



FACT SHEET

Disability Action Center Education and Resource Fund



About the Fund

Julie Sole had an idea to raise money for the Disability Action Center (DAC) in Fairmont. She didn't want to go all out with a large-scale campaign, so she asked a small group of special friends to help her raise \$5,000 to put toward an endowment fund with YCF.

In only a few months, she had raised more than \$7,300 to establish the DAC Education and Resource Fund.

DAC focuses its support on the educational needs of individuals with disabilities and their families and, when funds are available, provides resources to include home modifications, assistive technology, personal development, training and support services. "Our goal now is to grow the fund and use the interest it accrues to give back in the form of Assist Award Scholarships to special needs students in the county high schools," Sole says.

Ray Richardson, who helped start the Assist Award in support of his disabled daughter, said the idea was always to have a foundation manage the endowment, which eventually led to the partnership with YCF.

"I've attended a number of high school graduations in different capacities," Richardson said. "You sit back there and see the valedictorian and all of the other awards that were given, but the ones that really worked equally hard within their own capabilities were the special education students. To sit back and not see any recognition at all for these people got to me."

YCF is honored to be a part of the endowment fund, which the foundation will invest to increase its value while continuing to accept donations from individuals, businesses and groups that support the DAC.

"We will do our best custodial job with these funds and invest them wisely," said Nicholas Austin, president of YCF. "Hopefully this is just the beginning. Creation of the endowment will enable DAC to accept in-kind donations and possibly even larger grants."

Information is available at <http://disabilityactioncenter.com>.

How Can I Donate?

All donations to the DAC Education Resource Fund 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.