



FACT SHEET

Mountaineer Area Young Life Fund



About the Fund

In high school, Steve and Lynn LaCagnin's three children became involved in an organization called Young Life. "It was a Godsend," Steve said. "They learned how to have fun with their peers without drugs, alcohol and sex being involved.

"As a result of Young Life, our children and their friends developed a closer relationship with God and became confident young leaders. In short, Young Life gives youngsters a positive model to emulate as they grow up."

To help share this experience with other children in the area, the LaCagnins created an endowment fund managed by Your Community Foundation (YCF) to provide continuing support for Young Life Leaders and programs.

"We have seen first-hand the difference Young Life has made and want to do all we can to ensure that the positive impact it has on the youth of our community continues," Steve said. "YCF has given us a wonderful opportunity to provide that support to Young Life leaders and its programs in perpetuity."

Young Life is a worldwide, inter-denominational, non-profit organization founded in Texas in 1941 to extend Christian outreach to teenagers, and now to college students through its Young Life College. The Mountaineer Area Young Life group serves North-Central West Virginia and includes the I-79 corridor of Harrison, Marion and Monongalia counties along with Taylor County.

"Young Life thinks the world of young people," said Area Director Ben Tuel. "We believe they deserve to know what life has to offer, so our adult leaders enter the world of students to build lasting friendships through our weekly Young Life Club, our week-long yearly camp and our other activities and programs. Young Life members learn about Christianity in a fun way while identifying with a group of peers who truly care about each other and their faith journey."

Information: <http://mountaineerarea.younglife.org>, (304) 610-8175.

How Can I Donate?

All contributions to the Young Life Fund at YCF are invested to increase their value, with the net income from these investments used to help support the organization's activities.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contribute any amount of money to the Young Life Fund. 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 tax-deductible 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.