

Nonprofit Facts

Foundation staff asked our local nonprofit colleagues to share fun facts, trivia, and statistics about their respective organizations. Did you know?

Alzheimer's Association Central & Western VA Chapter

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, but the Alzheimer's Association is available to assist individuals and caregivers with all types of dementia including vascular, mixed, Parkinson's disease, Lewy body, Huntington's, Frontotemporal, Down syndrome, Korsakoff, etc.

Annette Clark, Family Services Director

Angels of Assisi

Angels of Assisi is the leading animal welfare organization in the Roanoke Valley, providing services to pets and people, and is the leading transfer partner, taking the most pets from the local pound, the Regional Center for Animal Care and Protection.

Matthew Brown, Adoption Center Director

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Virginia

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides one-to-one mentoring to children facing adversity in Southwest Virginia. In 2015, we served 400 children, which means we recruited 400 volunteers to commit to spending one hour each week with their Little for one year. Fifty-nine percent of our volunteers are between the ages of 18-30.

Jessica Turley, Marketing Coordinator

Blue Ridge Independent Living Center

Fifty-one percent of our board of directors and the majority of our staff are individuals with disabilities.

Karen Michalski-Karney, Executive Director

Carilion Children's Adolescent Health

We specialize in adolescent health reaching over 3,000 teens annually throughout the valley to help them navigate through the teen years. There are very few health centers in the state of Virginia with a clear focus on this age group which is often lost in the healthcare system. Our mission is clearly aligned with Healthy People 2020 objectives to increase well checks among this age group.

Brooks Michael, Health Educator

Center in the Square

One fact that donors may not know is Center in the Square grows and sells our own coral.

Sara Mackereth, Grants and Foundations Officer

Children's Trust

Children's Trust provides an extensive child abuse prevention program. We teach children how to Speak Up and Be Safe. In the 2014/2015 school year, we taught over 3,000 Roanoke children how to Speak Up Be Safe! We also teach adults how to become Stewards of Children, teaching them what child sexual abuse looks like and steps to take to prevent and further protect our children. This is: Our Kids! Our Community! Our Responsibility! (our slogan!)

Teresa Carpentieri, Fundraising Coordinator

Choices Recovery Center

Choices Recovery Center's programs and assistance is free to all seeking recovery from substance abuse and associated disorders

Trish White, Executive Director

Community Outreach Program of Roanoke

Rebecca Parsons, our Executive Director, is a Missionary, Church and Community Worker for the United Methodist Church. She is dedicated to helping the community, and holds a degree in Theology. Her vision is to reduce poverty by giving kids extra help so they can stay in school and gain the education to have good careers.

Jan Keister, Administrator

Community Youth Program at St. John's

CYP is building a legacy. This school year, 63% of our students re-enrolled in CYP, after being in the program for one or more years. Of our 11 new students this year, 7 of these students had an older sibling in the program. CYP has a high retention rate and we have a strong population of dedicated families who believe in this program. This is a legacy program for Roanoke.

Kathleen McEvoy, Executive Director

Craig County 4-H

According to a Tufts University study, youth involved in 4-H are four times more likely to make contributions to their community and two times more likely than their peers to be civically active.

Amber Robinson, Extension Agent

Cultural Arts for Excellence (CAFE)

CAFE makes a measurable difference in the lives of the low-income children we serve. During the last school year, 65% of participants improved their academic performance, 100% improved their English and math skills, and 100% were promoted to the next grade.

Donna Robinson, director@cafearts.org

DePaul Community Resources

On any given day DePaul is serving approximately 600 client and their families. This includes foster children and their parents in addition to adults with disabilities and their care providers.

Ben Mayhew, Director of Development

Downtown Roanoke Inc.

Downtown Roanoke Inc. manages the Historic Roanoke City Farmer's Market which is the oldest open-air Market in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Tina Workman, President

Family Promise of Greater Roanoke

Family Promise of Greater Roanoke has an extensive aftercare program where case management and mentoring for families is provided after they move into permanent housing to ensure continued self-sufficiency.

Marie Muddiman, Executive Director

Family Service of Roanoke Valley

Family Service of Roanoke Valley believes in learning what the community needs for mental health care, and then responding with quality programs and accessible services. That is why, in 1985, we established the first Batterer's Intervention program for people who use violence in intimate partner relationships. We see it as the "other side of the coin" for needed treatment and support groups for survivors of domestic violence. By working with abusers to identify behavior causing them to continually use violence against their partners, the group facilitator is able to work with participants to correct and change that behavior. This is truly able to break the cycle of violence. 85% of participants do not re-offend within the first two years of completing the program. Though private practices have begun offering the service, our Batterer's Intervention program is unique in the Valley for offering an evidence-based support group model

requiring 10 sessions and a nominal fee from the participant for each session. Local courts refer offenders into the program, and people may also self-refer. It is a male-only program.

Ruth Cassell, Chief Development Officer

Feeding America Southwest Virginia

Feeding America Southwest Virginia fights hunger in the Roanoke Valley, where more than 30,000 people don't always know where their next meal will come from.

Larry Pierce, Grants Administrator

Franklin County Humane Society

Did you know that The Franklin County Humane Society relies entirely on donations from the community? We receive no funding from national organizations or local government and takes in 75 percent of the community's homeless animals.

Jennifer Fleisher, Marketing Coordinator

Free Clinic of Franklin County

The Free Clinic of Franklin County receives no federal tax dollars but is totally supported through the generous investment of local donors and grantors.

Donna M. Proctor, Executive Director

FREE Foundation

FREE originated in Roanoke, Virginia in 1999 and has grown to be the DME Reuse provider for the entire state of Virginia. FREE is recognized nationally as the pioneer for DME reuse programs and is the model that has been used for setting national reused equipment processing standards and best practices. (DME = Durable Medical Equipment)

Sonja Schaible, Executive Director

Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway

FRIENDS is engaging and educating the next generation of stewards about their parks and the role they play in preserving the cultural and natural heritage through educational and hands-on experiences with programs on the Blue Ridge Parkway. To engage these stewards from local communities, FRIENDS work through its network of 9 FRIENDS Chapters that are located in areas surrounding the Parkway. These local partnerships help recruit students and youth from diverse neighborhoods to participate in Parkway programs

Pam Basham, Assistant Director

Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council

According to "More Than S'mores: Successes and Surprises in Girl Scouts' Outdoor Experiences" (Girl Scout Research Institute, 2014), Girl Scouts helps girls get outdoors, helps girls connect with and care for the environment and provide camping experiences that create long-lasting memories and build leadership. Girls reported that Girl Scouts provides them with opportunities to explore the outdoors in ways they couldn't have otherwise.

Melissa Hildebrand, Outreach & Grants Manager

Girls on the Run of the Roanoke Valley

To ensure that every girl gets a chance to join a Girls on the Run team regardless of her family's ability to pay the \$125 registration fee (which covers curriculum, snacks, end-of-season celebrations, two shirts, and 5K race registration), the majority of the girls in enrolled in our program participate through either full or partial scholarship.

Courtney Roberts, Council Director

Good Samaritan Hospice

Good Samaritan Hospice is committed to providing special care to our veterans through our "We Honor Veterans" program. Most people are not aware that about one-fourth of all deaths occurring in the US are veterans. Our "We Honor Veterans" program provides special training about veterans' issues to our staff and volunteers as well as special

recognition to our veterans through special pinning ceremonies and presentation of military service fleece blankets. These blankets are made by a special group of Good Sam volunteers and are unique to each branch of the service.

Mary E. Renwick, Director of Development

Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley

After 30 years of serving the Roanoke Valley with affordable mortgages and homeownership, 96% of Habitat for Humanity's homeowners have achieved success as first-time homeowners.

Jenny Lee, Development Director

Katie's Place

Katie's Place, an adult Day Program for adults with disabilities, has undergone organizational change and will be embracing a total community based focus; volunteering in local non-profits, working in community gardens, developing a sustainable program, working on employment skills, and much more!

Angie Leonard, CEO- St. Vincent's Home Services--Katie's Place Board Member and Director

Komen Virginia Blue Ridge

In 2016, Komen Virginia Blue Ridge celebrates its 10th anniversary. Since its founding, Komen Virginia Blue Ridge has invested \$2.4 Million in the fight against breast cancer including over \$1.8 Million in local grants (education, screening and diagnostic mammograms, and treatment for uninsured and under-insured women and men) and over \$575,000 in national breast cancer research.

Pam Adams, Mission Manager

Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley

Our Senior Counsel, Henry Woodward, took a housing case all the way to the U.S Supreme Court...and won! His victory not only helped thousands of families living in public housing in Roanoke City, but created a judicial remedy for millions of families across the nation who also live in public housing.

Jan Keister, Administrator

Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley

Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley responds to more than 750 requests for Information and Referral Services annually. Calls range from requests for access to emergency services to deal with suicide threats and attempts and aggressive behavior, referrals to mental health professionals who specialize in different services, availability of support groups, and access to housing, residential treatment, and literature.

Diane Kelly, Executive Director

Mill Mountain Zoo

The Zoo provides weekly education outreach at Carilion Clinic to children who are being treated there.

Katie McKernan, Development and Special Projects Associate

Old Southwest, Inc.

We were named the top neighborhood organization in the whole country a couple of years ago!

Jan Keister, Grants & Membership

Opera Roanoke

Most donors do not know that we provide free tickets to students of all ages so that they are able to experience the beauty of live opera at no cost.

Linda Webb, Executive Director

Pathfinders for Greenways

Pathfinders for Greenways was one of the first non-profits in the region to buy a web domain name. Purchased in 1997, the URL www.greenways.org has a simple name that has brought significant recognition to the Roanoke Valley. One day Liz Belcher received a call from a man in Romania asking: "Is this the head of greenways in the United States?"

Liz Belcher, Making Our Greenways the Best

Points of Diversity, a program of Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

Points of Diversity will offer workshops, retreats, and customized training to Roanoke Valley schools, businesses and communities to address prejudice and promote Inclusion of all the community's Diversity of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation and differing abilities.

Katie Zawacki, chair person, advisory board

Presbyterian Community Center

The Presbyterian Community Center has been serving needy families since 1967 from our location in SE Roanoke. We will celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2017.

Karen McNally, Executive Director

Renovation Alliance

In 2015, we established a new program to meet the urgent home repair needs of low-income homeowners. The Emergency Home Repair program provides a limited amount of funds to repair plumbing leaks, heating system malfunctions, and small roof leaks within 1 - 2 days of the need arising. The only other organization offering emergency repair services currently has a 2 year wait list.

Kendall Cloeter, Executive Director

Roanoke Ballet Theatre

Roanoke Ballet Theatre is not just a ballet school for students. It also houses a professional ballet company that works a 34 week contract, to provide the Roanoke Valley with professional ballet performances.

William Smith, Director of Development

Roanoke Children's Theatre

Many donors do not realize that Roanoke Children's Theatre provides an arts program that reaches every 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classroom in Roanoke.

Debra Brauch, Development Director

Roanoke Star Soccer Club

We have had a local player from our club that has played for Arsenal FC in the English Premier League.

Chris McClellan, Director of Coaching & Player Development

Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue Inc.

Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue Inc. has been saving the lives of horses in our local community since 2002.

Patricia L. Muncy, President/Founder

Roanoke Valley Reading Council

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

Roanoke Valley SPCA

The Roanoke Valley SPCA is not affiliated with the ASPCA. The ASPCA does not provide oversight, governance, or financial support to our organization. We rely on generous contributions from individuals and foundations to achieve our mission.

Tim White, Development Coordinator

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Virginia

McDonald's Corporation is a mission partner for Ronald McDonald House Charities, but they do not fund any chapters. Each chapter is an independent 501c3, responsible for raising its own funds.

Jeanne Bollendorf, Director of Community Development

Saint Francis Service Dogs

It takes two years and \$25,000 to train one service dog from puppyhood to placement and beyond. Our service dogs are placed at no cost to approved candidates.

Niki Voudren, Development Director

Salem Food Pantry

The Food Pantry started a Crib Ministry to provide baby food, formula, diapers and wipes to families with children under three living in the household.

Jenny McCormick, Executive Director

SARA, Inc.

After being part of the local Community Services Board (CSB) since 1978, many donors do not know that we left the CSB in 2011 to become an independent, stand alone, non-profit agency.

Teresa Berry, Executive Director

Science Museum of Western Virginia

Many people would be surprised to find out that Roanoke is home to the oldest science museum in Virginia: the Science Museum of Western Virginia! Our museum was founded in 1970 by a group of teachers and community volunteers that recognized the need for an organization that would provide educational resources to schools, students and families.

Rachel Hopkins, Executive Director

Taubman Museum of Art

Over 83,000 individuals annually visit the Taubman Museum of Art through gallery visits, programs, and special events. Through the presentation of 21 annual exhibitions and their educational programs, the Museum serves as a community anchor: partnering with area schools, homeschool groups, and community partners to service over 16,000 youth per year.

Holly DiGangi, Deputy Director of Development

Taubman Museum of Art

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Charysse Hairston, Grants & Advancement Services Coordinator

The National Kidney Foundation Serving Virginia

The NKF was responsible for developing the first broadly accepted clinical practice guidelines in nephrology, which eventually became known as KDOQI—Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative.

Megan Boyd, Interim Community Outreach Coordinator

The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

The Rescue Mission of Roanoke has a Distribution and Recycling Center where hundreds of donations are processed daily and are sent to one of two thrift stores: 2nd Helpings Shop and Thrift 460. The Rescue Mission is the only non-profit in the area that does residential donation pick-ups as well as gives out clothing and furniture assistance vouchers to people in crisis.

Amy McArthur, Development Associate

Transitional Options for Women

This is the first and only program in this area that exclusive assist women released from local prisons and jails with more than just housing.

Dorothy Owsley, Executive Director

Virginia Community Action Reentry System, Inc. (VA CARES)

VA CARES serves approximately 700 people in the Roanoke area each year; in 2014, 70% of VA CARES participants who were seeking employment obtained a job and only 7% of participants went back to jail.

Ann Fisher, Executive Director

Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation, Inc.

Virginia Western Community College will celebrate its 50th Anniversary Fall 2016- Spring 2017!

Amanda Mansfield, Donor Relations Coordinator

YMCA of Roanoke Valley

The YMCA Magic Place School-Age Child Care Program, a branch of the YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc., is the region's largest provider of school-age child care, operating after school every day at 17 school based sites serving 26 schools in Roanoke City, Salem City and Botetourt County. Over 40% of children using our program receive financial assistance.

Jackie Grant, Sr. VP of Operations