and community gatherings—create a welcoming space where people of all ages can experience creativity, connection, and a sense of belonging—from live performances to art lessons to yoga. The Barns has become a place where local artists find a platform, families discover new traditions, and neighbors come together to celebrate the richness of the Northern Shenandoah Valley.

As the Executive Director of the Clarke County Historical Association from 2005 to 2012, Jennifer Lee had a front-row seat as the Barns of Rose Hill were being reimagined and rebuilt. "I am so appreciative of the community vision and effort it took to create this space and have enjoyed dozens of awe-inspiring experiences of art, music, education, and connection here over the last 10 years,"



says Jennifer, who now serves on the board of directors.

The recipient of a variety of grants from CFNSV charitable funds, the Barns of Rose Hill has become a powerful bridge connecting past and present, neighbors, and people searching for meaning and enrichment in their lives.

# IMPACT STORIES

## SPECIAL LOVE

Special Love provides a strong, nurturing environment for children with cancer and their families through its free camps and getaway weekends, emergency financial assistance and educational scholarships for young adults who have beaten cancer and now want to move on with their lives.

Camp Fantastic is the organization's cornerstone program for 7-17 year-old cancer patients. It is considered a protocol within the National Cancer Institute and has made Special Love a recognized National Institutes of Health charity. Each year, Special Love serves hundreds of children, teens, and young adults ages birth to 30 years old and their families.

In 2025, Special Love received a grant from the Cochran Family Youth Fund for BRASS Weekend 2026. BRASS (BROthers And SiSTers) Camp is for siblings of children with cancer. BRASS Camp is open to campers ages 7-17 who have a brother or sister within 5 years of treatment (or 7 years of a bone marrow transplant), as well as bereaved siblings who often feel a deep sense of isolation throughout a brother's or sister's cancer journey.

"It doesn't matter how many years go by since his sister's cancer diagnosis, I will never forget the

loneliness and isolation that fell on her brother during the cancer/COVID years," recalls one parent. "BRASS Camp brings me so much hope that he will connect with others and he has the potential to find his people, even if he has struggled to find them in the past."

BRASS Camp offers activities, such as canoeing, arts and crafts, sports, and campfires, along with camaraderie and peer support. It also fosters an open dialogue among campers and counselors to ensure siblings are enveloped in the same type of support as their parents and their brothers or sisters who are going through their cancer experience.

"Having BRASS for us was definitely a game changer," says one camper. "Knowing we were surrounded by people going through the same thing. It was very easy to make friends at BRASS and no matter where you left things with that person you were able to easily pick your friendship right back up when you got back to camp. After our brother died, we still had a huge support of people who loved and cared about us and checked in on us to make sure we were doing well and having that was a big help in the early stages."

CFNSV is honored to play a small role in improving lives in such profound ways throughout the NSV.





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