

The Outreach

Thank you for being catalysts of positive change.

20

local organizations
will receive 2022 CWO Grants.
(See page three for details.)

\$285,000 granted,
thanks to your incredible generosity.

74 percent

of 2022 Grants will fund
Educational, Health & Humanitarian Services.

19

conscientious women
conducted site visits, evaluated proposals,
and reviewed organization effectiveness
to determine the destination
of those Grants.

131

incredibly generous
2022 donors made this possible.

95

wonderful dues-paying CWO members
supported our outreach mission.

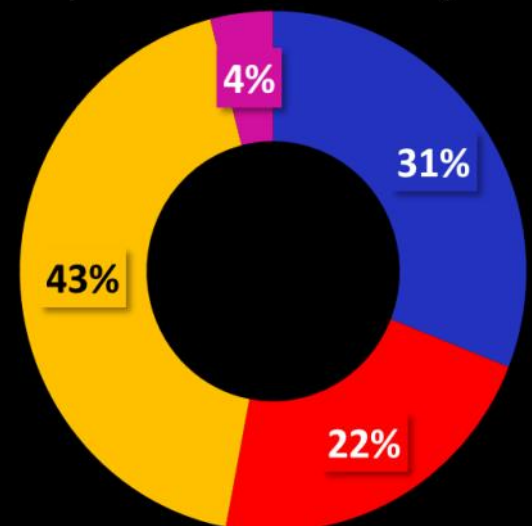
Over \$2,465,000

has been invested in Highlands-Cashiers
non-profits and charities
by CWO since its founding in 2006.

Member Art & Estate Affair
an astounding success
thanks to member contributions
of talent, treasures and time!

*“As the season changes
and our lives move on,
we leave behind a bit of ourselves...
a resplendent contribution.
Your generosity and love
once again have painted
our community
in brilliant color.
Together,
we have made a positive difference
in the lives around us.
Thank you.”*

**Cullasaja Women's Outreach
Impact of Total 2022 Giving**



- Educational programs
- Civic & Cultural Vitality
- Health and Human Services
- Other

Dedicated Believers in the Power of Positive Change \$15,000- \$25,000

Jane and Andy Adams
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Beloved Benefactors \$10,000

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Cherished Champions \$5,000

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Incredible Investors \$2,500-\$3,000

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Treasured Supporters \$750

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Very Best Friends \$500

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Beth and Graham Philips

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Betsy Wigington
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Best Friends \$300-\$400

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Evanda and James Moore
Jane and Flip Sheridan
Phyllis and Mel Sherman
Charles Shirk
Joy Turner
Peggy and Scott Turner
Nancy and West Valentine
Kitsy Williams

2022 Grant Recipients

The Bascom \$10,000 to help fund public programs for local school children from the Highlands, Blue Ridge and Summit Charter Schools, including their after-school enrichment S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) project kits, as well as to provide need-based program tuitions for local adults.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters \$10,000 to support their Big-Little match programing administration. The organization provides one-on-one tutoring and social support for at-risk children of many single-parent households on the Highlands-Cashiers plateau.

Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau \$12,000 to provide 30 Chrome Books (tablets) for use at this vital afterschool facility to enable their “Net Smart” and other educational programs. The Club is an exceptional, safe resource for local working families.

Cashiers Highlands Humane Society \$12,000 to help defray costs for the local dog and cat spay and neuter program.

Community Care Clinic Highlands-Cashiers \$25,000 to help five volunteer physicians provide medical services for the poor in the community, focusing on diabetes and “behavioral health,” as well as OB/GYN Board-certified care. The Clinic is working to add vision care in 2022. Patients are individuals with family incomes below Federal poverty levels. Nearly 500 people are served.

Counseling & Psychotherapy Center of Highlands \$22,000 to help subsidize therapists’ fees for individuals in need, able only to pay on a sliding scale based on means. With no government subsidies and meager coverage for mental care, the Center brings much-needed services to local children, families and individuals.

Friends of Albert Carlton Library \$8,500 to assist in covering the operating costs for this well-used Cashiers community center, which provides e-resources, after-school experiences, and community internet access. Funds will also help support their Summer Learning/Oceans of Possibilities for local area children.

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music \$10,000 to fund the 2023 Residency program—in which a Julliard quartet provides concerts and interaction with children in each of our local schools (Blue Ridge, Summit and Highlands), as well as performances at Eckert Senior Living Center and a free-to-the-public concert at the Presbyterian Church.

Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust \$15,000 funding to support the staffing and operating expenses geared to protect our natural surroundings, Land Trust programs teach the importance of conservation to students from local schools, the Gordon Center, the Literacy Council, the Boys & Girls Club of the Plateau and Junior Appalachian Musicians (Blue Ridge School).

Highlands-Cashiers Players \$6,650 to help fund lighting and sound costs for their upcoming community theater season.

Highlands Community Child Development Center \$10,000 to purchase furniture/fixtures for the expansion of two new rooms for infant care within their facility, which provides much-needed, high-quality daycare for 74 local infants and toddlers.

Highlands Emergency Council \$20,000 to provide heating assistance, by directly paying propane, oil, kerosene and wood bills for local people and families-in-need throughout the winter.

Mountain Theater Company/Highlands Playhouse \$10,000 to purchase a production/sound system upgrade to include new microphones, receivers and transmitters.

Hudson Library \$20,000 to complete the installation of a back-up electrical generator for this well-used regional library and child learning and community center.

International Friendship Center (IFC) \$20,000 to provide operating support for this unique social service organization. IFC strives to strategically support local hourly workers and their families: by running a food pantry three days a week; by educating Latina women by teaching first aid/CPR, community resource and conflict diffusion skills; and by helping the working poor navigate life/education/health/immigration/legal resources—through bilingual social services. Nearly 11,000 individuals are served by this Highlands-Cashiers organization.

Junior Appalachian Musicians of Blue Ridge \$10,000 to help fund this afterschool program, operating out of the Blue Ridge School, which gives children grade 3-12, the opportunity to experience a sense of community through the joy of traditional mountain music, teaching them to play traditional string instruments, sing in concert and perform for the public.

Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. \$25,000 to help fund general operating support for after-school enrichment, individual tutoring, GED preparation, English-as-a-Second Language classes and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The Council serves 3,000 students of all ages free of charge.

Performing Arts Center Youth Theater Program \$12,850 to help fund this program for middle and high school students interested in the Arts, many times as an alternative to athletics. It exposes them to all aspects of theatrical production from scripting to costuming, performance, building sets, staging, lighting and sound. Under a new director, the program is an afterschool option at the Highlands School, building reading, critical thinking, teamwork and confidence skills in a unique format.

Peggy Crosby Center \$20,000 to complete the funding of a new roof/gutter system for this 72-year-old community building, which houses non-profits and start-up businesses. Although the Center made provisions for the replacement, inflation dramatically increased the cost of this much-needed replacement.

Pisgah Legal Services \$6,000 to further the works of their newly established “mission” Highlands office, which provides access to pro bono legal services for low-income people working on the Plateau.



2022 Grants Committee: Maureen Browne, Sonya Honea, Sherry Tyde, Kay Johnson, Grants Co-Chair Nancy Harrison, Treasurer Jane Adams. *Front row:* Jan Pavlis, Donna Woltzen, Margaret Lauletta, Emily Adkins, Dawn Van Fleet, Dorie Norwood, Grant Co-Chair Lindy Colson Harrison, and Anne Schaeffer. *Not pictured:* Bonnie Evans, Grants Co-Chair Jo Hill, Gail Hughes, Executive Director Margaret Eichman and Linda Stetson.



WHAT AN AFFAIR!

On behalf of this year's *Art & Estate Affair* team—Meredith Baragona, Pam Burge, Margi Eichman, and Sammy Smith—thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's cache of treasures and to all those who joined in the silent auction and the fun. This year's gallery was filled with energy and fun.

Special thanks to Steve Tyde and Dean Briggs who, once again, were croupiers extraordinaire, manning our Wine Roulette with a flourish...and to our conscientious accounting team: Dawn and Bruce Van Fleet, Tom Cooper and our treasured CWO Treasurer Jane Adams. Our gallery docents, including: Sonya Honea, Jill Huston, Susan Mangum, Jill Marshall, Jane Sheridan, Sherry Tyde and Betsy Wigington, simply enchanted bidders. Virtually everything on display found a new home.

Merçi beaucoup to contributing artists and artisans: Christa Chain, Amy Doty, Jeff Elzemeyer, Lisa Floyd, Jacquie Harris, Walter Hempen, Jo Hill, Jill Huston, Marianne Lassiter and Susan Mangum, who shared their fabulous art to the great delight of bidders. Many thanks to our darling Rocky and Chef Marie for donating their culinary and hospitality skills for two private dinner parties. Thanks are also extended to Matt and Laura Schroeders, and to Alice Quinif, who once again, donated back a portion of proceeds from their fabulous jewelry sales. Agreement abounded—our September 2nd event was an *Affair* to remember!

All we did was ask. You responded resoundingly!

Thank you, once again, for opening your hearts to the needs of our broader mountain community. Each grant awarded this season is poised to make a positive difference, thanks to you. Collectively, our investment will lighten the burdens and elevate the lives of those around us.

Your generosity this year enabled us to support twenty local organizations, including those which provide needed health and counseling care to the uninsured, and others, which will help local families—struggling to make ends meet—to put food on the table and to heat their homes this winter. Your donations have been invested in afterschool programs that expand horizons, encouraging local children to strive to achieve their fullest potential. Further, our 2022 grants support programs for literacy and other critical social and emigrant services. A portion of funds will provide opportunities for participation in the visual and performing arts, and the joy of classical and regional music for young and old alike.

Enabled by your ongoing support, *Cullasaja Women's Outreach* is well-recognized as an advocate of local philanthropy. For sixteen years, we have striven to set an example of how a simple grassroots organization can meaningfully partner with non-profits for the betterment of the community as a whole. *Together we have changed the imminent future for the better.* Without your generosity none of this would have been possible. For this, we are most grateful.

Margi Eichman Lindy Colson Harrison Nancy Harrison Jo Hill and Jane Adams