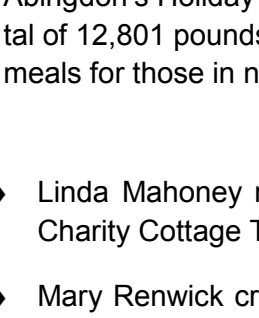
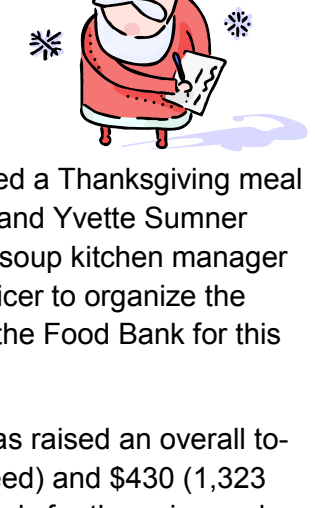


Greetings from The Advancement Foundation!

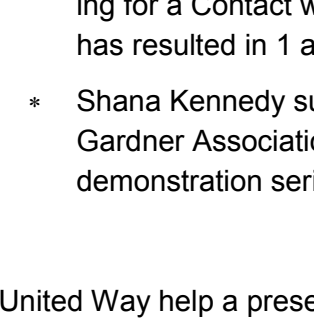
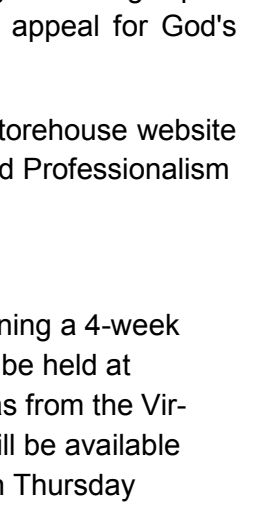
December Accomplishments!



Feeding America in Abingdon hosted a Thanksgiving meal in their soup kitchen in November, and Yvette Sumner worked closely with their volunteer soup kitchen manager and the Food Bank's major gifts officer to organize the event. 45 volunteers helped out at the Food Bank for this event on Thanksgiving Day

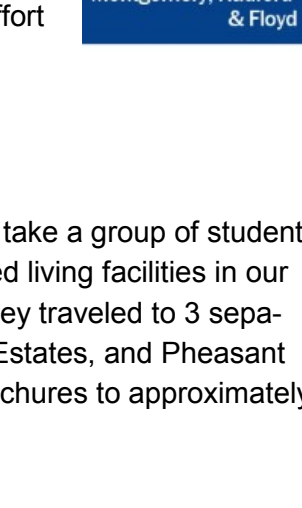
Abingdon's Holiday from the Hearts Drive in Abingdon has raised an overall total of 12,801 pounds of food (9,846 meals for those in need) and \$430 (1,323 meals for those in need)- with a grand total of 11,169 meals for those in need.

- ◆ Linda Mahoney raised a grand total of \$991.00 for the Charity Cottage Thrift Store Silent Auction.
- ◆ Mary Renwick created an E-blast marketing email to be sent out on behalf of the Charity Cottage Thrift Store to promote it to potential supporters. The E-blast was sent to 995 recipients.
- ◆ Julie Peirnikowski wrote and TAF was successfully awarded a grant of 500 shoes worth \$25,000, which were distributed to Manna Ministries and West End Center
- ◆ Julie also surveyed 15 volunteers to help in developing a strategic plan for GS. She wrote and coordinated a holiday direct mail appeal for God's Store house, which was distributed to 1,112 donors.
- ◆ Stephanie Byng created a design template for the God's Storehouse website that was built for Ease of use, Accessibility, Interactivity, and Professionalism



Christina Anger is in the midst of planning a 4-week long course in Health and Nutrition to be held at Manna Ministries with Margarita Cubas from the Virginia Cooperative Extension, which will be available to the hundreds of those who show at Manna to receive food on Thursday nights.

Amanda Carr completed a direct mail piece that was sent out to approximately 100 contacts. These pieces included a letter from Katie's Place, a brochure, and a remittance envelope

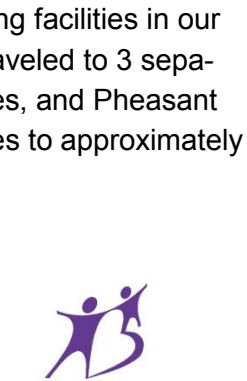


* VCE was granted \$1500 from the Pulaski County Administrators office for the Master Financial Education Volunteer Program in Pulaski County, Glenn Sturm facilitated this effort.

* Glenn Sturm also facilitated the planning and scheduling for a Contact with Bankruptcy Lawyers in the New River Valley which has resulted in 1 additional 4 person class for Christiansburg.

* Shana Kennedy submitted a mini-grant for \$350.00 to the NRV Master Gardner Association which, if funded, will support a Farmer's Market demonstration series in four locations of the New River Valley that will be

United Way help a presentation introducing and explaining the VolunteerNRV collaboration and the launch of the new volunteer database, HandsOn Blue Ridge. During this event, Geena Cammorato and UW recruited two new organizations to the website and five new members for our collaboration effort related to feedback and trainings



Catie Fisk was also a part of an effort to take a group of students from West End Center to various assisted living facilities in our community to sing Christmas carols. They traveled to 3 separate homes (Brandon Oaks, Elam Park Estates, and Pheasant Ridge) and passed out informational brochures to approximately 40 residents.

BBBS was awarded the first grant for \$500 from Allstate that Marguerite Hansell completed!



AWESOME JOB EVERYONE
THANK YOU!