

FACT SHEET

Stephen D. Tanner Children's Enrichment Fund



About the Fund

The Stephen D. Tanner Children's Enrichment Fund was created by Rita Tanner in the name of her late husband, a beloved member of the Morgantown community who gave many years of faithful service to numerous organizations and causes.

The endowment fund will be invested to increase its value, with net earnings used annually to provide educational opportunities for children from low-income families and to help cover the cost of enrichment programs for children.

"We wanted to honor Stephen's memory by helping children in Monongalia County gain opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have," Mrs. Tanner said. "Many students face obstacles; they fall behind. This fund can lend a hand, for instance, providing scholarships for tutors."

A family will need to meet federal low-income guidelines for a student to be eligible for scholarship funding.

Stephen Tanner was one of the most well-known and well-liked members of the Morgantown community for many years. He was one of the founders of the Greater Morgantown Community Trust (GMCT), which was merged into YCF, and both he and his wife served on its board of directors.

The Tanner family also donated the building at 111 High Street which houses the YCF offices as well as other community organizations. The building – listed on the National Register of Historic Places – formerly housed Tanner and Tanner CPAs and was once the Morgantown Post Office.

Tanner was a vital member of the Morgantown community, serving on the City Charter Board, Historic Landmark Commission, Parking Authority, Salvation Army board and Morgantown High School Foundation board.

He also served as a member of the WVU College of Creative Arts Visitors Committee, West Virginia Holocaust Commission, Public Radio Board and Humanities Council. In 2008, he was named Morgantown Citizen of the Year and WVU's Most Loyal West Virginian, and in 2012 he received the Earl L. Core Award, the highest honor conferred by the Morgantown Chamber of Commerce.

How Can I Donate?

All donations to YCF funds are invested to increase their value, with net income from these investments paid out annually to meet the requirements and donor objectives of the fund. While the net income is dispersed, the original endowments and any subsequent contributions remain intact and continue to grow from year to year.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contribute any amount of money to one or more of the endowments managed by YCF. Additional donations will help the endowments to grow over the years and will increase the net income used to provide yearly grants.

To make a donation, or to get more information, contact Your Community Foundation, P.O. Box 409, Morgantown, WV 26507. Call us at (304) 296-3433 or visit our web site at www.ycfwv.org.