

Grant-a-Wish

Bringing Good People and Good Causes Together. Forever!

Adult Care Center of Roanoke Valley

The Adult Care Center of Roanoke Valley provides care to many participants with diabetes and unfortunately who are also obese. The combination requires extra care and consideration while at the center, one of which is proper seating. \$500 would allow us to purchase two Big and Tall Bariatric Anti-Microbial/Anti-Bacterial Vinyl Guest Chairs with a 23" wide seat and with 400 lb. weight capacity. These chairs would not only provide comfort but allows for better circulation by not reducing blood flow resulting in numbness and possible skin break down in the lower extremities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our center can provide the same medical services to our participants as does a skilled rehabilitation or long term care nursing facility; the difference being the participant gets to return home with their family at the end of the day. Our registered nurses can provide medication management and education, perform wound care, provide diabetic management, and provide nourishment through a feeding tube. Participants can also receive physical, speech and occupational therapy on site and can be receiving hospice services.

Sue Nutter, Executive Director

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Virginia

\$250 would allow us to purchase totes and shelving for the Oliver Hill Mentoring Program. As our program grows, so does our need for organization and storage. Totes and shelving for our program will organize activities for our kids, and keep our program supplies safe and accessible.

DID YOU KNOW?

Because of our programmatic success, Big Brothers Big Sisters America granted our agency the 2015 Quality Award. This award ranks us in the top 15% of Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies nation-wide.

Jessica Scaggs, Marketing Coordinator

Blue Ridge Independent Living Center

Sometimes individuals with disabilities need one time assistance. \$250 would assist us to pay co-payments for individuals with disabilities who cannot afford their prescription medications and/or assist us to respond to those odd requests for services that enable individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes or to locate new homes. These requests include exterminating and/or cleaning services and application fees for applying to apartment complexes.

Can \$250 Help Local Nonprofits?
How about \$500?

Absolutely! Here's what the nonprofit community had to say...

Small grants can make a huge difference to local nonprofit organizations and the individuals they serve. If you would like to grant some of these wishes, please include them on the enclosed Donor Advised Recommendation Form.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-one percent (51%) of our Board of directors must be people with disabilities and a majority of staff also have disabilities.

Karen Michalski-Karney, Executive Director

Botetourt Resource Center

\$250 would help pay for the basic needs Bingo prizes that we give out each week to 15-20 senior adults twice while they play Bingo. We purchase prizes for \$1-\$2 like shampoo, detergent, soap, underwear, socks, toothpaste, flashlights, night lights, etc. and food. They often would rather have a can of fruit rather than jewelry or perfume.

\$500 would also help with our Bingo program and supplies and snacks for the once- a- month Senior party that we have for our Bingo seniors. Both activities are something they look forward to all week. The smiles and stories we share during that time makes the difference between the feelings of belonging and feelings of loneliness.

DID YOU KNOW?

No one has paid for any of our programs and services for all the 15 years we have been in operation. We provide information, referral to human resources, advocacy and programs and services which target healthy and more independent living for those at or below the poverty level and for older adults.

Robyn Dobyms, Executive Director

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia

\$250 would provide 60 kids with 1 hour of literacy tutoring at our 9th Street Club Learning Center. A qualified literacy instructor conducts small-group or one-on-one tutoring for members reading below their grade level, with the ultimate goal of each child reading at or above their grade level.

\$500 would provide 50 disadvantaged Roanoke area youth with 1 day of quality after-school programming at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia's 9th Street Club. On a daily basis, Club members are supported by caring staff and volunteers as they participate in Power Hour (homework help), mentoring, tutoring, Earning by Learning (reading program), and nutrition and exercise activities.

DID YOU KNOW?

100% of our Club kids give back to their community through volunteering.

Lisa McDilda, Development Coordinator

Camp Easter Seals UCP

Camp Easter Seals UCP ends every camp session with a dance. We also have many talent shows throughout the summer. Our current sound system is having some struggles such as a blown speaker. We are in need of a new one!

DID YOU KNOW?

We have several campers that have been coming to camp for over 40 years.

Alex Barge, Camp Director

Carilion Clinic Children's Hospital

\$500 would be of great use to our organization to help us provide health education to youth in after-school programs in Roanoke City! Specifically, these funds would allow us to teach puberty and self-esteem to 4th and 5th grade girls in 4 different after-school locations throughout Roanoke City. These girls need age appropriate, medically accurate health information that most of them are not getting at home! If we teach them young they are much more prepared for all the changes that will occur as they enter middle and high school.

DID YOU KNOW?

We provide comprehensive healthcare to teens in the Roanoke Valley through our teen health centers. Two of these health centers are located INSIDE Roanoke City High Schools which is a rare service to this age group! There are only a few other cities in the entire state of Virginia that have school-based health centers for teens!

Brooks Michael, Adolescent Health Educator

Center in the Square

\$500 would support the purchase of a 27" iMac. This purchase would dramatically speed up production for clients, improve proof-to-final print matching capabilities--staying current with industry standards. This purchase would allow our Marketing Director, to better serve our non-profit clients in the Greater Roanoke Valley.

DID YOU KNOW?

Center in the Square's Administrative Outreach program provides affordable professional administrative and marketing services that create results in funding, advocacy, recruitment, participation, and sales. Administrative Outreach is an extra hand for under-funded non-profits, producing materials that inform and educate, helping non-profits better operate and manage their businesses. Administrative Outreach services include: Marketing, Information Technology, Database Management and Mailing, Accounting, Grant Writing and Human Resources and Administration. Center in the Square offers desperately needed services at rates non-profits can actually afford - currently at a savings of 30-60% when compared to market rates. Since its inception, this program has met with resounding success and incredible demand. To date, Administrative Outreach has served nearly 30 organizations, saving them tens of thousands of dollars in outsourcing and staff costs.

Rachel Hopkins, Grants & Foundations Director

Children's Advocacy Programs of the Blue Ridge, Inc. -Southern VA Child Advocacy Center

\$250 would be used to purchase supplies to enhance our clinical treatment rooms, making them both inviting and healing. Purchases would include curtains, rugs, a music player, paints, paper, toys and other tools for conducting therapy with child victims.

\$500 would support professional development for our clinical services staff to include the purchase of books and training materials to enhance the clinical services provided to child victims and non-offending family members.

DID YOU KNOW?

As of March 2015, we are providing services to child victims in Martinsville and Henry County.

Joyce Moran, Executive Officer

Children's Trust

For \$250, we could teach Speak Up Be Safe ® to 20 children. Speak Up Be Safe ® is a child abuse prevention program that teaches elementary school-aged children up to grade 5 skills to protect their bodies, trust their instincts, and to tell a trusted adult.

For \$500, a parent whose child has been abused, would have the support of an advocate that would help her understand what's happening to her child, understand the investigative process, be prepared for court, find a therapist for herself and her child, and have 24/7 support throughout the process.

DID YOU KNOW?

No one has paid for any of our programs and services for all the 15 years we have been in operation. We provide information, referral to human resources, advocacy and programs and services which target healthy and more independent living for those at or below the poverty level and for older adults.

Janice Dinkins Davidson, Executive Director

Craig County Child Care Center

\$500 would provide funding for art and classroom supplies for all classrooms. We generally use a majority of recyclable items but these funds could allow us to grow our art supplies to purchase new temper paint, construction paper, crayons, etc. These funds would help approximately 70 children express themselves in new and creative ways!

DID YOU KNOW?

Craig County Child Care Center served 68 children in the month of July, of those 50% qualified for free or reduced lunches according to the USDA guidelines, as well, approximately 50% of all families receive subsidized or reduced rate childcare services.

Teresa B. Oliver, Director

Craig County Recreation and Conservation Association

Each year, 75 volunteer coaches encourage Craig's children ages 4-18 to grow both physically, and socially in team sports including baseball, softball, T-ball, football, volleyball, basketball and cheerleading. Nearly 2/3 of the school age youth participate in one of these team sports, but due to the very low income of the population, many families struggle to pay the fees required for playing. \$250 would nearly pay for 4 children to receive the \$60 fee required for football registration (\$240) and \$500 would pay for more than 8 children (\$480).

DID YOU KNOW?

Association Volunteers, coaches and parents have been working diligently since 2007 to develop our recreation complex, but one group of seniors, the "Round Table Gentlemen" have provided expertise along the way in their various fields of engineering, forestry, construction, community development, and even a pastor, for divine guidance!

Debbie Snead, Advisor

Fairview Elementary School

Fairview Elementary strives to be a model for urban education. Our students are taught skills to be successful and are given opportunities to reach their full potential regardless of poverty, ethnicity or disabilities. My class of 20 first graders would benefit from having Balance Ball Chairs instead of traditional seating. First graders have very active bodies. Through the use of stability balls, my students will be able to achieve more in the classroom while being "active sitters". Stability balls are a great tool for first graders to be engaged academically and promote good health at the same time.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fairview Elementary is one of the lowest poverty needs school in our area and yet we have met accreditation year after year. I think this is due in part to our dedicated and creative teachers who love teaching in this urban school system.

Teresa Sutherland, Teacher

Franklin County Perinatal Education Center

So far this year, 132 new moms struggling to purchase diapers and formula came to the Franklin County Perinatal Education Center (FCPEC) for assistance. Each was given a can of formula, a prepared package of 12 diapers and wipes. Before they can receive more assistance, they are asked to volunteer for one hour. \$250 would purchase diapers, formula and wipes allowing the FCPEC to continue assisting those in need.

The FCPEC provides 5 educational programs to nearly 5,000 individuals per year, 80% of whom are low-income. It normally costs \$90.00 for all the programs, but the FCPEC gives a discount of half price to all low income clients, bringing the cost to \$45.00. However, there are still some who cannot afford the \$45.00 for classes and go through pro-bono. \$500 would provide scholarships for 11 indigent families.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Franklin County Perinatal Education Center's Executive Director is called upon by the areas local and state law enforcement to installing child safety seats, and assist with obtaining seats for those in need.

Amy Pendleton, Executive Director

Free Clinic of Franklin County

\$500 would purchase 55 blood glucose testing meters and 55 boxes of test strips for our diabetic patients. \$250 would purchase 2 testing meters and 27 boxes of test strips.

DID YOU KNOW?

For every \$1 donated to the Free Clinic of Franklin County, we are able to provide over \$6 in services for our patients; an extremely cost-effective alternative to the hospital emergency room for the low-income, uninsured.

Donna M. Proctor, Executive Director

Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council

\$250 would provide program supplies for one Roanoke City outreach troop for the school year.

\$500 would provide scholarship assistance to a girl going on a once in a lifetime Girl Scout trip to somewhere like the Boundary Waters, Our Cabana, Paris, Pax Lodge, Disney World or Ireland.

DID YOU KNOW?

Girl Scouts is the largest leadership organization for girls in the world. Currently, there are about 2.8 million girl and adult members worldwide.

Melissa Hildebrand, Outreach & Grants Manager

Girls on the Run of the Roanoke Valley

Girls on the Run of the Roanoke Valley inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Since its launch in 2012, the Roanoke Valley Girls on the Run council has carefully monitored its resources to ensure that no applicant is turned away due to her inability to pay the \$125 enrollment fee, which covers curriculum, t-shirt, snacks, supplies, an end-of-season team dinner, and registration for the capstone 5K race. \$250 would provide a full scholarship for two girls. \$500 would cover all expenses for four girls.

DID YOU KNOW?

While many are already familiar with the methods by which the program allows girls to recognize their own power and strength by learning healthy skills while training for a 5K race event, some may not be aware of the opportunities created within the curriculum for girls to learn their own value in the community by “paying it forward” in the form of a service project of their own design. In seasons past, girls made holiday cookies, cards, and small gifts for women and children’s shelters in the Roanoke Valley, volunteered and made food baggies for local animal shelters, and held fundraising events to sponsor children in the local Angel Tree programs.

Courtney Roberts, Secretary

Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley

Either \$250 or \$500 would help cover the cost of materials that are needed for an owner-occupied home repair. Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley is working to raise \$10,000 that will enable a roof repair, enhanced insulation and other critical repairs for a 12-member family in Roanoke City with a poorly insulated home and a staggering electric bill.

DID YOU KNOW?

The average Habitat for Humanity homeowner's zero-interest, zero-profit mortgage payment ranges between \$378 and \$450, including real estate taxes and homeowner's insurance.

Jenny Lee, Development Director

Healing Strides of VA

\$500 would provide a scholarship for 3 at-risk youth to attend one horsemanship lesson per week for six weeks. These lessons may include mounted and un-mounted activities. We collaborate with several area agencies that have youth who can greatly benefit from Equine Assisted Activities

\$250 would provide a 2 hour field trip for 25 elderly participants. The field trip would include a riding lesson, craft, music, and learning to groom. This field trip requires at least 4 Instructors and 18 Volunteers. We have seen many elderly participants benefit greatly just being in the presence of the horse. Many participants have experiences and stories they recall from their past, once around the horse. We have even added a program called Forever Young – a Seniors Riding Club because our seniors want and activity where they can be as independent as possible.

DID YOU KNOW?

What you may not know about Healing Strides of VA is that we have the largest enclosed arena in the area in which we can provide Equine-Assisted Activities and Learning (EAAT) lessons year round, even to those who are medically fragile and need continuous lessons for healthier living. HSVA is a PATH Accredited Center with a professional staff and we are proud to be an international educational facility in EAAT.

Dee'Anna Wright, Development Coordinator

Junior Achievement of SW Virginia

\$250 would purchase two classroom kits that provide materials for 30 students each to participate in six lessons each covering either soft skill development or money management based upon careers.

\$500 would help JA purchase an office server that has more memory and bolster the computer output and support the new JA blended programs that include virtual instruction.

JA programs provide an avenue to the Z generation who want schools to teach them how to get a job.

Katherin A. Elam, President

Leisure Legacy Inc.

\$250 would provide scholarships for three participant with a diagnosis of mental illness to attend an expressive art program; Expressions with Gwyn, for one year. Expressions with Gwyn is a six week program, offered each quarterly semester, for two hours. Gwyn Hall has a degree in Art Therapy and has been leading Expressions for over five years.

\$500 would allow Therapeutic Recreation Services of Roanoke Valley to offer a scholarship for one participant with a disability to attend two fitness programs each quarterly semester for one year. TRS

fitness programs meet for eight weeks for an hour and a half. TRS staff work 1:1 with participants to achieve their individual wellness goal.

DID YOU KNOW?

Leisure Legacy Inc. is a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose sole purpose is to support the mission and goals of Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.

Wendi Schultz, CFEE, President

LOA Area Agency on Aging

With an increase in the cost of nutrition supplements, effective July 1, 2015, the LOA Area Agency on Aging is recommending Instant Breakfast for clients who do not qualify for the provision of nutrition supplements or for those who want additional supplement to the one case of nutrition supplements we provide per month. Previous to the price increase, clients who were extremely thin, many of whom also had limited access to food, received two cases per month. Instant Breakfast is a powdered mix that is reconstituted with milk, is nutritionally equivalent to Ensure and Glucerna (sugar free) and is half the cost. \$250 would purchase 50 boxes, and \$500 would purchase Instant Breakfast for 100 clients.

DID YOU KNOW?

We partner with the SPCA of Roanoke Valley to provide pet food to our Meals on Wheels clients who have pets.

Aimee Lawson, Nutrition Supplement

Old Church Gallery, Ltd.

\$250 would provide a travel and work stipend for one college intern to assist with clerical review, organization, and archiving of our collected oral history data; \$500 would grant a stipend for two interns. Providing a financial stipend offsets the expense of travel to Floyd County for university interns from Blacksburg or Radford and provides some relief from the high cost of tuition. The work of readying collected cultural resource material—photographs, transcripts, digital files, logs, and media—into an organized archival system requires careful attention to detail, protocol, and format. Utilizing these skills benefits college students’ professional development and allows the Floyd Story Center to more easily process the large volume of data collected in “Roots with Wings,” our Floyd County High School oral history project.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the hidden facets of our community oral history program is the volume of work and multiple reviews needed to complete the process of archiving a single interview, especially since we include multi-generational elements in the mix. After recording an elder interview, the Floyd Story Center at the Old Church Gallery not only processes, formats, and creates a substantive multimedia archive, but does so while incorporating high school youth instruction and young adult mentor assistance throughout.

Kathleen Ingoldsby, Co-Director, Floyd Story Center

Plenty!

\$250 would purchase a “Middle Buster” made by CountyLine, the right attachment for the Plenty! tractor for planting and harvesting potatoes. Right now, we plant and dig our many potato crops by hand. The Farm grows different varieties and plants every couple of weeks so that potatoes are available for the Food Bank and Portable Produce routes much of the year. The “Middle Buster” would significantly cut down on farm labor, freeing up time for other food production.

\$500 would purchase seeds for winter planting in the high tunnel which greatly extends our growing season and ability to grow fresh produce for our programs, and for the spring planting season on the farm. Those seeds would grow many pounds of fresh, local, nutritious food for hungry neighbors.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Plenty! Farm is now growing vegetables for our Preschool Produce program. For five weeks each fall, 62 preschoolers carry bags of fresh produce and recipes home for their families for the weekend. That's 310 bags of fresh, local food. Plenty! and our partners, Virginia Cooperative Extension and Floyd Healthy Community, are changing the way young children and their families eat and make food choices. One parent told us that her daughter asked for fresh beets, a vegetable new to the family, on a trip to the grocery store.

Karen Day, Co-Director

Presbyterian Community Center

\$500 would assist in the purchase of prescription medication for approximately 10 elderly indigent clients of the Presbyterian Community Center's Emergency Services Program.

\$250 would allow the PCC Pathways for Youth After-School Program to purchase 24 lice treatment kits for students and their families. Head lice are a frequent and serious issue for Pathways children.

DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 25% of all clients accessing the PCC Emergency Services Program are senior citizens who also receive groceries each month from the PCC pantry.

Karen McNally, Executive Director

Roanoke Area Youth Substance Abuse Coalition-RAYSAC

\$500.00 would purchase 25 lock boxes to help families keep their medications locked up and their children safe from drug abuse.

DID YOU KNOW?

RAYSAC's current initiative is to develop effective substance abuse prevention messages and tools for parents to address the growing concern in the Roanoke Valley about prescription drug abuse. Through our collaborative community partnerships we have collected over seven tons of unused prescription medications through area take-back events. Also, RAYSAC has distributed over 100 lock boxes to community members to help bring about awareness and to prevent improper disposal and misuse.

Kathy Graham Sullivan, Director

Roanoke Ballet Theatre

\$250 or \$500 would make a substantial difference in the life of a budding dancer, as that funding would allow us to award a scholarship or 2 partial scholarships to help a child in financial need dance for a year. Not only does that child learn to dance, but learns self-discipline, confidence, mental and emotional focus, responsibility and respect.

DID YOU KNOW?

At least 15% of our student population rely on scholarships in order to participate in dance instruction and company productions.

Sandra Meythaler, Executive/Artistic Director

Roanoke Valley Reading Council

Working with the Pediatric Services and Child Life Specialists in the NICU at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital, the RVRC sponsors a program, Books for Babies, which provides a book to each family of a premature baby. The purpose of the book, wrapped as a gift, is to encourage reading aloud to the newborn. Reading aloud is not only an opportunity for the caregivers to bond with their baby throughout the course of their hospitalization, but it is also essential for achievement of a child's full developmental potential. \$500 would purchase 300 hardcover books for distribution in the NICU.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Roanoke Valley Reading Council is a nonprofit organization of teachers and administrators that promotes literacy in families across the Roanoke Valley. RVRC is the local affiliate of the International Literacy Association.

Tamara Teaff, Books for Babies Project Manager

Roanoke Valley SPCA

Every cat and dog that RVSPCA puts up for adoption is microchipped so that they can always be reunited with their owners. \$500 would enable 100 animals to be microchipped prior to adoption. This service is a standard of progressive animal welfare organizations.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Roanoke Valley SPCA is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2016. We were established in 1916 and in that time have evolved and progressed to offer services that assist not only pets but pet owners; we are an organization that serves animals for the sake of humanity.

Tim White, Development Coordinator

Saint Francis Service Dogs

\$500 would help repair an aging van that Saint Francis uses to transport puppies in and out of the Prison Pup Program at Bland Correctional Center where inmates are carefully selected and paid by the state to help train service dog for children and adults with disabilities. This program has been proven to reduce the rate of recidivism within the inmate population that participates in the Prison Pup Program.

DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Francis Service Dogs places service dogs FREE to children and adults with disabilities - we do not have a revenue stream and we do not receive government funds.

Niki Voudren, Development Director

Science Museum of Western Virginia

We are in need of paper towels, hand sanitizer and napkins to use in programs with our school children on a daily basis. We do outreaches and programs every day and go through a large supply weekly.

DID YOU KNOW?

We see over 50,000 school children in one year.

Liz Lively, Marketing and Development Director

Southwest Virginia Ballet

In 2016, SVB will produce TIES, an original railroad ballet by artistic director, Pedro Szalay. \$250 would provide needed support to renovate two large wooden train cars that are the primary sets for the production. These were last used in 2009 and need to be safe for dancers to push and ride in on stage. \$500 would help pay for the live music and original songs provided by local musician David Austin and his band during this production, which will be enjoyed by over 600 middle and high school students during the school outreach production.

DID YOU KNOW?

Southwest Virginia Ballet company members participate for free. SVB even provides a pair of new pointe shoes (value \$100) to each dancer for each major production.

Karen Kalbfleisch, Executive Director

Taubman Museum of Art

\$500 would purchase 5 aluminum easels- necessary for our adult classes that support the creative growth of Roanoke-area life-long learners. The easels are used for a wide range of classes from professional development training of area school teachers to special project workshops led by area artists. We are currently unable to provide this service due to lack of resources.

\$250 would purchase art supplies for Art Venture - the Museum's interactive gallery for youth. These resources are taxed daily by our visitors and though our partnerships with home-school groups and area public schools.

DID YOU KNOW?

Often criticized for its modern architecture in a very traditional town, much thought was dedicated to the design of the Taubman Museum of Art. World-renowned architect, Randall Stout, spent over a month in Roanoke conceptualizing the plan. The stainless steel finish reflects the sky, the undulating line of the roof recalls the rolling Blue Ridge Mountains and the 77 ft. to tip of prow in the atrium resembles the point of the Roanoke Star- honoring our nickname as the "Star City."

Holly DiGangi, Deputy Director of Development

The Community Youth Program (CYP) at St. John's Inc

\$250 would update our library. It currently does not meet the needs of our 4th-5th grade students as assessed by the new reading curriculum for RCPS. The new curriculum assigns each student a reading level which is used by our staff/volunteers to ensure that each student is choosing an appropriate book for their reading ability. This is a critical need for us as an afterschool homework help program because elementary school students are required to read for 20 minutes a day.

\$500 would cover the cost of translators for our enrollment/paper work centered family nights. Over half of our students come from homes where English is not the primary language spoken at home. We at CYP see ourselves as advocates for the child. A facet of that advocacy is a line of communication between the school system, our children, CYP and their parents. Being able to have an open line of communication with our parents is the key to success with working on the goal they have set for their child at CYP.

DID YOU KNOW?

Despite 53% of our students speaking an language other than English at home, we saw either the maintenance of an A/B or the improvement of a letter grade for 91% of our students their English class for the 2014-2015 school year.

Kathleen McEvoy, Executive Director

The Hope Center Adult Daycare

\$250 would pay for three adult/senior to attend The Hope Center for one day. This would be awarded to a person that is financially incapable to pay the fees on their own.

\$500 would allow six adults/seniors to attend The Hope Center for one day. This would be awarded to six persons that are financially incapable of paying the fees on their own.

DID YOU KNOW?

We are the only adult daycare in the Catawba/Craig County area. We are located in the Catawba Valley which is a beautiful rural setting. Our folks will not have to travel into "town" and our facilities will feel like a home away from home.

Sandra Jones, Administrative Assistant

The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

\$250 would purchase diapers and baby wipes for families who are currently guests at the Mission. Many times families are fleeing emergency situations and don't have enough time to pack the necessities. The Mission helps supplement their needs and donations are always needed!

\$500 will allow the Rescue Mission to buy 100 \$5 fast food gift cards for men and women currently enrolled in our Recovery Program for substance abuse or our Tabitha Program for the chronically homeless. At Christmas, the most popular and most loved gifts handed out to program participants by the Mission are the \$5 gift cards to places like McDonalds, Hardees or Benni Marconi's. The Mission currently has 68 men and women in the programs and any assistance will be most welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Rescue Mission is a 501(c)(3) that does not accept any federal or United Way funding. In 2014, the Rescue Mission received close to \$3 million in donations with most coming from individuals and the rest from sources like foundations, businesses, churches, trusts and bequests.

Amy McArthur, Development Associate

Total Action for Progress

Reliable transportation is crucial for ex-offenders, as it enables them to get to and from work, and other necessary appointments. \$250 would provide approximately 170 daily one way bus passes. \$250 in cab vouchers would provide (depending on the individual) approximately one month's transportation to and from work for a single ex-offender.

\$500 would provide approximately 340 daily one way bus passes, or two months of transportation to and from work for a single ex-offender in the form of cab vouchers.

DID YOU KNOW?

TAP's Virginia CARES program has been working to reintegrate ex-offenders into the community for more than three decades.

Beth Rodriguez, Grant Writer

Virginia Museum of Transportation

Andrew's Fund for Children provides free access to the Museum for groups serving low income children, such as HeadStart Centers, the Boys and Girls Club, Rescue Mission, West End Center, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. \$500 enables the Museum to serve 120 underprivileged children free of charge. The Fund is in memory of Andrew McKeever, a vivacious young boy who loved trains, adventures, and the Virginia Museum of Transportation. He passed away unexpectedly a few weeks before his fifth birthday.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Virginia Museum of Transportation is the designated field trip for all Roanoke City kindergarten, fourth grade and seventh grade students. In partnership with the Roanoke City Public Schools, we have developed curriculum that encourages students to learn through hands-on investigation into history and science. The lessons require deduction, critical analysis, and reasoning, advancing their thinking skills. The students work in groups and also practice math and language arts skills. They learn the history of their community, and what is unique and inspiring about Roanoke. Safety around train tracks is reinforced and students have the opportunity to respond creatively. The seventh grade program is technology-enhanced, utilizing Samsung tablets running a custom app to direct student exploration. Other customized programs to reinforce learning in multiple disciplines have been developed for nearly every grade level at Roanoke City teachers' requests.

Fran Ferguson, Director of Development

Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation Inc.

Either \$500 or \$250 would support Virginia Western's Student Book Assistance Fund which puts knowledge directly in a student's hands. With the ever increasing cost of textbooks, the Book Assistance Fund can make the critical difference to achieving access to higher education for many of our students, as scholarship assistance and financial aid often does not extend to cover this need.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. is an independent not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) foundation dedicated to securing private and public funds for student scholarships. The College's service region includes the cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, Craig County, southern Botetourt County, and Franklin County.

Amanda Mansfield, Donor Relations Coordinator

Young Audiences - Arts for Learning - Virginia

Young Audiences has received a grant to enhance visual art instruction in Roanoke City Schools. \$500 would provide one 2-hour Professional Development workshop for art teachers that would enable them to continue the project indefinitely. \$500 would provide one 2-hour Professional Development workshop for art teachers, and one Professional Development arts-Integrated workshop for core curriculum teachers.

DID YOU KNOW?

In its 60 years, Young Audiences has served over 10 million children throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Judy Clark, Western Region Coordinator