

Your quarterly newsletter for Community Foundation

For Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany

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Donor Spotlight: *Alta Fowler Fund*

The Alta F. Fowler memorial fund was established in 2007 by her late sister, Jean Fowler Wolfe and her nephew Andy Wolfe, to honor her memory and her passion for the educational mission of the Episcopal Church. The earnings from the fund are presented annually to R. E. Lee Memorial Church for distribution to mission programs that they identify. Andy Wolfe said, "I wanted the Community Foundation to manage the fund so that it would grow in principal and continue distributions in perpetuity."

The Fowler family came to Lexington from London, England in 1940 following the Battle of Britain. Her father, Paul Fowler, remained in England, first with the British Army and then the American Army, for the duration of the war. Alta was among the first woman admitted to W&L, as a summer student, in 1942. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Northwestern University in 1945, received her master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University in 1950, and attended the National War College in 1977.

Alta enjoyed a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Department of State. She started at the bottom and worked her way to the top, beginning as a file clerk in the U.S. Embassy in London, England. She was assigned to posts in Tunisia; and at the Middle East Institute, and in the CIA. Alta commissioned as a Foreign Service Officer in 1957 with postings in Dacca, Ireland, Malta, Belgium, Australia, the Department of State (Washington, D.C.) and performed her final service as the U.S. Consul General, Curacao, and the U.S. representative to the Netherlands Antilles. She retired to Lexington in 1983 and lived in the family home on Jackson Avenue. Alta was very active in the Rockbridge Historical Society and numerous organizations and clubs in Lexington.



CFRBA Hosts Annual Reception 2014

The Community Foundation for Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany hosted its annual reception at Kendal of Lexington on November 14th. One hundred thirty-two guests were in attendance for the event including foundation donors, grant recipients, local government officials and past/present board members. The attendees enjoyed an evening of good food and wine while exchanging ideas on how to improve the quality of life and help fulfill the many needs in our communities.

In her opening speech Lori Keckler Executive Director, explained, "Tonight we are celebrating philanthropy – your philanthropy individually and our foundation's philanthropy collectively. Through your generosity we are improving the quality of lives of Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany Counties not only today, but far into the future...forever."

The Community Foundation for Rockbridge, Bath and Alleghany has quickly grown in the past two years. With total assets now at \$3.8 million the Foundation was able to distribute more than \$152,000 to area not-for-profit organizations during the evening. These funds were in addition to the six scholarships given out earlier this year totaling \$3500. The grants were awarded for projects ranging from poverty and homelessness to education and humanitarian outreach. More needs were met this year with the addition of new funds in the Foundation.

Agencies who were present to receive grants that evening included: St. John's Episcopal Church, Glasgow, Town Creek United Methodist Church, Rockbridge Area Habitat, Rockbridge Area Hospice, Clifton Forge School of the Arts, Glasgow/Natural Bridge Food Pantry, Virginia Horse Center, Shenandoah Academy of Dance, Hull's Drive In (Hull's Angels), Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, Rockbridge Care-Box Project, Meals on Wheels, Millboro Ruritan Club Rockbridge Area Special Olympics, Rockbridge Area Occupational Center, Boys' Home of Covington, Concerned Citizens of Glasgow, Rockbridge Retreat Project, Campus Kitchen, Rockbridge Area Health Center, United Way of Rockbridge, Robert E Lee Church, Rockbridge Symphony, Rockbridge Area YMCA, Rockbridge Regional Library, Rockbridge Care-Box Project, Blue Ridge Autism & Achievement Center, Rockbridge Family Services, Hillsdale College, Rockbridge Area Transportation System, Rockbridge Area Hospice, Rockbridge Area Relief Association, St. Luke's Episcopal Outreach Program, Project Horizon, SPCA, Boxerwood Education Foundation, Young Life of Rockbridge, Rockbridge Regional Library, CASA for Children, and Valley Program for Aging Services.

As one of thousands of independent community foundations operating across the country, the CFRBA continues to help individuals and organizations establish endowed funds. The Foundation assists donors in carrying out their philanthropic goals by matching their goals to the needs of the community. The Foundation insures that the donor's gifts continue to meet needs in perpetuity by using the earnings from these endowments to give back to the community through grants to not-for-profit organizations.

As Dan Vance, Chairman of the CFRBA Board explained, "We are very pleased that the experience we gained over the last decade is now allowing us to make grants to the community and to be a more effective vehicle for those who wish to set up endowments and improve the quality of life in our service area."

Annual Reception



Woody Sadler Board Treasurer presented Donor Advised Checks to grant recipients



Carol Grigsby Grants committee chairman presented checks from Unrestricted Funds



CFRBA Guest Speaker Harry Warner talks to guest about why he started his family fund at the foundation.



Spotlight

CFRBA is pleased to introduce one of its newest board members.

Barbara Luton and her husband Bill retired to Lexington in 2006 from Santa Barbara, CA. A graduate of Westmont College (BA Psychology), and Pepperdine University (MBA) she was employed by Tenet Healthcare Corporation as Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Executive Director of the Tenet Healthcare Foundation prior to moving to Virginia. Previously she had served as Deputy Director and Director of Development at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Among her volunteer roles in California, she was a founding board member of the Santa Ynez Valley Community Foundation. Since moving to Virginia she has been active on a number of committees at RE Lee Memorial Church, served two terms on the board of the Garden Club of Virginia, and currently serves on the board of the Blue Ridge Garden Club in Lexington.



Barbra Luton

CFBRA Board of Directors:

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From the Board of CFRBA:

Wow! It's been an exciting year for our Foundation. We can look back over the past 12 months and point to a wonderful variety of local programs that have benefited from Foundation support.

Our fund has seen steady growth, and the generosity of CFRBA's supporters has enabled us to contribute grant funds to such worthwhile efforts as:

- helping area children improve reading skills;
- making it possible for disabled children and adults to experience therapeutic riding programs;
- assisting in the construction of Habitat for Humanity Homes;
- awarding academic scholarships to local high school seniors;
- supporting and encouraging our servicemen with care packages.

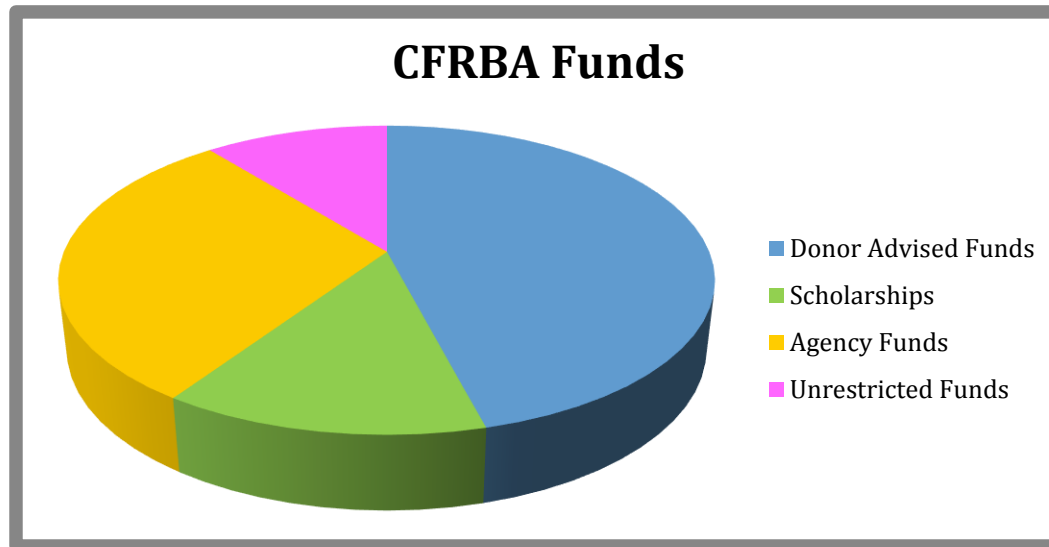
But here's the best part: those examples represent just a few of the many ways CFRBA has helped local donors improve the quality of life throughout the region. Please join us in the months ahead and help us sustain solutions that enrich lives right here in our community. And thanks to you, next year's list of accomplishments will be even longer.

Funds Administered by CFRBA

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Lexington Kiwanis Club Fund
St. Lukes Episcopal Outreach
Lexington HS Alumni Fund
Vance Family Fund
Project Horizon Fund
Whitsitt-Massey Fund
Rockbridge Area SPCA Fund
Main Street Lexington Fund
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Lexington City Schools Fund
Rockbridge Area Health Center Fund
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