



Picnic Salutes New Grantees

South Cumberland Community Fund recognized its most recent grantees at the Picnic for the Plateau July 1 at DuBose Conference Center. Full grant details available at www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org.

2017 Grants by the Numbers

Grants Awarded

14

120

Hours Volunteered by
Grant Committee

Invested in Community

\$99,273

1

Grant Will Conserve
Our Past

Grants Will Build Our
Sense of Community

6

4

Grants Will Develop the
Potential of Our Youth

Grants Will Meet Basic
Needs

3

Announcing New Grant Round

This fall will mark the first grant round conducted by students participating in the innovative Philanthropy Internship at the University of the South. Through a partnership with the University and funds provided by a generous donor, all those who applied for the 2017 grant round may apply in this second round either by extending their proposals or applying for a new project that meets SCCF Grant Priorities. Grants will be awarded by SCCF.

For more information, visit SCCF's website at www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org



2017 Picnic for the Plateau Celebrating 5 Years of Partnerships

The Charles Crump Pavilion at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle was filled on Saturday, July 1, with past and present grant recipients, board and committee members, AmeriCorps VISTA members, and donors as South Cumberland Community Fund celebrated five years of serving the Plateau.

Fourteen new grant recipients were announced and awarded just over \$99,000, bringing the total amount awarded in grants since 2012 to \$571,000. A wide variety of community projects was funded, ranging from technology for schools, to efforts promoting physical activity, to support for building projects.

The festive occasion was sponsored by Tower Bank and included music by EreYesterday and a BBQ lunch. Following a welcome by board Chair Marshall Graves, SCCF's founding Chair Scott Parrish shared a brief history of the organization and a recognition of all those who had served on the board or committees, had received grants, or were donors to the Fund.

The event also recognized and thanked departing VISTA members for their service to the Plateau. A special thanks to picnic organizers Lecia Post, Katie Oliver, Janet Cooper, Tippy Anderson.

Members of SCCF board enjoy the celebration.



Board Chair Marshall Graves with wife Sally and board member Ashley Clark with husband John.



Principal Jamie Hill, Pelham Elementary, receives \$10,000 grant certificate from Marshall Graves.

"On behalf of the Coalmont Elementary School community, I want to thank SCCF for the grant to purchase 30 Chromebooks & a charging cart. The funds received from the grant will allow our dream to become a reality. Our goal is to equip students with the tools needed to be successful in school & in life."

- Dr. Russell Ladd, Principal Coalmont Elementary School



Over 150 people from across the Plateau gathered to salute SCCF's 5th anniversary.

2017 Grant Recipients

Animal Alliance South Cumberland	\$1,000.00
Coalmont Elementary School	\$8,573.00
Friends of the South Cumberland State Park	\$9,225.00
City of Gruetli-Laager	\$10,000.00
Grundy County Sheriff's Office	\$10,000.00
Housing Sewanee	\$3,825.00
Mountain Goat Trail Alliance	\$8,000.00
Mountain T.O.P.	\$1,100.00
Palmer Elementary School	\$10,000.00
Pelham Elementary School	\$10,000.00
Sewanee Symphony Orchestra	\$8,000.00
St. James/Midway Playground	\$2,000.00
Swiss Memorial Elementary School	\$7,550.00
Tracy City Elementary School	\$10,000.00
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Nicky Hamilton, Director of Capacity Building, gathers with 2017 VISTAs, Bonnie McCardell, Chair SCCF Capacity Building & Jim Peterman, University Director of Civic Engagement.

Save the Date!

October 11, 2017

Know Your Worth Conference *Recognizing the Impact of Rural Nonprofits*

Featuring keynote speaker Becca Stevens, CNN Hero, president & founder of Thistle Farms, along with panel sessions presented by community foundation presidents.



Founding board member Emily Partin and Mountain Goat Trail Executive Director Patrick Dean.



On a sunny Saturday in March over 400 volunteers turned out to participate in Make a Difference day. The Make a Difference day was sponsored by SCCF and chaired by board member, Bonnie McCardell in partnership with the eight elementary schools across the Plateau. Each school identified a variety of projects ranging from library improvements to wall murals to planting gardens and doing general clean up.

Thank you to all the students, parents, school personnel and community members who assisted in 24 different projects developed for the day. A special thanks to our AmeriCorps VISTA members who were integral to the success of the project.



All ages helped with projects from Sewanee to Palmer and enjoyed breakfast and T-Shirts.





Retired librarian Carolyn Hatfield and Coalmont teacher Bobbi Sue Fugate led a team to organize the Coalmont School library.



Students at Palmer painted a bulldog mural for the cafeteria.



Students helped to plant gardens at several schools on a beautiful day.

"What stood out for me was the intergenerational collaborations and community pride that Make a Difference fostered- parents, grandparents, retired teachers and librarians, and students of all ages coming together for a common cause- that's capacity building at its best."

- Nicky Hamilton, SCCF Capacity Building Director



SCCF Supports Local Play Initiatives

The St. James playground in Midway is a site for summer creative play and USDA lunches.

The importance of play and active learning for the healthy development and education of the whole child has been documented by numerous researchers, including SCCF supporter and summer Beersheba resident Joan Almon. Almon is the founder of the Alliance for Childhood and recently has helped guide several initiatives on the Plateau.

In May, SCCF in partnership with the Grundy County School System sponsored six teachers and administrators to go to New York to attend the Teaching Kindergarten Conference: Where did the Garden Go?: Practice, Policy and Advocacy focused on developmentally appropriate practices for kindergarten programs and the importance of play in child development.

This summer, SCCF is collaborating with several community organizations to get kids outdoors. Summer VISTA members and teachers from local elementary schools participated in a two-day training in early June

led by play experts Janice O'Donnell and Almon. At both St. James and the Grundy Housing Authority, children are finding "loose parts" such as fabric, string, duct tape and empty boxes to encourage creative and meaningful play.



Jamie Ruehling, Swiss Memorial Elementary principal, participates in child development activity at kindergarten conference.

"The Kindergarten Conference provided some new ideas for teachers to make kindergarten more enjoyable and to promote additional learning tools."

Dr. David Dickerson, Director of Elementary Instruction, Grundy School District



WHY WE GIVE

Larry & Bunny Hall

Bunny and Larry Hall's love of the Plateau has led them to be regular supporters of South Cumberland Community Fund.

After making the Plateau their full-time residence, the Halls devote much of their time to serving their community at the Grundy County Food Bank, the Beersheba Community Center, Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic board, Leadership Grundy, and the Grundy County Rotary Club.

Bunny and Larry support SCCF and see that the fund has been able to "tickle" folks into developing ideas to improve the organizations that bring needed services as well as activities to enhance lives. "SCCF has created change throughout our community, inspiring community members to make a difference around us."

Ways to Give:

Whether by personal check, credit card, or with gifts of stock, please visit our website for instructions.

www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org

The Road Show!



Dot Neale, SCCF development committee member, and Doug Ferris hosted an event in Memphis this past spring, co-hosted by Pat and Newton Anderson. Guests with an interest in the Plateau heard about the first five years of SCCF from Scott Parrish, fund founding board member.

2017 Board Members

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OUR VISION & MISSION

The VISION of the South Cumberland Community Fund is that the Plateau be a place of hope and prosperity for all its residents and communities, inspired by the Fund's philanthropic and regional leadership.

The MISSION of the South Cumberland Community Fund is to improve the quality of life across the Plateau by increasing philanthropic giving and providing community leadership to build on the strength of the area's people, communities and natural setting; enhance community capacity and collaboration; and support innovative ways to solve community problems.

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THIS WORK
POSSIBLE!**



Bridge building was part of Make a Difference 2017 at Monteagle Elementary.

"I was so impressed how people from across the mountain came together for the cause of making their schools a better place for children. It was refreshing to see such positive energy being put to such great use."

-Principal Janet Layne of Monteagle Elementary

Our Home. Our Mountain. Our Future.