

Richard Brown grants awarded by Wilderness Trace Community Foundation

Richard C. Brown grant recipients have been named by the Wilderness Trace Community Foundation (WTCF).

“Dr. Richard C. Brown would be very pleased if he were alive today to see how his gift to the Wilderness Trace Community Foundation continues to serve people in need in Boyle, Mercer, Lincoln, and Garrard counties,” said WTCF chairman Julian Gander. “His gift will grow through the years so that future generations beyond our time of stewardship will be able to direct gifts to needs identified by community leaders.”

Mercer County

The Blue Grass Community Action Partnership project “Back Pack Program” will receive \$750 to purchase backpacks for the local family resource centers to use throughout the school year. The backpacks will be filled with food items to benefit low-income children. The program currently provides 62 backpacks serving 150 children in Mercer County.

Lincoln County

The Lincoln County High School Youth Service Center will receive \$750 for the project, “Essentials for Education.” The program serving Lincoln County High School and Ft. Logan High School students provides basic needs such as food, clothing, family assistance in emergency situations, educational support including supplies, attendance assistance, drop out prevention services, job skills and higher education attendance assistance.

Garrard County

The Garrard County Cooperative Parish/Family Ministry Center will receive \$750 to replenish non-perishable food items for people in need. From November through February, the center provided food to 243 people in 135 families. “The Center exists to serve the people in Garrard County,” said Carolyn Whitaker, board member.

Boyle County

Woodlawn Elementary Family Resource Center will receive \$750 to support the “Bridging the Gaps!” program that provides wheeled backpacks carrying food, clothing, shoes, and school supplies. The Woodlawn program targets services to nearly one third of the 600-student population but provides service to any student in need.

Dr. Richard C. Brown (1917-2007) taught American History at Buffalo State University in Buffalo, New York for 28 years before he and his wife retired to Boyle County. He authored *The History of Danville & Boyle County* and *The History of the Presbyterian Church* in addition to many history textbooks.

Donors may choose to provide an unrestricted gift to WTCF or restricted grants to any IRS-approved 501(c) (3) public charity in the U.S. through a fund in the WTCF. Total committed assets for WTCF exceed \$2.3 million.

The Wilderness Trace Community Foundation, an affiliate of The Community Foundation of Louisville, began in 2002 as the result of a study commissioned by the Danville-Boyle County Chamber of Commerce. A local volunteer board of directors represents Boyle, Garrard, Mercer and Lincoln Counties.

The mission of Wilderness Trace Community Foundation is to enable the charitable wishes of individuals and to cooperate with each county, community, agency, and nonprofit organization to build endowments to enhance their long-term financial stability and services.

For further information, call WTCF Chairman Julian Gander at 859-326-1621 or visit www.wildernesstrace.org.



The Blue Grass Community Action Partnership project “Back Pack Program” received \$750 to purchase backpacks for the local family resource centers to use throughout the school year. Attending a ceremonial check presentation are (from left) Blue Grass Community Action Partnership Community Developer Melinda Wofford, Wilderness Trace Community Foundation Vice Chairman Pete Chiericozzi, Blue Grass Community Action Partnership Executive Director Troy Roberts, Blue Grass Community Action Partnership Program Director Heidi Winans, and Mercer County Judge Executive Milward Dedman, who also serves on the board of Wilderness Trace Community Foundation.