

# Grant-a-Wish

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## **Alzheimer's Association, Central & Western VA Chapter**

\$250 or \$500 would be used as follows: 25 or 50 15-minute Helpline calls; 12 or 25 Caregiver Notebooks to a family dealing with Alzheimers; 5 or 10 Safe Return bracelets for someone with Alzheimers who has wandered away; 10 people could attend either 5 or 10 creative arts sessions; \$100 provides a Living with Alzheimers Education service for 25 people.

*Annette Clark, Family Services Director*

## **Apple Ridge Farm, Inc.**

\$250 would be used to purchase a flat screen monitor for its camp office in Floyd County.

*Janis Waller, Vice President Administration*

## **Belmont Community Health Center dba Roanoke Valley Healthcare Connection**

\$250 - \$500 would purchase supplies for adults & children such as oral hygiene supplies, general hygiene supplies, health aids needed during flu season, education brochures related to specific health issues, etc.

*Brenda Allen, Treasurer & Volunteer Coordinator*

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of SW VA**

\$250 would provide scholarship assistance for one underserved child to attend a nine-week summer camp enrichment program at the 9th Street Club. \$500 would support 133 hours of small group or one-on-one tutoring for Club Kids at the 9th Street Club.

*Kayla Hastrup, Grant Writer/Development Associate*

## **Camp Virginia Jaycee**

\$250 would buy camping equipment to meet the dreams and needs of campers wanting to learn how to camp out, hike safely on trails, and use the VA State Park System. \$500 would buy a new amplifier and IPOD to allow campers the opportunity to express themselves through music at talent shows, dances, and karaoke singing on the camp dance floor.

*Sean Neff, Board Secretary*

## **Children's Trust**

\$250 would be used to match an abused child with a Court Appointed Special Advocate for 2 months. CASA's typically stay with their assigned children for 12-18 months working toward the goal of finding a safe & permanent "forever" home for these victims of abuse & neglect. The current average cost is \$1618 to help an abused child navigate dependency court hearings, foster care, and other hurdles on the way to being placed in a safe, permanent home. \$500 will enable the purchase of 50 workbooks for adults to

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participate in future Stewards of Children training. This is a new prevention initiative aimed at training adults that work with children to recognize and report child sex abuse.

*Steve Grieco, Grant Writer*

### **Craig County Recreation & Conservation Association**

\$250 would allow almost 10 children to participate in recreation club basketball. \$500 would allow 10 children to participate in football, baseball, or softball.

*Sheri Sloss, CCRCA Sports Director*

### **Easter Seals United Cerebral Palsy Roanoke Area**

\$250 would purchase adaptive equipment to loan to families for children with sensory needs, i.e. weighted blankets and special feeding utensils.

*Valerie Hughes, Early Intervention Program Director*

### **Explore Park**

\$500 would provide outdoor signage for a newly constructed kiosk constructed as an Eagle Scout project in 2012. Signs would provide a graphic image of the trail map and educational and safety tips on mountain biking and hiking the 9 mile trail system.

*Debbie Pitts, VRFA Executive Director*

### **Family Promise of Greater Roanoke**

\$250 would provide training for six volunteers for the mentoring program that helps families maintain their independence, attain greater economic stability, nurture and support their children, and strengthen the self-esteem of the parents and children. \$500 would provide bus passes to homeless families to get to and from job interviews, work, and medical appointments.

*Marie Muddiman, Executive Director*

### **Family Service of Roanoke Valley**

\$250 would help with improvements to its lovely courtyard which is used primarily as a tool to supplement indoor counseling sessions to children as young as 2 years old. \$500 would cover the cost to install a picket fence that would serve as a safety barrier between the Children's Courtyard and Campbell Avenue and also discourage trespassing and vandalism.

*Jenny Lee, Chief Development Officer*

### **Free Clinic of Franklin Co.**

\$500 would provide insulin for a diabetic patient for one year.

*Ellen Holland, Interim Director*

### **Goodwill Industries of the Valleys**

\$250 or \$500 would purchase instruments and adaptive tools for the Adult Developmental Learning Services and Specialized Day Support music therapy program at the Melrose Campus.

*Sacil Armstrong, Grant Writer*

### **Grandin Theatre**

\$500 would help sponsor a film for the Theatre's first-time film festival in April 2013, or help sponsor a filmmaker/writer/director's speaking engagement at the festival, or help sponsor a live music act for the film festival event.

*Katherine Chittum, Executive Director*

**Healing Strides of VA**

\$250 would purchase herbs for the aromatic path on its Sensory Trail and help fund items used for a new Freedom Trail. \$500 would provide scholarships for two riders, adult or children, with disabilities for six weeks of therapeutic riding.

*Dee'Anna Wright, Development Coordinator*

**Health Focus of Southwest VA**

\$500 would provide half the funds for an instructor for 20 weeks at 1 1/2 hours each of Adaptive Chair Yoga for those with physical limitations such as Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinsons, and fibromyalgia. The other half would come from the students who are able to contribute to the cost of an instructor and permit an additional 5 students to take 3 six week sessions.

*Judy Hagadorn, President*

**Jefferson Center**

\$500 would provide scholarship assistance for one student to attend the first outreach version of the highly successful Music Lab program for middle and high-school aged students at the June Bug Center in Floyd County.

*John Levin, Senior Director of Development*

**Lake Christian Ministries**

\$250 would provide flu shots to its uninsured clients who live in Franklin County.

*Kathy Reynolds, Special Projects Coordinator*

**League of Older Americans**

\$250 would provide funds to have senior volunteers install 11 grab bars in bathrooms of frail seniors who need additional support with bathing but cannot afford or have no one to install these bars for them; \$500 would result in 22 grab bars being installed.

*Aimee Lawson, Director of Public Relations*

**Local Colors of Western VA**

\$250 would be used to purchase and inflate 500 world globe balloons at the festival to be held May 18, 2013. \$500 would allow a passport photo booth to be built to allow children to have passport photos to be taken and printed at the festival so that they could visit each country's booth and learn about that particular country.

*David Boyes, Fundraising Chair*

**Old Southwest, Inc.**

\$250 would buy enough paint to paint a one story house for a needy neighbor in the Historic Old S.W. neighborhood performed by volunteers. \$500 would do the same for a two-story house.

*Jan Keister, Grant Chair*

**Opera Roanoke**

\$250 would provide assistance with our "OPERATIONS" outreach programs in local public schools. \$500 would provide scholarships for our Young Apprentice Artists (from the region's colleges) as they assist in outreach programs across the region, or help sponsor an entire concert featuring our Young Apprentice Artists.

*Teresa Carpentieri, Development Director*

**Pathfinders for Greenways**

\$250 would provide trail building hand tools needed for the construction, by volunteers, of a new trail at Carvins Cove for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. The trail will be a world-class 3 mile trail with volunteers starting work this spring. \$500 would provide a rock hammer drill and bits needed to cut and shape large amounts of rock in order to build the trail through an extremely rocky terrain.

*Brian Batteiger, Carvins Cove Trail Care Crew Leader*

**Rebuilding Together**

\$250 would replace an unusable bathroom fixture for an elderly, disabled homeowner. \$500 would help repair a leaking roof of an elderly or disabled homeowner; or provide 4 new energy-efficient windows; or upgrade an electrical system for a low income homeowner & eliminate a dangerous situation.

*Edward Murray, Executive Director*

**Rescue Mission**

\$250 would purchase 384 12-oz plastic tumblers for food service guest dining. \$500 would buy 8 plastic food-grade industrial storage containers to replace damaged ones used for storing and freezing donated fresh produce.

*Leslie Littlefield, Volunteer Coordinator/Grant Manager*

**Roanoke Valley SPCA**

\$250 or \$500 would transform the lives of several homeless cats while they wait adoption by providing a wall of cubicles with shelving along the top along a blank wall in the cat play room, allowing the cats to climb, roam, and have a safe place to sleep and play while being in complete view of potential adopters.

*Nina Zanella, Director of Development*

**Smith Mtn. Lake Good Neighbors**

\$250 would provide a scholarship for a child to attend the summer camp program for 2 weeks; \$500 for 4 weeks.

*Jim Wilson, Grant Writer/Board Member*

**Southern VA Child Advocacy Center**

\$250 would provide needed supplies for its upcoming Child Abuse Prevention Month outreach programming. Last year our efforts impacted over 2,400 individuals. \$500 would assist in the \$2,050 cost of repairing the heating equipment at the Child Advocacy Center in order to provide a warm, welcoming environment for victims of community and family-based violence.

*Joyce Moran, Executive Officer*

**Straight Street**

\$500 would purchase another refrigerator for the diner.

*Keith Farmer, Director*

**Sustain Floyd**

\$250 would purchase potato seed for its farm-to-school potato project where Floyd elementary students plant potatoes in spring and return in the fall to harvest. The potatoes are then served in the school cafeterias county-wide. \$500 would support the Market Bucks program for the season where Sustain Floyd "Teams with Plenty!" transport seniors without transportation to the Farmers Market each Saturday and provide them with coupons to be spent at the market to make purchases more affordable on fixed incomes.

*Mike Burton, Director*

**The Advancement Foundation**

\$250 would provide 9 AmeriCorp Volunteers in Service to America professional development opportunities to better serve the communities they live and work in. VISTAS commit to live in poverty and serve one year with a non-profit organization helping build their capacity and program sustainability. \$500 would provide 18 VISTAS the same opportunity.

*Samantha Lukasiewicz, VISTA Leader*

**The Jacksonville Center for the Arts**

\$250 would cover one school semester's access to the after school program for one underserved child. \$500 would help purchase tools, raw materials, and equipment refurbishment for one of the 3 teaching studios dedicated to ceramics, blacksmithing, and jewelry.

*Lee Chichester, Development Coordinator*

**The Rocky Mount Center for the Arts, Inc.**

\$250 would provide scholarship assistance for 2 underserved children to attend 6 weeks of after school "Young at Art" classes in drawing and painting. \$500 would provide scholarship assistance to 4 underserved children for 2 weeks of summer programs.

*Joan Rogers, Director*

**Trust House**

\$250 would buy 100 new bed pillows for the facility. \$500 would buy 5 twin sized mattresses for resident rooms.

*Ali Hamed-Moore, Executive Director*

**United Methodist Community Outreach Program of Roanoke**

\$250 would provide scholarship assistance for 2 children to attend Camp Alta Mons for a week during the summer. \$500 would buy a laptop to help teach computer literacy to low-income, urban children in Roanoke.

*Jan Keister, Program Coordinator*

**YMCA of Roanoke Valley**

\$500 would be distributed with the Y Pass program for after school programs for after school programs for kids.

*Candy Lucas, Admin. Assistant*