



Our Home, Our Mountain, Our Future

2012–2016

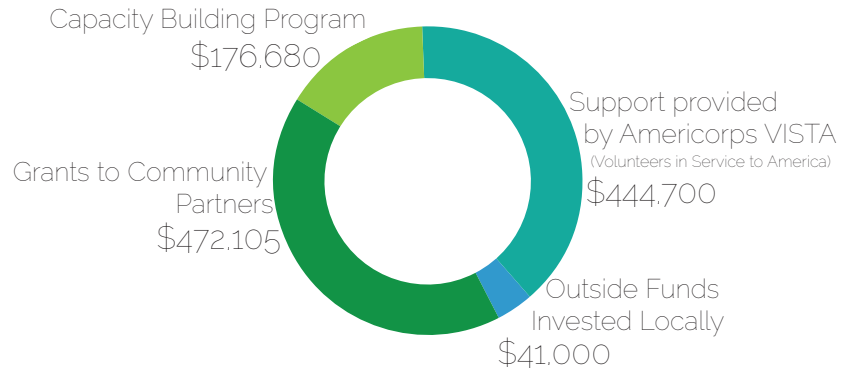
Dear Friends,

South Cumberland Community Fund builds on the strength of people and communities while enhancing capacity and collaborating to solve problems. The impact of our grantmaking and capacity building in the local community is transformative. Through this work we have focused great ability and abundant willingness toward filling many needs. Truly remarkable people formed and continue to fund this organization, and as we move forward it is my sincerest wish that South Cumberland Community Fund continues to lead the way in making the Plateau a place of hope and prosperity for all its residents. On behalf of our board of directors please accept our expressions of gratitude for the many gifts of time and financial resources that have gone into making this work possible. Through this report we strive to celebrate our fifth year anniversary, and as you read the words and enjoy the scenes I hope you will join me in recognizing the great progress, the deepening relationships and amazing achievements that are made possible by this organization.

--Marshall Graves, Board Chair



TOTAL
FUNDS INVESTED
2012-2016
\$1,134,485



South Cumberland Community Fund

MISSION: South Cumberland Community Fund improves the quality of life across the South Cumberland plateau of Tennessee, which includes Grundy County and portions of Marion and Franklin Counties, by increasing philanthropic giving and providing community leadership to build on the strength of the area's people, communities and natural setting, to enhance community capacity and collaboration, and support innovative ways to solve community problems.

VISION: SCCF envisions that the South Cumberland plateau be a place of hope and prosperity for all its residents and communities, inspired by the Fund's philanthropic and regional leadership.

STRENGTHENING Our Home

through philanthropy & leadership



South Cumberland Community Fund has partnered with area school systems in a variety of ways. It has made grants to individual schools for projects such as walking tracks, library renovations, and audio-visual systems. In addition, it has collaborated with schools to initiate summer enrichment programs that coincided with SCCF's Summer Meal Program.

"South Cumberland Community Fund has given us so many opportunities to enhance and expand our work. Through the grantmaking program, individual schools have made successful requests for projects to augment their activities. The Capacity Building Program has enhanced our summer programs, supported our strategic planning process, and helped our students learn about community service in the Make a Difference project. With members of Americorps/VISTA at area schools, we have developed new programs for school gardening clubs, fitness campaigns, a program to reduce absenteeism, and expanded our grant-writing skills.

"The Community Fund has enhanced the quality of life across the Plateau and expanded our ability to serve and care for our young people. We are so grateful for SCCF's partnership."

--Jessie Kinsey, Director of Grundy County Schools



Make A Difference 2015



Summer Meal Program 2015



Big Creek Lake 2012, 2015

CONNECTING Our Mountain

by encouraging collaboration
across the Plateau



“South Cumberland Community Fund is giving us a chance to innovate and create change in our community.”

--Clint Shrum,
Grundy County Sheriff



In 2015, SCCF awarded a grant to Grundy County Sheriff's Office for a garden and greenhouse to involve its inmates in the growing of their own food.



The following year, through SCCF, a VISTA was placed with the office and created a re-entry program for inmates.



We are now watching folks complete their sentences and successfully enter the local workforce.

ENVISIONING Our Future

as one of hope and prosperity



“South Cumberland Community Fund is a dream fulfilled: our dream of enriching life for everyone here on this Plateau and ensuring that it continues well into the future.” These words show the passion that Madeline and Howell Adams have about this Mountain and South Cumberland Community Fund. “SCCF is dear to my heart. This Mountain is a place where people care about the past, and they care about the future. And most importantly, they care for each other. This is why we have supported the Fund, and encourage everyone to experience the joy of being a part of it, both now and in the future, so that our vision lives on.

“This fifth anniversary of the founding of SCCF, is one of the most thrilling times of my life. Madeline and I are seeing the culmination of our dream and it is more exciting than I could have ever imagined.”

--Madeline and Howell Adams, Jr.,
Beersheba Springs



Mountain T.O.P. Fall Festival 2014



Grundy County Historical Society 2016



Community Action Committee 2014

Key Partnerships:

The University of the South



South Cumberland Plateau
AmeriCorps VISTA Program



Through our work with South Cumberland Community Fund, the University and Sewanee students have had the opportunity to be more involved, in more meaningful ways, across the Plateau. In particular, our work together on the Community Partnership Philanthropy Internship is giving young people the opportunity to participate in grant-making in a new and unique way. We are delighted to collaborate with SCCF.

-- Jim Peterman, Director, Office of Civic Engagement at Sewanee

In mid-2015, the Community Fund began a partnership with the University of the South to bring AmeriCorps VISTA members to the Plateau. Since its inception in mid-2015, 41 full-time VISTAs and 17 summer VISTAs have:

- Recruited 1,054 volunteers to work in the communities where they live. In addition to the AmeriCorps VISTA commitments, the individuals have performed 3,805 hours of volunteer service for the Plateau. If we were to pay for those volunteer services, the value of their efforts would be more than \$76,000.
- Leveraged \$130,460 in grants and donations to this area through their work. The in-kind donations during this period total \$20,564 that otherwise would not have been available to the community.

South Cumberland Community Fund

Origin and History

2011

In February community members participated in a series of meetings, “Vision Grundy,” which looked at educational and economic challenges and possibilities on the Plateau, including the idea of a funding mechanism.

In December, at a meeting at Dutch Maid Bakery, the Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau was started (under the auspices of the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga). The Monteagle Sunday School Assembly made the first donation. Howell and Madeline Adams made a challenge/matching pledge of \$100,000 to start the Fund.

2012

Howell Adams and Scott Parrish co-chaired the first steering committee; the first Grants Committee was named; the Fund’s mission and vision were defined at a strategic planning session; first grants were made in November to 11 organizations.

2013

Capacity Building Program established after grant recipients expressed their desire for systemic, organizational assistance. The fund shortened its name to South Cumberland Community Fund and adopted the Tulip Poplar leaf as part of its logo.

2014

SCCF and the University of the South made their first joint application for an AmeriCorps VISTA program. Nicky Hamilton was hired as the first Director of Capacity Building. First AmeriCorps VISTA cohort begins.

2015

SCCF voted to become an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

2016

IRS approved SCCF’s application; SCCF opened office space in Monteagle.

Grants Program: Providing Support for Area Organizations

Grants for children and youth:

- Starting a program for fourth-grade students to take field trips to South Cumberland State Park.
- Opening a family cooperative preschool program in Tracy City.
- Adding computers and new teaching equipment for the library at Grundy County High School.
- Constructing new playgrounds across the Plateau.
- Purchasing helmets for youth football and supporting the creation of new baseball and softball fields.
- Commissioning a play for elementary school students about May Justus, a historic community leader.
- Supporting a youth leadership program in conjunction with the Grundy County Rotary Club.
- Buying books for the Imagination Library project to encourage young readers.

Grants to improve or acquire public spaces:

- Installing sound systems and audio-visual equipment at elementary schools and public buildings.
- Creating three walking tracks/trails and assisting with land acquisition for the Mountain Goat Trail.
- Supporting the efforts to renovate the old Grundy County High School.
- Providing funds for new roofs, new gutters, and building repairs to protect historic spaces.
- Purchasing a computer for community access at a rural public library.

Grants for services for members of our community:

- Providing support for the Beersheba Medical Clinic.
- Assisting with a diabetes prevention program through the Grundy County Health Council.
- Supporting programs for the elderly through Folks at Home.
- Strengthening the programs of area food pantries.



Grants for collaborative efforts to help the Plateau:

- Purchasing gear for fire fighters in Pelham.
- Sponsoring camps and festivals across the Plateau.
- Establishing community gardens at schools and at the county jail.

Capacity Building Program: A Plateau-Wide Approach to Strengthening Rural Communities

Nonprofit Organization and Leadership Development

- Hosting best practices and skill development workshops for nonprofit and civic leaders.
- Convening community conversations to address issues such as economic development and education.
- Providing one-on-one consultations to nonprofit and community leaders.

Healthy Futures

- Initiating a Summer Meal Program, which provided more than 7,500 meals in two summers to children across the Plateau. Co-sponsors include Grundy County School System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, AmeriCorps VISTA, University of the South, and SCCF.
- Creating programming at each Summer Meal site such as reading initiatives at libraries, science camps, and art programs.
- Establishing garden clubs and running clubs at schools to encourage healthy behaviors.

Education

- Assisting the Grundy County School System develop its strategic plan and work toward reducing absenteeism and boosting parent engagement.
- Establishing a summer Reading Initiative, which collaborated with the State-funded Read to be Ready program.

Economic Development

- Working to create a plan for a community development entity to coordinate economic and business activities on the Plateau: Collaborators include the County Mayor, the

Sheriff's Office, the Plateau Chamber of Commerce, the State Department of Economic and Community Development, the Southeast Tennessee Development District, and area business owners.

- Expanding a partnership developed with the Farm at the University of the South to study organic certification processes, aquaponics, and season-extending practices.



SCCF Special Events, Celebrations, and Board Members

Each year, South Cumberland Community Fund celebrates the new grant recipients with a special reception. These have been held across the Plateau: from St. Mark's Hall at Otey Parish in Sewanee to DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, to Mountain T.O.P. in Altamont, to the Big Red Barn in Beersheba Springs.

In 2016, SCCF hosted the Picnic For the Plateau, an event to honor Madeline and Howell Adams and Pat and Bob Ayres, two families whose support have been essential to the success of the Fund.



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Picnic For the Plateau 2016

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SCCF Grant Recipients 2012–2016



Animal Alliance-South Cumberland (2012, 2014, 2016)
Appalachian Women's Guild (2014)
Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic (2012, 2013)
Big Creek Lake (paid to Grundy County 2012; paid to City of Coalmont 2015)
Blue Monarch (2013)
City of Altamont (2014)
City of Palmer (2015)
Coalmont Elementary School (2014)
Coalmont Public Library (paid to City of Coalmont) (2016)
Community Action Committee (2014)
Folks at Home (2012, 2016)
Friends of South Cumberland/ Children's Choir (2015, 2016)
Grundy Area Arts Council (2012)
Grundy County Food Bank (2012)
Grundy County Health Council (paid to Grundy County Schools) (2013)
Grundy County High School (2016)
Grundy County Historical Society (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)
Grundy County Housing Authority (2016)
Grundy County Sheriff's Office (paid to Grundy County) (2015)
Grundy County Swiss Historical Society (2013, 2016)
Grundy County Youth Football (paid to Grundy County Board of Education) (2016)

Grundy County Youth Leadership (paid to Grundy County Schools) (2013)
Grundy Rotary Service Club (Hands Across the Mountain) (2012)
Hillcrest Village, Inc. (paid to Tracy City Methodist Church) (2013)
Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministry (2012)
Miracle on the Mountain Play Outside Park (2015)
Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (2013, 2014)
Mountain T.O.P. (2012, 2013, 2015)
North Elementary School (2013, 2015)
Palmer Elementary School (2015)
Pelham Fire & Rescue (paid to Grundy County) (2016)
S Double A Ranch (2013)
Sewanee Children's Center (2015)
Sewanee Community Chest (2015)
South Cumberland Collaborative for Children & Families (paid to Yale University) (2012)
South Cumberland Learning & Development Center (paid to Tracy City) (2014)
St James Episcopal Church (2014)
Swiss Memorial Elementary School (2014)
Town of Tracy City (2013)
Tracy City Softball & Baseball (2016)
Tracy City Softball & Baseball (paid to Mountain Heritage Preservation Society) (2015)

South Cumberland Community Fund is:

2016 SCCF EXPENDITURES

Grants to organizations	\$ 74,600
Capacity building program	80,560
Development and communications	10,850
Personnel	39,872
Event expenses	5,566
Fees and insurance	8,542
Office and miscellaneous	6,915

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value as of December 31, 2016 \$315,179



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