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What is YCF?

YCF is Your Community Foundation, Inc., your local community foundation serving the North Central West Virginia region presently Monongalia, Marion, Harrison, Preston and Taylor Counties. YCF is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization founded to encourage, consolidate, manage and foster permanent endowment funds and to administer charitable gifts to deserving individuals, groups and organizations. The Foundation manages assets and pledged assets over $ 7 million and administers more than140 funds across the north-central counties of the state.

- Our Mission -

Our mission is to make a difference now and in the generations that follow. Where there's a passion, an idea that addresses the needs of our community, there's Your Community Foundation. Our donors lead and inspire philanthropic efforts that measurably improve the quality of life and prosperity of our region.

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New Fund Creates Scholarship for Health Career Education

The family of Margaret Loos Spencer, a former resident of the Sundale Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care Center in Morgantown, has created a scholarship fund in her honor to provide financial assistance to a participant in a health career education program.

The Spencer scholarship will provide an annual award toward the first-year tuition for a participant in any health career education program which provides a degree, certification or license. The scholarship is open to service staff members working at Sundale Rehabilitation and Long Term Care in Morgantown and their immediate families.



Margaret Loos Spencer

Current caregivers and other service staff who have worked at Sundale for three or more years or members of their immediate families are eligible for the Margaret L. Spencer Health Career Education Scholarship. Secondary preference will be given to department heads, administrators and persons who have a degree, certificate or license in a health care profession or members of their immediate families.

The scholarship, established by Spencer's sons Don Spencer of Morgantown, W. Va. and Dave Spencer of Groton, Vt., will be managed by Your Community Foundation (YCF), which will invest the endowed funds to maximize their value, with net annual income from those investments used to fund the scholarship award each year.

"Margaret grew up in rural Delaware County, N.Y., and lost her parents by age 13," said Beth Fuller, president of YCF. "She went to nursing school with a high school friend and used her education to support her family and to serve the communities where she lived throughout her life. She cared deeply about education and was a compassionate caregiver. She also believed that people must rise to meet the challenges they face."

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Five Benefits of YOUR Community Foundation

It's Your Decision. A fund can be as specific or as open-ended as you desire. You can create an individual or family legacy by establishing a named fund, or you can remain anonymous. And donors have opportunities to be involved in the grant-making process.

Professional Management. YCF monitors investments, distributes grants and handles all legal reporting requirements of the Foundation. Board members and staff work with professional investment managers and bank trust departments to ensure that your funds are invested wisely

Focus On Our Community. All YCF grants and funding are applied within the North-Central West Virginia region. Board members and staff have an in-depth understanding of our community's challenges, and are available to assist you in making informed decisions.

Tax Savings. The Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Your contribution qualifies for the maximum tax deductions for income and estate purposes.

Community Leadership. YCF is governed by leaders who serve as community catalysts, convening diverse voices and groups to work on solutions to local issues.

YCF Announces New Funds

- **Rusty Mazzie Memorial Scholarship Fund** provides scholarship assistance to a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Harrison County, W.Va. who is pursuing higher education from an accredited college or university.
- **Preston High School Sports Complex Fund** was established to assist in raising funds to pay for the design, development and construction of the outdoor athletic facilities at Preston High School.
- **Mountaineer Area Young Life Fund** was established to provide support for Mountaineer Area Young Life leaders and programs.
- **Maxwell Community Fund** was established for the purpose of providing charitable support within North Central West Virginia.
- **Margaret L. Spencer Health Career Education Scholarship Program Fund** will provide an annual scholarship award toward the first year tuition for any health career education program which provides a degree, certification, or license for eligible staff at Sundale Rehabilitation and Long Term Care Center.

Featured Scholarships Funds

Andrew Martin "Bo" Harper Scholarship



Established by his father, Steven Harper, this endowment will provide an annual scholarship to a Monongalia County or Harrison County student as well as support for Young Life and organizations that benefit U.S. Veterans. PFC Andrew Martin Harper, 19, of Maidsville, passed away suddenly March 11, 2011 at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. He graduated University High in 2009, at which time he joined the United States Army. He obtained the rank of PFC/E3 and was assigned to Co I, 3d Squadron, 2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment Vilseck, Germany.

Company Commander, Capt. Daniel Bourke, recalled Private First Class Andrew Martin Harper as "one of the finest infantrymen" in Company I. "Despite being young of age, he inspired others," he said of Harper, who, as a vehicle gunner, performed one of the Army's most dangerous jobs. Andrew's father, Steven, said "You were a proud young man. You walked tall with your chin up, chest out, you looked at the world as to say, 'Here I am, come get some. You were the best son any man could ask for. Not only my son, but my best friend. Not only a hero to me, but a hero to a nation. A nation that's indebted to you, for you gave all," Steven said through tears. "I'll miss everything about my son. I'll miss his smile, I'll miss his attitude. If I could say one thing to him now, 'I'm proud of you son and I'll always miss you,"' he said.

Andrew attended University High School in Morgantown, W. Va. where he played football and was a member of the track and wrestling teams. In addition to sports, Andrew enjoyed hunting and fishing, and he was a member of the Young Life of Morgantown and attended Chestnut Ridge Church. He was also a huge fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and West Virginia University Mountaineers.

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"Throughout her adult life, she lived with an awareness of where she had come from coupled with ingrained values for working to make things better in the church and communities of which she was a part," Don Spencer said.

"Part of her drive came from having lost both parents to illnesses and having her older sister crippled for life by polio at the age of five. Older extended family members living in an even smaller community provided a very different home for her at the age of 13, but her sense of caring and working to make things right continued with her for the rest of her life."

From 2009-11, she was a resident of Sundale, where she and her family greatly appreciated the care and patience she was provided by the staff, Don Spencer said. "Upon Margaret's death, as a tribute to her life, we wanted to establish a means to encourage interested hands-on caregivers and service personnel and their family members to begin additional education in a health career of their choice."

Many of her caregivers had had experiences similar to hers, he noted. "Most live in rural areas and commute to work at Sundale," Spencer said. "They have found employment in health care, and the staff performs their work very carefully and thoroughly."

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Featured Scholarships Funds

Jacob David Bower "Bower Power" Scholarship



A scholarship fund in memory of Jacob David Bower has been established by his father and mother, Dean and Ginger Bower of Fairmont, W.Va. Jacob was a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point when he was called to heaven on July 21, 2011.

Jacob was raised in Fairmont, graduated from East Fairmont High School with the Class of 2011, and was a member of the East Side Bee Family. Jacob also attended Fairmont Senior High School for an Advanced Placement course.

Jacob, a top scholar and athlete, was a loyal, driven and disciplined young man. He was most happy when he was with his family, his loving girlfriend, Emily Domico, and friends. He loved books and many sports such as football, basketball, baseball, golf and weight training. Jacob was working out with the crew team at West Point and planned to try out in August. He was a person of great character, thus in his graduation speech he quoted from the book *In Search of Ethics*: "In the end, your character is your destiny and you are the architect of your own character."

Because Jacob was a positive role model for so many, and will continue to be an inspiration to all who knew him, his family would like to leave you with his own words: "In order to achieve a truly content and absolute life, we must base our thoughts and actions on that which is righteous and true."

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The first applications for the award have been received by the Sundale administration and reviewed by YCF to select the 2012 recipient.

"YCF also will accept donations from any individual, business or organization that wants to support the Spencer scholarship program," Fuller said. "As the endowment grows with additional contributions, the pool of funds available to make scholarship awards will also increase."

YCF is a charitable, non-profit organization created in 2011 by the merger of the Greater Morgantown Community Trust and the Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia. It encourages, develops and manages endowment funds and uses the net proceeds to support a long list of community programs and scholarships. The merged foundation manages assets and pledged assets of approximately $7 million and administers more than 100 separate funds.

YCF actively encourages the creation of new endowments as well as contributions to existing funds. Any individual, organization or business can establish a donor fund, or contribute any amount of money to one or more existing funds, by contacting the foundation at (304) 296-3433. Information about the foundation and a description of its endowment funds is available at www.ycfwv.org.

YCF Scholarship Funds

One of the most impressive aspects of these scholarship funds is that they will continue to give forever. The generosity of these donors today will benefit the youth of generations to come.

Donors are encouraged to contribute at any time to any of the funds managed by the Foundation or to start a new endowment fund.

- Adler and Helen Spotte Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Angela Shahan Memorial Scholarship
- Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bill Mazeroski Scholarship Fund
- Brandi Kay Bowen Scholarship Fund
- Charlotte and Mary Gale Koen Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Leo Kotchek Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Erin Marie Keener Scholarship Fund
- Hope Works Scholarship
- Jacob David Bower Scholarship Fund
- J. Cecil Jarvis Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Jean and Laurence DeLynn Scholarship Fund
- Jim Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund
- John T. & Joann C. Wills Music Educators Scholarship Fund
- Joycelyn Ayersman Scholarship
- KHS Class of '59 Scholarship Fund
- Lillian A. Devison Scholarship Fund
- Margaret L. Spencer Health Career Education Scholarship Program Fund
- Miss WV Scholarship Fund
- Mountain Heart Foundation Fund
- Mountain Loggers Cooperative Association Scholarship Fund
- PFC Andrew Martin (Bo) Harper Memorial Fund
- Richard A. Lantz Fund
- Roy and Frances Valentine Family Scholarship Fund
- Rusty Mazzie Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Scott Argabrite Scholarship Fund
- Seth Burton Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Soundra Poling-Brookhaven Elementary Scholarship Fund
- William "Will" Charleton Bridges Memorial Scholarship Fund



Jordan is the 2011 recipient of the Hopeworks Scholarship, providing four year scholarship assistance to a Monongalia County graduating senior who has lost parental support due to death, divorce or special circumstances.

"Receiving the Hope Works Scholarship means a lot to me. My dad really wanted me to go to college. He was always proud of my sister and me when we told him of our achievements at school. He always would tell us to "Work Smarter, Not Harder." My father did not attend college. However, he did open a small tire business with my mom and worked very hard to provide a good life for my sister and me. Having the funds to help further my education and achieve my own goals is something I am truly thankful for."

-Jordan Sankbeil
2011 Hopeworks Scholarship Recipient

Volunteers Needed

Your Community Foundation is looking for individuals, families and groups to provide assistance before, during and after fundraising events. Our hope is to find a way for you to make a difference in our community and lives of people who live here.
Go to **www.ycfwv.com/volunteer.php** *and sign up today!*

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You are receiving this newsletter because you or someone you advise can bring a passion to life by starting a fund or giving to a charity at Your Community Foundation. Individuals, families, organizations and businesses have trusted YCF with their hearts and donations, whether it's supporting education or athletics, the homeless or the arts, a new animal shelter or a clean environment . . . there's no end to the good we can do.

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