



FACT SHEET

Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation



About the Fund

In 2006, the Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation Inc. (CHCF) established an endowment fund to support its ongoing work. The idea was to increase awareness of foundation activities and to increase recognition in the area. Establishing the fund with Your Community Foundation meant that CHCF's income would grow faster, enabling the organization to apply the added proceeds to the many programs it sponsors to improve the Harrison County cultural community.

The Cultural Foundation was founded in 1972 to receive grants, bequests and other gifts of cultural and historic value. It serves as a "cultural conduit" between the local community and its arts organizations. The Cultural Foundation annually makes grants to many local arts groups from the interest received from its endowments.



Since its inception, the foundation has raised more than \$300,000 in local funds for the \$1.6 million public library; has raised and distributed more than \$225,000 for arts programs; has purchased a concert grand piano for community use and has raised an additional \$8,000 to maintain it; started and initially administered the Harrison County Public Schools Artist-in-Residence program; has purchased a large antique oriental rug and dehumidifier for historic Waldomore; has purchased an etching press which is in the art department of Robert C. Byrd High School and is available to art teachers throughout the county; has purchased 12 display screens for the gallery area of the library; has started the student art exhibits program; and currently sponsors the Artist of the Month program with the Harrison County Library System. The Foundation has held Antique Appraisals and art shows, whose profit augments the Endowment Fund.

It makes annual grants to a diverse collection of non-profit organizations that are committed to the continuation of the arts in the community. Among the recipients have been a children's choir and other vocal music groups, a Studio for Performing Arts and other arts groups, a community band, heritage festivals, theater companies and a ballet school. CHCF is also the principal sponsor of the highly-successful Ivory Evenings concert series that brings world renowned pianists to Clarksburg several times a year.

Information: <http://www.harrisonculturalfoundation.org>

How Can I Donate?

All contributions to the Endowment Fund are held in trust for the beneficial purpose of the Foundation. They are treated as principal of the trust and invested, and only the income is used for the activities and purposes of the foundation. Donations can be made directly to the Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation, P.O. Box 2252, Clarksburg, WV 26302-2252.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contribute any amount of money to CHCF or to any 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.