

GMCT NEWS

“Creating a Lasting Legacy...For Our Community”

Winter 2006

GMCT Awards Support Students and Community

Throughout the past year the GMCT has provided various awards to help members and organizations of the community. These scholarships have been awarded to deserving parties for possessing the necessary qualifications.

The Douglas H. Tanner Fund awarded various amounts this year to the Monongalia Arts Center, the Manette Steel Drum Foundation, the Museum Commission, Arts Monongalia, the Morgantown Theater Company, M.T. Pockets, and the Mason-Dixon Festival.

The GMCT Founder's Fund helped to provide funding to the following programs: Christian Help, a women's career clothing closet, and WV Women Work! This helped to provide funding for job training and equipment. The GMCT Founder's Fund also provided assistance to the Mountaineer Rescue Group to help fund water rescue and recovery.

The Hope Works Scholarship, which is awarded to two Monongalia, West Virginia, high school graduates who are enrolled as undergraduate students at a college or university with other standing qualifications was awarded to Effie Simoyi from Morgantown High School and Katrina Oswalt from Clay-Battelle High School.

The following scholarships are awarded to graduates of Preston High School. The recipients were awarded the scholarships for the purpose of higher education. The Angela Shahan Memorial Scholarship fund was awarded to Zachery Shockey. Brandy Naylor received the Dr. Leo Kotchek Memorial Scholarship and the Kyle H. Metheny Memorial Scholarship was awarded to James Brooks Mersing.

GMCT New Funds

Don Knotts Legacy Fund Established



GMCT has helped to establish a new fund for the purpose of honoring the legacy of the Morgantown native and legendary comedian, Don Knotts. This will be possible through the support of arts related activities in the greater Morgantown community with highest priority given to promotion of the Don Knotts career legacy in film, television and stand-up comedy.

John Pyles, board member of GMCT and friend of Don Knotts, will serve as the chairman of the Don Knotts Statue Committee. Fundraising will begin to help fund the statue construction of Don Knotts which will be placed on the waterfront.

Leading Ladies Take Charge

The Greater Morgantown Community Trust is pleased to support the development of a new organization. The Leading Ladies Support & Counseling Center, Inc. is to be established in Reedsville, WV. Co-founded and co-directed by Kimberly Mayor and Stephanie Utulu, the organization will help women and children of Preston and Monongalia Counties who are in need of assistance to protect themselves from domestic violence, sexual assault, and related issues.

The Leading Ladies Support & Counseling Center will house a 24-hour hotline, intended to provide crisis counseling, and in-house counseling for those in need. The center will serve the community as a shelter for those in need of safety, emotional and psychological support across all economic backgrounds. The center will also assist those in need of medical advocacy, legal advocacy and career development. They have made plans to assist services in job placement referral, assistance in further education and literacy programs to help the individuals move into their future more prepared.

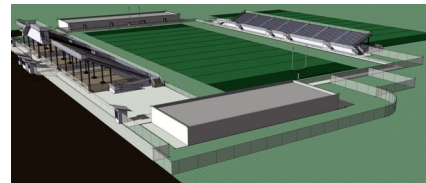
“We want to not only help in the time of crisis, whatever it may be, but continue to help these individuals into their futures,” noted co-founder Stephanie Utulu.

GMCT New Funds Continued...

UHS Funds the Future

Due to a bond passed in October of 2002, the funding for the construction of the new University High School did not include funding for outdoor athletic facilities. However through efforts by GMCT and the Monongalia County Board of Education, all site work for the facilities are being funded.

To raise the remaining balance, the University High School Athletics Fund has been established at GMCT. GMCT has also established a matching fund which would double any charitable gift up to \$50,000. These efforts will help in funding field preparation, stadium, track, ball fields, tennis courts, concessions, bathrooms, and press box construction.



Friends of Track and Field Award

Clinic of Champions Donates Funds

The long standing Friends of Track fund has awarded 2 scholarships of \$250 each for the 2006-2007 school year. The fund has been named The Century Scholarship and is awarded to students exemplifying excellence in academics, community service, and their involvement with the sport of track and field. This scholarship is given in honor of Robert and Guy Kelly of Century, West Virginia who spent their lives encouraging and helping others.

This year's recipients were Andrea Burnett and Matt Wilson. Andrea is a graduate of Lincoln High School and current student of Fairmont State University. Matt graduated from Bridgeport High School and is attending West Virginia University.

New Funds for Preston County High Graduates

Joycelyn A. Ayersman Memorial Scholarship Fund

A new fund was established in memory and recognition of the continuous involvement of Joycelyn A. Ayersman, founder and past-president of the Rowlesburg Area Historical Society.

This scholarship will be awarded to a four year legal resident of the Rowlesburg area and a graduate of Preston County High School. This student must have maintained a 2.50 GPA while in attendance. This scholarship may be used at a 2 or 4 year college or an accredited Technical/Business College or Trade School. This scholarship may be awarded to a student after completing the first semester or grading period in their first year with a 2.0 GPA. The recipient of the Joycelyn A. Ayersman Scholarship may only receive it one time only. The scholarship amount will be \$250.00 for the beginning year.

Along with the Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Angela Shahan Memorial Scholarship, the Dr. Leo Kotchek

John C. and Joann T. Wills Scholarship Fund

To honor the legacy of long time Preston county music educator John C. Wills, Joann T. Wills was determined to establish a new scholarship fund created for the purposes of awarding scholarship funds to be used for higher education purposes for graduates of Preston High School in Preston County, West Virginia.

Recipients of this award must be regularly enrolled as full-time students in an accredited education institution. Scholarship recipients must also be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in music, instrumental or choral/vocal education. They also must have exhibited involvement in school and community activities with a special consideration for demonstrated musical abilities and high academic promise.

Find a Way to Leave Your Legacy

Leaving something behind for those you care about is something we all want to be able to do. A bequest is a distribution from your estate to your selected organization through your last will and testament. Selecting a bequest can leave a legacy forever to your favorite cause or organization. Many people mistakenly choose not to include a bequest in their last will and testament because they have children or other family members they want to leave their entire estate to. In actuality leaving a bequest may reduce the taxes on your estate that are left for your family.

GMCT has joined the Leave a Legacy campaign that can also help with estate planning. Leave a Legacy is a nationwide foundation established to inspire people to continue to give to their favorite charity even after they have passed. Leave a Legacy is conducted by the National Committee on Planned Giving and professionals who can ease the process of estate planning.

A bequest is a great choice for giving because it may benefit single or multiple beneficiaries forever. GMCT currently holds over 60 funds that provide scholarships and grants in the fields of health services, education, recreation and the arts. This type of giving can also be changed at any time or even cancelled at the discretion of the donor. Many donors may also prefer to remain anonymous which is possible when leaving a bequest. Make a change today and give a gift that keeps giving. These simple steps can be taken to ensure that your charitable gifts go to the right places.



Make A Difference In The Lives That Follow

- ◇ Make sure you have an up-to-date will, or a living trust that includes your charitable objectives.
- ◇ Contact your financial advisor and ask for help in planning a charitable gift.
- ◇ Be sure to think about all of the possibilities of giving such as cash, stocks, real estate, insurance policies and personal properties that can be given to charitable organizations.
- ◇ Make your favorite charity a beneficiary of your life insurance plan, pension plan or IRA.

How prepared is your estate plan?

Answering the following questions may help you decide what you have prepared for and what may still need to be decided in your estate plan.

- ⇒ Have you made a will? If so, does it correctly reflect your personal wishes of how your estate will be distributed?
- ⇒ Have you selected executors or trustees who are willing and able to serve?
- ⇒ Are your personal and financial records updated and well-organized?
- ⇒ Have you considered supporting charitable and educational organizations important to you through your estate plans?
- ⇒ Have you considered whether placing your life insurance in an irrevocable trust will save estate taxes?
- ⇒ Are you making full use of the marital deduction, if you are married?
- ⇒ Have you considered the personal satisfaction, enhanced income, and income and estate tax benefits that a charitable remainder trust of charitable gift annuity may provide?

GMCT has additional information available for making a bequest.

*Please contact the office at:
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Coffindaffer River Front Fund Reaches Goal

In the spring of 2006 a plan to collect donations to construct a fountain, 40-feet in circumference was implemented. Fundraising reaching \$25,000 was obtained through the Coffindaffer River Front Fund. The City of Morgantown and Monongalia County Commission each contributed \$5,000 with the rest contributed by businesses and individual donors. These funds were raised for the Fountain Project through the Greater Morgantown Community Trust in collaboration with the Morgantown Chamber of Commerce and the Community Visions Foundation Project.

The designs are complete and construction will also be completed by the spring of 2007. BOPARC services will be used for fountain installation and maintenance. The fountain will be located in the Monongahela River near the amphitheater at Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park.

This project was inspired by Dr. Rummy Hilloowala, WVU medical professor. The idea came to Dr. Hilloowala after traveling through Canada and Europe where he took notice of the illuminated water fountains.

“Music and the Met,” the exhibit defining the connection between music and the operations of Morgantown’s historic Metropolitan Theatre, was hosted by the Morgantown History Museum as their second exhibit.

The exhibit featured artifacts along with vintage musical instruments. The artifacts, on loan from the Metropolitan Theatre Commission, represented the 1920’s through the 1980’s.

Old-time glass bottled Coca-Cola, popcorn in old-fashioned paper boxes and popular candy bars from the 1920’s were served to guests free of charge.

Live music was also featured at the event. Owner of the Blue Moose Café, Gary Tannenbaum performed blues tunes from the 1920’s and 1930’s. Other musical acts also took the stage. In the down time vintage rpm records from the 1920’s, 1930’s and 1940’s were played on an early electric record playing machine, highlighting the overall theme of the exhibit.



15th Annual Families Fall Conference Held

Over the weekend of November 3rd, 4th and 5th, the Families Fall Conference Committee held their 15th annual Families Fall Conference at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WV.

This workshop is held to influence children and teens in a positive way to help prepare them for the future. The conference this year included workshops on transition to independence, advocating waiver services, stress management, challenging behaviors, special needs trust, a teen track for teens 11 years and up, and many more exciting choices.

The conference also included a public forum facilitated by Scott Miller and a dance including a DJ both Friday and Saturday nights. The participants were encouraged to wear their favorite costume to go along with the Halloween theme, one or both nights.

Through a grant made available from the West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council, stipends were available for individuals with disabilities. Along with this opportunity, the Families Fall Conference Committee carefully planned and developed special plans to assist those individuals with disabilities so they would not miss any opportunities at the conference.

Help create a lasting legacy for your community.



Step 1: Choose Your Fund

Scholarship

- Angela Shahan Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Camp Nabe Endowment Fund
- Dr. Leo Kotchek Memorial Scholarship Fund
- HopeWorks Scholarship Fund
- Joycelyn A. Ayersman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kyle Metheny Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Miss WV Scholarship Fund
- Mountain Heart Foundation Fund
- Wills Music Educators Scholarship Fund
- WVU Student Memorial Scholarship Fund

Education

- Books for Babies Fund
- Garlow Education Fund
- Kaleidoscope Fund

Arts & Culture

- City of Morgantown Arts & Culture Fund
- Don Knotts Legacy Fund
- Douglas H. Tanner Memorial Fund
- Mannette Steel Drums Development Fund
- Metropolitan Theatre Foundation Fund
- Monongalia Arts Center
- Morgantown Museum Commission Fund
- Morgantown Theatre Company
- Shelley A. Marshall Foundation Fund

Community Development

- Betty Puskar/ Dorsey's Knob Lodge Fund
- Coffindaffer Riverfront Fund
- Dorsey's Knob Lodge Fund
- John F. Kennedy Memorial Park Fund
- Mon River Trails Conservancy
- Mon Valley Greenspace Coalition
- Morgantown Public Library System Fund
- Mountaineer Heritage Park Fund
- Stacy Groscup Natural History Fund
- Wiles Hill Community Center Fund

Sports & Recreation

- BOPARC
- Charles Whiston Jr. Memorial Fund
- Friends of Track and Field Fund
- Morgantown Mohawk 16/14 Fund
- Mountaineer Friends of NRA
- Tugboat Depot Endowment Fund
- UHS After Prom Committee Fund
- UHS Athletics Matching Fund
- WVRET/ WVU Rifle Team Fund

Health & Social Services

- Bartlett House Fund
- Families Fall Community Connections Conference
- Labor of Love Ministries Fund
- Leading Ladies Support & Counseling Fund
- Mended Hearts #209 Fund

- Mon General Hospital Foundation Fund
- Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Rape and Domestic Violence Fund
- Red Cross Builders Fund
- United Way Future Fund
- Valley Health Care System Fund

Unrestricted Funds

- Andrew & Cynthia Heiskell Family Fund
- Dreamwork Fund
- Founder's Fund
- GMCT General Fund
- Hu S. Vandervort Memorial Fund
- Norman & Linda Suttle Fund
- Ralph W. Ryan Fund
- Stone Charitable Trust

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