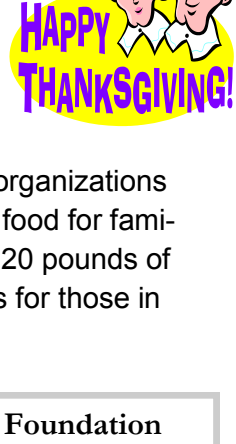




Greetings from The Advancement Foundation!

November Accomplishments!



Feeding America SWVA

Yvette Sumner has been contacting and working with 17 local organizations on the Food Bank's Holidays from the Heart food drive to raise food for families in need this holiday season. So far, they have collected 8,820 pounds of food (or 6,784 meals for those in need) and \$100 (or 307 meals for those in need) from the various drives going on in the Abingdon area.

The Advancement Foundation

Julie Piernikowski submitted 3 grants: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (\$50,000), H.E. Niles Foundation (\$10,000), and Rack Room Shoes (500 pairs of shoes).

Stephanie Byng has created a design template for the Advancement Foundation and Charity Cottage Thrift Store websites.

Christina Anger has updated volunteer opportunities to 3 different volunteer websites.

Linda Mahoney solicited \$2500 of in-kind items for the Holiday Silent Auction!

Katie's Place

Amanda Carr sent out 20 press releases for Katie's Place First Annual Farm Fest. This press release was picked up by two news stations, two newspapers, and a local events website. Katie's Place made over \$2000 through this event!

Amanda also received a grant for Katie's Place from Federal First Credit Union for \$2325!

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Carly Bennett recruited 10 volunteers in her first two weeks as a VISTA!

Glenn Sturm was granted \$1000 from Freedom First Credit Union for the Master Financial Education Volunteer Program in Roanoke!

United Way Montgomery, Radford, Floyd

Matt Samsa and Geena Cammorato have continued to work with the Hands on Connect Volunteer program and have been helping clients work with the system. A special piece was working with The Christiansburg Ministerial Association in setting up their Wrapping for a Reason volunteer opportunity.

West End Center

At WEC's Spooky Sprint event, there were a total of 78 participants. Including sponsorships and the money generated from participants, Catie Fisk and the WEC raised over \$740!

Roanoke College

Charisse Brass and Roanoke College held a food drive at Kroger and raised 265 pounds of food to be donated to the food pantry!



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Marguerite Hansell wrote a grant for \$500 in her first two weeks as a VISTA!

Please help me in thanking 3 VISTAs who finished their year of service in November!

Andy Dziuba– Skyline CAP
Matt Samsa– Katie's Place, United Way
Tim Price-O'Brien– Feeding America SWVA

GREAT WORK!

AWESOME JOB EVERYONE, THANK YOU!